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## Fowlerville man collects old artifacts; donates part of collection to library

By Ashlee Buhler

For decades, Raymond Bessert has been uncovering pieces of Fowlerville's historical past. It all began in the late 1960's with a metal detector and a passion for discovering old artifacts. The rest, as they say, is history.

Throughout his life, Bessert, 79, has found and identified many different Native American tools, arrowheads and other local items. Many of these were uncovered in Handy Township within a mile of the Cedar River, near Wheeler and Cedar roads.

"He likes to go around old houses that might have been a log cabin or a homestead at one time," said Ruth Bessert, Raymond's wife of 56 years. "Over time things get turned up if there were fields in the area."

According to Ruth, her husband has always had a good eye and a knack for finding things. One time while metal detecting in Grayling, he found a class ring for Cass City and was able to locate its owner with the help of a friend in the area.

"He does it for a hobby, but he really loves doing it," she said. "He's always searching and picking up things to see what he can do with it. If he thinks something is really old he will hang onto it."

Bessert's large collection of artifacts include children's toys made from cast iron, clay pipe stems, sleigh bells, horse shoes, ox shoes, axe heads, Indian head pennies and coins from the 1840's – just to name a few. Bessert has even found the heel of a women's leather shoe that he believes is from the late 1800's.

Bessert said some of the artifacts



Raymond Bessert shows a display of small artifacts he has found over the years, including the arms and heads to dolls, clay pipe stems, buckles, buttons, and sleigh bells. On the bottom of the case is a real clay pipe that he bought for \$2 in Kentucky.

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By Beth Lowe

Did You know that **Libraries Rock?**

**Libraries Rock** is this year’s Summer Reading Program theme. And on that note, let me tell you about this past week at the Fowlerville District Library. We served approximately 350 patrons every day this week! We are so excited to see how well-used our new location is!

Monday set the **rhythm** for the week. We started the first of our fitness literacy classes Monday evening. John Noonan a certified Mixed Martial Arts instructor and our very own Ms. Audrey demonstrated and co-led Yoga Fitness Self Defense class!

The Library picked up the **pace** and started our weekly Summer Reading Program groups this week. Mrs. D’s Preschoolers learned about rhythm with *Farmyard Beat* by Lindsay Craig and then created cute little chickies! The Teens got ‘schooled’ the Tuesday Teen Film Festival watching *School of Rock* and participating in our *Empire Records* Breakout. edu Event! The teens have bragging rights wearing their “I Escaped the Library” pins, an FDL exclusive design!

The Weekly Wednesdays groups combined guest **star**; Michigan author and artist, Ruth McNally Barshaw with an art project. The weekly groups not only got to hear about how Ruth comes up with her ideas, they got to work alongside her in their own journals and make pet rocks to take home.

Thursday picked up the **tempo**. We hosted the Salvation Army’s Summer Lunch Bunch and in the evening Wayne State University instructor, Kimberly Schroeder, presented about her Detroit Music Oral History project.

The **beat** didn’t slow down on Friday either! Friday brought great weather and a **ROCKING** turn out to the first Movie on the Lawn of the season where we showed *SING* to a packed lawn.

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**Fowlerville Band Boosters once again hosting Bingo during fair week**

The Fowlerville Band Boosters will once again be hosting Bingo at the Fowlerville Family Fair. The games will take place in the Bingo Pavilion, located in the northwest corner of the midway. Bingo takes place Monday, July 23, thru Saturday, July 28, from noon to 11 p.m. each day.

Cost is 25 cents for one card, 50 cents for three cards, and \$1 for seven cards with three coverall games, each of them with a guaranteed minimum pot of \$20.

New this year is a 50/50 raffle for \$1 per ticket with the drawing to be held on Sunday, July 29. You need not be present to win.

Proceeds from the Bingo at the fair go towards purchasing band uniforms and music, funding scholarships, instrument repair, and private lesson reimbursement.

Come join us in a cool, shaded place while your kids are on the midway.

**Rep. Vaupel’s annual summer reading contest for students now underway**

State Rep. Hank Vaupel of Fowlerville is holding his annual summer reading contest for students first through fifth grade. The contest concludes Sept. 1, where the winners will be invited to Lansing to be “Rep. for a Day.”

“I am excited to host this reading program for the young people of our community,” Rep. Vaupel said. “Studies show reading over the summer helps students with learning retention, preparing them for the following school year. It also provides a great opportunity for our youth to learn about the legislative process and how their government works.”

To enter, students must fill out a special contest bookmark with 10 books they have read over the summer. The bookmarks can be found at the Howell, Hartland, and Fowlerville libraries, and there is no limit to the number of entries. The winners will be randomly drawn and invited to Lansing with their families to serve with Rep. Vaupel as “Rep. for a Day.”

Questions related to the contest or other state issues should be directed to Rep. Vaupel’s office by calling (517) 373-8835 or by email at [HankVaupel@house.mi.gov](mailto:HankVaupel@house.mi.gov).



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*A special Thank-you to everyone that participated in the parade, to all who made donations on the 4th of July, and to those who support our fundraising efforts during the year. It is your donations that make the 4th of July fireworks show possible every year. We hope you enjoyed the show and hope to see you next year, hopefully with cooler weather!*





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**The Rusty Wright Blues Band to perform in Downtown Howell July 20**

The Rusty Wright Blues Band will perform in Downtown Howell on Friday, July 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. The band is next up in the Concerts in the Courthouse musical series that takes place at the Historic Courthouse at 200 E. Grand River.

This perennially popular program is presented free of charge by the Livingston Arts Council throughout the summer and features rock, folk and blues entertainment at the outdoor family (and pet)-friendly venue. Pack a blanket, lawn chair, and a few snacks, or come early and eat at one of Howell's many downtown restaurants before enjoying the evening's entertainment with family, friends and neighbors.

The Rusty Wright Blues Band is called "easily the best blues band Michigan has produced in the past 10 years." For Rusty Wright, it's "all about the moment," commanding the stage to deliver the musical heat, the infectious grooves and penetratingly sincere songs that have earned the Michigan native an international audience and recognition as a Master Blues Artist in the International Blues Hall of Fame®.

Formed in 2004, the band's second public performance was opening for Lynyrd Skynyrd at an outdoor amphitheatre in pouring rain with lightning crashing nearby. The crowd of 4000+ rewarded them with a standing ovation and became the nucleus of the band's ultra loyal Midwest following. In the years since, The Rusty Wright Band has expanded their audience to encompass three continents.

Those who've seen Wright and his top-drawer band – wife and singer-guitarist Laurie Wright, drummer Chris America and bassist Nic Allen – perform live will attest to the outfit's razor-tight, explosive delivery of inventive blues songs. The band's innovative sound is a hot rod fusing of Texas and Chicago-style blues, swinging boogie and Southern rock, with a twist of Motor City grit.

It's that rare combination (along with Wright's trademark, flowing white hair and eye-popping guitar leads) that commands immediate attention. Wright's fearless approach to music has cultivated growing legions of loyal fans and has driven Wright since he first started exploring the wonder of music, from blues and country to early rock 'n' roll to "the long-hair" stuff of the Allman Brothers and Lynyrd Skynyrd.

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

**Caregiver Support Group meeting on July 18 at Catholic Charities center**

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



**Livingston County Comments**

**By: Doug Helzerman,  
District 4  
Commissioner**

It was good to see so many at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades in Gregory and Fowlerville. A special thanks to all who helped organize and bring together such a large group in a safe and positive way. I'm proud to be an American and part of a free society where we may all have space to worship, speak, and gather as we think is good.

There has been some question raised about the revolving tax fund balance of 42 million dollars. Each family and business has its own sense of how large a "nest egg" or "rainy-day fund" should be. Let me give you an overview of how Livingston County uses this fund and what steps we take to make sure it is not too large. The first purpose of this money is to loan it to local taxing units equal to the amount of revenue that has not been paid by the due date. This is so that schools, local governments, etc. may have a predictable cash flow to operate as though all taxes had been paid on time. This year that amount was 8 million dollars. During the recent recession, the need was 24 million.

Sixteen million dollars of this fund is earmarked to pay for the jail. Local government units can request to bond projects, such as the Fowlerville sewage treatment plant, through the county and get the best interest rates using the fund and the full faith and credit of the county, saving thousands of dollars in interest over the life of the loan. Thirty-five million dollars of such debt is backed by this fund.

We have asked an outside auditing agent to assess the size of our cushion to get an independent view on what is the minimum level to keep the county's AAA bond rating as well.

Wednesday the Juvenile Court came to us with a request to increase their budget by 225,000 dollars because the number of minors who could not be placed in foster homes rose from 5 youngsters to 9. This sounds like lot for just four people, but these will have to be put in special state-licensed facilities because of a variety of reasons, behavior or other needs, costing at least \$300 per day and their stay averages one year. The state will pay 50% of this but only if the county budgets for the full amount.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the Fowlerville Family Fair. Please stop and say "hello". Have a safe and wonderful summer with family and friends!

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# Michigan House Report

By Dr. Hank Vaupel,  
47<sup>nd</sup> District

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services recently announced it has seen an increase in bats testing positive for rabies. They reported 38 cases of animal rabies in Michigan for 2017, and most instances involved bats or skunks. Since bats are more active during the warm summer months, it is especially important to be aware of potential risks and avoid contact with wild animals. If you are bitten or scratched, then seek medical attention immediately and contact your local health department.

Also keep in mind the safety of your pets. Even if they only live indoors, ensure they are vaccinated against rabies, and contact your veterinarian as soon as possible if they come in contact with a wild animal. If you notice a wild animal acting strange, then you can report it to the Department of Natural Resources by calling 517-336-5030. You can find more information at Michigan.gov/rabies.

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The Hartland Area Chamber of Commerce held its monthly Lunch and Learn this past Thursday, and I was honored to present a legislative update. I discussed steps the Legislature has taken to address career preparedness, school safety, infrastructure, and local economic growth and sustainment to

## Village Council approves wage agreements with Police & DPW unions

By Steve Horton

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. Part time police officers are paid under a different criteria.

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.

The 2018-2019 Village budget started on July 1 and a little over \$6100 in additional wages had already been factored into the anticipated expenditures for the coming fiscal year.

In other business, council heard a report from Jim Mayhew on the recent Fowlerville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. Mayhew, a longtime member of the volunteer committee that puts on the event under the auspices of the Village, said that over \$9,200 was raised in donations from the public during the parade and prior to the fireworks.

“That’s down slightly from the record \$9,400 we raised last year on July 4<sup>th</sup>,” said Mayhew. “Given the hot temperature we had that day, we had a pretty good turn out.”

He thanked everyone for their “help and support.”

Police Chief John Tyler noted that he got “good response” from the public about having the barricades set up along both sides of Grand River in the Downtown Business District. “It kept the kids back,” he added.

Council Trustee Mary Helfmann, who is also on the organizing committee, said that she also heard “good feedback” about the event. She complimented the police department and the DPW on once again “doing a good job.”

