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2018—Year in Review

A look back at some of the top news stories in the Fowlerville-Webberville area during the past year.

Handy Township may be location of power plant January 7, 2018

Handy Township may be the location of a gas-fired power generation facility which burns natural gas in order to generate electricity. That power would then be sold on the grid to any large user of electricity potentially including investor-owned utilities, municipalities, or co-operatives.

Competitive Power Ventures (CPV), an energy company headquartered in Maryland, is in the beginning of a two-year due diligence phase to decide if this location is feasible.

"We're in the very early stages," said John Hafner, a director of Competitive Power Ventures (CPV).

If all of the necessary dominoes fall in place and the company eventually goes ahead with the project, he said that the investment could be "up to one billion dollars."

Fowlerville Schools to seek \$17.5 million bond issue January 14, 2018

Fowlerville Community Schools will seek voter approval of a \$17.5 million bond issue in a Tuesday, May 8, election. The proposal, if passed, would fund various capital improvements at all five buildings and at the athletic fields.

Purchasing new computers for the students, updating the technology network used by teachers and staff and the cables between buildings, converting to more efficient LED lighting, installing new temperature-and-lighting control systems, and installing security systems at the entrances of the buildings that would screen visitors before allowing entry are among the big-ticket items. A list of other projects, specific to each of the buildings, comprises the rest of the proposed improvements.

In addition, school officials are finalizing plans to obtain a \$3.5 million Energy Conservation Bond, which does not require voter approval, to replace the roof at the Kreeger Elementary, the heating boilers at both Kreeger and the Junior High, and transition to LED lights in the parking lots.

Fowlerville woman appointed to state board January 21, 2018

A Fowlerville woman was recently appointed to the Michigan Board of Veterinary Medicine. The appointment, which is subject to the advice and consent of the state Senate, is the latest in an impressive list of accomplishments for 27-year-old Jordan Kennedy. She is also on the Farm Bureau's Board of Directors for the Michigan Livestock Expo.

Gov. Rick Snyder announced her appointment on Jan. 5 along

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Dalton and Randy Jack.

Fowlerville United Methodist Church receives light from nativity grotto

The Fowlerville United Methodist Church, along with other area churches, received a special light this past Christmas season. The light, actually a flame housed in a lantern, had originated from the eternal candles that burn within the nativity grotto in Bethlehem.

Randy Jack, the Scoutmaster for Troop 364 based in Howell, and his son, Dalton Jack, one of the Boy Scouts, showed up at the local church during its Dec. 23rd morning service. Randy explained to the congregation where the flame came from and how it got here, adding that he and the Scout were going around to area churches, offering the flame.

The pastor accepted the flame, using a candle, and then this was transferred to a kerosene lamp. That lamp, with its flame, was then present for the church's two Christmas Eve services.

The effort to spread the flame from Bethlehem to other parts of the world was called "Peace Light 2018". A flyer explains that "For the past 30 years a Scout from Upper Austria fetches the light from the nativity grotto in Bethlehem where Jesus was born. The light is carried in two miners lamps on an Austrian Airlines jet from Tel Aviv, Israel, to Vienna, Austria where it is distributed at a Service of Dedication to delegations from across Europe."

These delegations then take it back, along with a message of peace, to their respective countries. Austrian Airlines also flies the lamps containing the Peace Light to New York City.

The lamps arrived at JFK International Airport on Dec. 1. A ceremony was held at the Our Lady of Skies Chapel. From there, several Peace Light ambassadors started on their journeys. One of those ambassadors carried the light through Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri.

The goal was to spread the light, like the branches from a tree trunk, across the United States to as many places as possible.

Among those receiving the light was the Southern Shores Field Service Council, located in Ann Arbor. A simple ceremony was held on Dec. 4th at the Ann Arbor Scout Shop



Pastor Scott Herald of the Fowlerville United Methodist Church and Ann Reid, the church's lay leader, show the flame that originated from the Nativity Grotto in Bethlehem.

and, from there, the light was distributed to other nearby places, mainly churches. Among those joining the effort were Randy and Dalton Jack.

Randy said that the flame being given to the Fowlerville United Methodist Church is only four steps removed from Bethlehem.

Dalton joined the Cub Scouts in 2008 as a Tiger Cub in Pack 363 (now 3363) at Challenger Elementary in Howell. He was the first Webelos Scout in that Pack to earn all of the activity pins over the two years of the rank, and the last, since a few years later, the Scouts, BSA completely changed the rank requirements for Cub Scouts. He is currently an NYLT (National Youth Leader Training) trained Life Scout in the Boy Scouts, working towards his Eagle Rank. He's attended numerous summer camps, merit badge days, "Trail to Eagle" camps, earning 48 merit badges, so far. He attended the 2017 National Scout Jamboree at the Summit in West Virginia, and is looking forward to attending Seabase next year, hopefully as an Eagle Scout.

He is also an Explorer in the Livingston County Sheriff's Department Explorer Post 373, which is also a Scouting program.

Randy was a Cub Scout during the 70's, but was not involved in Scouting until he became a Tiger Cub Leader for his son's den in 2008, and has been an adult volunteer ever since. He's currently the Scoutmaster, a Merit Badge Counselor for 15 merit badges, Eagle Coach, Summer Camp Coordinator, and the Troop's Online presence manager.

"I worked for a local architectural firm for 12 years before changing careers in 1999, during that time my most memorable accomplishment was the design of the Detroit Toledo & Milwaukee Roundhouse at the Greenfield Village in Dearborn," Randy noted. "I took old site plans, original photographs, and historical research of the original 1882 building in Marshall, Michigan and created a 3D model of that demolished building, from which we then created the construction documents that were used to erect the building. Now, I am a Security Contractor for a small metro Detroit based security integrator, my largest customer is The University of Michigan.

"Chuck Thibodeau, (SSFSC International Committee Chair and Scoutmaster of Troop 312 in Pinckney), received the light from the ambassador on Dec. 4 in Ann Arbor," Randy said. "I received the flame on Dec. 13 from him at the Three Fires District, Scouts BSA Roundtable at the EMS Building in Howell.

"We kept it in our heated garage where it was cared for by Dorothy Jack (my wife, and Dalton's step-mother), and filled every morning while still lit," he said. "We also had a 115 hour emergency candle burning as a back-up. The lantern has been lit continuously since we received the flame.

Other local churches receiving the light on Dec. 23 were the St. John's Lutheran, St. Agnes Catholic, and Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene. Several churches in the Howell area, along with those in Brighton and Pinckney, also were visited by Randy and Dalton.

On Christmas Eve, at both the 5:30 and 7:30 services, Dalton and other scouts participated in the service in front of the congregation at the Howell United Methodist Church, sharing the flame with Rev. Lewis who used the Peace Light to light the Advent and Christ candles, which was then used to light the candles of the ushers, which then lit the votive candles held by every single person in attendance.

Fowlerville Boys Varsity Basketball Team loses to Haslett in league game

The Fowlerville Boys Varsity Basketball Team lost to Haslett Friday night (Dec. 21) by a score 81-49 in a CAAC Red Division clash. The Glads fall to 4-3 overall and 1-2 in league play. Geoffrey Knaggs had 14 points and 5 rebounds. Josh DuFore added 9 points, Brendan Young had 8 points and 5 rebounds, while Payton Johnson scored 6 points and Josh Leonard added 5 points.



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Michigan Senate Report

By Joe Hune,
22nd District

Thank You for Your Confidence in Me

Michigan's Legislature is a special place, with 38 senators, 110 representatives, and hundreds of staff from differing backgrounds and ideals who serve in the hopes of making our state better.

I have had the good fortune of working here for many years. But I have never taken for granted the awesome responsibility that has been given to me by so many from this community over the past 14 years as a legislator. To represent Livingston County at the Capitol, and to be your voice there, has been the honor of a lifetime.

As I prepare to leave elected office this week and reflect on my career as a legislator, I am proud of the many things

that we have been able to accomplish together. My crowning achievement was Kyle Ray Horning's Law. Considering our political climate, this may have seemed unlikely. An interesting thing about the public's perception of Lansing is that we all hate each other, but nothing could be further from the truth. Despite being a very conservative person, I've always befriended my Democrat colleagues.

Kyle Ray Horning's Law got signed into law by former Gov. Jennifer Granholm because we came to understand the need to fix our state's organ donation process. At that time, there was a problem in the organ procurement process in which medical examiners across the state were performing autopsies in a way that would not allow organs to be donated in a proper manner to a worthy recipient. My bill streamlined the process to ensure that county medical examiners coordinated their autopsy procedures with the Gift of Life organization to ensure organs could be preserved and donated to those in need.

The bill had been sitting on Gov. Granholm's desk. Then Sen. John Gleason, a Democrat from Genesee County, came to me and asked what the holdup was. It turns out an infant from his district had passed away and the medical examiner wanted to rush the autopsy so that he could get onto his weekend golfing vacation. This rushed autopsy would have ultimately destroyed the organs, and they would not have been worthy of transplanting into a recipient in need. With Sen. Gleason's help, we were able to get the governor to quickly sign the bill.

Newly signed law in hand, the Gift of Life organization made it to the examiner's office before it was too late, and they coordinated efforts to ensure a successful organ donation to help two people on the wait list. A portion of the baby's digestive tract was transplanted into another child, while the baby's two kidneys were transplanted and function as one kidney in an adult.

Since that bill became law we have literally saved hundreds or even thousands of lives through a coordinated organ donation process. We were even able to re-name the organ donation law after the child who passed away. It is now called the Kyle Ray Horning Act. That, despite everything we've done, was my crowning achievement because we have literally saved lives.

When I came to work at the Capitol 20 years ago, fresh off the farm, I didn't own a pair of dress pants and couldn't tie a tie. I feel that I have stuck to those down-homeroots — but I have since learned to tie a tie.

I want to thank my wife Marcia and our son Alex, my parents David and Kim Hune, our extended family, Clerk of the House Gary Randall, my colleagues and, of course, my staff for what they have all done and sacrificed to help. I also would like to thank Steve and Dawn Horton at the *Fowlerville News and Views* for the opportunity to write this column over the years, as well as all that they do for our community.

I owe a special bit of gratitude to our Fowlerville community. You have put your trust in me over the years. When I

first set out to represent our community in Lansing at the age of 21, you were there by my side. You stood by me when I stumbled. You have watched me grow in public life as well as watched my family grow up. The Fowlerville community has been there for me from day one and I thank you for that. We still live south of town on a little farm and will continue to do so. I plan to stay involved in the community and to give back to a community that has given so much to me.

Lastly, I want to express my gratitude to all the people of Livingston, Ingham, Shiawassee and Washtenaw counties. Thank you for placing your trust in me. It's been a great ride.

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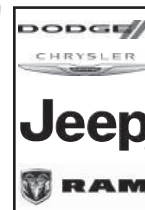


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IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES TO NOTE:

Jan 2 Return to school

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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.

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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 always 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!

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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.

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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.

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The Fowlerville District Library will be closed Monday, December 31st and reopening Wednesday, January 2nd to observe the new year. We wish you joyous and safe holidays. The Little Free Library is available for your reading needs during this time and any materials to be returned can be placed in the green drop box. Thank you.

Keep an eye out for our Winter/Spring 2019 Newsletter coming to your mailbox in late December! If you are not a Fowlerville resident, you can pick up a Newsletter at the library when they become available!

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.

