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The Fowlerville Fire Department is being honored as this year's Grand Marshals of the July 4th Parade. Shown here are several of the firefighters. Front row, from left, Deputy Fire Chief Bob Feig, Josh Ramey, Gary Cameron, Annette Villerot, Fire Chief John Wright, Eric Lardie and Captain Mike Lemieux. Second row, from left, Chuck Hertzler, John Salisbury, Captain Larry Davis, Tim Kuch and Lieutenant Sean Donohoe.

## Fowlerville 4th of July celebration highlighted by parade & fireworks show

The annual Fowlerville 4th of July celebration will once again be highlighted by an evening parade and fireworks show. Other activities are also planned this Wednesday.

The parade will line up on Veterans Drive, on the west side of the village, next to the VFW Hall, starting at 5:45 pm. The parade will then step off at 7 pm.

The parade route will proceed east along Grand River Ave., through town, and will disband at the St. Agnes Church parking lot. Grand River in the Downtown area will be closed off at 6 p.m.

The Grand Marshals for the parade this year are the members of the Fowlerville Area Fire Department.

The 4th of July organizing committee, in a statement, said that "We chose the fire department as our grand marshals because they originally started the tradition of a fireworks show in 1976. The committee to raise funds was established later on. Also we wish to recognize their unwavering and life-saving contributions. They deserve to be honored by this community."

Kari Holmes will be performing the National Anthem once the Color Guard reaches the stand.

The fireworks show—another highlight of the event— will begin at 10:15 pm.

Prime viewing locations for the fireworks will be at Community Park and the Fowlerville Fairgrounds. Kari Holmes and the Modern Day Drifters will be performing at Community Park

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Our office will be open  
Monday, July 2 from 10am - 4pm,  
Tuesday, July 3 from 9am - 5pm and  
Thursday, July 5 from 9am - 5pm.

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to observe Independence Day.

Ad deadline is Thursday at 3pm.



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# Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

## Simple Gadgets That Can Help Older Drivers

Dear Savvy Senior,

Are there any specific auto gadgets you can recommend that can help senior drivers? Both of my parents are in their eighties and still pretty good drivers, but due to arthritis and age they're very stiff, which causes them some driving problems.

Researching Daughter

### Dear Researching,

To help keep senior drivers safe and prolong their driving years, there's a plethora of inexpensive, aftermarket vehicle adaptations you can purchase that can easily be added to your parent's vehicles to help with many different needs. Here are some good options.

#### Entry and Exit Aids

To help arthritic/mobility challenged seniors with getting into and out of their vehicle, there are a variety of portable support handles you can buy, like the "Emson Car Cane Portable Handle" (\$12), which inserts into the U-shaped striker plate on the doorframe. And the "Standers Car Caddie" (\$13) nylon support handle that hooks around the top of the door window frame.

Another useful product is the "DMI Deluxe Swivel Seat Cushion" (\$22), which is a round portable cushion that turns 360 degrees to help drivers and passengers rotate their body into and out of their vehicle.

#### Enhanced Rear Vision

To help seniors with limited upper body range of motion, which makes looking over their shoulder to back-up or merge into traffic difficult, there are special mirrors you can add as well as back-up cameras.

For starters, to widen rear visibility, eliminate blind spots and even help with parallel parking, get an oversized rear view mirror like the "Allview Rearview Mirror" (\$50) that clips on to the existing mirror. You should also purchase some "Ampper Blind Spot Mirrors" (\$7.50), which are 2-inch adjustable convex mirrors that stick to the corner of the side view mirrors.

Another helpful device is the "Auto-vox M1W Wireless Backup Camera Kit" (\$110). This comes with a night vision camera that attaches to the rear license plate, and a small monitor that mounts to the dash or windshield. When the vehicle is in reverse, it sends live images wirelessly to the

monitor so you can see what's behind you.

#### Seat Belt Extenders

To make buckling up a little easier, there are a variety of seat belt extension products offered by Seat Belt Extender Pros like the "Seat Belt Grabber Handle" (\$8), which is a rubber extension handle that attaches to the seat belt strap to make it easier to reach. And the "7-inch Rigid Seat Belt Extender" (\$20) that fit into the seat belt buckle receiver to add a few inches of length, making them easier to fasten.

#### Gripping Devices

If your parents have hand arthritis that makes gripping the steering wheel, turning the ignition key or twisting open the gas cap difficult or painful, consider these products.

The "SEG Direct Steering Wheel Cover" (\$15) that fits over the steering wheel to make it larger and easier to grip. The "Ableware Hole-In-One Key Holder" (\$9), which is a small plastic handle that attaches to the car key to provide additional leverage to turn the key in the ignition or door. And for help at the pump, the "Gas Cap & Oil Cap Opener by Gascapoff" (\$12) is a long handled device that works like a wrench to loosen and tighten the gas cap.

All of these products can be found online at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). Just type the product name in the search bar to find them.

#### Safety and Security

To help ensure your parents safety, and provide you and them peace of mind, they should also consider an in-car medical alert system like "splitsecnd." Offered through Bay Alarm Medical ([BayAlarmMedical.com](http://BayAlarmMedical.com), \$30/month), this small device plugs into the vehicle's cigarette lighter to provide 24/7 roadside and emergency assistance at the push of a button, automatic crash detection and response, and GPS vehicle location and monitoring capabilities.

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.

## Crossroads United Methodist Church hosting Vacation Bible School in July

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

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

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



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Lee  
Hamilton  
Column

Politics: We Need It

Every so often, I jot down a list of the things that discourage me about our country. There's the widespread disregard for our core values of tolerance and mutual respect, for instance. Our declining national optimism. Our relaxed attitude toward fixing our election machinery, overseeing financial institutions, and making sure that our key democratic institutions and processes are working effectively. There's

wage stagnation, income inequality, a high poverty rate, failing infrastructure, inadequate health-care coverage, a dysfunctional Congress. ... You get the idea.

This is not really a list of failings. It's a to-do list. And it pretty much begs the question, if we're not to throw up our hands and give in, how do we make progress on it? Well, I'll tell you: politics.

I suppose most Americans will disagree. How can we depend on people — politicians — whom many hold in utter disregard? And what can we expect from political institutions like legislatures, Congress, the bureaucracy, the political parties, and a rickety electoral system that are widely viewed with suspicion?

The answer, I think, has to be that we should do all we can to encourage and support them to fix these problems, because they're all we've got.