Helfmann pointed out that 16 years ago when she came on council and became involved in the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration, donations from the public for the fireworks were around \$2,200. “Now we’re raising over four times that amount,” she pointed out.

name a few. I also shared some of the things I am currently working on, such as finding ways to reduce Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, fighting for transparency in prescription drug prices, and addressing mental health needs. Thank you to the Hartland Chamber for hosting the event and inviting me to share what has been happening in Lansing.

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I have been taking advantage of the legislative in-district period to visit local businesses throughout the district. I appreciated the opportunity to talk with job providers, managers, and workers in Hartland, Howell, Fowlerville, and Gregory. They offered some very good ideas, and we discussed possible solutions to issues they are facing. One of the most common problems brought up was the need for more workers. Businesses across the district are seeking qualified people to fill positions in their organizations.

This is a serious issue we have been working on in the Legislature, and the House recently passed legislation to encourage interest in skilled trades and promote employment preparation opportunities. We need to ensure our young people are well equipped for their future jobs and are given the best opportunities for success.

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As a reminder, I unfortunately have had to cancel this week’s coffee hours due to pre-existing commitments. Regularly scheduled office hours will return in August, but in the meantime, please feel free to reach out to my office with any questions or thoughts. I would love to hear from you!

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# Lee Hamilton Column

There aren't many people who would argue that Congress is working well these days. It's been 24 years since it passed a comprehensive budget without resorting to omnibus bills. It can't pass health-care legislation. Its members talk about the desperate need for a new infrastructure bill, but can't even get one drafted.

It's unable to produce immigration reform. It's facing a host of issues on the environment, education, trade, the concentration of wealth and economic power, war powers and our entanglements abroad — and it can't find common ground or develop a consensus around solutions to any of them.

How did we get here? How did the House and the Senate — which these days can only be called “the world’s greatest deliberative body” with ironic air-quotes — become so frustratingly unproductive?

There's no single answer, of course. Partisanship and polarization among politicians and the American people as a whole have made honest negotiation and compromise politically fraught. A lot of members simply don't believe in government, and oppose government action. Many are content to defer to the president.

We have a presidential administration beset by internal problems, vacancies, and cabinet appointees struggling to perform effectively. This at the same time that very few voices in Congress speak up for sustaining its role as a co-equal branch of government — let alone for congressional dynamism and policy leadership.

Of course, it's hard to be effective when you don't work very hard at legislating. You can't explore the complexities of the issues that need addressing, build consensus, or hammer out legislation when you're so concerned with raising money and pursuing re-election that you put in only a three-day legislative work week.

At its current law-making pace, one pundit noted recently, Congress has “a real chance at being the least productive legislature since the 32nd, from 1851 to 1853.” This is a far cry from the government envisioned by our Founders, who believed that Congress should drive federal action.

In the end, it's hard to avoid faulting the congressional leadership. To be sure, there are a lot of members who no longer really identify with the body in which they serve. They rhetorically separate themselves from the institution. They identify with their party, or with special interest groups they support, but not with Congress itself. And so they don't seem to carry any sense of responsibility for its functioning.

But it's leadership's task to turn that around. Congress has never been easy to corral, but strong leaders (and I have seen many of them) have always understood that they had to work in the environment they were given. They were able to make Congress work.

There's a list of procedural and structural reforms that might help — stopping the three-day work week, strengthening committees, following the traditional order, campaign finance

reform, and nonpartisan redistricting that would lead to more competitive congressional seats. But really what needs to happen is that the leadership must let the House and Senate — the full House and Senate — work their wills on the major political issues of the day. These days, leaders usually do their utmost to avoid this.

Putting power back in the hands of ordinary members may seem counter-intuitive when just above I suggested that Congress needs strong leaders. It does — just not leaders who manipulate the process to get the results that they themselves, or some faction of their caucuses, want to see.

Rather, we need leaders who enable members of the Congress to vote on the major issues of the day. This means leadership that recognizes that Congress is filled with diverse and often conflicting opinions, and that to represent and serve the American people as intelligently and effectively as possible, members should vote on the clear-cut and specific issues of most concern to Americans.

Instead, too often today the leadership blocks the full House and Senate from working their respective wills on major legislation. This should end.

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## *Michigan DNR Fishing Tip--* **Fishing with Crankbaits**

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**Buoyancy**-- Crankbaits with less buoyancy are better suited for water with minimal cover and clean bottoms while those with more buoyancy are better for fishing around cover.

Crankbaits can be a great lure option when targeting walleyes, bass or muskellunge (among other species). Consider trying one out during your next fishing trip!

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# Catfish & Bullheads part of Michigan’s fishing choices

## CHANNEL CATFISH

**IDENTIFICATION:** Channel cats, with its deeply forked tail, are the most popular of the catfish. Two dorsal fins including one adipose fin, barbels (whisker-like sensory organ) around the mouth, slender body with speckled sides.

**FISHING:** Found nearly statewide, channel cats inhabit both lakes and streams. They are typically pursued by anglers using live, dead or cut bait, though anglers have long used all manner of bait presented on the bottom -- cheese, shrimp, liver, spawn -- or commercially prepared blood or scent baits. The best fishing periods for channel catfish are from dusk until midnight or when water levels are rising (i.e., after rains have washed food into the lake or stream).

**DIET:** Typically thought of as bottom scavengers, catfish are highly evolved predators with barbels that serve as sensory organs, catfish are often attracted by scent.

**LIFE HISTORY:** In the late spring or early summer, male channel catfish build nests in dark, secluded areas such as underwater holes or undercut banks, log jams or rocks. The female leaves the nest soon after depositing the eggs, while the male stays behind to protect and fan the eggs. The eggs hatch in five to 10 days. Fry normally remain in the nest, protected by the male catfish, for about seven days after hatching.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Channel catfish live in all Great Lakes but Superior, inland lakes and medium to large rivers. They are most common in the southern half of the Lower Peninsula. In rivers, young channel catfish generally are found in shallow riffles. Adult catfish typically inhabit deep pools with log jams or rocks for cover during the day and move into shallow water at night.

Most channel catfish reach sexual maturity at five to eight years of age. They are capable of living more than 15 years, and individuals up to 24 years of age have been reported. In productive waters, channel catfish often grow to over 30 inches and weigh more than 10 pounds. The current state record channel catfish weighed 40 pounds.

Their impressive size and high quality flesh make these catfish deservedly popular as a sport fish. They are also of significant commercial value, especially to fishermen of Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie.

## FLATHEAD CATFISH

**IDENTIFICATION:** Can vary in color from dark brown to yellowish. Unlike channel catfish and others, it does not have a forked tail. Protruding lower jaw. Can reach Michigan record weights of 50+ pounds.

**FISHING:** Flatheads are caught mostly on live bait fish and only occasionally on cut or prepared baits. They shelter in cover of submerged logs or other large structures. After dark is prime fishing time for catching flathead catfish.

**DIET:** Unlike other catfish, flathead catfish feed on only live prey. Adult flathead catfish are ambush predators, seeking out other smaller fish. However, the introduced population in the Flint River system was found to prey largely on crayfish.

**LIFE HISTORY:** Sexual maturity is at 3-7 years, and is earlier in males. Spawning occurs in late spring when water temperatures reach 21 to 27 degrees celsius. One or both parents excavate a nest that is usually made in a natural cavity or near a large submerged object. Females lay a mass of up to 100,000 eggs. Males guard the nest and agitate the eggs to keep them clean and aerated. The young remain in a school near the nest for several days after hatching, but soon disperse. Flathead catfish can live up to 28 years.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Found in large rivers, streams, inland lakes and Great Lakes, usually over hard bottoms. They prefer deep, sluggish pools, with logs and other submerged debris that can be used as cover. Young flathead catfish live in rocky or sandy runs in the river and in riffles, often under stones on riffles.

## BROWN BULLHEAD

**IDENTIFICATION:** Two dorsal fins including one adipose fin, tail only slightly notched barbels around mouth. Can be distinguished from other bullhead species by the black to yellowish-brown chin barbels, regular saw-like barbels on the pelvic spines, and the presence of 21 to 24 rays in the anal fin.

**FISHING:** Brown bullhead live in lakes, ponds and slow-moving rivers. They are most common in shallow water, on or near a soft bottom with lots of vegetation, but they have been found as deep as 40 feet. Anglers generally fish on the bottom with worms or nightcrawlers. A word of warning; bullheads have sharp spines on their dorsal and pectoral fins and should be handled with care.

**DIET:** Brown bullhead are nocturnal bottom feeders. Their diet varies depending on food availability and includes algae, plants, mollusks, insects, fish eggs and fish. They may compete for food with other bottom-feeding fish. Bullheads, especially when young, are eaten by muskellunge, northern pike, walleye, flathead catfish and other predatory fish.

**LIFE HISTORY:** Brown bullhead spawn in the late spring

or early summer, in nests or cavities prepared in mud, sand or gravel. These nests are usually located near a log, vegetation or some other form of protection. One or both parents care for the eggs, since they must be diligently fanned and stirred. In a week or so, the eggs hatch and young emerge, looking very much like tadpoles. Their parents accompany them until they reach about two inches in length.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Brown bullhead usually reach sexual maturity at three years of age, and their life span rarely exceeds six to eight years. The average adult brown bullhead is only eight to 14 inches long and weighs about one pound. The current state record brown bullhead weighed 3.8 pounds.

They are easy and fun to catch, and their flesh is delicious. It can be prepared in the kitchen in a number of ways, and is also good when smoked.

## BLACK BULLHEAD

**IDENTIFICATION:** Dark olive to black in color, with a pale underside. Slightly forked tail. Gray or black barbels. Scaleless and 8 to 10 inches in length. Fin spines sharp, but smooth.

**FISHING:** After the spring thaw, these hungry scavengers are ready to bite. Simple equipment is the key. Use long-shanked hooks and needle-nosed pliers to more easily retrieve bait, or just snip the line and retrieve your hook at cleaning time. Gloves or a rag will help prevent “stings” from their barbels. Nightcrawlers or cut bait work best. Find shallow lake bays or river eddies to target bullheads. Weight your bait to rest on the bottom.

**DIET:** Able to thrive in murky waters with lower oxygen, they will eat almost anything, from plant matter to insects, dead or living fish, and crustaceans. Black bullheads have no scales; instead, they have about 100,000 taste receptors all over their bodies, many of which are on barbels near their mouths. The receptors help the fish to identify food in their dark habitats. During the winter, black bullhead’s appetite decreases, and may stop eating altogether.

**LIFE HISTORY:** Bullheads begin to spawn as the summer hits and waters warm. Black bullheads prefer the muddy bottoms. The females form shallow saucer-shaped depressions in the bottom by waving their lower fins. Nests are usually next to hollow logs, rocks or brush. Females deposit around 4,000 eggs that are then fertilized by the male. Both the male and female protect the nest and eggs. Hatching usually occurs in five to 10 days depending on the water temperature. Small clouds of bullhead fry travel the shoreline as the parents circle the school to keep them together for about 2 weeks, then the young are on their own. The fish mature in three to four years.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Bullheads are probably best known for the sting that can result from careless handling, which is actually a cut from their sharp edged fin barbels.