Due to the New Year’s Holiday, the Cardio Drumming class will not be meeting Tuesday, January 1st.

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.*

Registration for A to Z with Mrs. D begins Wednesday, January 2nd at 9:30am

There are currently spaces available in the Tuesdays at 10am & 11am groups.

This preschool program is designed for the 2-4 year old child and is taught in a small play-based group setting. The program not only focuses on early literacy and social development, but also includes many activities such as science, small and large motor skill play, stories, and songs based on a chosen theme, and all while having fun! Classes begin January 8th and 9th. **Registration is required. Register in person to participate. Spaces are limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis.*

Beyond the Book: The Da Vinci Code - 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.

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.*

Brighton attorney appointed as new 53rd District Court Judge

A Brighton attorney has been appointed as the new 53rd District Court Judge for Livingston County.

Governor Rick Snyder announced this past Wednesday that he was selecting Shauna Murphy to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge L. Suzanne Geddis.

Judge Geddis, who had been elected to a Circuit Court Judgeship in the recent General Election, resigned from her District Court position on Dec. 15. Murphy will fill out that remaining term of office for the next two years, but the judicial seat will be on the November 2020 ballot for a full term.

Murphy is a 2003 graduate of the Michigan State University College of Law, and also received her ungraduate degree from Michigan State. Since February 2014, she has served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Michigan Department of Attorney General, handling complex health care fraud cases both in civil and criminal contexts. Prior to that, she served as an assistant prosecutor in the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office and in private practice in Southfield.

Governor Snyder, in announcing the appointment, made note of her experience, stating that he is “confident Murphy will be an exemplary district court judge,” and adding “Whether as an Assistant Attorney General, an assistant county prosecutor, or in private practice, Shauna Murphy has shown a passion for, and commitment to, the rule of law”.

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Fowlerville Junior High School News

IMPORTANT DATES:

No School-- Mon. Jan. 14th

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

SPORTS FOR WEEK OF JAN. 2:

Friday, Jan. 4: OPEN GYM-2:30-4:30; athletes trying out for winter sports are encouraged to attend; FJH gym. Bring clothes to work out. 7th & 8th girls' basketball candidates encouraged to attend.

Wed.-Fri., 1/2-1/4: WRESTLING conditioning for grades 6-7-8 @ FHS gym. Wrestling information sheets available in the office if you missed seeing Coach Zube.

Mon., 1/7: 7TH & 8TH GBB tryouts begin; 2:30-4:30 & 4:30-6:30 PHYSICALS REQUIRED TO TRY OUT/ PRACTICE. Note: FJH hopes to have sufficient numbers of girls to make 2 teams: please come out for GBB.

6-7-8 WRESTLING PRACTICE begins; 2:30-4:15; FHS wrestling room; PHYSICALS REQUIRED TO PRACTICE Sat., 1/5: CHEER @ Brighton Invite-9:00; bus-tba

SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB MEETING

Our first outing to Mt. Brighton is scheduled for January 9, 2019 (weather permitting). The club will meet for 7 weeks every Wednesday. For further information, please contact Mrs. DeLuca at 223-6250.

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> The cost is \$32 and there is an option to donate a book to those in need.

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BUS PASSES FOR ELEMENTARY BUSES

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

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-thru-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, etc.

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

Smith Elementary School News

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 2 – School Resumes

January 9 – PTC Meeting 6:00 pm

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)

Please do not park in the drop-off (Kiss & Go) lane in front of the school. This lane is to be used for parents to drop off their children and move ahead so the next car can do a drop-off.

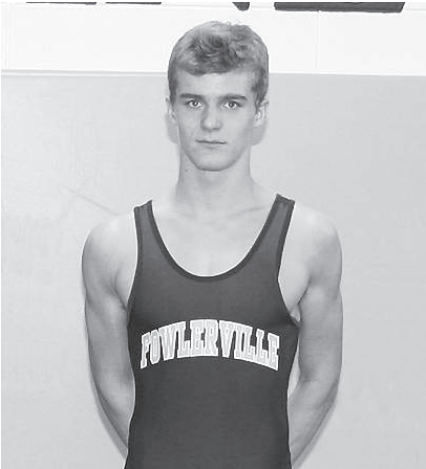
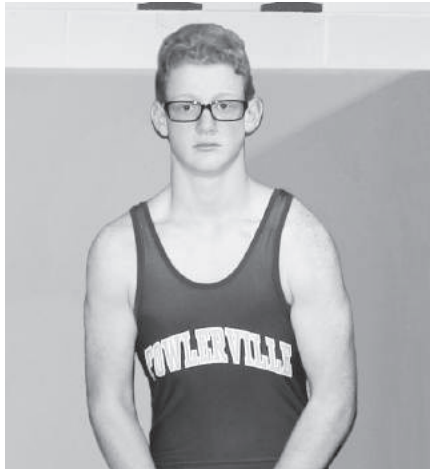
Medication—If your child requires any prescription or non-prescription medication during the school year, a parent or guardian must bring it to the Smith Office to drop it off and complete the necessary paperwork. **School Board Policy states that children are not allowed to transport medication.**

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 services, and other community resources. Children of all abilities are encouraged to apply. To find out more information about applying and to see if you are eligible, call 517-548-2100 or go to www.LivingstonESA.org.

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Jud Scott

Wrestling

Jim Buurma a freshman 119 pound wrestler is growing every time he steps on the mat. He has been wrestling for a few years now, but his progress has been outstanding since joining the High School Team. He is also a leader in the classroom, (according to his mom, Mindy) and as his confidence grows on the mat he will also grow as an individual. Wrestling is a hard sport, performing in the middle of the mat by yourself. Win or lose, there will be individual growth in each match and Jim is making the most of his short 1 month career as a HS wrestler. This is the first time Jim has been recognized as athlete of the week but we are going to hear much more in the years to come.

Ashton Philburn a senior 135 pound wrestler brings so much to the mat when he wrestles. He is a natural leader and is really making it work for the team his senior year. Ashton has been wrestling for a few years but he knows you only have one senior season. This attitude shows in practice when he gives his all at each drill. The opening month of the season he has been matched up with the toughest we could find and he has performed above expectations. He has a goal of extending his season into March this year and he is on his way. Congratulations to Ashton!!! The coaching staff is proud to call you a Fowlerville wrestler.

JUD'S FOOTBALL FORECAST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

Clemson 31 vs Notre Dame 20

Alabama 34 vs Oklahoma 17

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

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Reflections After Christmas

Read Luke 2:1-20

Yesterday was December 25, 2018. It was the day that Christians come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the one and only Son of God. As I reflect back on all that happened yesterday and all that has been happening for the past few months leading up to Christmas, I am deeply concerned about what Christmas has become, and how so much of the things we do to prepare and celebrate Christmas has very little to do with Jesus and the gift He gave us.

If we're honest, we will admit that Christmas is more about having fun, attending parties, and having a good time than it is in honoring the birth of Christ. We've all heard the statement, "Christmas is for Kids." I also hear people say that Christmas is about family and friends coming together; that it is a time for us to help others and give to the poor. While in themselves these things are all good, that is not what Christmas is supposed to be about.

"Christmas is about Jesus!" I say again! "Christmas is about Jesus!" Christmas is the day the world received the greatest gift ever given to humankind! It is the day a Savior was born in Bethlehem, a Savior who would one day give His life as a ransom for many.

God loves you and me so much that He chose to do something extraordinary on our behalf. God got up and left His place in heaven to come to the earth, to be born as a baby, to grow up and walk among us as one of us, to live a perfect life obedient to the will of God, setting the example for all to follow. "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). *Please pause here for a few minutes and think about that.*

Wow! God, the Creator of the world, and all humankind, offered Himself as a sacrifice, to cover a debt that you and I owe, which we would have never been able to pay had God not intervened on our behalf! This is not something to be taken lightly. It should humble us beyond measure. It should cause us to kneel down and beg God's forgiveness.

The fact that God would do this is somewhat mindboggling to me. Can you imagine the amount of love God has for us? It is beyond my human comprehension.

How many of us would be willing to give up his son to save the life of someone who is so undeserving, ungrateful and as unappreciative of every good thing you have done for them as we have been toward God? Yet, that's what God did (John 3:16). Not only did He send us His Son (whom we refused to accept and brutally murdered), but He sent the living, breathing Spirit of that obedient Son back to earth, to live and guide anyone who is willing to accept Him, and allow Him to take up residency in the innermost chambers of their hearts.

God has given us everything we would ever need to live out our time here on earth, as His obedient, redeemed children. He gave it free of charge without any demands. His only requirement is that we love Him, and love one another in the same way He loves us. In doing this people will know that we are His true followers (John 13:34-35).

As I spent time with my family yesterday, I noticed how little of the day's activities were directed toward the birth of Christ. The absence of praise and thankfulness being offered up to Jesus was clearly noticeable to me.

Some people were watching the basketball game, others had their eyes glued to their cell phones. Some were discussing the enormous amount of money athletes are being paid, while some were just talking among themselves about one topic or another, but none of the conversation included anything about Christ. I intentionally left my cellphone in my pocket and turned my back to the TV. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves and having a good time, which is what Christmas has become to many; a time to get together and have fun. When the meal was ready, I was asked to bless the food, and that was the only time I heard the words, "Thank you Jesus," or any other acknowledgement of Jesus during my entire time at the family gathering. I know my situation was not unique, because I have attended other Christmas family gatherings that did the same thing.

Please don't think I am against having fun. I love to have a good time as well as the next person, but in its place. The Bible tells us that there is an appointed time for everything (Eccl. 3:1). Christmas is the appointed time to celebrate Jesus. It is the time to give honor to Him and Him alone. Christmas should be a time when everything we do should be

focused on showing our gratitude and appreciation for all He did for us. Christmas is the day when we should all be like Mary instead of Martha (see Luke 10:38-42).

Christmas is more than beautifully decorated trees and bright shiny lights with lots of good food and plenty of parties to attend. Christmas is one of the three most important events that ever happened. We have Christmas, we have Good Friday, and we have the Resurrection. There are no other events in history that can even come close to these three as being significant and meaningful to humans.

I believe if people would take the time to read and reflect on the birth narrative of Jesus in Luke 2:1-20, they would realize just how much this day means to God and to us. If you are a Christian who believes that Jesus is the Son of God, was born to a virgin named Mary, lived for 33 years as a human being, never once committing any kind of sin; your attitude towards the day we celebrate as the birth of Jesus should

Kreeger Elementary School News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 1-2-19: SCHOOL RESUMES
- 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 CLASS
- 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 P.M.
- 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 you*

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change. The focus of Christmas should always be Jesus, not fun and festivities.

You can still have a lot of fun, come together with family and friends and do many of the things you do today, but honoring Jesus has to be first and foremost and the focus of all you do, not only at Christmas but every day of our lives. As we approach the new year, please join with me in becoming a fanatic for Christ!

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An ordinance to provide a title for the ordinance; to define words; to prohibit marihuana establishments within the boundaries of Conway 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 Board reserves the right to modify or alter the proposed ordinance following the public hearing and to make its decision accordingly. Written comments concerning the above matter may be submitted to the to the Conway Township Clerk at any time prior to the public hearing, and may further be submitted to the Township Board at the public hearing. The complete text of the proposed Ordinance may be examined at the Township Hall during regular Township business hours, which are 9-3 Tuesdays and Wednesdays, or on the Township's website, www.conwaytownship.com, after the publication of this Notice and until and including the day of the meeting. The complete text of the proposed Ordinance may be further examined at the meeting.