American politics can be an inefficient, noisy, messy ride. But be careful before you condemn it and its practitioners, because alternatives like a chaotic anarchy or the brutal efficiency of a dictatorship are far worse.

In other words, if we're going to attack the problems that concern us, we need politics: otherwise, our government would grind to a halt. We would be without a means of remedying our collective problems. The institutions of politics — the rule of law, elections, city councils, legislatures, Congress — are the way we make operational a government of, by, and for the people. They are how we work together.

At its heart, politics is about searching for a remedy to a problem, and building support behind that remedy. It's the way we try to keep citizens satisfied and strive to meet their hopes, demands and dreams. At its best, politics and political involvement are how we give citizens a feeling of community and an understanding that we're all in this together.

It's our vehicle for expressing shared values and for reconciling the tensions, diversity and differences among us that are bound to arise as we tackle these enormously difficult challenges.

This is not to say that our system is even close to perfect. The list of things we need to fix — from the influence of money on elections and political decision-making to an elections machinery that is crying out for attention and reform — is long. But we need to strike a balance.

As a citizen you have to be critical of your system and ask yourself how to improve it and support reforms that would make it better. Yet I worry that our disdain for politicians and the howling criticism aimed at our democratic institutions in recent years has so undermined confidence in the system that people have lost their trust in their fellow citizens, their elected representatives, and their institutions — in other words, in the very people, organizations, and core values that can get us out of this mess.

If you ask people what they most cherish about our political system, most will say it's the idea of opportunity. For all its fits and starts, its horse-trading and negotiating and raw give and take, politics is also how we try to provide equal rights, civil liberties, and a fair shot at opportunity for all. Sure, we fall short of the ideal. But in a representative democracy, it's the mechanism we possess to try to create a more perfect union.

The plain truth is, it doesn't do much good just to talk about the ideals or shared values of America. You also have to try to realize them on the ground, to pull them out of the complicated — and often self-contradictory — mass of popular longings and opinions and translate them into policy and law. For better or worse, politics is how we do this.

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Livingston Centre Historic Village  
committee to meet on Thursday, July 5

The Livingston Centre Historic Village monthly meeting will be Thursday, July 5 at 7:00 p.m. inside the Fowlerville Fair Office. The agenda includes final planning for Fair Week, when the historic buildings will be open each day from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Also, committee volunteers will be setting the schedule for selling raffle tickets and novelty items under the grandstand during all fair hours.

The annual Fall Festival will be another topic of discussion. Scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 15, vendors are being sought, and activities are being planned to entertain the entire family. Any hand-crafter or small business person interesting in renting space during the Fall Festival can contact committee member Bette Kelly at 517-546-8797 for information. Local entertainers are also invited to perform throughout the day; please call Marj Carlon at 517-223-3831 for details.

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By Vonda VanTil,  
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

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

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

**Michigan DNR Fishing Tip—  
Eating safe fish in Michigan**

There are many benefits to eating fish, but anglers should be aware that some fish have mercury, dioxin, PCBs or other chemicals in them that can be bad for your health if you eat too many.

The Michigan Department of Health & Human Services' 'Eat Safe Fish Guide' helps you learn about eating safe, local and healthful fish from throughout the state. Their "3Cs" message is simple and easy to remember when it comes to eating safe fish:

1. Choose – A general rule of thumb is to remember S.A.F.E. Smaller fish are usually a good choice, Avoid large predator fish and bottom-feeders, Fat should be removed, Eat fish that have been broiled or grilled on a rack.
2. Clean – Learn about cleaning techniques (including trimming as much fat from the fish as possible) to help remove chemicals from the fish.
3. Cook – Discover cooking techniques that can be used to remove even more chemicals from the fish.

Be informed and check out the 'Eat Safe Fish Guide' to help protect yourself and your family from chemicals that could someday make you sick.

For more information, visit [Michigan.gov/eatsafefish](http://Michigan.gov/eatsafefish) and then click on the "Going Fishing?" button.

**Kreeger School News**  
Kreeger staff wishes all of our current and future families a safe and enjoyable summer!

**August 6th: Secretarial staff returns for enrollments.** All enrollments are done online [www.fowlervilleschools.org](http://www.fowlervilleschools.org). After you complete those documents please print and sign areas marked. Bring your child's original raised seal birth certificate, 2 proofs of Fowlerville Schools residency and if your child attended a school in Michigan his/her immunizations will be on the MCIR website.

**August 27th: First Day of School**

**Upcoming Programs at the Fowlerville District Library**

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

*Registration usually opens 2 weeks prior to the event. Follow us on Facebook & [www.fowlervillelibrary.org](http://www.fowlervillelibrary.org). Phone: 517-223-9089*

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

**The Fowlerville District Library will be closed Wednesday, July 4th and reopening Thursday, July 5th at 9:30am to observe Independence Day.** Have a safe and happy holiday! The Little Free Library is available for your reading needs during this time and any materials to be returned can be placed in the newly repainted GREEN drop box. Thank you.

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

**Yoga Fitness Self-Defense - Mondays starting July 9th at 7pm**

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

**Teen Tuesday Film Festival - July 10th at 4pm School of Rock (PG-13)**

**Teens 6th-12th grades.** Enjoy a free 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 begins June 26th. If there is still seating available, drop-ins are welcome!*

**Detroit Music Oral Histories - Thursday, July 12th at 7pm**

**Adults.** After three years of conducting oral histories with more than a dozen members of the music industry, **Kim Schroeder** of Wayne State University will share the insights of Detroit musicians as to how and why Detroit has produced so much musical talent over so many years. Interviews feature musicians from a myriad of genres, including R&B, jazz, pop rock, garage rock, and classical. *Register in person to attend. Registration begins June 28th and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.*

**Movies on the Lawn @ 131 Mill Street Friday, July 13th: Sing (PG)**

**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.*

# Coming Wednesday, July 4th - 5pm

# Music at the Park

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# Michigan Senate Report

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

### Independence: A cause to celebrate

On July 4, it will be 242 years ago that our Founding Fathers signed a document that would change history forever: The Declaration of Independence.

*“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”*

These famous words still ring true today and are as important as ever. They unabashedly declare the equality and dignity of all people and they spell out the American creed. As the signers made clear, government is necessary to secure and ensure the rights with which our Creator has endowed us. More importantly, however, we the people also have a responsibility to hold our government accountable and we have the obligation to protect the rights we hold so dear.