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<b>July 24, 2018</b>	<b>January 22, 2019</b>
<b>August 14, 2018</b>	<b>February 5, 2019</b>
<b>August 28, 2018</b>	<b>February 19, 2019</b>
<b>September 4, 2018</b>	<b>March 12, 2019</b>
<b>September 18, 2018</b>	<b>April 9, 2019</b>
<b>October 9, 2018</b>	<b>April 23, 2019</b>
<b>October 23, 2018</b>	<b>May 7, 2019</b>
<b>November 13, 2018 *</b>	<b>May 21, 2019</b>
<b>November 20, 2018</b>	<b>June 4, 2019</b>
<b>November 27, 2018 *</b>	<b>June 11, 2019</b>
<b>December 4, 2018</b>	<b>June 18, 2019**</b>
<b>December 18, 2018</b>	

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# Steve Horton Column

**Remembering Charlie Gehringer on the occasion of his widow's death**

I was perusing the sports section of The Detroit News a week ago Saturday—July 7<sup>th</sup> to be precise—when I spotted the headline: “Gehringer’s widow dies at 100.” The kicker above it noted: “Josephine Gehringer/1918-2018.”

The Gehringer being referred to was Charlie, the Tigers Hall-of-Famer who played as a second baseman for the Detroit ball club from 1924 thru 1942 and finished with a lifetime batting average of .320. His banner year came in 1937, at age 34, when he hit a league-leading .371 and was named as the American League’s MVP for that season. He was a key member of teams that won the American League pennants in 1934, 1935, and 1940, with the ’35 squad winning the World Series.

Charlie—who grew up on the family farm on Layton Road, south of town— got his start on the ball fields of Fowlerville and surrounding communities prior to attending the University of Michigan and then joining the Tiger organization.

For many years, both during his career and long afterwards, Fowlerville was famous as “Charlie Gehringer’s hometown.” He was a source of community pride and, for all of us would-be Major Leaguers playing in Little League or then high school ball, his example was an inspiration. We clung to the hope that we, too, could reach those heights.

Well, none of us have, as yet, enjoyed a stellar career in professional baseball comparable to his, but it’s still fun—even 15 years after his death in 1993 at age 89—to continue basking in the afterglow of our famous native son.

The writer who did The News story used information from the obituary, along with information from an interview Mrs. Gehringer did in 2014 with Hour Detroit magazine. He put together a nice feature.

The article noted that “Charlie and Josephine Gehringer married when Charlie was 46 and seven years removed from his 19-year pro career,” adding that he “married later in life because he cared for his mother” who was a diabetic and had difficulty getting around. She had been widowed when Charlie’s father died in 1924.

To clarify this a bit more, the newspaper account noted that Gehringer once said, “I might’ve married sooner than I did but I couldn’t see bringing a wife into that kind of situation.”

So, he took care of his mother throughout his playing career, continuing to do so until her death in 1946, and didn’t want to burden a wife with that responsibility. Those two things tell you something of the kind of person he was.

But there’s more.

Mrs. Gehringer, in her magazine interview, said that they had met in 1948 and then were married in 1949. She added that the first date, along with subsequent ones were to Tiger ball games.

What further illuminates Gehringer’s approach to life was his decision not to attend his induction into the Hall-of-Fame in Cooperstown, New York since it was occurring at the same time as the marriage—already scheduled to take place in San Jose, California. Gehringer explained that “he didn’t want anything to distract from the wedding.”

This anecdote reminded me of another story, one I published in a 1985 issue of the News & Views. I happened to be tuned into a sports talk show that was broadcast on WJR, the Detroit radio station, when the host announced that Charlie Gehringer would be up next. While his appearance was to promote the upcoming charity golf tournament that he and Al Kaline (another Tiger Hall-of-Famer) hosted on an annual basis in those years, the host used the opportunity to ask Charlie questions about his career and his impressions of other baseball stars of that era, including Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, and Lefty Grove.

The interview gave evidence as to why one his nicknames was the ‘Silent Knight’—the two others being ‘The Fowlerville Flash’ in reference to his hometown and ‘The Mechanical Man’ in tribute to his consistent hitting and fielding skills.

His answers to the various questions were, to say the least, not overly long. Although he did provide a few details on ‘the good old days’, he didn’t elaborate at any great length.

One of his answers, however, did clear up the question as to why he used right-handed golf clubs despite being a left-handed hitter.

“I played golf left handed when I first started,” Gehringer said, “but when my hometown fans of Fowlerville had a celebration in my honor at the stadium, they brought me



This photo is of Josephine and Charlie Gehringer. Josephine died on Sunday, July 1, at age 100. Charlie, the Detroit Tiger Hall-of-Famer and native of Fowlerville, had preceded her in death in 1993 at age 89.

down a beautiful set of Spaulding woods (for right-handers) and a fancy leather bag and I said, ‘Well I don’t have much to lose, I’ll try it.’”

Since hearing this story, I’ve always wondered which member of the tribute committee, given the assignment of buying the clubs, failed to pay attention to this rather pertinent fact—that he swung a bat from the left side. But that’s beside the point—then and now.

The main point in my mind is that Gehringer—rather than trade in the clubs for a left-handed set or in any way appear less than grateful for the gift or in any way make a fuss—decided to learn to hit the golf ball from the right side.

It speaks of the kind of guy who would skip a Hall-of-Fame induction so as not to disrupt his bride’s big day, or who would not put a wife into the situation of having to take care of his mother, or who would put aside his own considerations and accept the responsibility of supporting his mother.

Josephine, in her magazine interview, when asked ‘On life with Charlie,’ replied, “We were together for 44 years. We had a very happy life. Communication is what kept us together. He was easy to live with.”

I’m guessing that his being considerate also played a part.

Our hometown hero made us proud for his feats on the baseball field and an illustrious sports career that is still recognized and applauded. Still, maybe the real inspiration and source of pride is the kind of man he was off the playing field. True, he was ‘The Mechanical Man’, but also a man of character.

**Fowlerville Fire Department Report**

Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:10 a.m. the department was dispatched to a medical call on Hibbard Street in the Village. Personnel assisted EMS on James Drive in Handy Township at 4:10 p.m.

Firefighters extinguished a small grass fire on Mason Road in Iosco Township at 5:17 p.m., Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. A medical emergency on Ann Street in the Village was reported at 8:08 p.m. and at 9:48 p.m. firefighters were called to investigate an open fire on Mason Road in Handy Township.

Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10:17 a.m. the department assisted at a medical emergency on Allen Road in Handy Township and at 4:09 p.m. responded to a medical call on Alans Drive in Handy Township.

A medical emergency on Ann Street in the Village was reported at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Personnel assisted at a medical emergency on Greenbrier Street in the Village at 1:56 a.m. Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and responded to a medical call on Bettys Blvd. in Handy Township at 6:27 p.m.

Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 p.m. the department assisted the ambulance on Sargent Road in Handy Township.

Firefighters were dispatched to assist at a medical call on Collins Street in the Village at 7:55 a.m., Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. A second call to a medical emergency on Layton Road in Handy Township was received at 9:32 a.m. The Department assisted at a medical emergency on Gehringer Drive in the Village at 11:55 a.m. At 3:13 p.m. firefighters responded to assist the Perry Area Fire Department at a large grass fire in Shiawassee County. A dispatch to a medical emergency on Fowlerville Road in Handy Township was received at 5:55 p.m. and at 7:20 p.m. assisted at a medical emergency on Grand River in Handy Township.





# Michigan Senate Report

By Joe Hune,  
22<sup>nd</sup> District

### Affordable Car Insurance for Our Seniors

The burden of high-priced car insurance weighs heavily on most Michigan families, but this is especially true for our seniors. This past spring, my colleague Sen. Rick Jones and I introduced legislation to address the high premiums caused by Michigan’s unlimited personal injury protection (PIP) coverage. This type of coverage is currently required by Michigan law for every driver, including those on Medicare. Furthermore, Michigan is the only state that does not have a cap for PIP coverage.

Senate Bill 787, sponsored by Jones, would directly address the financial hardship that unlimited PIP coverage can cause for senior citizens on a fixed income.

The bill would allow individuals over the age of 65 to select affordable car insurance plans with coverage ceilings that work in conjunction with their already available Medicare benefits. Medicare does not currently coordinate with Michigan auto insurance policies, and so our seniors are effectively paying twice for the same coverage.

Because of the increasingly expensive medical care involved in PIP claims, car insurance rates continue to rise. SB 787 would permit seniors to choose an auto insurance policy with capped PIP coverage, while simultaneously allowing Medicare to cover any medical expenses past the limit in the event of a catastrophic accident. Michigan is currently the only state that denies seniors the ability to use their coverage in this way.

Passing this bill would be a major step toward reforming our state’s car insurance system. We need to do something to protect our senior citizens from absurdly high car insurance rates. Michigan’s seniors have worked hard their whole lives, and making sure they can drive affordably is the right thing to do.

Although this is a very complex issue that will need more time and effort to tackle, we have been working hard to make positive changes for Michigan consumers. This bill, like SB1014, which I authored, is a good step forward in protecting our drivers from the unfair costs of car insurance.

As always, if you have any questions or need information,

please contact my office toll-free at 855-JOE-HUNE or email my office at [SenJHune@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenJHune@senate.michigan.gov) and my staff will be happy to assist you. My website, [www.SenatorJoeHune.com](http://www.SenatorJoeHune.com), is also a good resource.

## Foster Care informational meeting being held on July 16

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



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

- Anyone 60 years of age or older
- Anyone who expects to be absent from the community during the times the polls are open on Election day
- Anyone physically unable to attend the Polls without assistance
- Because of tenets of your religion
- Anyone appointed to work as a Precinct Election Inspector
- Anyone that is in jail awaiting arraignment or trial

If you have already filled out your application and submitted it to the Clerk's office, your ballot will be mailed to you when they are available.

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St. Agnes office hours: Monday thru Thursday 8am-4pm; Friday 8am-12noon. For the full schedule of events, visit our parish calendar at this link: <http://parishcalendar.com:8080/4/4447/>

\*\*\*Sunday Summer Mass Schedule: Saturday 4:30pm. Sunday 8:30am and 10:30am.

\*\*\*Weekday Communion Service Schedule: Monday and Tuesday morning at 9:00am in the Chapel.

\*\*\*Weekday Mass Schedule: A blessed way to bolster your ‘Spirit Fitness’! Wednesday evening at 6:30pm, Thursday and Friday morning at 8:00am.

\*\*\*Casino Bus Trip: Firekeeper’s Casino in Battle Creek on July 24. Cost is \$35 and includes round trip bus transportation, \$20 free slot play and \$5 to use toward dining, slot play or gift shop. Indulge in a free hot breakfast beginning at 9:00am in our LPC prior to leaving. Departure at 10:00am and anticipated return at 5:15pm. Call the parish office for more info or to reserve your seat!