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

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Acoustic Café kicks off series with Stephen Clark this Friday, Jan. 4

The Acoustic Café kicks off is series on Friday, Jan. 4, with Stephen Clark. The performace will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Acoustic Café is an annual music series held at the historic Howell Opera House that features outstanding Michigan performers, now celebrating its 11th year!

Stephen Clarkis familiar to local audiences as the former longtime anchor of WXYZ Detroit’s evening news. Stephen began his media career in 1977 as a DJ on country station KYOU in Colorado, and although he soon moved to television news, he maintained his love for the story-telling of country music and began writing his own (as he says) “largely forgettable” songs by learning to play the guitar to the records spinning on the turntables.

His broadcasting career has been his professional focus throughout the years, but he started getting serious about songwriting while working in San Diego around 1990, where he also began performing in coffee houses and eventually on bigger stages—opening for Willie Nelson, Tracy Byrd, and many others.

Following his retirement after 16 years as a news anchor at WXYZ Detroit, Stephen has been splitting his time between his family and pursuing his musical career in Nashville, where he is a member of the Nashville Songwriters Association International. In his words, “Songwriting is just another kind of journalism, where the goal is to tell a compelling story in an interesting way.”

Tickets for this show will be available for \$10 at the door. Doors will open at 7:00 pm and the show will begin at 7:30 pm. The Acoustic Café series runs every Friday night from January 4th – March 1st.

GriefShare seminar offered to the community starting in January

Griefshare is a hope-filled support group for grieving adults designed to assist in healing and rebuilding your life after the loss of a loved one. Healing is generated by providing a safe place for you to share your grief story and to experience the relief of knowing that you are not alone.

Join our 13-week Griefshare seminar, which will be held on Monday’, January 14th – April 15th, from 10am to noon. The cost is \$15 for your workbook. Seminar will be held at Shepard Of The Lakes Lutheran Church, 2101 Hacker Rd., Brighton, in Room 200. For additional information, or questions, contact Judy Gamary at (248)231-0922.

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—Area Deaths—



Sharon Irene James

It is with great sadness that the family of Sharon Irene James announces her passing on December 20, 2018 after a longtime illness. Sharon was 69 years old and was born February 28, 1949. Sharon will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 47 years David James, and her two sons David E. James and Jessy B. James (Jaime). Sharon was a loving grandmother to six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Sharon resided in Fowlerville Michigan, and enjoyed spending time with her family and grandkids. One of her favorite hobbies was tending to her flower gardens. She loved music and enjoyed listening to her husband, sons and grandson play together. She had a beautiful voice herself and loved to perform with them.

Visitation took place on Thursday, December 27, 2018 from 4-8pm, while a Funeral Service was held on Friday, December 28, 2018 at 10am at Herrmann Funeral Home. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery. Please leave the family a condolence at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

Thursday, December 20th, at 2:56 a.m. the department assisted at a medical emergency on Crofoot Road in Iosco Township. A medical emergency on Grand River Ave. in Handy Township was reported at 11:00 a.m. and at 12:38 p.m. personnel assisted EMS on Munsell Road in Iosco Township. Firefighters were called to a medical emergency on Grand River Ave. in Handy Township at 3:15 pm. The department was dispatched to a medical emergency on Garden Lane in the Village at 4:24 p.m. A medical emergency on I-96 in Handy Township was reported at 6:15 p.m.

The department was called to a medical emergency on Dutton Road in Iosco Township at 6:26 a.m., Friday, December 21st, and at 2:41 p.m. to a medical emergency on Bradley Road in Iosco Township. Personnel responded to a medical emergency on Hickory Street in the Village at 9:49 p.m. Firefighters investigated a report of an explosion on Hogback Road in Handy Township at 10:44 p.m. No incident was found.

A medical emergency on N. Grand Ave. in the Village was reported at 10:12 a.m., Saturday, December 22nd. A dispatch to a medical emergency on Grand River Ave. in the Village was received at 2:27 p.m. and at 4:14 p.m. personnel assisted at a medical emergency on Grand River in the Village. The department was called to assist EMS on Renee Court in Handy Township at 3:13 p.m. At 7:02 p.m. firefighters responded to a structure fire on Dutton Road in Iosco Township. Mutual Aid was received from Unadilla Township Fire Department and the Howell Area Fire Department.

Sunday, December 23rd, the department was called to a medical emergency on Owosso Road in Conway Township. Personnel assisted the ambulance on Allen Road in Handy Township at 6:15 p.m. and at 9:58 p.m. were dispatched to a medical emergency on Hogback Road in Handy Township.

Firefighters were called to a motor vehicle accident requiring extrication on Stow Road in Handy Township at 10:14 a.m., Monday, December 24th. At 2:14 p.m. a medical emergency on Deerhill Court in Iosco Township was reported.

Tuesday, December 25th, at 3:13p.m. Personnel responded with EMS to I-96 in Handy Township.

Caleb Jenkins Column



A Challenge for 2019

This week starts the new year, and it is a time of refreshing and resetting. The concept of having a ‘new year’ is kind of bizarre when I really think about it. We see it as a fresh start with all things new and with boundless possibilities, but in reality, nothing really changes. Our lives are essentially the same January 1 as they were December 31. We recognize it as a milestone because our calendars tell us to do so. If we were living in a cave and not keeping track of the passing days, then we would have no idea when a new year had come. Its only significance comes from self-imposed (as a culture) recognition and tradition.

Yet, I love New Year’s, and it is exactly because of this manufactured importance that I love it. Of course, one of the accepted staples is the New Year’s resolution. Many people love setting goals for themselves at the beginning of the year and using them as a guiding playbook. Others prefer to avoid personal resolutions and would rather encourage other people to change to make them happy, as the joke goes.

For my own life, I’m not a huge fan of very specific, strict New Year’s resolutions. Instead, the part I love about New Year’s is the opportunity to sit down and reassess my life in more ‘big picture’ terms and determine a broader vision and direction. I can then figure out what changes need to be made or actions should be taken to meet those goals. What purpose should I be serving in the New Year, and how can I best fulfill that purpose? Life is filled with crazy twists, so by focusing on the overall direction of my life, I can stay on track while remaining flexible.

I’ve written multiple articles about this exact topic before, so I won’t belabor that point. I merely wanted to share my personal appreciation for New Year’s. The fresh start of a new year may be a manufactured incentive, but I still encourage everyone to participate in it. I believe it is a good tradition worth utilizing and preserving. With that in mind, I want to share a challenge for all of you in the coming year.

I would like to encourage each of you to become more familiar with government and the political arena in 2019. Become more informed, *discerning*, and involved. Looking back over the relatively short history of our United States, I believe we have seen shifting and alternating eras where certain things became more prominent. During the early days, politics and government were prioritized, but we have seen alternating periods where the focus seemed to switch between exploration, invention, and science. I could probably write another article on my analysis of these shifting areas of prominence, but for now, I believe politics is once again taking the center stage in defining America during these early years of the twenty-first century.

Perhaps more important than at any other stage in our

history, now is the time to understand the politics around you. We can no longer afford to be citizens aloof from our political system.

I am not asking you to like politics or enjoy the dealings of government, nor am I requesting you to abandon anything else in order to do this. Rather, I am asking you to learn, increase wisdom and discernment, and make smart decisions regarding our government, politics, and the things going on around us both in and out of the news. I wouldn’t ask this of you if I didn’t sincerely believe it to be crucial to the future of our country. We need every one of you to step up. Whether you find it pleasant or not, please take that next step.

Livingston County Democrats donate more than 7,800 meals for needy

Livingston County families who are struggling to put food on the table will have a little something extra this holiday season, thanks to the efforts of Livingston County Democrats.

Party members contributed to Gleaners Community Food Bank the equivalent of 7,847 meals for those in need. The donations came through on-line monetary gifts as well as contributions of cash, checks, and non-perishable food brought to the Democrats’ holiday party on Dec. 1.

“Donating to Gleaners is an annual tradition for local Democrats who believe that no one should go hungry during the holidays,” noted party chair Judy Daughenmier. “It is part of the Democrats’ tradition of community involvement that includes more than 25 years of participation in the Michigan Department of Transportation’s Adopt-a-Highway roadside clean-up program and participation in OLSHA’s annual Walk for Warmth.”



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What bills passed or died in recent Michigan lame duck session

By Mike Wilkinson
Bridge Magazine

The 99th Michigan Legislature is history. But not before a marathon lame duck session that will go down as one of the state’s most prolific.

All told, lawmakers met over 13 days and voted on more than 300 bills, adjourning about 8 a.m. Friday after deliberating for more than 21 hours straight.

The session, which began in early December, came as Republicans’ grip on power weakens after eight years in total control of all branches of government.

Come January, Democrats will assume the state’s top elected offices – governor, attorney general and secretary of state – while the GOP’s majority in the Legislature will weaken and the Supreme Court becomes more moderate.

Lame duck was notable not only for its whirlwind pace, but also because of legislation that Democrats and others said was meant to usurp power of newly elected officials before power changes hands Jan. 1.

Some of the most controversial measures – including efforts to make it harder to launch citizen petitions and remove protections from wetlands – were passed and sent to Snyder in the wee hours of Friday morning.

What follows is a recap of the fates of the most divisive legislation and where they stand.

And don’t worry. Even Bridge Magazine won’t attempt to synopsise all 300-plus bills.

SIGNED BY GOV. RICK SNYDER

Minimum wage, paid sick leave

Senate bills 1171 and 1175 gradually raises the minimum wage to \$12.05 from \$9.25 by 2030 and require some employers to offer sick leave. The bills are far different than legislation that Snyder signed this summer that would have raised the minimum wage to \$12.05 by 2022 and required sick leave from far more employers by exempting companies with less than 50 workers. Those bills were signed to avoid a ballot measure on both initiatives.

Supporters say the legislation rolled back measures that would have crippled small businesses and hurt the economy. Foes say Snyder betrayed the will of the people and punished the working poor.

Line 5 tunnel

House Bill 1197 creates an authority to oversee a proposed tunnel under the Straits of Mackinac to house Enbridge Energy’s petroleum pipelines.

The tunnel was one Snyder’s top priorities and likely will cost Enbridge upwards of \$500 million to construct over the coming decade. In recent years, safety fears have plagued the 65-year-old pipeline that stretches from Wisconsin to Ontario.

Proponents said the tunnel is a safe compromise that balances environmental concerns with those of commerce. Critics said the length of time to build the tunnel is too long for the now-65-year-old twin pipelines to operate safely.

Environmentalists and others, including Attorney General-elect Dana Nessel, want the pipeline shut down.

ON SNYDER’S DESK

For all the activity by the Legislature, Snyder has signed precious few bills. He has until Dec. 31 to do so. If Snyder doesn’t sign legislation by then, it dies.

Regulatory reform

House Bill 4205 would make it far harder for state agencies to adopt regulations that are stricter than those of the federal government.

It would allow stricter rules only if an agency shows a “clear and convincing” need due to “exceptional circumstances.” The legislation also exempts temporary rules adopted during emergencies. Snyder vetoed a similar bill in 2011.

Supporters say the bill would help Michigan attract and maintain businesses that want uniform standards. Critics contend it’s a power grab to limit powers of Democratic Gov.-elect Gretchen Whitmer and her ability to combat problems unique to Michigan such as industrial contamination.