This timeless theme transcends generations, political parties, and the day-to-day battles that pollute our political discourse. It’s an amazing gift to live in a country that recognizes our freedom to pursue the lives we dream and the goals we set for ourselves. And it’s a blessing to live in a nation where we have the right to protect our way of life from threats, whether domestic or abroad.

If that’s not a cause for celebration, then I don’t know what is. Whether you’re having a cookout, watching fireworks, or spending time with family and friends, Independence Day is a great reminder to be thankful for, and proud of, the principles on which our country was founded. But as our forefathers noted, it should also serve as a beckoning call to stay vigilant in the protection of our rights and liberties.

Have a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July, and don’t forget to thank our veterans and the servicemen and servicewomen who continue to defend our freedom!

*As always, if you have any questions or need more information please contact my office toll-free at 855-JOE-HUNE or email my office at [SenJHune@senate.michigan.gov](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 for information.*



Dennis Brewer

### Brewer campaign announces series of ‘meet and greets’ for this month

The Dennis Brewer for Circuit Court Judge campaign announced a series of four candidate ‘meet and greets’ throughout Livingston County for July.

The ‘meet and greets’ will be held on:

--Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 10:00 am at Biggby Coffee, 11325 W. Highland Road, Hartland, MI 48353

--Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at Biggby Coffee, 1485 N. Michigan Ave, Suite #400, Howell, MI 48855

--Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 – 10:00 am at Two Brothers Coffee, 423 W. Main Street, Brighton, MI 48116

--Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 10:00 am at Biggby Coffee, 8097 Country Corner Driver, Fowlerville, MI 48836

“I look forward to meeting the residents of Livingston County and sharing my vision on how I plan to bring honesty, integrity and real justice to the judicial process here in Livingston County,” said Dennis Brewer. “The public has serious concerns about the current state of our courts here in Livingston County and for too long their concerns have been ignored and dismissed. That will change when I’m their next Circuit Court Judge.”

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

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

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

Our next Breathers Club is scheduled for Tuesday, Noon: July 10, 2018. Our Pulmonary Rehabilitation Therapist is available to assist and answer questions. For recorded meeting information call: (517) 545-6020.

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Great starter or retirement 3 bedroom ranch home on large country lot approximately ½ mile to paved Burkhardt Rd. Nice updates throughout with beautiful hardwood floors, oak 6 panel doors, granite kitchen counter and oak cabinets. Features include 1<sup>st</sup> floor laundry, large front deck, central air, appliances, large shed and black top drive. Natural gas at the road. Shows great. \$154,500.

Excellent location in Town Commons with easy access to I-96 and M-59 for this 3 bedrooms 2 ½ baths condominium with attached 2 car garage. Nice spacious kitchen with center island & appliances, master suite with cathedral ceilings and large deck to relax in the evenings. \$174,900

Beautiful country setting on 2.5 landscaped acres for this nice home with 2 bedrooms and 1 ½ baths. Spacious great room, 1<sup>st</sup> floor laundry, office or den plus large Florida room to relax and enjoy the views. Bright kitchen and dining area and 3 car attached garage with work shop and tall door to fit a motor home. Just minutes to I-96 and shopping. \$224,900.

REDUCED! Desirable location in Addison Farms for this spacious 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath condominium walking distance to schools, shopping and parks. Features include beautiful hardwood floors in the kitchen and dining room, enclosed Florida room, large master suite on the entry level with 2 bedrooms and full bath with spacious setting area on upper level. Full daylight basement, 2 car attached garage, 1<sup>st</sup> floor laundry and all appliances included. Move in ready. \$189,900.

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

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



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**A Call to Prayer**

*“I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. For, there is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone” (1Timothy 2:1-6).*

The instructions given to the young Timothy by the apostle Paul are words that all of us who claim the name of Christian can benefit from hearing. Earlier in chapter one, Paul reminded Timothy of his responsibility to be a good leader and teacher in the church. *“Timothy my son, here are*

*my instructions for you, based on the prophetic words spoken about you earlier. May they give you the confidence to fight well in the Lord’s battles. Cling tightly to your faith in Christ and always keep your conscience clear” (1 Timothy 1:18-19).*

I want to briefly touch on three thoughts this week. The first is our need to be fervently praying to God for the state of our nation. There are hundreds of scriptures in the Holy Bible that speak to me about our need for prayer, but none of them speaks to me as loudly as 2 Chronicles 7:14. *“Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.”*

The greatest gift we have received from God is forgiveness. When we humble ourselves and go to God with repentant hearts, God, who loves us, forgives us and restores us in our relationship with Him. Without true repentance on our part, there is no forgiveness from God.

Notice that the scripture says, “if my people...” He is not talking about everyone, only the people who claim to follow Him. If we, the people who say we are Christians, would join together in humble repentance and submission to the plan that God has for our lives, and then pray to Him for forgiveness, God promises to forgive us as well as to heal our broken nation.

Please join with me and commit to praying for America, her leaders, her pastors and teachers, and for one another.

We have moved so far away from the divine order of the way God intended us to be, that the only way for us to contribute to the restoration and reconciliation of the relationship that God wants to have with us is through prayer and true repentance. We can no longer stand by and watch as America, repeats the same mistakes that the early Israelites kept making before Christ came into the world.

My second thought is that *“God wants everyone to be saved.”* You and I both know that that is not going to happen. Some people are destined to be lost simply because they refuse to believe the truth and live by the standards that God has laid out for us.

But that does not relieve us of our responsibility, as followers of Jesus, to try and help as many people as we can to come to know the truth.

Paul told Timothy to cling to his faith and fight well the Lord’s battles. We must do likewise. We must stay connected to Jesus. How? By spending time in the Word, allowing the Word to transform us into the people that Jesus wants us to be (Romans 12:2).

Jesus says in John 15:5-8: *“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.*

Which brings me to my third thought. Everything we do in life should in one way or another bring great glory to God.

Think about this for a moment. We serve the one and only Creator of the entire universe. The God who created everything that exists, existed in the past and will exist in the future. Let that sink in for a minute.

Now think about this temporary life and opportunity we have been given. We have only two options. One is to trust and obey. The other is to drift away and decay.