\*\*\*Adoration: A great opportunity to thank Jesus for the blessings in your life! Monday at 6:30pm, Tuesday at 6:00pm, and Wednesday at 7:00pm.

\*\*\*His Merciful Heart Prayer Group: Praise the Lord every Tuesday evening at 7:30pm in RE 6.

\*\*\*Reconciliation: Every Wednesday at 7:00pm-8:00pm. Every Saturday at 3:00-3:45pm.

\*\*\*Rosary Warriors: Every Thursday at 10:00am in the Chapel.


\*\*\*Men’s Bible Study: Meets July 5 from 7:00-8:30pm in the LPC Youth Room.

\*\*\*Welcome Table: Every Thursday evening at 6:00pm in our LPC. Great home cooking!

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Fowlerville Community Schools Parents/Guardians

2018-2019 School Year



Non-Discrimination Policy  
and Complaint Procedure

It is the policy of the Board of Education that the District will not discriminate against any person based on sex, race, color, national origin, religion, height, weight, marital status, handicap, age, or disability. The District reaffirms its long-standing policy of compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination.

The Assistant Superintendent is appointed the Civil Rights Coordinator regarding complaints of discrimination involving employment, educational services, programs and activities. Inquiries or complaints by employees, students and/or their parent(s)/guardian(s) related to discrimination based on disability/handicap, sex, race, color, national origin, religion, height, weight, age, or marital status should be directed to:

The Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
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In the event a complaint is against the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, the complaint should be directed to The Superintendent of Schools at the above address. In the event a complaint is against the Superintendent of Schools, the complaint should be directed to The Vice-President of the Board of Education at the above address.

The Civil Rights Coordinators, as specified herein, are designated to receive and resolve complaints from any person who believes that he/she may have been discriminated against in violation of this policy. Any person who believes he/she has been discriminated against in violation of this policy should file a written complaint with the Civil Rights Coordinator within ten (10) calendar days of the alleged violation. The Civil Rights Coordinator will take, then, the following action: **First**, cause an investigation of the complaint to be commenced. **Second**, arrange for a meeting to occur with the complainant, which may include School District staff who are knowledgeable of the facts and circumstances of the particular complaint or who have particular expertise that will assist in resolving the complaint. **Third**, complete the investigation of the complaint and provide, in writing, a reply to the complainant. If the Civil Rights Coordinator determines that a violation has occurred, he/she shall propose a fair resolution of the complaint and deliver the determination to the complainant and the Superintendent. In the event the complaint is against the Superintendent, a copy of the determination shall be delivered to the President of the Board of Education.

The complainant may **appeal** the determination of the Civil Rights Coordinator or Board Vice-President to the Superintendent, or, in the case of a complaint against the Superintendent, to the President of the Board, by so notifying the Superintendent or Board President in writing within the (10) calendar days of the Civil Rights Coordinator’s determination. The Superintendent or Board President may conduct additional investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding the complaint.

The Superintendent, or Board President in the case of a complaint against the Superintendent, shall affirm or reverse the Civil Rights Coordinator’s decision and, if warranted, implement the Civil Rights Coordinator’s proposed resolution or a modification thereof. The Superintendent or Board President’s decision shall be final.

The Board Vice-President or President may elect to secure the services of an outside party to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding any complaint against the Superintendent.

Upon completion of, or at any point in, the grievance process, complainants have the right to file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights, US Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20201. The complainant should first be directed to the following address:

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The Fowlerville News & Views telephone number is 517-223-8760.

If you live within the Village of Fowlerville, you must stop by the Village Offices on South Grand, prior to the sale dates and pick up a yard sale permit. The permit is FREE!

Fowlerville Community Schools Parents/Guardians

2018-2019 School Year



Directory Information

Throughout the school year the district may release certain directory information regarding any K-12 student. This information includes name, address, phone number, pictures, videos, gender, grade level, birth date and place, parents’ names and addresses, academic awards, degrees and honors, information about school sponsored activities and athletics, height and weight for athletic team members, major fields of study, and the period of attendance in school.

However, this directory information **will not** knowingly be released when it is requested for the purpose of surveys, marketing, or solicitation; unless the District determines that the use is consistent with the educational mission of the District and is beneficial to the affected students. As required by law, this Notice is published annually during the last week of July in the local newspaper. Any parent, guardian, or eligible student may prohibit the release of any or all of the above information by delivering a written objection to the building principal prior to September 1st each year. No directory information will be released within this time period, unless the parents, guardians, or eligible students are specifically informed otherwise.

If a parent decides to exclude their student’s name from directory information, the student’s information will not appear in honor rolls, athletic programs, or other general school information.

Two federal laws require the District to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories – names, addresses, and telephone numbers – unless parents have advised the District that they do not want their student’s information disclosed without their prior written consent. These laws apply to students in grades 7-12. Any parent, guardian, or eligible student may prohibit the release of this information to the military by delivering a written objection to the building principal within 30 days of the date of this notice. Under this option, directory information will still be made available to other sources under the terms and conditions explained in the previous paragraphs.

The district has protected student’s privacy to the best of their ability. If you have any questions, please contact Fowlerville Community Schools’ Assistant Superintendent at (517) 223-6027.



THE CONVERSATION  
Will the United States ever get back  
on a bi-partisan ‘Middle Way?’

By Louis Galambos

Professor of History, Johns Hopkins University

Our nation has been ripped apart by political discord, ad hominem attacks and deep rifts between the dominant political parties.

But history provides a lesson about how the United States can return to bipartisanship and more civil political discourse.

The period I want to focus on covers the years from 1953 to 1961 and the two administrations of Republican President Dwight D. “Ike” Eisenhower. I’ve just published “Eisenhower: Becoming the Leader of the Free World.” That study and my years of editing Eisenhower’s papers convinced me that our society can learn a great deal from his approach to the conflicts that always exist in American politics. Today’s angry division is not unique.

Forged unity despite differences

Throughout World War II, Eisenhower, then supreme commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces, understood that he had to work every day to preserve the unity of the Allied forces. He was successful in this essentially political effort because he kept a firm grip on his priorities.

Following the war, he tried with only partial success to achieve similar unity between the military services. As the post-war North Atlantic Treaty Organization, or NATO, commander, he was a positive and vigorous advocate of unified action to prevent Soviet aggression.

Eisenhower thus came into office in 1953 with a well-established record of decisive action. He entered the presidency with a willingness to continue working with those who disagreed with him.

As president, Eisenhower consistently took unexpected positions for a Republican. He refused to cut taxes on those upper-income groups that had traditionally supported and heavily influenced his own party. Instead, he worked to cut spending and balance the budget, a goal he achieved three times during his two terms.

By holding down inflation and promoting steady growth, Eisenhower helped Americans on fixed incomes as well as those promoting new or expanding enterprises. He also supported additions to Social Security, a New Deal program that he considered a permanent and absolutely essential part of American public policy. That position was more in line with Democratic orthodoxy than Republican.

Where innovations were needed, Eisenhower worked with both Democratic and Republican leaders in the House of Representatives and the Senate to promote progress. Typical of his leadership was the creation of the federally sponsored national highway system.

The new program provided the kind of public infrastructure that Democrats had long supported. It also pumped money into the companies that built the roads and was supported by Republicans who saw it as a step forward in national defense. The new national road system would enable American forces to move quickly and efficiently to any part of the country under attack.

Some of these measures were easy to achieve, others were extremely controversial and difficult to promote. That was

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St. John Catholic  
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St. John Catholic Church of Howell is holding its annual car show on Saturday July 21 located on Hacker Rd. from 9am-3pm. Entry fee is \$20. There will be food sold by the Knights of Columbus, live music provided by The Fast Eddie Band and silent auction. The church is located at 2099 Hacker Road.

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Artifacts donated to library, continued

he finds are buried in the ground, while others—such as the arrowheads and buttons—that he stumbles are lying on the surface. This hobby keeps Bessert very busy as he continues to discover, label and mount the various artifacts he finds.

“People say they get bored after they retire, but I’m finding after being retired for 18 years that it’s gone uphill,” Bessert said. “I don’t run out of things to do, because I keep making work for myself.”

In June, Bessert made a generous donation to the Fowlerville District Library which has moved into larger quarters. One of the donated items is a framed 1911 Livingston Plat Map which Bessert found at the old Briggs School (now a house) on Cedar Road. Bessert, his siblings and his father all attended



Ray Bessert recently donated his collection of Native American arrowheads along with a 1911 Livingston County Plat Map to the Fowlerville District Library. Accepting the gifts was Audrey Glass, a member of the library staff.

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that school. He also donated his collection of arrowheads.

Selling these historical findings never crossed Bessert’s mind; in fact, he is happy that they are now in a place where the whole community can see a piece of local history.

“We really like the idea that the library took it, rather than just having it sit around in a closet where nobody can see it,” he said. “It’s local stuff, so maybe somebody else would be interested in seeing what was out there.”

Being able to educate younger generations was another factor that led to the decision.

“He’s interested in the old past and things not being around for young people to see how things were back then,” said Ruth. “So many things are going by the wayside as far as young people being able to see how things were in the past. They don’t realize this stuff is around.”

Raymond Bessert was born and raised in Fowlerville, graduating from Fowlerville High School in 1958. With his wife Ruth, they have three children: Debra (Lux), Lori (Leggert) and Chris (Bessert). Raymond worked for Utilex in Fowlerville from 1961 to 1965 and then was employed at Master Cast until he retired in 2001.

Beth Lowe, the director of the Fowlerville Library, thanked Bessert for his unique donation and looks forward to having it on display for the community to check out.

“The Fowlerville District Library feels lucky and proud to have received these donated items from Raymond Bessert, on behalf of his family,” Lowe said. “Thank you, Mr. Bessert,



These cast iron toys are among the artifacts the Fowlerville man has collected.

not only for your unique donation, but also for sharing your personal passion for these items and the story of how you collected these items over many years. We at the library are thankful for this donation and look forward to proudly displaying and sharing these local artifacts with our patrons for years to come.”

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**Answer:** You can get both Social Security retirement benefits and military retirement at the same time. Generally, we don't reduce your Social Security benefits because of your military benefits. When you're ready to apply for Social Security retirement benefits, go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline). This is the fastest and easiest way to apply. For your convenience, you can always save your progress during your application and complete it later. And thank you for your military service!

**Question:** What type of information will I need to provide if I'd like to apply online for Social Security retirement benefits?

**Answer:** Whether you apply for retirement benefits online, by phone, or in an office, we suggest that you have the following information at hand when you do it. This will make completing the application easier for you.

- Your birthdate, place of birth and Social Security number;
- Your bank account number and your bank's routing number, for direct deposit;
- The amount of money you earned last year and this year. If you are applying for benefits in the months of September through December, you may also need to provide an estimate of what you expect to earn next year if you plan to continue working;
- The name and address of your employer(s) for this year and last year;
- The beginning and ending dates of any active military service you had prior to 1968; and
- The name, Social Security number and date of birth of your current and any former spouses.