Restricting ballot initiatives

House Bill 6595 would make it harder for groups to get statewide initiatives on the ballot, requiring voter signatures come from at least half of the state’s 14 congressional districts.

The measure would require that no more than 15 percent of all signatures come from any single congressional district and require signature gatherers to indicate if they are paid.

Proponents say the measure is a common-sense reform to ensure initiatives have support from a cross-section of the state. Critics on both sides of the aisle say the reforms would make it far harder to get issues on the ballot.

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Legislative lawsuits

House Bill 6553 allows the Legislature the intervene in lawsuits involving state law.

The Senate-approved measure is more narrow in scope than the one first passed by the House, which granted legislature ability to intervene in any court case involving to protect “any interest of the state.”

Proponents said it wasn’t partisan but preserves the Legislature’s ability to defend itself. Typically, it’s up to a judge to decide who can intervene. But opponents cast the measure as an attempt to thwart incoming Attorney General-elect Dana Nessel, who has said she would said she probably wouldn’t defend a state law that allows faith-based groups to reject gay couples who want to adopt children.

Dark money

Senate Bill 1176 bars the state from requiring nonprofit political advocacy groups to disclose donors.

The protections come during an unprecedented influx of cash from so-called dark money groups in politics. In Michigan alone this year, such nonprofits – often from out-of-state – spent \$7 million on the governor’s race, \$3 million on state Senate campaigns and more than \$7 million on ballot measures.

Supporters of the bill say the measure protects the privacy of donors. Opponents say dark money needs to be tracked to ensure accountability.

Voting rights

Senate Bill 1238 and four others would make changes to voting regulations in the state, requiring voters to register at clerk’s home or satellite offices.

Voters overwhelmingly approved Proposal 3 in November that made both registering and voting easier, including same-day registration. The legislation would, among other things, require election clerks to be in their offices on election day. Registration would not be allowed at polling places.

Proponents said the bills clarify voting rules and do not conflict with the outcome of Prop 3. Critics said the rules violate the intentional vagueness of Prop 3, which amended the state constitution to expand voting rights.

Wetland protections

Senate Bill 1211 would remove development protections on smaller wetlands.

As originally written, the bill would have allowed development on as many as 550,000 acres of wetlands and 4,200 of Michigan’s 11,000 lakes. But the bill underwent significant changes before it was approved early Friday, and now fewer wetlands would lose protections (although an exact number isn’t now known.)

Sponsors say the bill would protect property owners from overzealous regulations. Opponents say the bill is an assault on the environment and wetlands need protection.

Toxic waste

Senate Bill 1244 would overhaul standards of chemicals associated with toxic waste.

The bill requires Michigan regulators to use toxicity values set by the federal government, which critics contend aren’t regularly updated.

Bill boosters, including business and industry officials, say the measure would allow polluted lands to be redeveloped more quickly. Foes say the 50-page bill hasn’t been properly studied and, if anything, would make the remediation process more cumbersome.

Letter grades for schools

House Bill 5526 mandates Michigan schools be graded on

different metrics from A to F.

The grades cover five areas: proficiency in math and English; growth in those subjects; growth in English proficiency among second-language students; graduation rates and academic performance compared to similar schools.

Supporters say the system will make it easier for parents to gauge how schools are performing, but foes say the system is unlikely to help learning.

Snyder has said he plans to sign the bill into law.

Puppy mills

House Bill 5916 would block Michigan communities from enacting local ordinances that ban the sale of puppies in pet stores.

Some communities have passed ordinances banning puppy mills – large-scale breeding facilities, some of which treat animals poorly. The bill would require pet stores to only buy puppies from licensed breeders.

Bill backers say local bans hurt reputable pet stores. Critics say the measure is an infringement on communities’ rights and makes it easier to sell dogs from puppy mills.

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DEAD**Campaign finance ‘reform’**

Senate Bill 1250 would have created a new commission, composed of three Democrats and three Republicans, to oversee campaign finance laws.

The bill would have taken the role now held by the secretary of state and moved it to the new commission.

Proponents said the move would take politics out of campaign finance oversight. But Democrats, including Jocelyn Benson, the incoming secretary of state, called it a power grab.

The bill passed the Senate but did not get out of a House committee.

Forcing union votes

Senate Bill 1260 would have required public unions, like those representing teachers and municipal clerks and city workers, to vote every two years on whether to keep their union.

It would have affected over 250,000 workers across the state. Proponents said the measure would make unions more democratic. Critics called the plan an “affront” to workers that would destabilize unions statewide.

The bill made it out of committee but was never voted on by the Senate.

Homegrown weed ban

Senate Bill 1243 would have banned homegrown weed and lowered the tax rate on recreational marijuana, just approved by voters in November, from 10 percent to 3 percent.

Sen. Arlan Meekhof’s bill, however, never got out of committee.

Redistricting commission

Senate Bill 1254 would tweaked a citizens commission created by voters to draw the state’s legislative boundaries in 2021.

The legislation followed Proposal 2, which voters overwhelmingly approved to take legislative redistricting out of the hands of politicians. The ballot measure bans those “affiliated” with political parties from serving.

The bill would have banned anyone who donated money to political parties from serving on the commission and threatened civil fines of \$500 to anyone who lied on applications.

Proponents say the measure would ensure the independent commission didn’t become political. Opponents say the bill was unnecessary and would have scared away applicants.

It died in a House committee.

Ending bottle deposits

House Bill 6532 would have eliminated deposits on bottle and can drinks, provisions that have existed for 40 years in Michigan.

Rep. Joe Bellino, R-Monroe, who also owns a convenience store, wanted the state to toss the 40-year-old law that he said is costly to local businesses.

The bill made headlines but didn’t get far. It died in committee.

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Fowlerville students bring home 15 medals
January 28, 2018

The Fowlerville High School DECA Team brought home 15 medals out of the 16 members that competed in the recent Districts.

The following students earned a Blue medal for scoring in the Top 5 of their written event at the District 4 Conference: Andrew Coe, Joshua Leonard, and Shane Sibö.

The following students earned a Gold Medal for scoring in the Top 5 of their judged event: Hannah Kubiak, Caleb Ludwig, Josefine Lindberg, Paiten Szura.

The following students earned a Red, White and Blue medal, giving them the right to continue on to the state conference in March: Joshua Cecelon, Griffin Grzenk-owicz, Josefine Lindberg, Caleb Ludwig, Emily Radenbauh, Adam Reicher, and Paiten Szura.

Among the schools Fowlerville competed against were Hartland, Brighton, Grand Ledge, Holt, Ann Arbor Huron, Bedford, Belleville, Howell and Saline.

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Area First Responders recognized

February 11, 2018

First Responders who serve the Fowlerville area were treated to supper and then recognized and applauded during a special Rotary meeting held last Wednesday evening at the Fowlerville United Methodist Church. These First Responders included members and officials of the Fowlerville Fire Department, the Fowlerville Police Department, the Livingston EMS, and the Livingston County Sheriff Department. A total of 58 Rotarians and guests attended the event.

The after-supper program saw an official from each of these four entities provide information about their respective agency. These officials included Fire Chief John Wright, Police Sgt. Jeff Soli, EMS Operation Manager Tom Green, and Sheriff Mike Murphy. A brief history was also given about each of the agencies.

State Representative Hank Vaupel and State Senator Joe Hune were unable due to previous commitments, but were represented by Cindy Denby, a legislative aide of Vaupel, and Troy Tuggle, a legislative aide of Hune. Denby and Tuggle presented a Special State of Michigan Proclamation to each of the four officials, thanking them and their agency for their dedication service. The Proclamation was signed by Gov. Rick Snyder as well as Senator Hune and Representative Vaupel.

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Fowlerville’s Adam Coon defeats No. 1 ranked wrestler in recent match

February 18, 2018

Graduate-student heavyweight Adam Coon used a first-period takedown to hand No. 1 Kyle Snyder his first collegiate loss in more than two years as the No. 4-ranked University of Michigan wrestling team dropped a close 18-15 dual to No. 2 Ohio State on bonus points Sunday night (Feb. 11) in front of a record 8,303 fans at Crisler Center. Coon, ranked second in the national rankings, countered a

Snyder shot late in the first period and found his over-under position to toss Snyder to his back on the edge of the floor for the winning takedown -- though no back points -- and rode out the period. The two wrestlers traded escapes in the second and third, and Snyder could not finish on multiple leg attacks throughout the match. Coon improved to 22-0 on the season, while Snyder, an Olympic and two-time world champion, suffered his first loss since the 2015 NCAA finals.

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Fowlerville High Gymnastics Team wins CAAC league championship

February 25, 2019

By finishing first in the league dual meets and then placing first at the conference tournament held on Saturday, Feb. 17, the Fowlerville High School Gymnastics Team won the CAAC league championship. In addition, Izzy Litz brought home the league All Around Championship with a 1st on beam, 2nd on vault, a 6th on bars, and 7th on floor.

Other members that contributed to the overall success of the team included:

Bekah Leonard who finished as the league floor champion and also placed 3rd overall, 3rd on vault, 5th on bars and 8th on beam.

Kenzie Brigham who placed 4th on beam, 3rd on floor, and 4th overall.

Maddie Moran who placed 6th on beam.

Gabby Jolliff who received a 5th on vault and also had a great comeback after an injury by placing 8th Place on floor and 7th all around.

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Fowlerville Girls Varsity Basketball Team captures Class B Districts

March 11, 2018

The Fowlerville Girls Varsity Basketball Team captured the Class B District Championship held at Haslett on Thursday, March 1, with a 48-33 victory against #4 ranked Williamston. Elie Smith led the team with 14 points, Ollie Updike and Grace Wallace had 9 points, Jackie Jarvis had 8 points.

A stingy defense, along with a productive offense, led to the title win. The Glads took a 16-9 first-quarter lead and then outscored the Hornets 10-6 in the second period to go into halftime with a 26-15 advantage.

A low-scoring third stanza saw Fowlerville with 9 points to Williamston’s 6 to put the local cagers ahead 35-21. The teams played fairly even, scoring-wise, in the final quarter with the Glads getting 13 points to the Hornets 12

It was the rubber match between the CAAC White Division rivals. Williamston had won the first meeting at the Hornets’ court, but the Gladiators took the second game at their home gym. The Hornets won the league title, their only loss being to Fowlerville. The Gladiators, meanwhile, had two other conference defeats to finish the CAAC campaign with 3 losses. The win was the team’s 18th this season, the most ever for a Fowlerville girls basketball varsity squad.

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Chili Cook-Off raises funds for Fireworks

March 18, 2018

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

The winners were:

Best Presentation – Witches Night Out Committee,

Best Spicy Hot Chili— Save-On Foods, who remain the

undefeated champs in this category.

Best Business Entry—Timer Farms.

Most Unique Chili—Steve & Chris Whitney,

Judge’s Choice of Best Chili—Fowlerville Police Department,

People’s Choice Award—Fowlerville Fire Department.

Congratulations to all of the winners! Judges were State Rep. Hank Vaupel, Mike Kelly of Champion Chevrolet, and Paul Harmon of Harmon Real Estate. Thank you for your service and your taste buds!

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Adam Coon places second at NCAA tourney

March 25, 2018

Adam Coon, an All-American wrestler at the University of Michigan and a Fowlerville High School graduate, placed second in the heavyweight division at the recent NCAA Tournament, held in Cleveland.