If we choose to follow Jesus and live by the two great commandments to *love God with all of our hearts, minds and strength, as well as to love one another as he loves us, (Matthew 22:37-39)* then we have a glorious future ahead of us. Regardless of what happens in this temporary time that we spend in these temporary bodies that were designed to be used and then discarded after a few years, our future is safe and secure. Bought and paid for with the blood of Jesus.

The second option is to turn away from God and choose to live our lives outside of His Will. For that person, there is nothing glorious or joyful to look forward to in eternity.

About four years ago a godly man spoke words of prophecy over me which have proven to be accurate. He told me I was going to be a writer. I didn’t give it a lot of thought until months after I started writing this column.

It is clear to me now that God’s signature is all over what I am doing. Every time I think about discontinuing my column, God reminds me that I am not doing this because I want to, but because He wants me to. That is enough for me to pick up my computer and start typing.

I don’t know if what I write is making a difference or not; what I do know is that I am being obedient to the call God has placed on my life. That’s all I need to know. Results are in His department.



# Area Church Listings



**Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene**

8040 Country Corner Drive,  
Fowlerville, MI 48836

**9:45 Sunday School**  
**11:00 Worship Service**

Rev. Gary Griffin  
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**Sunday Evening Service 6:00PM**

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**Pastor Scott Herald**

**Sunday Worship Service**  
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**Sunday School**  
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9:30am

**Trinity United Methodist Church**


8201 Iosco Rd, Fowlerville  
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**Pastor Mark Huff**

**Sunday Worship Service 9:30am**

**Sunday School 9:30am**  
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Trinity United Methodist Church



**St. John's Lutheran ELCA**  
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**517-223-9108**

**Pastor Diane Greble**

**Sunday Worship at 9:30 am**  
**Sunday School at 10:30 am**  
**Coffee Time at 10:30 am**

**More information available:**  
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**Place of Refuge Ministries**

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**Wed. Evening Bible Study 7:00pm**

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**Webberville United Methodist Church**

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**Worship Service 11:00am**  
Church: **521-3631**

[www.webbervilleumc.church](http://www.webbervilleumc.church)

**Wayside Baptist Church**

2567 Elm Rd.  
Webberville

**Sunday School 10:00am**

**Sunday Morning Service 11am**

**Sunday Evening Service 6pm**

**Wednesday Bible Study 7pm**

**Antrim Baptist Church**

4509 E. Lovejoy Rd., Byron

**Youth Pastor Josh Middaugh**  
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**Sunday Morning Service 11am**

**Sunday Evening Service 6pm**

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**Memorial Lutheran Church & School**

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### 4th of July celebration, continued

starting at 8 pm. There will also be food and novelty vendors at both the park and the fairgrounds at this time.

The fireworks show—which costs around \$13,000—is funded from donations by the public as well as the fundraising efforts of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee. Additional money is also needed to rent portable restrooms and trash receptacles and to pay for other expenses. Without these donations that are collected on July 4<sup>th</sup> by volunteers and committee members, there would not be a show. The committee members request that you donate in cash or check. They do not have the capability to accept credit cards.

Volunteers will be at the entrances of the park and fairgrounds prior to the show and circulating along the parade route earlier in the evening, seeking contributions for next year’s display.

Members of the Fowlerville Fire Department, being honored as the Grand Marshals of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade include:

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### OTHER EVENTS ON JULY 4TH WILL INCLUDE: Centennial Park

--Concert with ‘Southern Drive featuring Blake James starting at 5 p.m.

**First Baptist Church of Fowlerville - 214 S. Grand Ave. from 3 to 6 p.m.**

--‘God and Country’ Classic Car Show – Pre-registration begins at 2 pm. with the Car Show starting at 3 pm.

--Children’s Games and Bounce House from 3 pm. to 6 pm. Both the car show and children’s activities are free.

For more information, call 517-223-9084 or visit the church website at: fowlervillebaptist.org

**Fowlerville United Brethren - 9300 W. Grand River. Activities begin at 8 p.m. after parade.**

--Family Style Barbecue Picnic with food

--Children’s games

--Live Entertainment

All activities are Free to the public. For more information, call 517-223-9490 or go to the church web site: fowlervilleub.org.

*This information and any other updates on the Fowlerville 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration will be on the event website: fowlervillefireworks.com or livingstoncountyfireworks.com. Other information is available at facebook.com/livingstoncountyfireworks.*

Last Monday the banner advertising the upcoming Fowlerville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade & Fireworks was put up at the Main Four Corners of the Downtown by Mike Powers of Signature Signs. Powers, at left, was thanked for doing this by Jim Mayhew, a member of the committee that organizes the annual event and raises money for the fireworks display.

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Local scouts create reflection areas at two Conway Township cemeteries

Local scouts John Blackstone and Dillon Foss created reflection areas at two Conway Township cemeteries as part of their effort to earn an Eagle Scout badge. Both cemeteries are located in Conway Township.

John Blackstone did his project at Miller Cemetery, while Dillon Foss built his at Coughran Cemetery. The pair were recognized at a recent Conway Township Board meeting with Certificates of Appreciation.



From left are John Blackstone, Doug Fosler, a scout mentor, and Dillon Foss.



John Blackstone and his reflection area at Miller Cemetery.



Dillon Foss and his reflection area at Coughran Cemetery.

Fowlerville’s next Music in the Park will be held on Wednesday, July 4th

Our next concert at the Centennial Park will be held on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. The entertainment will be Blake James and The Southern Drive Band.