Depending on your situation, you may need to provide additional documentation with your application. We'll give you instructions on how to mail or bring it to us. To get started, visit our *Retirement Planner* at [www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2).

**Question:** If I go back to work, will I automatically lose my Social Security disability benefits?

**Answer:** No, Social Security has several work incentive

programs to help people who want to work. You may be able to receive monthly benefits and continue your health care coverage during a trial work period. For information about Social Security's work incentives and how they can help you return to work, you should:

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**Question:** I have a 38-year-old son who has been disabled by cerebral palsy since birth. I plan to apply for retirement benefits. Will he be eligible for benefits as my disabled child?

**Answer:** Yes. In general, an adult disabled before age 22 may be eligible for child's benefits if a parent is deceased or starts receiving retirement or disability benefits. We consider this a "child's" benefit because we pay it on the parent's Social Security earnings record.

The "adult child"—including an adopted child, or, in some cases, a stepchild, grandchild, or step grandchild—must be unmarried, age 18 or older, and have a disability that started before age 22.

**Question:** If I receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability, what is the effect on my benefits when I take seasonal work?

**Answer:** Even a small amount of earned wages can cause a deduction in your SSI payment. However, it takes substantial work to make your benefits stop. In many cases, we will deduct approved work expenses to determine your SSI payment amount. In most cases, you can continue to receive your medical coverage for up to two years after you begin working. We have several publications on SSI, including *Reporting Your Wages When You Receive Supplemental Security Income*, available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs). For more information, call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) or visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

**Question:** I will rely on Medicare when I retire. Can you explain the different parts of Medicare?

**Answer:** The different parts of Medicare cover your specific needs. There are four parts, all of which work in tandem to deliver healthcare services.

Part A (hospital insurance): Hospital insurance helps pay for inpatient care in a hospital or skilled nursing facility (following a hospital stay), some home health care, and hospice care.

Part B (medical insurance): Medical insurance helps pay for doctors' services and many other medical services and supplies that hospital insurance doesn't cover.

Part C (Medicare Advantage plans): If you have Medicare Parts A and B, you can join a Medicare Advantage plan. Private companies offer Medicare Advantage plans which are approved by Medicare. These plans generally help you pay the medical costs not covered by Medicare Part A and B.

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**July 17<sup>th</sup>:** Footloose (PG), **July 24<sup>th</sup>:** Sparkle (PG), **July 31<sup>st</sup>:** Bill & Ted’s Excellent Adventure (PG)  
**Teens 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades.** Enjoy a free music-themed movie with friends, popcorn, and a beverage. If you are staying for the Teen Summer Reading Program at 7pm, please bring a “sack lunch”, as you will not have time to go home for dinner between programs. \*Seating is limited. Registration is open. If there is still seating available, drop-ins are welcome!

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**All Ages.** The library will be hosting the Summer Lunch Bunch program this summer. Join the Salvation Army for a packed lunch and family activity. After, check out our collection of books and DVDs for all ages!

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**Patriotic Wall Art -Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**  
**Adults.** Libraries Rock! Join the library ladies as we lead you to create a rocking craft! \*Register in person to attend. Registration begins July 12<sup>th</sup> and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.

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**Movies on the Lawn @ 131 Mill Street**  
**July 27<sup>th</sup>:** Rock Dog (PG), **August 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Coco (PG)  
**All Ages.** Join us on the lawn outside the old library building for an outdoor movie! The movie starts as soon as it’s dark enough to see the picture well on the screen. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, snacks, and bug spray. Come early to pick your spot on the lawn! \*Weather permitting. Drop-in event. Children 12 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Teens 13 and older must have a signed Program Permission Form or be accompanied by an adult.

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Are you suffering from back pain or sciatica? Then it's likely your biggest problem is pain. But there's another major problem: bad information. To end sciatica misery you must have the right information. Pay close attention because I'm going to destroy sciatica myths and give you the facts.

MYTH: Sciatica will just “go away” with some rest.

FACT: If you are dealing with back pain, buttock pain or leg pain, then you must seek help from a sciatica specialist immediately. Left untreated, sciatica can lead to permanent nerve damage - and lifelong pain.

MYTH: Pain is the only problem associated with sciatica.

FACT: In severe cases, sciatica can lead to the inability to control your bowels or bladder - leading to embarrassing situations.

MYTH: You must take pain medications to deal with sciatica.

FACT: Drugs like muscle relaxants, pain killers, narcotics, antidepressants, and anti-seizure medications have serious potential side-effects and do not cure the root cause of sciatica.

MYTH: “I must have done something wrong to get sciatica.”

FACT: Physical work or simply sitting at a desk for long periods can lead to sciatica. Accidents and trauma can also be the culprits. Pregnancy can cause sciatica. Sciatica can affect anyone - including super-fit celebrities like Tiger Woods, Sylvester Stallone, and British Olympic medalist Ian Wynne.

MYTH: Stop exercising and get several weeks of bed rest to overcome sciatica.

FACT: Staying active can help to relieve sciatic pain and prevent the pain getting worse. Staying inactive in bed could be the worst advice - based on a recent study in the Netherlands.

MYTH: Sciatica requires surgery.

FACT: NO! There's been a huge breakthrough in the treatment of sciatica and lower back pain. It's a new procedure called Non-Surgical Re-Constructive Spinal Care. The excellent results from this treatment have been published in major medical journals. Success rates are up to 90%.

MYTH: “There's nothing anyone can really do. I'm just stuck with this for the rest of my life.”

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MYTH: Getting Sciatica properly diagnosed is expensive.

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Immigrants in Michigan:  
What do you know about them?

By Andy Northrop,  
Michigan State University Extension

Michigan established the Michigan Office for New Americans (MONA) in 2015 to attract global talent and provide resources for skilled, college-educated immigrants. MONA supports immigration and immigrant integration initiatives for the state. Nonetheless, how much do the residents of Michigan really know about immigrants and their contribution to Michigan’s economy?

This article is to serve as a resource for residents interested in understanding who Michigan’s immigrants are, their economic impact and what occupations they largely represent, while hopefully serving to correct any preconceived inaccuracies. The data shared in this article is sourced directly from The American Immigration Council (AIC), 501 (c)(3) nonprofit structured to promote laws and policies and attitudes that honor our nation of immigrants, compiles national reports that reflect status of immigrants state by state.

**Did you know:**  
--In 2015, 652, 090 immigrants (foreign-born individuals) comprised 6.6% of the state’s population

--Top countries of origin of immigrants in Michigan were:  
Mexico (11.5% of immigrants)  
India (10.1% of immigrants)  
Iraq (8.1%)  
China (5.9%)  
Canada (5.4%)

In 2016, 7.7% of Michigan’s population were native-born Americans who had at least one immigrant parent.

**Education:**  
--As of 2015, 52.5% (or approximately 343,000 immigrants) had naturalized.  
--Two-fifths of adult immigrants had a college degree or more education in 2015.

**Labor:**  
--Immigrants comprised 7.7% (or 377,000 individuals) of the labor force in 2015.  
--Immigrants in Michigan’s Industry:  
--Manufacturing - 94,152  
--Health Care and Social Assistance – 59,561  
--Educational Services – 40,166  
--Accommodation and Food Services – 37,409  
--Retail Trade – 35, 211

--Immigrants account for 10.5% of Professional, Scientific, and Technical Service workers in Michigan.

--In 2015, immigrants were most numerous in the Occupation Category of Production (41,006 immigrants).

--In 2015, immigrants account for 33,231 workers in the Occupation Category of Office and Administrative Support.

**Economic Impacts:**  
--In 2014, immigrant-led households in Michigan paid \$3.8 billion in federal taxes and \$1.5 billion in state and local taxes.

--Immigrant entrepreneurs in Michigan generate over \$500,000 in annual business revenue

--8.7 percent of all self-employed Michigan residents were immigrant business owners responsible for generating 683.8 million in business income.

Michigan, along with several other states, has fallen victim to immigrant brain waste, a phenomenon where college-educated immigrants’ skills and education are underutilized or not used at all in the workplace. According to “Untapped Talent: The Costs of Brain Waste Among Highly Skilled Immigrants in the United States”, a national report focused on seven key states attracting immigrants,

Florida has the highest rate of immigrant brain waste (32 percent). Michigan and Ohio, two key industrial states, had the lowest (20-21 percent) level of brain waste with California, New York, Texas and Washington being in the middle. This low level of brain waste in Michigan may be in part to MONA’s mission to attract global talent and pair skilled immigrants with employment opportunities.

Clearly the findings reported by the American Immigration Council demonstrate that immigrants contribute to Michigan’s industries, economy and communities. More information on the 2015 report can be found by visiting Michigan State University Extension. Some other positive news for the Great Lakes State immigrant population can be found by visiting the American Immigration Council.

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God’s Will, Plan, and Purpose—Part 2

*“Surrender your heart to God, turn to him in prayer, and give up your sins— even those you do in secret. Then you won’t be ashamed; you will be confident and fearless” (Job 11:13-15 CEV).*

Another essential component to determining God’s will, plan and purpose for our lives is “Total Surrender.” We must be willing to surrender everything to Jesus. Many times when we say we are seeking God’s will, we already have a preconceived idea as to what we want to do for God. When I made my commitment to God at the beginning of my faith journey, I already had in my mind the areas of ministry in which I wanted to work. But God had other plans for me, which He began to show me as I surrendered my will to His will. Seeking God’s will has to be first, and always your top priority in life. Nothing should ever come before that.

Before God will reveal His will to you, you must be committed to doing whatever it is that He desires for you to do. Jeremiah was afraid and felt he was too young to be

a messenger for God. But God assured him that he was not too young, and also that he must go wherever God told him to go, and say whatever God told him to say. God will likely be slow to reveal His will to you if He knows you will likely not obey it anyway.

When we totally turn our lives over to the care and control of the Holy Spirit, God will begin to reveal more and more of his perfect plan of salvation. Keep in mind that God will never reveal more of his plan to us than what we can understand.

For several years I felt as though I was not growing in my faith. I stopped reading the Bible. I didn’t spend as much time in prayer and my priorities were out of order. Somewhere along my journey of faith, I had allowed my goals and dreams of what I wanted to achieve in life to move ahead of what God wanted for me.

When I began to feel downhearted and broken, I turned back to God for help. But God did not move in my life right away. He made me wait. I felt as though I was on the potter’s wheel, being molded and shaped all over again.

In a devotion by E. Stanly Jones, he said: “that we must be willing to be guided by God, not merely now and then, but as a life proposition. You cannot get light in the crisis unless you are willing to get light in the continuous. God must not be called in to get you out of scrapes in which you have entangled yourself by continuous self-will.”