Coon lost the title round to the defending champion, Kyle Snyder of Ohio State University, by a 3-2 margin. It was the third meeting between the two wrestlers this season. Coon won their first meeting in Ann Arbor of Feb. 11 with a 3-1 decision, making him the top-rated college heavyweight. He had been ranked second to Snyder prior to that bout.

Snyder, however, prevailed over Coon at their next meeting with a 4-2 double overtime win at the Big 10 Championships, held earlier this month at Michigan State University.

Coon was 29-2 this season and finishes his college career with a 116-15 record. Highlights from previous seasons included coming in second in the NCAA Championships as a sophomore and placing third as a junior. He was a fifth-year senior this year, having sat out one season due to an injury.

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Beth Lowe appointed as Head Librarian

April 1, 2018

Beth Lowe, the current Program Director for the Fowlerville District Library, has been appointed by the Board of Trustees as the new Head Librarian, beginning her duties July 1, 2018. After nearly 33 years of serving this community and the library, Cheryl Poch, the current Head Librarian, has decided to retire.

This is an exciting time for our community, appointing someone so deeply-involved in our growth-potential soon to take the reins of the library as built up through three decades under Cheryl’s leadership.

If you have a chance, stop in the current library building to wish Cheryl happy retirement and Beth congratulations,” Cornett said. “As we move into this “next chapter” of the library, there will be tons of celebrations between these two events and getting into our new building at 130 South Grand.

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Trustee appointed to serve as Village rep

April 8, 2018

Jerry Bell, a trustee on the Fowlerville Council, has been appointed to serve as the Village representative on the Economic Development Council of Livingston Council.

The Village Council, the Downtown Development Authority and the Local Development Finance Authority recently approved a three-year agreement between the Village of Fowlerville and the Economic Development Council of Livingston County/Ann Arbor SPARK. Officials are hoping to boost development and retain businesses in the Village of Fowlerville by working with the two agencies.

The appointment will be effective until the November 2018 election. At that time all committee appointments are reviewed by the Village President.

Trustee Bell stated that he is honored to be appointed to the economic development board. “The Village of Fowlerville is interested in attracting new investors, business and residents, and we are ready for the downtown to be vibrant and competitive,” Bell said.

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Handy Township Board approves rezoning request, ordinance amendment

April 15, 2018

A rezoning request that would allow an electric plant to locate in southeast Handy Township, along with a zoning ordinance amendment that would regulate gas-fueled energy generation facilities were approved by the township board last Tuesday. The meeting was held at the Fowlerville Junior High School auditorium to accommodate the larger crowd
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that had been anticipated. That prediction proved accurate with over 60 people in attendance, in addition to the board members and township staff and consultants.n

The request to rezone 125 acres in Section 36 of the township from Agriculture Residential to Research Development (RD) was the main focus for those in attendance since the change in classification was necessary in order for the proposed project to proceed.

Competitive Power Ventures (CPV), a company headquartered in Maryland that builds electric plants and sells the power, has taken an option-to-purchase on the 125 acres. The land is owned by two local families. The site was chosen by the company because it is close to natural gas supplies and has easy access to high-power electric transmission lines.

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Fowlerville Board recognizes retirees

April 22, 2018

Teachers and staff of the Fowlerville Community School who will be retiring at the end to the current school year were recognized at the board of education meeting held on last Tuesday, April 17. Present at the meeting were, from left, Nancy Paternoster, Smith Elementary Paraprofessional; Mike Grimm, Fowlerville High School Teacher; Diane Ososkie, Kreeger Elementary Teacher, and Patricia Dennis, Junior High School Teacher. Not pictured were Dan Coon, Fowlerville High School Teacher; Chris Forbush, Fowlerville High School Teacher’ and Donna Klender, Food & Nutrition Manager.

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April 29, 2018

Webberville FFA attends State Skills Contest

Members of Webberville’s FFA Chapter recently attended the Michigan FFA State Skills Contest. Over 3,000 FFA members from all over the state traveled to participate in the contests at Michigan State University. The Webberville Chapter sent 40 members to compete. They competed in the state forestry, environmental skills, floriculture, agricultural communications, and ag mechanics contests.

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Rotary donates trees to Community Park

The local Rotary Club donated 30 trees to the Village of Fowlerville with the goal of having them planted at the Community Park. Last Tuesday, several members were on hand to see the start of that effort, with a variety of deciduous and evergreen trees being placed at various locations around the park by the staff of the Dept. of Public Works.

The service group, who purchased the trees from Mayhew’s Tree Farm & Nursery, made the donation as part of Rotary International ‘Plant a Tree’ campaign. With 1.2 million members from around the world, the goal of the parent organization is to plant 1.2 million trees this year. The local club, having 30 members, did its part to support this effort.

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FJHS Science Olympiad Team places 2nd

May 6, 2018

On March 24, the Fowlerville Junior High School Science Olympiad team competed in the Region V competition held at Mott Community College in Flint. The competition consisted of 23 events and eight teams from Livingston, Shiawassee and Genesee counties.

The months of hard work and preparation paid off and the team earned six first and four second place finishes, placing the Gladiators 2nd overall.

The second place finish qualified them for the State Tournament at Michigan State University on April 28. Some of the many highlights of the day was a first place in Battery Buggy (Eric Miller & Matt Miller), Dynamic Planet (Lindsay LeMieux & Maddy Woods), Ecology (Thomas Parker & Wesley Horne), Experimental Design (Maddy Woods, Holden Adams & Josh Kilpela), Microbe Mission (Matt Miller & Charlotte Horne),

and Towers (Matt Miller & Thomas Parker.)

On April 28 at the Michigan Science Olympiad State Tournament, the team competed against 60 of the best teams from across the state. The FJHS finished the day with two events on stage earning medals. Congratulations to Matt Miller and Thomas Parker for their 6th place finish in Towers and Matt Miller and Eric Miller for their 7th place finish in Battery Buggy.

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Fowlerville voters approve school bond

May 13, 2018

“Very happy!” was Fowlerville School Superintendent Wayne Roedel’s response when asked how he and other school officials felt about voters approving the bond request by a nearly 2-to-1 margin in last Tuesday’s special election. His comment came the following day, when the news of the win was still fresh.

A total of 800 district voters supported the \$17.5 million request, while 465 were opposed. The turnout was just under 11 percent of the registered voters living in the district.

The proposal was designed to fund various capital improvements at all five school buildings and at the athletic fields. These include improving building safety and security, replacing aging infrastructure (boilers, roofs, electrical service, flooring, doors, windows, etc.), and upgrading and replacing technology that is eight or more years old.

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Conway Board votes 3-2 against putting internet bond proposal on ballot

May 20, 2018

The Conway Board voted 3-2 against putting a bond proposal on the November General Election ballot that would have allowed the Township to sell bonds for the purpose of making high-speed internet available to residences throughout the township. Mike Rife, the supervisor, and Larry Parsons, a trustee, joined Rick Kreeger, a trustee, in opposing the resolution, the two of them reversing their earlier support.

Todd Anderson, the clerk, and Debbie Grubb, the treasurer, supported the motion.

The decision was made at last Tuesday’s (May 15) regular meeting, with about 50 people in the audience. During the Call to the Public, several people spoke both for and against putting the request before voters.

The proposal was to borrow around \$5.7 million, the estimated cost for installing fiber optic lines to all areas of the township. The money would have been paid back over a 20-year period with revenues collected from a special tax levy.

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Webberville High School names Top 10

The Top 10 academic students from the Class of 2018 at Webberville High School have been named. They include Cassondra Jones, the valedictorian, and Benjamin Theriault, the Salutatorian, along with Konner Featherley, Emma Grossbauer, Caleb Kubiak, Maci Kubiak, Kelsy Mayville, William Sarin, Charlie Sicher, and Madison Stowe.

These students will be among the 33 seniors who will receive their diplomas this Thursday, May 24, at the school’s graduation ceremonies to be held starting at 7 p.m. in the Spartan Center.

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Fowlerville Boys Track & Field Team completes undefeated regular season

The Fowlerville Boys Track & Field Team completed its regular season last Monday, May 14, beating Portland 111-26. This completes the Boys first undefeated conference season since 1998. Leading the way for the Gladiators was Caleb Maleitzke’s three 1st place finishes. Maleitzke, currently the program points leader, won the 110mH (16.81s), the 300mH (42.83s) and the Long Jump (19’ 7”). Jacob Nabozny earned his first career wins going 5:03 in the 1600m and 11:56 in the 3200m. Nick Reason won the 200m (23.99s) and set a personal best 51.9s winning the 400m.

In the Field events, Dalton Sweet improved his county leading Pole Vault height with a winning jump of 14’ 6” while Hayden Schleomp jumped 5’ 10” to win the High Jump. The Gladiator throwers swept the shot put. Mitchell Bishop won the event throwing 41’ 6.5”, followed by Alex Bowers (39’ 3”) and Jacob Miller (38’ 6.5”). In the Discus, Alex Bowers (124’ 8.5”) beat out teammate Mitchell Bishop (117’ 8.5”) for the win.

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Local postmaster, veteran gives main address at Memorial Day service

June 3, 2018

The annual Memorial Day Parade, followed by a service at the Greenwood Cemetery, took place last Monday in Fowlerville. Serving as the emcee at the service and offering the main address, was Kelly Lott. She is the Fowlerville Postmaster and a veteran who served in the U.S. Air Force.

The ceremony included the invocation and benediction prayers by the VFW Auxiliary Chaplin, Susan Hath, the playing of the National Anthem by the Fowlerville High School and Junior High Bands, the Laying of the Wreath

by representatives of the VFW Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary, Tonya Ogden and Judy Recker, the Rifle Salute, and the playing of Taps.

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Fowlerville Varsity Baseball Team wins another district championship

June 10, 2018

Fowlerville’ Varsity Baseball Team got strong starting pitching from JT Maybee and Caden Flanery to win its fourth straight district championship. The games were played at Williamston last Saturday, June 2.

Flanery pitched a six-hitter, allowing one run and no walks in a 6-1 victory over Haslett in the district championship game. Maybee was 2-for-4 with two RBIs in the game.

In the district semifinals, Fowlerville avenged a season-ending loss to Corunna from last year’s regionals by beating the Cavaliers, 2-1. Maybee pitched a five-hitter that contest and didn’t issue a walk. Sam Browne was 2-for-3 at the plate.

Haslett reached the title game by beating Owosso, 5-1.

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Fowlerville Class of 2018 graduates

The Fowlerville High School Class of 2018 graduated this past Sunday, June 3. The Commencement Exercises took place at the competition gymnasium.

Approximately 200 seniors received their diplomas.

The afternoon program began with the Senior Processional, with the high school band playing *Pomp and Circumstance*. This was followed by the singing of *The Star Spangled Banner* by the high school choir, a Welcome Address by Superintendent, Wayne Roedel, and the Presentation of the School Board by President, Mike Brown. High School Principal Bradford Lusk served as the master of ceremonies.

Caden Collins gave the Class Welcome, Hannah Brock and Hannah Kubiak offered the Sponsor Thank You, Rachel Zhang presented her Salutatorian Address, and Brittany Bush gave her Valedictorian Address.

Michaela Walker then introduced the guest speaker, Joshua York—a young man who, while attending Michigan State University, came up with the idea of creating and selling street-wear clothing and using some of the profits to help the homeless. He calls the endeavor the ‘York Project’ and operates his business in Metro Detroit.