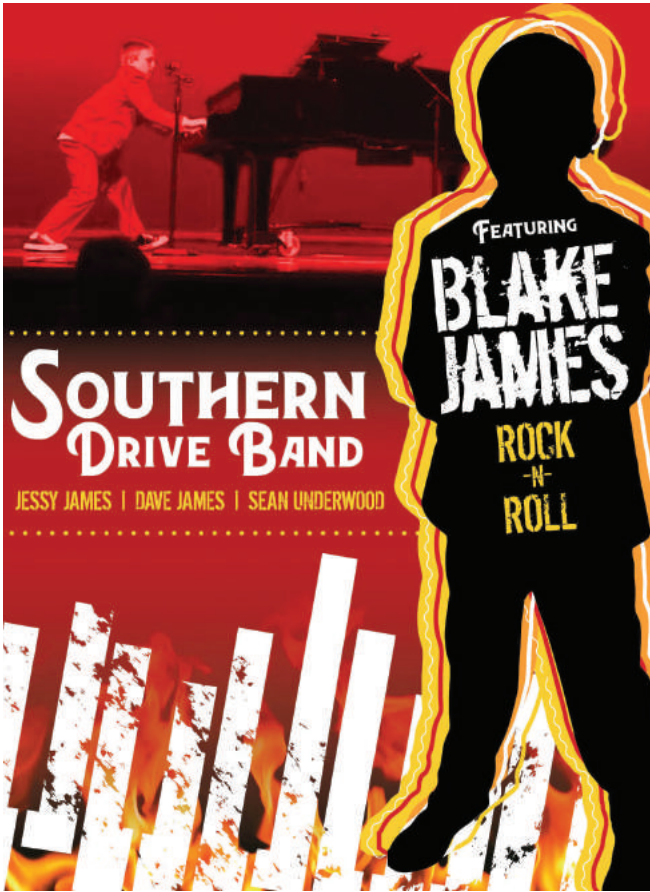
They are a local musical group that includes 11 year old Blake, his dad Jessy, his grandfather Dave James and a family friend, Sean Underwood. Blake has only taken lessons on the banjo but has a strong family musical influence.

Blake has played guitar and keyboard for the last several years and was featured on Channel 4 News in 2016. This appearance led to an invitation to Memphis, Tennessee to perform at the Jerry Lee Lewis Café. While he has there he took part in a showcase of fans of “The Killer” and had the honor of meeting Jerry Lee Lewis himself.

The monies Blake will receive from this concert will be matched by his parent’s local company, J-Line Trenching, and will be donated to the Family Impact Center.

So plan to come to Centennial Park on July 4<sup>th</sup>, bring your chair and listen to some great music. Then stay in town for the parade and fireworks.

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NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD  
OF APPEALS MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2018  
@ 7:15 P.M.**  
A meeting has been scheduled by the Village of Fowlerville Zoning Board of Appeals for Monday, July 23, 2018 at 7:15 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Village of Fowlerville, 213 South Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836 to consider the following:  
Request from Phillips Sign Company, on behalf of Fowlerville Dental Center, 175 West Van Riper Road, for a variance of Village of Fowlerville Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21, Section 2104.(3) Requirements for Changeable Message Signs.  
Applicant requests to waive the total square footage allowed and one color display allowed.  
**Zoning:** The subject parcel is currently zoned GB, General Business.  
The public shall have the right to appear before the board and to express their views and opinions on the request. Written comments are welcomed and should be addressed to the Village Clerk. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Kathryn M. Arledge, CMMC  
Village Clerk/Manager  
(7-1-18 FNV)

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, at 5:48 a.m. a medical emergency on Saddle Drive in Conway Township was reported. Personnel assisted EMS on Layton Road in Handy Township at 7:11 a.m. The Department responded to a medical emergency on Brookdale Street in the Village at 12:50 p.m. Firefighters were called to standby at down power lines on Munsell Road in Iosco Township at 3:00 p.m. and at 3:59 p.m. assisted at a medical emergency on Garden Lane in the Village.

The department was dispatched to a motor vehicle accident on Bull Run Road in Iosco Township at 2:07 a.m., Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and at 8:01 p.m. assisted EMS on Grand River in Handy Township.

Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:21 a.m. the department responded to a medical emergency on Rifle River Drive in Handy Township. A motor vehicle accident with injuries on Grand Ave. in the Village was reported at 1:38 p.m.

Firefighters assisted the ambulance on Pinewood Street in the Village at 2:42 p.m. At 10:44 p.m. personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident on S. Grand Ave. in the Village. The department was called to remove a tree partially blocking Grand River in Handy Township at 4:19 p.m., Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Personnel investigated a smoke alarm activation in a residence on Gregory Road in Conway Township at 12:49 a.m., Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Firefighters were dispatched to a reported open fire on Sherwood Road in Conway Township at 9:24 a.m. and assisted at a medical emergency on Second Street in the Village at 10:21 a.m.

Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:37 p.m. a medical emergency on Augres River Drive in Handy Township was reported.

The department assisted at a medical emergency on Owosso Road in Conway Township at 5:20 a.m., Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> and investigated smoke in the median on I-96 in Handy Township at 5:38 a.m. Arriving firefighters found that a construction crew working on the highway was installing a sewer line and what was reported as smoke was steam. Personnel responded to a medical emergency on Walnut Street in the Village at 1:37 a.m. and to another medical on Owosso Road in Conway Township at 12:33 p.m. The department assisted EMS on Willow Street in the Village at 6:49 p.m.

‘A Day in the Garden’ offered July 14th in Hastings & Delton

It’s time to sit back and relax – at the four houses on the 21<sup>st</sup> annual “A Day in the Garden,” sponsored by the Thornapple Garden Club.

Owners welcome you to come relax in their gardens in Hastings and along M-43 towards Delton on Saturday, July 14, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., as well as enjoy shopping for garden-related items at the Garden Thyme Market at the Courthouse yard from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Garden tour tickets with maps are available for \$8 in Hastings at Alfresco, 215 S. Jefferson St., Barry County Chamber of Commerce, 221 W. State St. and The General Store, 118 S. Jefferson St. Tickets will also be on sale at the courthouse and the gardens on the day of the tour for \$10.

Proceeds from the tour and market are earmarked for city beautification and a scholarship.

The Jacinto garden on High Street sits on rolling land down to the Thornapple River, and over the years they have landscaped to make mowing a little easier. It features some special trees and colorful beds. There are 20 varieties of flowering trees, so the lot in the spring is gorgeous, Judy explained.

Tish and John Cohoon started with a gift of six hostas and have transformed the property to a hosta haven with more than 100 varieties. The wooded land on Number Twenty-One Lake is full of beds and paths named after their grandchildren, as well as a butterfly garden.

Next door is Tish’s sister, Ceci, and her husband Randy Hayes. There is a parking area on the right just after you turn off M-43. There will be a shuttle for people to get to the gardens, but it’s an easy walk for those who are able.

Ceci and Randy Hayes have added flower beds to see from the kitchen and dining room for enjoyment, and built up other beds to host weddings and receptions for their son and daughter. Ceci uses log-scaping throughout her garden design, using logs and branches to edge garden beds, control erosion and as focal points.

Where M-43 curves at Wall Lake, you find the other house – home to Julie and John VanderVoort. Julie is the main gardener and enjoys hydrangeas, gifts of plants from neighbors, family and friends and nursing clearance plants from stores back to health. She loves to experiment with color and texture combinations. “I love watching what the Lord does with living things and seeing plants grow.”