Once I surrendered and turned my will over to God, things began to change for the better. I am not referring to any physical or tangible situations in my life such as the amount of debt I was in or my physical health etc. What I mean when I say things began to get better is that my spiritual relationship with Jesus began to grow. I began reading my Bible and spending more time in prayer. I changed my prayer routine from ninety percent pleading with God for what I wanted, and ten percent listening to what He wanted.

God has given us the *Holy Spirit* for guidance. But He can’t guide us if we are always trying to tell Him what to do. John 16:13 says: “...when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth...”

The Bible says that there is a *peace* that comes when we are pleasing God with our lives. When deciding between two alternatives that you have been praying about, sometimes one of the options will give you a greater peace. That option is probably God’s will. Today, I have that peace.

My faith has grown to where I *trust God* in faith, and believe that He will accomplish His will in my life. Whenever I forget that, and start to get ahead of Him, I turn to my favorite passage of scripture and the Holy Spirit guides me back on course.

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight” (Proverbs 3:5-6).*

*“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you (me) will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus” (Philippians 1:6).*

God has given each of us gifts and abilities to use in His service. God always equips us to do what he calls us to do. (See Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 and Ephesians 4:11-13 for lists of spiritual gifts and a discussion of them.) Remember that God’s ultimate purpose for all of us is that He would be glorified and that the gospel and God’s kingdom would be advanced.

Many of us do not want to listen to God, because we are afraid that what He tells us to do will be outside of our comfort zone. We’re afraid that He will tell us it is time to make a decision as to whom we will follow. As Joshua said in his book: *“I don’t know who you will serve but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”* (Joshua 24:15).

We must not allow our human worldly flesh to supersede our desire for seeking after God. The apostle Paul tells us in Romans 8:6-8, that *“we should not allow our sinful nature to*

*control our minds because it leads to death. Instead we are to let the Spirit of God control our minds which leads to life and peace. For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God’s laws and it never will. That’s why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God.”*

Take some time out to spend with God. Turn to the Holy Bible and allow your mind to be renewed and transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Learn what God’s Will, Plan and Purpose is for you and then surrender and then strike out on the course He lays out for you.

Continued Next Week

Caleb  
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Column



Having Furor or Being Passionate

In America today, tensions are high, and emotions are running rampant. There is a deep rift that centers around culture and politics, and the intensity of both sides just keeps increasing. That is understandable since the issues at stake have also never been higher. The state of our political and cultural future is in the balance, so we should care about what is going on around us. We don’t want to stick our heads in the sand at such a crucial moment in our history. We should be bold and confident about standing up for our beliefs. It is good to be passionate and energetic.

Unfortunately, when pushing an agenda, furor is the tool more commonly used today. Allow me to explain. When you are passionate about something, you have a deep-seated belief that cannot be deterred or diminished. You know what’s right, and you are going to work tirelessly to see it done. With passion, you’re in it for the long haul. You apply reason and common sense to develop an effective strategy, and then you work to see it done while not forgetting your original principles.

Furor, on the other hand, is loud and emotional, and it gets a lot of attention. For a while anyway. Despite all the noise and emotional grandstanding, furor is not very effective, and it does not last very long. Many of those involved in the cultural-political wars of today resort to furor because it’s more convenient. You don’t have to develop any real solutions. You just have to scream the loudest. You don’t have to be bothered with effectiveness since people will rally around a war cry, even when they don’t fully understand what it means.

Furor is also quick to point fingers. Those with a passion are busy looking for answers, but those consumed by furor spend their time accusing the former of not caring enough. Quite to the contrary, those passionate individuals care just as much as those with a furor. Indeed, they care so much that they actually want to see results. They are not satisfied to simply point out the problems. They want to develop solutions: ones that will be effective and lasting.

This thought can apply to us in two ways. First, there is a need for us to be discerning between those with a passion and those with a furor. Which perspective would we rather support? I don’t know about you, but I would much rather put my time and effort into someone who has a chance of making a real change. That’s not a violation of our beliefs. It’s a *validation* of our beliefs by supporting an effectual path. Second, we should be passionate people ourselves. It’s good to know what we believe and have the fortitude to stick by it. That’s very commendable. So, why would we waste that commitment on just a bunch of noise? Take that passion, and use it on something that makes a difference. Use it for good.

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# Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

## What’s the Difference Between Alzheimer’s and Dementia?

Dear Savvy Senior,

*What’s the difference between Alzheimer’s disease and dementia? My aunt has dementia, but they don’t know if she has Alzheimer’s disease, which is very confusing to me.*

*Trying To Understand*

Dear Trying,

Many people use the words “Alzheimer’s disease” and “dementia” interchangeably, but they are not the same thing. In fact, you can have a form of dementia that is completely unrelated to Alzheimer’s disease. Here’s what you should know.

### Dementia versus Alzheimer’s

Dementia is a general term for a set of symptoms that includes memory loss, impaired communication skills, a decline in reasoning and changes in behavior. It most commonly strikes elderly people and used to be referred to as senility.

Alzheimer’s disease is a specific illness that is the most common cause of dementia. Though many diseases can cause dementia, Alzheimer’s – which affects 5.7 million Americans today – accounts for 60 percent to 80 percent of dementia cases, which is why you often hear the terms used interchangeably.

But there are many other conditions that can cause symptoms of dementia like vascular dementia, which is the second most common cause, accounting for about 10 percent of dementia cases. Vascular dementia is caused by a stroke or poor blood flow to the brain.

Other degenerative disorders that can cause dementia include Lewy body dementia, Parkinson’s disease, Frontotemporal dementia, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, Chronic Traumatic

Encephalopathy (CTE), Huntington’s disease and Korsakoff Syndrome. Some patients may also have more than one form of dementia known as mixed dementia.

Dementia is caused by damage to brain cells, but the symptoms can vary depending on the cause. In the case of Alzheimer’s disease, protein fragments or plaques that accumulate in the space between nerve cells and twisted tangles of another protein that build up inside cells cause the damage.

In Alzheimer’s disease, dementia gets progressively worse to the point where patients cannot carry out daily activities and cannot speak, respond to their environment, swallow or walk. Although some treatments may temporarily ease symptoms, the downward progression of disease continues and it is not curable.

But some forms of dementia are reversible, which is why it’s important to be evaluated by a physician early on. Vitamin deficiencies, thyroid problems, brain tumors, depression, excessive alcohol use, medication side effects and certain infectious diseases can cause reversible forms of dementia.

Another treatable form of dementia is a condition known as normal pressure hydrocephalus, which is caused by a buildup of cerebrospinal fluid in the brain that can be relieved by surgically implanting a shunt to drain off excess fluid. This type of dementia is often preceded or accompanied by difficulty walking and incontinence.

To learn more about the different types of dementia, including the symptoms, risks, causes and treatments visit the Alzheimer’s Association at [ALZ.org/dementia](http://ALZ.org/dementia).

*Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of “The Savvy Senior” book.*

## Meals on Wheels Program in need of volunteer drivers in Fowlerville area

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## SYNOPSIS PROPOSED IOSCO TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES JUNE 21st, 2018

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance, at 8:02PM. Supervisor Miller, Clerk Delmerico, Treasurer Bonnaville, and Trustees Parker & VanHouten present. Also present was Zoning Administrator/Assessor Allen, and Mr. Head, the Chair of the Park Committee.

Motion to approve the Agenda.

There was no response to the first Call to the Public.

Motion to adopt the Board Minutes of May 17th, 2018, with corrections.

Heard the Treasurer’s report.

Motion to pay \$59,160.66 in Township bills. This month’s bills include \$26,512.10 for the first dust control application, and \$14,809.00 to Alchin’s for the monthly garbage bill.

Heard the Fire Authority, Planning Commission, and Zoning Administration reports.

Heard the Park Committee report.

Motion to purchase 3 regular and 1 handicapped picnic tables.

Motion to have a Boy Scout Troop use the Hall on July 11th, in the evening, and that the Board waive the rental fee.

Motion to raise the Zoning Administrator’s salary by \$200.00 per month.

There was no response to the 2nd Call to The Public.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:55PM.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Dan Delmerico  
Township Clerk  
(7-15-18 FNV)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **Public Accuracy Test** for the **August 7th, 2018** Primary Election has been scheduled for **Wednesday, August 1st, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.** at the Iosco Township Hall located at 2050 Bradley Rd., Webberville, MI 48892. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the software program and voting tabulators that will be used to count the ballots of the election have been prepared in accordance with Federal and State law. The public is welcome to attend.

Dan Delmerico  
Township Clerk  
(7-15 & 7-29-18 FNV)

### NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS OF IOSCO TOWNSHIP CONCERNING ISSUING ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR AUGUST 7th, 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION

All electors are hereby given notice that a Primary Election will be held in all precincts of the Township of Iosco on Tuesday, August 7th, 2018. The Township Clerk, and/or the Deputy Clerk, for Iosco Township, will be available to all registered voters requesting an absentee ballot for the August 7th, 2018 election on **Saturday, August 4th, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.**, at the Iosco Township Hall, located at 2050 Bradley Rd., Webberville, MI., 48892. Electors requesting a ballot on this date, will be **strongly encouraged** to fill out the ballot and return it to the Clerk before leaving the Hall. For further information contact the Township Clerk at 517-223-8928.

#### NOTICE IOSCO TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY ABSENTEE BALLOTS

The Iosco Township Clerk, and/or the Deputy Clerk, will be available to all registered voters of Iosco Township who wish to request an emergency absentee ballot for the August 7th, 2018 Primary Election on **Monday, August 6th, from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.**, at the Iosco Township Hall, located at 2050 Bradley Rd., Webberville, MI., 48892. Electors requesting an absentee ballot on this date, are **required** to fill out the ballot and return it back to the Clerk before leaving the Hall. For further information, please contact the Clerk at 517-223-8928.

Daniel A. Delmerico  
Township Clerk  
(7-15 & 7-29-18 FNV)

# Webberville Report

## Webberville Community School News

**The American Red Cross** is facing a critical blood shortage. The Webberville Chapter of the National Honor Society is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Thursday, July 19, from 10:00 AM to 3:45 PM. To make an appointment, please call 517-521-3422 ext. 7906, or log onto [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code WebbervilleHS. This is the only opportunity to give blood at Webberville High School during the summer months. Please help us collect our goal of 40 units!

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**Join us for the Webberville Schools' Annual Welcome Back Open House and Picnic** on Wednesday, August 16. The picnic is 5:00 to 6:00 PM and the buildings are open from 5:30 to 6:30 PM to meet with teachers and staff.

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**The first day of school** for the Webberville School District is Monday, August 20. The link to view the entire 2018-19 calendar is available at [www.webbervilleschools.org](http://www.webbervilleschools.org).

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**The 2018-19 Webberville Elementary supply list** is available for download on the school website.

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**Webberville Middle and High School registration** for the 2018-19 school year will be held on Tuesday, August 7. There is a morning session from 9:00-11:00 AM and an afternoon/evening session from 2:00-7:00 PM. Information about the availability of registration packets will be available soon.