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of the diplomas.

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New owner busy restoring landmark building

A landmark building in Downtown Fowlerville, erected in 1916 to house the Ford dealership, is being renovated and will feature its original brick exterior. This renovation is part of a much larger project planned for the overall site.

Karl Witt, a local businessman, purchased the property on the southwest corner of West Grand River and South Grand Avenue in December of last year from the Jon Smith Trust. It includes the building that housed the former dealership’s showroom and garage, a former Union 76 gas station to the east that includes a passageway connecting the two buildings and a former Gulf gas station on the west side.

“From what I’ve learned, the building with its distinctive hoop-shaped roof was designed by Henry Ford and was one of the first three that were put up in the country,” said Witt, adding that Roy Sprague owned the franchise at that time.

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Ribbon cutting held at new Library

June 17, 2018

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at the new Fowlerville District Library on Friday, June 8, signaling the start of a new era for this public institution.

The former grocery store on South Grand Avenue was purchased by the library board and remodeling work on the interior began a few months ago.

About 35 people, plus nearly all of the staff, five of the seven library board members, as well as the architect, construction manager, and site manager, witnessed the event. Beth Lowe, the future director, and Cheryl Poch, the current director who will soon retire, held the ceremonial scissors and then cut the ribbon. Afterwards those attending the ceremony were invited to go inside and tour the facility.

Last week the staff and workers completed additional tasks before opening the doors and resuming regular hours this past Friday, June 15.

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2018—Year in Review, continued



Grover Whitehead named Lion of the Year

Grover Whitehead has been named as the Webberville Lion of the Year. Grover has served as the club’s president, vice president and on numerous committees and functions over the years.

“When there is an opportunity to serve his community through the Lions Club, you can count on Grover to be there,” said current president Mark Lott.

Grover has been active in the White Cane collection to provide eye glasses for school children and adults in the community. He, along with his fellow Lions, helped to raise \$1,159 through the White Cane Project.

This year, the club provided 12 pairs of eye glasses as well as eye screening for those in need,” noted Lott.

Fowlerville enjoys ‘Fun in the Ville’

June 24, 2018

The 3rd Annual ‘Fun in the Ville’ was held at the Fowlerville Centennial Park on Saturday, June 16, and, thanks to the nice weather for most of the afternoon, it drew a large and enthusiastic crowd. The family-oriented event offered inflatables, a variety of kids games, a dunk tank, several arts and crafts booths, musical entertainment, and food and refreshments.

A few dozen bike helmets were given away while supplies lasted, and near the end of the event one girls and one boys bicycle were raffled.

Fowlerville enjoys 4th of July celebration

July 8, 2018

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

Village Council approves wage agreements

July 15, 2018

The Fowlerville Village Council approved wage agreements with the police and DPW unions at its meeting last Monday, July 9. The four fulltime police officers are represented by Teamsters Local 215, while the five employees of the Dept. of Public Works are represented by Teamsters Local 243.

Village manager Kathryn Arledge, who handled the negotiations on behalf of the council, explained that the police union has a four-year contract that started in 2016 and expires in 2020. However, she said, the contract allows for wages to be re-opened each year.

“The contract has four wage steps that are based on years of employment at the department,” said Arledge. “The new wage agreement increases each of those steps by two percent.”

The DPW operates with a different pay scale. That contract, which also began in 2016 and continues through 2020, has an employee starting off the first year with a specific wage and then receiving an increase for each year of employment through five years. However, the contract allows wages to be opened each year for any staff member who has worked at the DPW longer than five years

“Only one employee fit that criteria this year and, under the agreement we reached, will receive a 2.5 percent increase,” said Arledge.

Handy Township begins new fiscal year

July 22, 2018

Handy Township began its new 2018-19 fiscal year on July 1 with a budget that is similar to last year’s figures on revenues and expenditures.

Supervisor Ed Alverson, giving an overview, noted that

the revenues total \$949,770. “That’s down \$44,000 from last year,” he said. “The reason is that in the previous fiscal year the township sold the land at the Damman Fire Station on South Fowlerville Road to the Fire Authority for that amount of money. So, we had that one-time extra amount in the previous budget.”

The allocated levy that the township receives in local property taxes will be .8651 of a mill and this will generate around \$207,000 in funds. The one mill approved by voters for road maintenance and dust control brings in around \$180,000. Alverson noted that properties in the Village of Fowlerville pay the allocated millage, but not the road levy.

“State-shared revenues are estimated at \$416,000 and are up from last year,” he said.

Expenditures, meanwhile, are put at \$1,084,292, meaning the township board will dip into its carry-over fund balance surplus by an amount of \$134,522.

Road work is a major item in the budget and projects are expensive.

Fowlerville Family Fair returns this week for its 132nd annual run

The Fowlerville Family Fair returns this week for its 132nd annual run. The official run date is Monday, July 23 thru Saturday, July 28, but open-class non-livestock judging began last week and 4-H non-livestock judging took place on Saturday.



Fair Queen crowned

July 29, 2018

A new queen was crowned at the Fowlerville Family Fair on Sunday, July 22. Four young ladies competed for the honor, but it was Kaylee Moulton who took home the tiara when all was said and done.

The other contestants were Josie Jackson, the runner-up, Mindy Smith, and Emily Wylie.

Moulton, 19, was inspired to run for Fair Queen having spent most of her life at the Fowlerville Fair showing pigs and steers for 4-H.

“I’ve been around here my whole life and seen all the fair queens before me,” she said. “I guess it was just something I always looked forward to being able to do.”

During the Fair Queen competition, which is held each year in the Finlan Gazebo on the eve of fair week, the judges are looking for the young lady that shows the most poise, personality, and has a great overall appearance. Being a good public speaker is also essential to winning the crown, as each contestant must answer several questions from the judges on stage.

Contested races in Primary election brought out large number of voters

August 12, 2018

Contested races in last week’s Michigan Primary election brought out a large number of voters both in Livingston County and across the state.

On the Republican side, Bill Schuette—the current Attorney General—easily won his party’s nomination for Governor, topping three other candidates including Lt. Gov. Brian Calley. John James, meanwhile, won the GOP vote to run for the U.S. Senate, while incumbent Republican Congressman Mike Bishop had little trouble beating his primary opponent for the 8th District House seat.

Closer to home, Lana Theis—the current Republican state representative for eastern Livingston County—topped her GOP opponent in the 22nd District State Senate race by a two-to-one margin. County-wide, she received 21,089 votes to Joseph Converse Marinaro’s total of 6,135. That district covers all of Livingston County, plus the western part of Washtenaw County.

State Rep. Hank Vaupel, the GOP incumbent for the 47th District that includes the Fowlerville area was unopposed in the primary. He garnered 11,638 votes.

Doug Helzerman, the current Republican county commissioner for the 4th District that covers western Livingston County, topped his GOP opponent, Christopher Maloney by a 1,679 to 768 margin. In the neighboring 6th District that covers part of the Howell area, incumbent Robert Bezotte won the primary over his Republican foe, Steve Williams by a 2,015 to 1,232 margin.

On the Democratic side, Gretchen Whitmer—a former state legislator—won her party’s nomination for Governor, beating two opponents. For the U.S. Senate seat, Democratic

incumbent Debbie Stabenow was unopposed in her bid for re-election.

Also unopposed on the Democratic Primary ballot were Adam Dreher, the candidate for the 22nd District State Senate seat; Colleen Turk, the candidate for the 47th District State House seat; and Maureen Martin, the candidate for the 4th District of the county board of commissioners.

One of the more hotly-contested races—appearing on the non-partisan portion of the ballot—was for the new judgeship on the Livingston County 44th Circuit Court. The Michigan Supreme Court and legislation had previously dictated that the county needed to add a third judge to the Circuit Court and eliminate one of its three District Judge positions.

Four candidates filed for the eight-year term—all of them Howell area residents. L. Suzanne Geddis, a current District Court Judge, topped the field with 11,177 votes, while Dennis Brewer finished second with a total of 10,100. They now move onto the November General Election. Eliminated were Monica Copeland who placed third with 8,528 votes, followed by Tara Pearson who had 4,170 votes.

Fowlerville begins school year this Monday with goal of improving literacy

August 26, 2018

Fowlerville Community Schools begin a new year this Monday with the start of classroom instruction.

Operationally, the district finds itself in a good position as it launches the 2018-19 school year.

“Our budget is a little over \$27 million,” noted Wayne Roedel, the superintendent of schools. “We just finished the 2017-18 audit and it added \$38,000 to our fund balance. This brings the total to \$2.4 million which is nine percent of our expenditures.

“Earlier this year we approved a three-year contract with the teachers and have just settled two-year agreements with all of the other staff bargaining units,” he added.

Roedel noted that student enrollment is anticipated at 2,810, but he’s hopeful the actual turn-out will be slightly higher. “We budgeted a loss of 40 students in order to be conservative in our revenue projections,” he explained, “but we’ve seen an uptick in enrollment in some of the grades and with the new home building that’s going on, we hope the actual loss is less than that.”

Those students will be greeted by around 350 employees, including 149 teachers. The rest of the staff includes administrators, administration assistants, bus drivers, cooks, custodians, Little Glad workers, para pros, and crossing guards.

After over 41 years of ownership, Lako’s sell Countryway grocery store

September 2, 2018

After over 41 years of ownership, Jim and Beth Lako have sold the Countryway grocery store. The new owners are Mugg & Bopps, a company headquartered in Howell that’s owned by the Lekander family. It officially changed hands on Wednesday, August 22.

The store, located at the intersection of Mason Road and South Fowlerville Road, four miles south of Fowlerville, features a wide offering of merchandise, including deli meats and cheeses, fresh produce, pre-made sandwiches, assorted over-the-counter pharmaceuticals, water softener salt, pet food, refreshments, candy, dairy products, bread and other baked goods, ice cream cones, newspapers, chips and other snacks, DVD rentals, assorted beverages, hardware items, and more.

Fowlerville Rotary puts on another Dawn Patrol

September 9, 2018

Fowlerville Rotary, with the help a numerous volunteers, put on another successful Dawn Patrol last Sunday, Sept. 9, at Maple Grove Airfield, north of town. Cool temperatures, along with rain south of I-94, resulted in a slightly smaller breakfast crowd and fewer pilots flying in their planes. Club officials said 1,100 breakfasts were served during the morning and around 30 planes were on the air strip, but considered it another successful event. Money raised from the sale of the breakfasts is used to help fund the club’s various projects and activities.

Fall Festival taking place on Saturday, Sept. 15, at fairgrounds

The Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Livingston Centre Historic Village inside the fairgrounds from10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Once again a variety of entertainment and activities are being offered.

There are several Kids Games and Craft, including a Corn Hole Toss, Pumpkin Field Hockey Shot Competition, Kool-Aid Pong, Bounce House, Water-Balloon Sling Shot, 3-Legged Race, and a Cake Walk.

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New this year will be bike races for both kids and adults. There will be no additional fee and recognition will be provided to winners in all categories.

Other activities include wagon rides, barrel train rides, and old-time demonstrations featuring blacksmithing, spinning, and rug looming. Music will be offered throughout the day.

September 17, 2018

Field Days & Ox Roast coming this weekend to Webberville area

This coming weekend will mark the 72nd year that the Leroy Township Fire Association will put on its Field Days and Ox Roast in Webberville. The Association is comprised of the 26 current firefighters on the NIESA Leroy Fire & Rescue Station as well as five supporters—a total of 31 members.