The Garden Thyme Market features metal art, bird feeders, perennials, concrete statuary, honey, hand-painted windows and clothing, handmade body wash, soaps and lotions, soup mixes, feed sack towels and clothing, baked goods, potpourri and wood wall décor.



Wayne Copeland took the oath of office from Village clerk Kathryn Arledge at last Monday’s council meeting. He was appointed to fill the vacancy on that local board. The appointment will be through the November General Election.

Fowlerville Council appoints Wayne Copeland to fill vacancy

By Steve Horton

Former Village president Wayne Copeland is back at the council table. He was appointed at last Monday’s (June 25) meeting to fill the vacancy created two weeks earlier. Copeland left office after the 2016 election, deciding to step down after 14 years of serving as a trustee and then as president.

Current Village president Carol Hill made the recommendation, noting that council had just gone through the process of filling another vacancy and that only four months remained before the November General Election when the position would be on the ballot for a four-year term.

She also pointed out that Copeland, who was elected to the Village Council in 2002 and appointed as president a year later, brings a knowledge of how local government operates and would “hit the floor running” as far as participating in council business and making decisions.

Hill’s recommendation was approved with a unanimous vote and Copeland, who was in attendance, took the oath of office from Village clerk Kathryn Arledge and began taking part in the meeting.

Near the end of the agenda, during the part where each council member has a chance to make a comment, Copeland thanked everyone for “your confidence in appointing me,” adding, “This is a limited term. When it’s up, I’m going back into retirement.”

During the meeting, council also voted on a new firm to serve as the Village’s planning consultant. CIB Planning, headed by Carmine Avanti, received the nod. Representatives from four companies had made presentations. They included CIB Planning, Charlise Wortman Associates, Inc., McKenna Planning Services, and Mannik Smith Group.

It was noted that Avanti had worked with the Planning Commission, Council, and office staff previously when he was with LSL Planning—the firm that had served as the Village’s planning consultant for several years.



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# Webberville Report



Corey Schmidt

## City of Williamston hires new manager, Corey Schmidt

The City of Williamston’s new Manager is Corey Schmidt whose first day with the City was June 11, 2018. Corey spent the last two-and-a-half years as City Manager in Marlette, Michigan. Prior to that, he worked for four years in Loveland, Ohio in a variety of roles in the City Manager’s Office, with his last role being Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance.

Corey is originally from the Linden area and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, and a Master of Public Affairs degree from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. He and his wife, Chelsea, have one son and live in the City of Williamston.

## Capital Area Library Events

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July 11, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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### WILLIAMSTON

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

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

#### ARK Animal Encounters (Held at 3845 Vanneter Rd.)

Meet and learn about a whole menagerie of live animals. July 11, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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

Fill a bowl with your favorite flavors and toppings (while supplies last).

July 12, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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### SYSTEM WIDE

#### Closed for the holiday

All CADL branches will be closed for the 4th of July holiday. Regular hours will resume on Wednesday, July 5.

## Webberville Schools offering the “Meet Up to Eat” Summer Lunch Program

For too many children, the end of the school year means an end to the free and reduced price meals they depend on throughout the year. But this summer, with many families struggling to put food on the table, Webberville Community Schools-Food and Nutrition Summer Meal Program will help to ensure children do not have to worry about their next meal.

The Program will provide regular, healthy meals and snacks for children who might not otherwise receive them. Summer Meal Programs must meet federal nutrition standards, ensuring that children continue to have access to the healthy, well balanced foods they receive throughout the year.

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## Webberville United Methodist Church to host ‘Fun in a Bun’ on July 14

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

## Williamston Area Senior Center

201 School Street - 517-655-5173

### JULY 2018 EVENTS

The Williamston Area Senior Center will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, 2018. Please have a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Williamston Area Senior Center Game Night** – come join us at the Williamston Area Senior Center Monday, July 9, 2018 from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. Pizza and Salad at 5:15 pm. Enjoy cards and other games with friends new and old. Cost: Free for members and \$3.00 for guest, all welcome adults only please. Reservations requested, call 655-5173. Please bring a nonperishable item that we will donate to the food bank.

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

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

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

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

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

### Presentations in July

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

**Thursday, July 5, 2018**, have your blood pressure checked by the Willows of Okemos;

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

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

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

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

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

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Marilyn Jean Stanton of Williamston was born on March 29, 1942 at home in Webberville, Michigan. She left her earthly home to meet the Lord on Sunday, June 24 with her family by her side singing her favorite hymns. Marilyn graduated from Webberville High School in 1960. She was a member of the National Honor Society and graduated top of her class.

Marilyn’s passions were gardening, cooking, drawing, sewing, and reading, but mostly her family. There wasn’t a plant she couldn’t grow, a recipe she would fix up to make better, or a project she couldn’t make. She was creative in all areas of her life. Marilyn was such an avid reader until she lost her eyesight. But that did not deter her love for words and storytelling. Her grandchildren will remember her silly stories and others will remember her uncanny ability to spell any word. No one could beat her at a game of Scrabble or Upwords.

Marilyn loved all types of music. She could be singing along to Frankie Valli or the Statler Brothers, Elvis or Gospel. Music filled her heart with joy. Marilyn was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. She found great peace in her fellowship and services at the church. She also loved to watch the birds at her feeders to try and guess the species. She might even be found talking to the ones she insisted came and visited her every day. Marilyn loved spending time with family and friends. She enjoyed her daily talks on the phone with her loved ones. But one of her favorite things of all was to hold and play with her babies. She loved to cuddle, sing and tell stories to her grandbabies. You were never too old to sit on her lap and cuddle.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents: Muriel and Vernon VanRiper; her sisters: Sandra Barbour and Patricia Rhodes; her grandparents: Iva and Benjamin Swegles and

her beloved cat Junebug. Marilyn is survived by her children: Jeff (Nora) Stanton, Paul (Suzanne) Stanton, Melissa (Mark) Doecker, Janise (Diego) Salas, and Todd (Kimberly) Stanton; 22 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren and 3 sisters: Sheila McKinney, Penny (Claude) Benjamin, and Jody (Fred) Royce. She has many beloved nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held at Calvary Baptist Church 500 North Howard St. Webberville on Thursday, June 24, 11:00 am with visitation 1 hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to Calvary Baptist Church in memory of Marilyn as that was her final wish. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.grwilliamston.com](http://www.grwilliamston.com).