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**Sports physicals for 2018-19** must be completed before a Webberville student/athlete can begin practice for a fall sport. Sparrow Urgent Care will perform physicals for \$25/student and the forms can be picked up in the secondary office and Spartan Center.

### Crossroads United Methodist Church offering free youth archery instruction

Crossroads United Methodist Church again is offering free youth archery instruction for kids five and over this summer. This year, three sessions are scheduled Tuesday-Thursday, July 24-26, and supper will be included.

Supper will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. and shooting will follow from 6 to 8 p.m. No advance registration is required.

Lessons will take place on the church grounds, corner of Haslett and Zimmer roads north of Williamston and east of Haslett. The church will provide bows, arrows and targets.

For details please call the church at 517/655-1466, email at [office.umccrossroads@gmail.com](mailto:office.umccrossroads@gmail.com), and find the church on Facebook.

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

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

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

### WEBBERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Webberville Community Schools is seeking energetic, positive individuals to fill open positions in the district. Coaching opportunities include: JV Girls' Basketball, MS Boys' Basketball, Varsity Boys' Baseball, and Varsity Boys' Golf. We also have opportunities in food service, daycare, para-professional and substitute custodial positions. Interested parties should send an email to [jobs@webbervilleschools.org](mailto:jobs@webbervilleschools.org) or contact 517-521-3422 x7906 for more information.

(7-15-18 FNV)

### Williamston Area Senior Center

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JULY 2018 EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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**Presentations in July** – **Wednesday, July 18, 2018** we will have a discussion on Home Care by Forrest Wood

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

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

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



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

**EUCHRE** – 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

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


### Webberville United Methodist Church to serve Chicken Dinner on July 21

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

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Williamston Theatre announces  
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The Williamston Theater, mid-Michigan’s award winning professional theatre company located at 122 S. Putnam in downtown Williamston, celebrates ‘Lucky Season 13’ by continuing to bring unique theatrical experiences with two World Premieres, two Michigan Premieres, a Pulitzer Prize Winner, and a co-production with our friends at Tipping Point Theatre.

The 2018-2019 Season will include: *Silent Sky* by Lauren Gunderson, *A Hunting Shack Christmas* by Jessica Lind Peterson, *To Quiet the Quiet* by Christy Hall, *The Gin Game* by D.L. Coburn, *New Releases* by Joseph Zettelmaier and *Popcorn Falls* by James Hindman.

This season all five of the six productions will begin with four Preview performances. *Popcorn Falls* will only have one Preview performance. During the Previews, audience members will have the opportunity to take part in the process of creating a show by participating in a talk back session with the director following each performance.

Also, one Sunday of each performance the theatre will be hosting a Conversation Sunday. A group of people (playwrights, designers, actors, experts in a topic specific to the show) will come together to chat with patrons following the matinee. More information about times and specific guests will be provided throughout the season.

*Silent Sky* - Astonishing discoveries await Henrietta Leavitt as she maps distant stars in galaxies beyond our own. This brilliant, headstrong pioneer must struggle, though, for recognition in the man’s world of turn-of-the-century astronomy. In this exquisite blend of science, history, family ties, and fragile love, a passionate young woman must map her own passage through a society determined to keep a woman in her place. A stunningly beautiful tale, based on the true story and science of early 20th century female “computers” at Harvard Observatory. A Michigan Premiere! Directed by Tony Caselli.

September 20 - October 21, 2018

*A Hunting Shack Christmas* - As the holidays approach, Charlie heads up to the hunting shack that’s been in his family for generations, hoping for the peace he needs to sort out his life. Instead of the solitude he was looking for, he finds himself buried in snow, unexpected family, beef jerky, a

crazy internet romance, and more snow. Can he sort it all out in time for his wedding anniversary?

Directed by Tony Caselli.

November 15– December 23, 2018

*To Quiet The Quiet*- Having suffered great loss and heartbreak in her life, Kathy, now middle-aged and alone, is a woman on the edge. Haunted by her past, and her own personal demons, Kathy seems to be losing the battle against her thoughts, her words, and her fears. The one man who can help Kathy may prove to be just as powerless against her. *To Quiet The Quiet*, a new mystery play, will keep you riveted through its deepest, darkest secrets. Contains adult content and language.

A World Premiere. Directed by Shannon Wojtas.

January 24 – February 24, 2019

*The Gin Game*- Weller Martin is playing solitaire on the porch of a seedy nursing home. Enter Fonsia Dorsey, a prim, self-righteous woman. They discover they both dislike the home and enjoy the game of gin, so they begin to play. As they play, intimate details reveal themselves, and what follows was called by The New York Times “The closest thing the theatre offers to a duel at 10 paces”. Featuring Ruth Crawford and Hugh Maguire. Contains Adult Language.

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A World Premiere. Directed by Paige Conway.

May 9 - June 9, 2019

*Popcorn Falls*- The sleepy town of Popcorn Falls is forced into bankruptcy when a neighboring town threatens to turn them into a sewage treatment plant. Their only hope – OPEN A THEATRE and produce a play in a week to earn a grant! Led by the Mayor and the local handyman, the enterprising townsfolk try to rise to the challenge. Two actors play over twenty roles in a world of farce, love and desperation, proving

once and for all that art can save the world.

A co-production with Tipping Point Theatre. Directed by Dave Davies.

June 20 – July 28, 2019

Performances this season will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8PM with Sunday matinees at 2PM. For each production there will be a limited number of Saturday matinee performances. Saturday matinees will be at 3PM and begin the second week of the run of each production. Due to Thanksgiving, *A Hunting Shack Christmas* will have a slightly different schedule the week of November 19<sup>th</sup>. Performances that week will be 3PM and 8PM on Friday, November 23 and Saturday, November 24 and 2PM on Sunday, November 25.

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FOR RESIDENTS OF

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PRIMARY ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the Tuesday, August 7, 2018, Primary Election has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 25, 2018, at 1:30 p.m., at the Township Hall located at 135 & 137 N. Grand Avenue, Fowlerville. The public is welcome to attend.

Laura A. Eisele  
Handy Township Clerk  
(7-15 & 7-22-18 FNV)

NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS

OF HANDY TOWNSHIP

AUGUST 7, 2018

PRIMARY ELECTION

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

All electors are hereby given notice that a Primary Election will be held in all precincts of the Township of Handy on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. The Township Clerk is currently available for absentee ballots for all registered voters requesting an absentee ballot for the Election on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and will also be available on **Saturday, August 4, 2018** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the township offices located at 135 & 137 N. Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, MI.

Laura A. Eisele, Handy Township Clerk  
(7-15 & 7-29-18 FNV)

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## The Conversation, continued

certainly the case with Eisenhower’s bill to advance the civil rights of African-American citizens.

The Civil Rights Act of 1957 expanded voting rights protections for blacks, formed a civil rights law enforcement division in the Justice Department and created the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

Opposition to the proposed law was fierce – especially in the South, including by Southern Democrats.

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, a Democrat from Texas, was, however, willing to work with Eisenhower to overcome the congressional resistance to the new policy.

It was the country’s first civil rights law since Reconstruction. It was too weak a measure to change much. But it ended the pattern of federal acceptance of racial segregation, much of it supported by Southern opposition in Congress to civil rights.

### Divisions then, divisions now

You may well be thinking that the 1950s were just completely different and have little to teach Americans today.

Don’t today’s identity politics make compromise and bipartisanship impossible? What about the Tea Party conservatives? What about the solid left wing of the Democratic Party? Don’t these factions find it hard to talk to one another, let alone compromise to pass new laws?

You are right, of course, about the forces pulling Americans apart today. And, yes, Eisenhower’s America was different. But the truth is Americans were divided in Eisenhower’s time as well.

In the 1940s and 1950s there were deep fissures in the American population over issues such as sending U.S. soldiers to Europe in peacetime to defend our European allies.

Eisenhower – the former commander of NATO troops in Europe – vigorously supported America’s contributions to NATO. He did so even though many of his fellow Republicans backed Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, who initially led the opposition to the new U.S. role in the world.

There were similar divisions about domestic policy. There were millions of Americans – including my father – who were so bitter about the New Deal support for unions that they could not even think about compromising with the Democrats promoting President Harry Truman’s liberal Fair Deal, an initiative that expanded domestic social programs.

The right wing of the Republican Party gave Eisenhower fits. Every step he took toward unity at home and among America’s friends abroad had to be pushed through over the resistance of the Republican right. Foreign aid, for instance, aroused bitter fights.

And the Democrats had similar problems with the split between their Southern supporters and their big-city Northern party members over any issue that seemed to promote change in race relations. Identity politics are not new to America in the 21st century.

What about the Cold War? Didn’t Eisenhower and his

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colleagues have the advantage of working against a single opponent, the communist forces led by the USSR?

In reality, communism was never a completely unified force, and like today, the United States had to deal with a wide variety of challenges to its national security.

In East Europe, in the Middle East, in Korea and in the South China Sea, American interests are no more secure now than they were in the 1950s. Americans aware of these challenges have just as strong an incentive to work together as they did during the Eisenhower administrations.

But can Americans work together? Can a nation of 323 million people turn back toward bipartisanship?

That, I believe, calls for the kind of outstanding leadership this nation and its allies received in the 1950s. Eisenhower called his form of politics the “Middle Way” between the extremes of the left and right.

He accomplished much by being able to talk to, and work with, both sides on every issue. For a nation now mired in partisan conflict, his model of getting things done by taking the “Middle Way” could provide a welcome alternative.

We need our leaders to help turn us in that direction. Then, of course, all of us, the voters, will have a chance to decide whether indeed we actually want bipartisanship and the compromises it entails. I hope I will have that choice to make in my lifetime.

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## —Area Deaths—



### Walter Lee Lloyd

Walter Lee Lloyd, age 98, of Fowlerville, died Sunday, July 8, 2018. Graveside services will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, July 21, 2018 at Sanford Cemetery, Cohoctah, with Pastor Oliver Allbright officiating. A memorial gathering will be held Saturday, July 21, 2018 from 12-2 PM at Calvary Bible Church of Cohoctah, 1389 Elm St, Cohoctah. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Heartland Hospice or a Veteran's charity of your choice.

Walter was born January 24, 1920 in Owosso, the son of George Henry and Letty Mae (Ordway) Lloyd. He was a 1938 graduate of Byron High School. He married Ruby Merrow on May 5, 1941 in Clio, and she preceded him in death on November 30, 2011. He had resided in the Fowlerville (Cohoctah) area most of his life. Walter retired in 1983 from Howell Auto Parts after 35 years of service. He was a member of the Durand V.F.W. Reed Raymond Post #2272. He enjoyed bowling, baseball, fishing, camping, and traveling across Michigan during the color tour in the fall. He also enjoyed overhauling Ford tractors.

Surviving are: his children: Ruby "Liz" Hale of Webberville, Linda "Toad" Underhill of Haslett, Peggy (Larry) Embury of Byron, Walter "Bud" Lloyd, Jr. of Fowlerville, and Robert (Cindy) Martin of Evert; 18 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and 6 great-great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Marie Lloyd; brothers, William Wesley Lloyd and Dan Ordway; and sister, Evelyn Chapman. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).