The fire department chief is Rod Pfister, while the association president is Ron Cole.

The three days of activities— Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (Sept. 21-23)— include a Saturday parade at 2 p.m. through the downtown with Mark House, a former chief chief, serving as grand marshal. House served on the department for 28 years. He was the assistant chief for nearly 20 years and the chief for a year-and-a-half.

Fowlerville High School announces this year’s Homecoming Court

Fowlerville High School announced this year’s Homecoming Court. Five senior boys and five senior girls were nominated to be the King and Queen. They were Corey Lampman, Christian Montrose, Geoffrey Knaggs, Sam Brownlee, and James Petri and Grace Roedel, Chelsea O’Donnell, Aliza Opolka, Madi Allen, and Dalaija Franklin. The winners were crowned this past Friday, Sept. 21, during the halftime of the varsity football game with Lansing Eastern.

Also in the court were class representatives for the Juniors—Nathan Eash and Lilly Smith, Sophomores—Hunter Knaggs and Ava Yon, and Freshmen—Jack Shrader and Sarah Litz, as well as the four foreign exchange students—Felix Wiesman of Germany, Pierre Fritel of France, Hanjo Schmidt of Germany, and Jonas Nerger of Germany.

Fowlerville Homecoming King & Queen crowned during halftime on Sept. 21

Septmber 24, 2018

Fowlerville celebrated Homecoming on Friday, Sept. 21, with a parade through the Downtown, the varsity football game against Lansing Eastern, and the presentation of this year’s Homecoming court followed by the crowning of the King and Queen. On Saturday the high school held the annual Homecoming Dance.

Spirit Week took place prior to Friday night at the different school buildings, with each day having a different dress-up theme.



Fowlerville ‘Teacher of the Year’ likes the challenges & rewards of profession

Sept. 30, 2018

Amy Maurer is a seventh-grade science instructor

Starting off as a student at Michigan State University, Amy Maurer did not set her sights on becoming a teacher. Rather science was her interest, reflected by her major in earth science and minor in chemistry. But her career goal changed by the time she earned a Bachelor’s degree in 2001.

“I liked science, but I realized I didn’t want to work in a lab. I liked more of the social interaction.”

The life of a teacher, the demands and rewards of the profession, were something Maurer had first-hand knowledge of, given that her mother, June Maurer, was a longtime teacher at Smith Elementary in Fowlerville.

“I had seen her in the classroom when I was growing up,” Mauer said.

With a college degree in hand, she did her teaching internship at Howell Public Schools during the 2001-2002 school year and then in the fall of 2002 began teaching science at the Fowlerville Junior High.

Last school year, Maurer was selected as the Junior High ‘Teacher of the Year’ and this fall, shortly after the start of her 16th year at Fowlerville Community Schools, she was named

the ‘District Teacher of the Year.’



Witches Night Out was a great success last weekend

The Witches Night Out event this past weekend was a Melanoma Awareness Charity Event held at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds. Witches came from all over to take part in the festivities.

First year of “Scarecrows Across the ‘Ville” is a success

Scarecrows have popped up all around Fowlerville and beyond in response to the Village encouraging businesses to participate in the Scarecrows Across the ‘Ville contest. Those participating have placed a decorated scarecrow outside of their business establishments. Each scarecrow was to incorporate the name of the business on it. As of this past week, there were over 60 scarecrow displays.

The scarecrows will be judged by Village Council members and prizes will be awarded to the top three “Best Overall” winners. The displays will be up through the end of October and winners will be chosen at that time.

Fowlerville Veterinary Clinic hosts Grand Opening & Retirement Party

October 21, 2018

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday’s General Election ballot has numerous candidates, ballot proposals

November 4, 2018

This Tuesday, Nov. 6, Fowlerville area residents will vote on candidates for various local, county, state and federal offices, as well as three statewide ballot proposals. The polls for the General Election are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. voters who meet certain criteria also have the option of using an absentee ballot prior to Election Day.

Locally, the Fowlerville Village Council has three open seats that are being filled. Those seeking the four-year terms include Ken Bielous, Mary Helfmann, Jim Mayhew, Jane Mills, Jerry Peach, and Enrique Salfate. In addition, the Village President position is up for election, with Carol Hill unopposed for a two-year term.

The Fowlerville Board of Education also has three four-year positions being decided. Running for them are John Belcher, Ron Drinkert, Steve Frederick, and Trisha Reed. Also on the ballot is a partial two-year term on the school board, with Mary Vielbig being the lone candidate for this seat.

Both the council and school board races appear on the non-partisan part of the ballot.

(Note: Helfmann, Mayew, and Mills won the council seats, while Belcher, Frederick, and Reed were elected to the school board.)

Huge turnout results in Democratic win for statewide offices

November 11, 2018

A huge turnout in last Tuesday’s General Election saw about 4.2 million Michigan voters cast ballots, resulting in

Democrats winning nearly all of the statewide races and passage of the three proposals.

Nearly 54 percent of the voting-age population took part. It was the highest number for a midterm election since 1962.

Fowlerville Firefighters Association hosts annual Buck Pole

November 25, 2018

The Fowlerville Firefighters Association hosted its annual Buck Pole on Sunday, Nov. 18, at the fire hall. The event drew a record 90 entries. Winning first place was Wayne Riser of Gregory. Placing second was Jeff Cox of Byron and third was John Pidd of Stockbridge. Winning the Youth Category was Luke Whitney of Howell. Those who entered the contest also had a chance to win one of the 170 prizes that were donated by area businesses and individuals.

Scott, Kim & Racquel Nelson named Grand Marshals of Christmas Parade

December 2, 2018

The Grand Marshals of the 2018 Fowlerville Christmas Parade scheulded for Saturday, Dec. 1, are the Nelson family—Scott, Kim, and their daughter Racquel. Scott—a lifelong area resident—is the owner of Nelson Collision, a company he started when he was in his early 20’s. It’s located west of Fowlerville on Grand River Highway.

Scott has spent the last year-and-a-half recovering from a severe stroke he suffered in the summer of 2017. While still in recovery, he is now back to work.

In naming the Nelson family to head the parade, the Christmas in the Ville Committee cited Nelson’s Collision having been in business for over 30 years, plus all of the support they have given to different community and school groups and events over the years. The committee also wished to pay tribute to Scott and his family for the example they’ve set in facing—and now overcoming—adversity.

Fowlerville celebrates annual Christmas in the Ville on Saturday, Dec. 1

December 9, 2018

Santa arriving in town and the holiday parade going through the downtown were two of the main events at the recent Christmas in the Ville celebration in Fowlerville. The event, held on Saturday, Dec. 1, drew many participants and several thousand on-lookers.

Rainy weather early in the afternoon and at the start of the parade dampened conditions, but not the holiday spirits. The overcast skies, however, did keep the Hot Air Balloonists from launching. They instead located their baskets and burners around the downtown, helping keep folks warm and providing some fiery sights.

Over 70 entries were in the parade, including all sorts of floats, the high school marching band, horses and dogs, lighted trucks and machines, the hot air balloonists lighting their burners, and Santa Claus.

Webberville holds celebration with tree lighting, parade & Santa visit

December 16, 2018

Webberville held a Christmas celebration last Saturday night, Dec. 8, with a tree lighting in the Village Square on East Grand River, a small lighted parade from the park to the Leroy Township Fire Hall, and then a chance for area youngsters to visit with Santa at the hall.

The Webberville Downtown Development Authority organized the tree lighting and parade, while the Leroy Township Fire Association hosted its annual party that includes refreshments along with the visit by Santa Claus.

The Webberville School Choir sang several holiday songs at the park, and members of the high school band led the parade that included several decorated vehicles and floats.

Joe Hune gives farewell speech from Michigan Senate floor

December 23, 2018

Joe Hune gave his farewell speech from the Michigan Senate floor on Thursday, Dec. 13. Hune, like a number of other legislators, is leaving his office at the end of the month due to term limits.

Hune, who grew up in Fowlerville and is a Fowlerville High alumnus, lives south of town (in the Gregory area) with his wife and young son. He served three two-year terms in the state House and is finishing his second four-year term in the Michigan Senate.

The Republican lawmaker, in his speech, recounted his time in the Legislature and thanked family, colleagues and his constituents in Livingston, Shiawassee, Washtenaw and Ingham counties. As a represenative and then senator, his district has included at one time or the other parts of the latter three counties.



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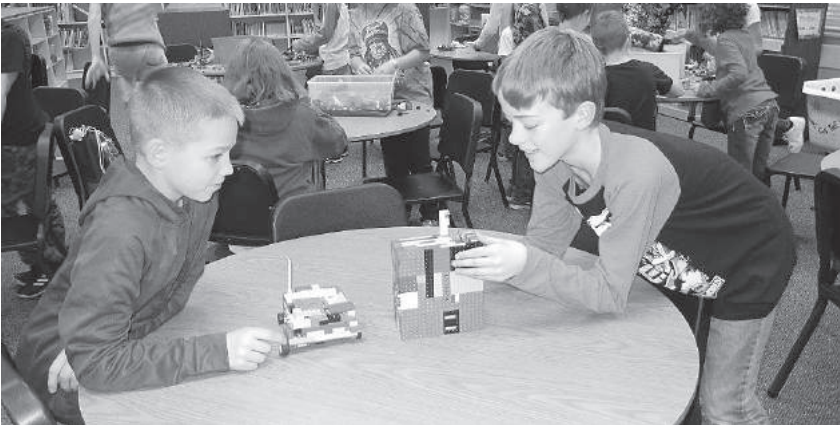
Students enjoy Lego Club together.



Mr. Lockwood builds his Lego piece with students.

Webberville Elementary students enjoying new Lego Club

Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Lockwood and student, Conor Kiernan, Webberville Elementary students are enjoying the new Lego Club. Students began meeting in December, and will meet through Feb. 1. Creativity and comradery are key factors in this newly formed club.



Kaleb and Matthew compare structures during Lego Club.

The Season of Giving! Webberville fifth graders donate to Animal Shelter

Mrs. Cloudman and Ms. Pake’s fifth grade students at Webberville Elementary chose to *give gifts* instead of receive gifts this Christmas! Students and their families brought in donations to benefit the animals at the Ingham County Animal Shelter in Mason.



Officer Kate and her dog, Lunchbox, came to Webberville Elementary School to visit with the students and collect their

special gifts. It was a holiday, heartwarming time for all! Thank you, Webberville STARS!



Senior Spotlight—Reagan Tyler

By Hannah Birkett

Reagan Tyler is the daughter of Stephanie Burns and Randy Tyler, as well as a sister to Mackenzie who graduated in 2017 and Brodee who is in 5th grade at Webberville Elementary School.

Tyler is a bright, caring, and independent person and can cheer anyone up with her great sense of humor.

“No matter what the obstacle, test, or trial at hand, there’s

always time and need for laughter,” said science teacher Stephany Bohlmann.

Throughout high school Tyler has made multiple friendships and memories that are unforgettable. Good friend, junior Ashton Lott, has been friends with Tyler since her freshman year, and has nothing but kind words to say.

“Reagan makes me a better person and pushes me to be the best I can be,” said Lott.