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## Michigan House Report

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

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This year’s Michigan Challenge Balloonfest in downtown Howell was yet another spectacular event. I was happy to volunteer over the weekend and enjoyed the chance to talk with so many residents attending the festival. Events such as this show the great community spirit thriving in Livingston County, and I look forward to each opportunity for community involvement. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it a success, and congratulations to the Howell Chamber of Commerce on a fantastic 2018 Balloonfest!

As I’m sure many of you are aware, The Youth Connection does great work supporting young people throughout the county with a variety of services. Each year, they host a picnic for teens in their program who are graduating from high school, and I had the pleasure of attending and presenting tributes to three students alongside state Sen. Joe Hune. They have earned this recognition for their significant accomplishments, and I look forward to seeing the great things they’ll do in the future!

The Fourth of July is upon us, and there are many parades, fireworks, and activities throughout Livingston County to celebrate our nation’s independence. I hope to see you at some of them and have a chance to say hello! May your family have a safe and enjoyable Independence Day.

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# Caleb Jenkins Column



## A Uniting Force

I love Independence Day. The day itself always goes by so quickly, but the atmosphere surrounding the holiday is great to see. The air is filled with so much patriotism. You can't walk down a street without seeing red, white, and blue yard art or patio decorations. I can't tell you how many USA wreaths, signs, and flags I have seen over the last few days. It's a time when people can openly celebrate their country in a fun way. Whether it's through solemn symbolism or fun paraphernalia (my wife Kaila and I recently got Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson kitchen towels that read "Party like a patriot" and "We the people like to party" respectively), there are many ways to be involved in the holiday.

While the festivities and traditions can be fun and are very worthwhile, I think many people disparage the Fourth of July for it being a shallow display of hollow patriotism that overshadows the true problems of America. At least, that's how they see it. However, I believe that view discredits the very real and powerful emotions and reason (yes, both are and should be involved) powering Americans' patriotism. As for me, my love of country does not stop at a couple silly dish towels or even the great activities of Independence Day. No, it's far deeper than that, and it's something I treasure throughout the year.

I say my patriotism is emotional because I feel a bond with my country. It's nothing 'spooky' or superstitious, but I just appreciate and love my country so much I rejoice when she is doing well and ache when she is hurt in some way. As is the case with emotions, this provides me motivation and drive. I say my patriotism is also based on reason because it does not change with the whims of an emotional ebb and flow. I love my country and stand to defend it regardless of the tumult of

the moment.

There are many reasons to love our country, from the emotional to the practical. The idealist would say do it for owed allegiance. The veteran would say do it for those who have sacrificed. The business owner and investor would say do it for the sake of the economy. The Machiavellian philosopher would say do it for order and stability. The international affairs scholar would say do it for safety in numbers. The historian would say do it for the benefit of the world. And in reality, they are all correct in their own way. Patriotism and love of country are not grounded in a single principle.

Regardless of your motivation behind it, I have another reason for you: do it for unity. Nowadays, there are precious few things around which we can all rally. Differing opinions splinter us on virtually every topic imaginable. Love for country and pure patriotism, I would argue, are things that could and should be accepted and practiced by all. It's just common sense. Patriotism is not isolated to a political party or personal opinion. It's not something that should be seen as polarizing. Patriotism is personal. It's just a proud love for country. Loving one's country does not mean you thus hate other things. A love for country should be above that. And regardless of our differences, it's something we should all be able to claim.

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# Steve Horton Column

## Newsprint Tariffs Cause Concern

In matters of life and living, what’s of concern or even vital importance for one person or interest group is less so with another person or group. And vice versa.

I had this caution in mind when I refrained from rushing to the editorial page and proclaiming that “the sky is falling” despite learning several weeks ago of a tariff being imposed on Canadian newsprint by the United States government.

The news—which came from the Michigan Press Association—included the warning that this additional cost (as high as 32 percent on certain grades of paper) could cause financial hardship on newspapers since the rising cost to printers would be passed on to them.

Newsprint costs had already been going up, due in part to rising gas prices and more limited supplies, but the stiff tariff threatened a more substantial hike.

J-Ad Graphics in Hastings, the printer I’ve used for over 30 years to publish the *Fowlerville News & Views*, gets all of its newsprint from paper mills in Ontario. The same is true for other printers in Michigan and much of the nation.

One of the reasons is close proximity, but also a number of years ago many of the American paper mills abandoned newsprint in favor of more profitable types of paper production.

Fred Jacobs, the CEO of J-Ad Graphics, in a column he wrote last week, noted that “Since 2000, the demand for newsprint in North America has declined by 75 percent. As a result, North American mills have either closed newsprint-producing machines or converted them to higher profit, more financially stable paper products. Those product conversions started in early 2007 when 78 machines across the country were either closed or converted. That eliminated more than 10.175 million tons of newsprint from the industry and increased the pres-

sure to survive on printers and publishers across the country because of reduced availability and subsequent rising prices.”

Despite seeing my printing bill go up and realizing more increases would likely be on the way, I initially thought the tariff matter was a ‘tempest in the teapot,’ that it would soon be resolved, and we’d be back to a more status quo situation. This scenario may indeed happen, but as I’ve gradually come to realize, it may not. And I realize that damage to the newspaper industry may occur before it does.

So, while I won’t claim the sky is in danger of falling, there are some dark clouds looming.

**The news of this penalty being put on Canadian newsprint** came amid all of the initial hoopla about President Trump threatening stiff tariffs on steel and aluminum, the counter threats made by other countries, and fears of an escalating trade war.

At first, I thought that this product from our northern neighbor had gotten dragged into the mix of products that were being singled out for retaliatory tariffs, like soybeans being a target mentioned by China and Kentucky bourbon listed by the European Union.

However, as I’ve learned, tariffs can be imposed on certain imports quite apart from the President’s recent moves and threats and despite efforts to have ‘free trade’ between nations. If a company or trade association thinks a competitor or commodity from another country has an unfair advantage due to governmental assistance, they file a complaint. That, it turned out, is what happened with newsprint.

These tariffs on Canadian paper were the result of a complaint filed with the U.S. Department of Commerce by a U.S. manufacturer known as NORPAC. The company, recently purchased by a New York hedge fund, operates a paper mill in the Pacific Northwest and has no other pulp or paper operations in the United States or elsewhere in the world.