### Sharon Elizabeth Van Atta

Sharon Elizabeth Van Atta of Fowlerville passed away on June 14, 2018 at the Willows of East Lansing. She was born on Dec. 29, 1945 in Lansing.

Sharon was retired as a server in The State Room at Michigan State University. She owned Sharon's Place, a restaurant at the corner of West Grand River and North Nicholson Road in Fowlerville from 1986-88.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gene Van Atta, and a sister, Kerry Bibbings. She is survived by her son, Matt (Darlene) Van Atta; brothers: Scott Betts and Jeff Betts; stepsons: Skeeter (Mary), Mike, Harry, and Rick; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A celebration of her life will be held on July 21 at 1:00 at 5246 Nicholson Rd Fowlerville.



The King's Yomen yo-yo team will be at the church on July 22.

### Professional Yo-Yo Team to perform at Calvary Church July 22

Calvary Church welcomes The King's Yomen for a fun and free family event Sunday, July 22 at 6 PM. The King's Yomen have been performing together for over 20 years and will present a unique program combining drama and yo-yo skills that has proved captivating and compelling to all ages. Children and teens enjoy their skits and identify with their stories. Adults find their performances both entertaining and inspirational. The yo-yo is unique because every generation can identify with it. The Yomen push this skill to the next level, creating an exciting program that can be enjoyed by all.

A free ice cream buffet will follow the event! For more information check our website at [www.webbervillechurch.org](http://www.webbervillechurch.org) or call Calvary Church at 517-521-4700. The church is located at 500 N Howard St in Webberville.

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**Probility Physical Therapy launches comprehensive new pediatric program**

Probility Physical Therapy, a member of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, announced the launch of a comprehensive new pediatric physical therapy program for infants, children and adolescents. To help develop and lead the program, Probility has hired Daniel Santioni as its Director of Pediatric Services. Sanrioni is a physical therapist with more than 30 years’ experience, with 20 of those years spent treating pediatric patients.
   
 “This is a big step towards our strategic vision of being a physical therapy provider capable of treating the entire family,” said Patrick Hoban, president of Probility Physical Therapy. “We are excited to bring this comprehensive pediatric program to Washtenaw County and look forward to helping restore and

enhance development for children in the community.”
   
 The new pediatric physical therapy program offers a full continuum of physical therapy needs with a concentration on the following:
   
 --Cerebral Palsy – Early Detection and Treatment
   
 --Child Passenger Safety
   
 --Clubfoot Taping and Casting
   
 --Gross Motor Delay
   
 --Myelomeningocele/Spina Bifida
   
 --Newborn Rehabilitation – General Movement Assessment
   
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 --Toe Walking
   
 --Torticollis

Santioni, who holds a Bachelor of Science in physical therapy and psychology from Wayne State University, joins Probility from C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital and Pediatric Rehabilitation Center at the University of Michigan (UM). In his role at UM, he treated pediatric patients with a full continuum of physical therapy needs. Santioni earned an Advance Certification in General Movement Assessment, a neurological evaluation that enables him to quickly identify infants at risk for neurological impairment, thus providing early and appropriate intervention.
   
 “Daniel’s passion for treating and helping pediatric patients and their families is one of the reasons he was hired to join Probility,” said Hoban. “What a wonderful resource this program will be, not only for our current patients, but the entire region.”
   
 Patients of the new pediatric program will be evaluated and treated at Probility Physical Therapy, located at 2058 S. State Street in Ann Arbor, Mich., with appointments being scheduled immediately. To schedule an appointment, please call 734-913-0300.

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**Probility Physical Therapy**

Probility Physical Therapy provides physical and occupational therapy services as a wholly owned subsidiary of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. Probility serves the residents of Washtenaw, Livingston and Lenawee counties with 13 clinics throughout the region. Seven clinics are located in the Ann Arbor area including State Street, Clark Road, Westgate, West Arbor, Plymouth Road and Domino’s Farms, as well as clinics in Canton, Brighton, Howell, Saline and the Village of Clinton. Probility employs 170 people, including physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, physical therapist assistants, athletic trainers and other support staff.
   
 The physical therapy aspect of Probility is known for its focus on manual therapy – a specialized, advanced form of physical therapy – and a number of Probility therapists are nationally recognized in this treatment practice. Probility believes in being an integral part of the communities in which it serves and contributes \$35,000 - \$50,000 annually to local charities and sponsorships of local community groups.
   
 For more information on Probility Physical Therapy, please visit our website at [www.probilitypt.com](http://www.probilitypt.com).



**Tom Breningstall Column**

**Birds in the Grille & Other Highway Fatalities**

Birds seem to have gotten smarter over the years. Back in the 1960s and 70s, I remember picking bird feathers and other bird parts out of the grilles of my cars. It happened all of the time. Now, I can’t remember the last time a bird committed harry carry in this manner
   
 Birds must have developed a sense of survival when it comes to cars or any high-speed box on wheels. They fly off and get out of the way. I assume that birds saw their dad, mom, grandpa, grandma and all of their flying relatives getting eaten up by these fast-moving boxes on wheels with big hungry mouths up front that will consume anything in their way. The birds, over time, have learned to get out of the way when they approach.
   
 Now, as birds seem to have evolved to get out of the way of cars and not be consumed by them, the same can’t be said about our furry friends. Every hairy species of animal can be found in their last resting place on any road, along with feathered fowls like ducks and turkeys and the like that have never gotten the memo about motor vehicles.
   
 Squirrels can’t seem to make up their minds about crossing the road. They will start in one direction, only to change their minds and run back again into the path of the oncoming box on wheels. Or they will just stop and look around and meet their end.
   
 Opossums will get in the road, see a car coming and play dead. That’s what opossums do. Raccoons just don’t seem to care if they get in the way or not, they just walk out in the road. Woodchucks are about the same as raccoons, they just don’t care.
   
 Now for skunks, I will stop the car and back away from those black-and-white stinkers. Rabbits, I think, like to race with cars and try to outrun them just so they have something to brag about to their large families.
   
 And then there are deer. What can I say about these critters? People hunt them with guns, bows and arrows and autos, causing much damage to the autos and much more damage to the deer.
   
 It isn’t just wild animals that appear on the roads we drive. We also need to be on the lookout for domestic animals. Dogs, cats, cows, horses and other farm animals seem to, for no reason at all, wander out in front of fast moving boxes on wheels.
   
 We, as drivers, must be on the constant lookout for all of the animals that seem to want to share the roadways with us. Never swerve or veer off the road in an attempt to miss hitting an animal in the roadway. You may lose control and make a bigger problem. The best we can do if an animal is in the roadway is to brake hard and hope for the best outcome.
   
 If the animal is large and causes damage to your car or people in your car, call 911 for help. If the animal is small and there is no damage to your car or people in your car, do what you need to do to clear the scene. Please, if you hit a domestic animal, particular someone’s pet, do what you can to help the animal and contact the pet’s owner. Pets are family and most people will understand that it was not your fault and thank you for letting them know what happened.



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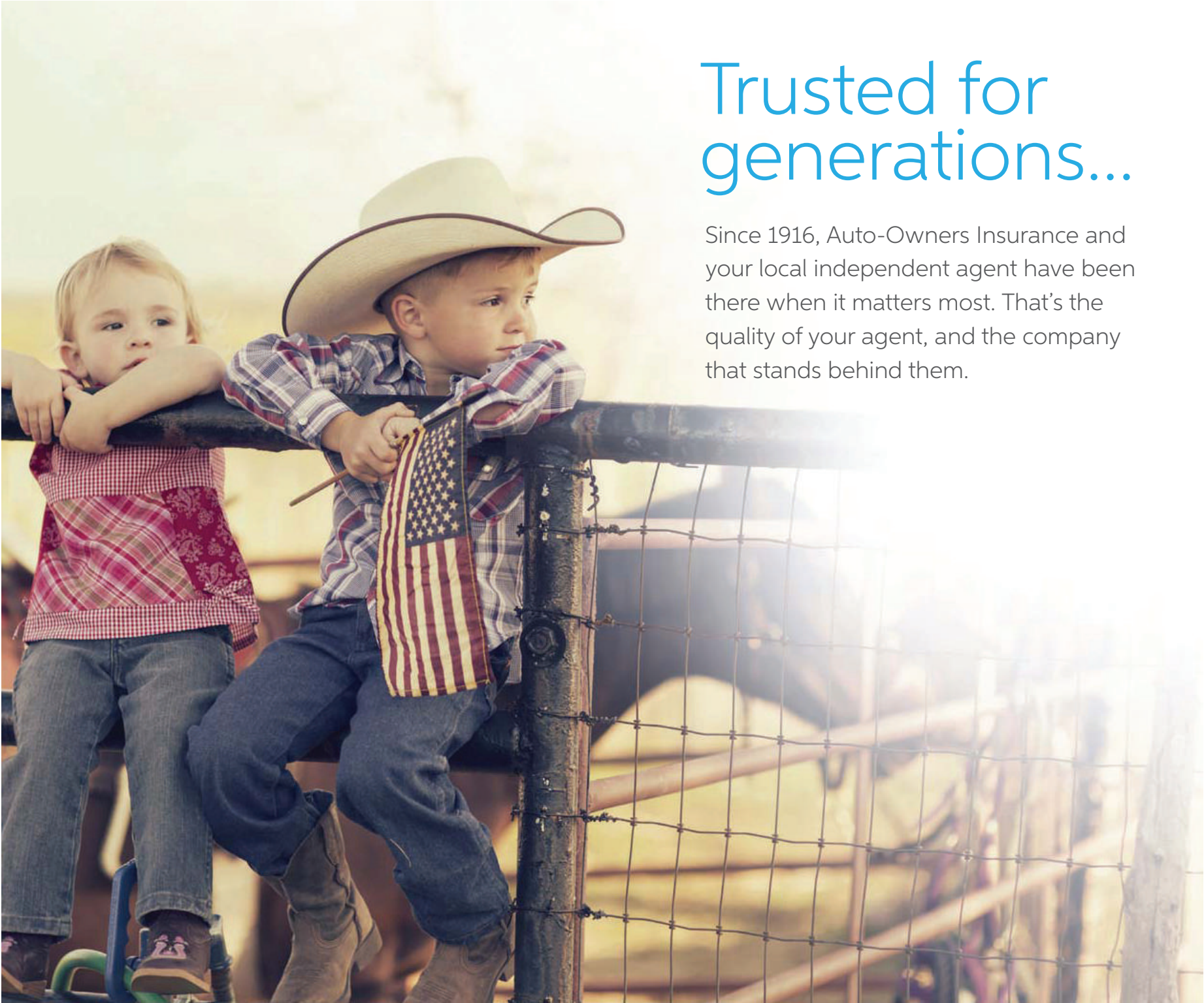
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