Since kindergarten, Tyler has been involved in softball, basketball, and volleyball and is an outstanding athlete. Besides playing softball, Tyler is involved in class club, prom committee, National Honor Society, student council, volleyball, basketball, FFA, and benchwarmers.

“I have enjoyed coaching Reagan the past three years,” said Softball Coach Bohlmann.

In fact, Tyler has received much recognition in athletics. She was named 1st team volleyball All Conference, All District team softball, 1st team softball All Conference, and recognized with the Defensive Award for softball, Spartan Award for basketball and volleyball, Team Honors and Honorable Mention for basketball.

Tyler plans on attending college at Western Michigan University, Oakland University, or Grand Valley State University, and then pursue a career in dental hygiene.

“I have been interested in dental hygiene since 8th grade, and always loved going to the dentist,” said Tyler.

Tyler has had a great experience over the years and will miss her friends that she has made, but is also excited to graduate. Tyler has some advice she would like share to the underclassmen.

“Try to experience the most out of high school and be positive,” said Tyler.



Among the volunteers honored were, from left, Beverly Zetterholm, Theresa Baker, CJ Lutz, Rev. Jeff Williams, Tina Maurer, Cleo Chase, and Marilyn Thompson.



Also honored were, front row from left: Audrey Force, Bob Bement, Karl Goodroe, Si Bement and Virginia Taschner. Back row from left: Todd Carlisle, John Ray Castillo, Mickie Manley, Beverly Jablonowski, Barb Upleger, Janet Card, Robert Klausing and Ron Harris.

Williamston Area Senior Center thanks volunteers at holiday party

The Williamston Area Senior Center held its annual Christmas Party on Dec. 20. The organization is run primarily by a group of dedicated volunteers. The WASC

board wanted to honor these volunteers with a Secret Santa gift, thanking them for their dedication and commitment to the Williamston Senior Center.

“These volunteers spend many hours sharing their time and talents to make the center a supportive and happy place for seniors to enjoy spending time at,” said Ron Harris, the board president.



Steve Horton Column

Approval of school bond issue was ‘most important’ local news story

In the current issue, we’ve done a ‘Year in Review,’ taking a look back at some of the top news stories in the Fowlerville-Webberville area during 2018. Of the various stories, the most important in my mind was the approval by voters of the \$17.5 million bond issue for capital improvements requested by the Fowlerville Board of Education.

School officials had already obtained a \$3.5 million Energy Conservation Bond that did not require voter approval, so the two sums of money meant that a lot of infrastructure improvements, along with needed renovations, upgrades, added amenities, and modernizing could be done to the buildings and grounds.

This also freed up money in the General Fund to provide staff with salary increases and to make investments in improving and enhancing classroom learning.

When all is said and done, the basics of “reading, writing, and arithmetic” still matter, but so, too, does providing training on computer skills and other cutting-edge technology. But it matters also that the physical premises are kept in good order and appearance and the necessary learning devices and materials be on hand.

The Fowlerville Schools—to borrow that famous phrase of Abraham Lincoln’s—is of the “community, by the community, and for the community.” Nothing else in the Fowlerville community, involves or touches as many local residents—whether it’s the students and parents, the staff, those who attend athletic events or musical concerts, or others who provide some sort of service or product.

Even for those who don’t have or no longer have a direct connection to the day-to-day activities, the campus on the north side of town looms large. A continuum of past, present, and future.

I regard the passage of the bond issue as important for two reasons. One, without that money and what it can accomplish, the physical plant gradually deteriorates and the quality of what’s offered suffers. For lack of a better description, it’s pride of what you have and, thereby, who you are and what you aspire to be and become.

A crumbling parking lot with weeds growing in the crack says one thing, while a new coat of asphalt says another. A leaking roof sends one message, a new covering speaks of commitment.

Put another way, the bond issue was an affirmation to the long view rather than the short-term expediencies.

The second reason is that it (in my view) was a vote-of-confidence in the school system. While everything might not be perfect (what is?) and while there is always grumblings and undertones of discontent, the stakeholders—those directly involved and others less so—indicated their willingness to invest their money in this cause; that cause being the education

of our young people.

I remember all too well when bond issues got turned down back in the “good old days,” namely the 1970s, with the result that portable classrooms sprung up like a shanty town on the outskirts of the main buildings and students had split, half-day sessions.

The world didn’t end for the Fowlerville Community Schools, but it was hardly an ideal situation and the students back then didn’t get the full benefit that they would have with one, shared day of classes and extracurricular activities.

Like most bond issues, the ones put forth to voters had sought a new school building, but also renovations and enhancements to existing buildings and the improvements to the grounds and athletic fields.

Besides the above-mentioned consequences to those issues being rejected, the existing buildings were experiencing problems. One of the most telling was the roof leaking at Smith Elementary when it rained or snow melted.

I was a new reporter when, in 1977, the school board decided to ask voters for a maintenance millage. It sought three additional mills for three years, giving the district a financial shot-in-the-arm, followed by one mill for the next seven years to keep making improvements.

The then superintendent, Robert Hoffman, was leaving, so (with Bob Hoffman’s concurrence) I interviewed assistant superintendent, Charles Brigham. We did a question-and-answer session that was printed in two successive issues, going over the problems and needs, the planned improvements, and also the background of what had happened.

Chuck Brigham had been a high school teacher and coach before moving up the administrative ladder. He was regarded by many, myself included, as a man of honesty and integrity. When he said something, people listened and, more importantly, regarded it as accurate.

The upshot was that the millage passed, improvements were made, and within a couple of years the voters approved a bond issue for a new high school—the building that now houses the junior high.

Since then voters have oked a bond issue to build Kreeger Elementary and two separate and subsequent requests that resulted in the construction and then expansion of the current high school. We’re not the Taj Mahal, but the community has a beautiful school campus that we can be proud of.

I was concerned when the recent \$17.5 million proposal was announced last January because it was the first time since the Great Recession that school officials had made such a request.

“Would voters reject it?” I wondered.

“Would the momentum that had begun with the

passage of the 1977 maintenance millage now falter and would we instead see the gradual erosion of investment in local education?” I also wondered.

Happily, those concerns were alleviated.

Granted, there are many challenges going forward in the goal of educating our local youth and what happens in the classroom determines the outcome. But I think that ‘pride in place’ and community support and shared commitment make those challenges easier to meet.



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Michigan House Report

By Dr. Hank Vaupel,
47nd District

I have recently received some questions regarding HB 4991, so I wanted to provide some insight into this legislation recently passed by the House. In June, the U.S. Supreme Court decided in *South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc.* that states could charge sales tax on purchases made from out-of-state sellers. Because of this decision, Michigan is receiving unexpected sales tax revenue from online sales, and under HB 4991, this additional funding will be used to help clean up contaminated sites and fight PFAS along with boosting local recycling programs.

The apprehension over this legislation was the idea it would hurt school funding due to shifts in revenue streams. I understand the concern, but the Legislature has taken careful steps to protect school funding and make sure the increased investments our schools expect are delivered as promised. The Legislature has been consistently increasing school funding, and it will again reach new record highs this year. The school funding system is complicated, and while this Supreme Court decision raised even more complications, the Legislature is committed to protecting our schools from a setback. This bill will ensure they receive this record funding in full while still devoting additional revenue to cleaning up pollution and fighting PFAS.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas celebrating with your family and friends. As we head into the new year, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve you in Lansing, and I remain committed to working hard for you over the next two years. May you have a safe, happy, and blessed 2019!

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

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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 Senior during our lunch hour.

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

Presentations in January –
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--Thursday, January 3, 2019, have your blood pressure checked by the Willows of Okemos;
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--Thursday, January 17, 2019 we will have a presentation on Advance Directives and Do Not Resituate Orders by Haven in your Home,
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REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES *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 Village of Fowlerville Regular Village Council Meeting was called to order by President Hill, at 7:30 p.m., in the Village Council Chambers.

Trustees present: Bell, Bielous, Copeland, Heath, Helfmann and Schultheis. Absent: None. Also present: Village Clerk/Manager, Kathryn Arledge, Chief of Police, John Tyler and Village Attorney, Gordon Love.

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

MOTION BIELOUS, SECOND HELFMANN, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, CONSISTING OF ITEMS 6a. THROUGH 6.j., AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BIELOUS, SECOND BELL, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO 466, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FOWLERVILLE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES AMENDING CHAPTER 54, ARTICLE VII, DIVISION 3, SMOKING AND TO AMEND THE COMMUNITY SERVICE FROM HOSPICE OR ELDERLY HOME TO JUST READ COMMUNITY SERVICE. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: BIELOUS, BELL, COPELAND, HEATH, HELFMANN, SCHULTHEIS AND HILL. NAY: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BIELOUS, SECOND COPELAND, TO ACCEPT THE 2017/2018 FISCAL YEAR CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT (AUDIT). VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BELL, SECOND HEATH, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 18-34, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2018/2019 FISCAL YEAR GENERAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: BELL, HEATH, SCHULTHEIS, HELFMANN, COPELAND, BIELOUS AND HILL. NAY: NONE. UNANIMOUS

VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION HEATH, SECOND HELFMANN, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 18-35, A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE MICHIGAN, APPROVING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE MAJOR, LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL STREET FUND BUDGETS FOR THE 2018/2019 FISCAL YEAR. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: HEATH, HELFMANN, SCHULTHEIS, COPELAND, BIELOUS, BELL AND HILL. NAY: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION HELFMANN, SECOND BIELOUS, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 18-36, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2018/2019 FISCAL YEAR DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BUDGET AMENDMENTS. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: HELFMANN, BIELOUS, BELL, COPELAND, HEATH, SCHULTHEIS AND HILL. NAY: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION COPELAND, SECOND BELL, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 18-37, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCES AUTHORITY BUDGET AMENDMENTS. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: COPELAND, BELL, BIELOUS, HEATH, HELFMANN, SCHULTHEIS AND HILL.

MOTION HEATH, SECOND BIELOUS, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 18-38, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2018/2019 FISCAL YEAR K-9 PROGRAM BUDGET AMENDMENT. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: HEATH, BIELOUS, SCHULTHEIS, HELFMANN, COPELAND, BELL, AND HILL. NAY: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BIELOUS, SECOND HELFMANN, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 467, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 346, REGARDING ZONING. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: BIELOUS, HELFMANN,

SCHULTHEIS, HEATH, COPELAND, BELL AND HILL. NAY: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BIELOUS, SECOND HEATH, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 468, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 346, REGARDING ZONING. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: BIELOUS, HEATH, BELL, COPELAND, HELFMANN, SCHULTHEIS AND HILL. NAY: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BIELOUS, SECOND SCHULTHEIS, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO 469, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FOWLERVILLE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 62, ARTICLE II, SECTION 62-67 THEREOF. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: BIELOUS, SCHULTHEIS, HELFMAN, HEATH, COPELAND, BELL AND HILL. NAY: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BIELOUS, SECOND HELFMANN, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO 470, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FOWLERVILLE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES AMENDING CHAPTER 18, BUSINESSES. AYE: BIELOUS, HELFMANN, SCHULTHEIS, HEATH, COPELAND, BELL AND HILL. NAY: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BIELOUS, SECOND SCHULTHEIS, TO APPROVE THE QUIT CLAIM DEED BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE AND THE FOWLERVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: BIELOUS, SCHULTHEIS, HELFMAN, HEATH, BELL, COPELAND AND HILL. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BIELOUS, SECOND COPELAND, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:53P.M., VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

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