NORPAC charged in its complaint that Canadian competitors were “dumping” paper on the U.S. market. NORPAC sells the majority of its inventory on the West Coast.

While far from being a major player in the industry or a supplier of newsprint to printers in the Eastern United States and Midwest, the hedge fund’s effort to improve its bottom line by filing the complaint is threatening widespread ramifications.

As the Michigan Press Association stated in a memo to its members, “The longer these tariffs remain in place, the greater the struggle of local newspapers, printers, and related suppliers to remain in business. This is an abuse of trade laws. One company owned by a New York private equity firm is using punitive tariffs to protect its bottom line – and at significant cost to the local newspapers that are the foundation of an informed citizenry and healthy democracy.

“The tariffs threaten hundreds of thousands of jobs in journalism, publishing, printing and other sectors,” the memo stated.

There is a due process involved in trying to end the tariff and that’s unfolding.

On July 17, the International Trade Commission will hear testimony on the preliminary tariffs. Newspaper trade organizations, like the Michigan Press Association, are asking members of Congress to testify or submit comments for this hearing, and describe the impact of these tariffs on their local newspapers and jobs at their districts and states.

In addition, last week the Secretary of Commerce (who has an important and distinct role in the newsprint case) expressed interest in receiving information from newspapers on the impact of the tariffs on their businesses.

Support to reverse the tariff is being sought as well from business groups, labor unions, chambers of commerce, and state and national political leaders.

**All of this is of obvious concern and vital importance** to printers and publications, but for many others the issue might be “So what? So you have to pay more for the product?”

Well, that’s only part of the equation. Granted, my print bill has been nudging up during the past several weeks and, if the trend continues, I’ll need to make adjustments. More revenues or fewer expenses are the two main choices.

But that’s not my biggest worry. What’s happening is that the ‘big’ printers, including large newspaper chains, seeing this trend of price increases, have bought up available stock and locked in future orders at current prices. This has created supply shortages. These companies have the cash flow and warehouse space to do this. The smaller printers, including the firm that produces my newspaper, do what they can, but mainly they rely on calling in an order and having it shipped to their respective plants.

Much like auto suppliers not wishing to tie up money on inventory and having to store it, the printers have historically and by necessity operated on their version of “just in time delivery.”

But that’s only part of their worry—and now mine. The Canadian newsprint suppliers, in dealing with the tariff along with the disruption of the normal supply routine, may place printers on an allocated basis. In other words there might be only so much newsprint to go around.

This potential lack of supply; the fact that one week there

might not be enough newsprint to put out the issue, or that it might have to be reduced in size is what alarms me if events spiral out-of-control.

All of this—the actual and potential—is yet another reminder that we live in an interconnected world, with all kinds of causes-and-effects and unforeseen consequences. Through no fault of my own, through no fault of my fellow newspaper publishers, and through no fault of the printers who play a key role in our business, I and they are being threatened and financially hurt by the hedge fund that filed a complaint and the governmental decision to impose a tariff.

Again, I realize that what is a priority to me might not have the same significance to others. Each of us has our own list of worries and priorities.

While I hope the tariff on newsprint is lifted in the near future and my fear of a paper shortage does not materialize, what’s now happening to my industry can and might happen to others. Trade wars, just like the armed conflicts, have their winners and losers, but they can also cause collateral damage, leaving innocent victims in their wake.

For those victims, the sky really is falling.

## Newsprint Tariffs: Bad for Jobs and Democracy

By Brad Thompson

The U.S. Commerce Department has added anti-dumping duties of up to 32 percent on newsprint and some other paper products from Canada. According to the agency these products benefit from unfair Canadian government subsidies. Most newspaper publishers across the country disagree.

The newly imposed tariff on newsprint is a direct threat to a cornerstone of democracy. Our congressional delegation can help stop this threat.

Newspapers still get a large share of their revenue from their print product. Newspapers buy tons of newsprint every year, and it is a significant portion of their expenses. The tariff imposed by the Department of Congress on Canadian newsprint has cut deeply into revenues and for many community newspapers, it could be an unnecessary threat to survival.

The Michigan Press Association represents over 280 newspapers in our great state and we fear this tariff is a threat to democracy in the communities they serve.

A government based on democracy requires a knowledgeable citizenry. This tariff will result in more cuts in newsrooms that are gamely doing their best with far less in the way of resources than they once had. Resources that let citizens know what their government is doing on all levels.

This tariff was based on the complaint of one newsprint company in Washington state. It will result in the loss of jobs across the country.

General President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, James P. Hoffa states that the Teamsters oppose this tariff because of “the potential adverse effect to small and medium sized publications throughout the country and their workers.”

We ask the public to consider the damage to their communities if there is no watchdog newspaper to report to them. Please contact your member of Congress and urge them to let the ITC know this is a bad tariff by July 17, 2018. Also ask them to support The Print Act.

*Brad Thompson is president of the Michigan Press Association and Chairman and CEO of the Detroit Legal News Company.*

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At last Wednesday’s Fowlerville Rotary meeting, the changing of the President took place, when 2017-2018 President Matt Martin passed the gavel to Rich Ralston, the 2018-2019 President. Matt was presented with a plaque from the club, thanking him for his year of service. Shown here are the 2018-2019 Fowlerville Rotary club officers. Past President Matt Martin, President Rich Ralston, Secretary Dawn Horton, President-elect Rick Hill and Treasurer Paul Harmon.



Ollie Updike was a special guest at the meeting. She came to thank the club for her Rotary Athletic Scholarship. She’ll be attending Oakland University this fall to study nursing.

# Rotary installs new officers for coming year

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**VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE  
NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD  
OF APPEALS MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2018  
@ 7:00 P.M.**

A meeting has been scheduled by the Village of Fowlerville Zoning Board of Appeals for Monday, July 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Village of Fowlerville, 213 South Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836 to consider the following:

Request from Kyle St. John, 405 E. North Street, for a variance of Village of Fowlerville Code of Ordinances, **Chapter 6, Section 623 (3) (b)** The total area of all accessory buildings shall not exceed 50 percent of the gross floor area first floor living area of the principal dwelling on the lot or 660 square feet, whichever is less.

Applicant requests to waive the total square footage allowed for Accessory Structure.

The public shall have the right to appear before the board and to express their views and opinions on the request. Written comments are welcomed and should be addressed to the Village Clerk. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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