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From left were Rich Ralston, the Rotary Club president; Sgt. 1st Class Stephanie Randolph, the guest speaker for the program; and Dawn Horton, chair of the club's Veterans Program.

Fowlerville Rotary hosts annual Veterans Day Lunch

The Fowlerville Rotary hosted its annual lunch for area veterans last Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church. Over 80 guests and club members attended the event which was held a few days before Veterans Day.

The guest speaker was Sgt. 1st Class Stephanie Randolph, a member of Michigan Army National Guard. A native of Flint, she has served for 18 years and currently supervises a team of recruiters. Sgt. Randolph works out of the Howell Armory.

In her speech, she provided a history of how she decided to enlist and different milestones in her military career since then.

"Growing up in Flint, I didn't have a lot of role models and don't remember seeing anyone in uniform," she said. "It wasn't until I was in the service that I began to realize the sacrifices that you veterans made."

"With the encouragement of my family, I attended the

University of Michigan and received a bachelor's degree in business administration specializing in finances," she continued. "But something was tugging at my heart. I knew I wanted to be of service to my country. I'd been living my life based on what other people wanted me to do."

She noted that, in talking with a recruiter, she told him that having just graduated from college, she wasn't sure about doing this fulltime. "That's when I learned about being a citizen soldier with the National Guard, meeting one weekend a month and two weeks in the summer."

This was in 2001.

Sgt. Randolph said that May 15th, the day she was scheduled to report for basic training at Fort Leonardwood in Missouri, was also the day of her grandmother's funeral—who (she said) had been a very important part of her life.

"Heading off for basic training after the funeral turned out to be the best thing that could happen for me," she said. "I excelled

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Huge turnout results in Democratic wins for statewide offices, plus passage of 3 ballot proposals

By Steve Horton

A huge turnout in last Tuesday’s General Election saw about 4.2 million Michigan voters cast ballots, resulting in Democrats winning nearly all of the statewide races and passage of the three proposals.

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

Gretchen Whitmer won the governor’s race, topping the Republican candidate Bill Schuette. She’ll replace Rick Snyder, the current Republican governor who could not run again due to term limits. On the ticket with her and winning the lieutenant governor’s office was Garlin Gilchrist II.

Jocelyn Benson was elected as the new Secretary of State, topping the GOP candidate, Mary Treder Lang, while Dana Nessel is the new Attorney General, edging out Tom Leonard, the Republican standardbearer.

In another marquee race, Debbie Stabenow won her fourth six-year term as a U.S. Senator, turning back the Republican nominee, John James.

Democrats also won open seats on the Michigan Board of Education, the University of Michigan Board of Regents, the Michigan State University Board of Trustees, and the Wayne State University Board of Governors.

One notable exception to this trend was the Michigan Supreme Court races. One of the two current justices appearing on the non-partisan ballot, Elizabeth Clement, won her election. She had been appointed by Gov. Snyder to fill a vacancy and was nominated at this summer’s Michigan Republican State Convention.

Winning the second seat on the court was Megan Kathleen Cavanaugh who had been nominated at the Democratic Party Convention. She edged past Kurtis Wilder who had also been appointed by Snyder and was nominated by the Republicans. Finishing fourth in the voting was Samuel Bagenstos, the other Democratic Party endorsed candidate.

Also gaining much interest in the campaign leading up to Tuesday’s vote were the three ballot proposals. All of them passed.

Proposal 1 would allow the use and sale of recreational marijuana.

Proposal 2 would establish a commission of citizens, rather than the legislature, to draw up new boudraries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives, and U.S. Congress every 10 years, after the census. This was known as the anti-gerrymandering proposal. It will start after the 2020 census.

Proposal 3 would allow no-reason absentee voting, return the option of straight-ticket voting, and allow automatic and Election Day registration.

Livingston County reflected the large turnout with over 76,000 ballots cast. County voters supported the three ballot proposals, but unlike the final totals, they gave winning margins in the statewide races to the Republican candidates.

Democratic candidate unseats GOP incumbent in Michigan’s 8th Congressional District

In a Congressional race that brought national attention to the area, the Democratic candidate unseated the Republican incument in Michigan’s 8th District in last Tuesday’s General Election.

Elissa Slotkin, who lives in Holly, won 50.6 percent of the vote, while Mike Bishop, a resident of Rochester, finished with just under 47 percent of the tally. The district includes all of Livingston County, along with the northern part of Oakland County—where both candidates live—and part of Ingham County, including the Lansing area.

The final totals showed Slotkin with 172,878 votes to Bishop’s 159,804. Two other candidates garnered just under 9,000 votes.

In Livingston County, with its Republican majority, Bishop had over 56,000 votes for 57 percent of the vote, while Slotkin received just under 38,000 votes.

Bishop was seeking this third term in the U.S. House of Representatives, having been elected in 2014.

Slotkin, who was making her first run for public office, made the following statement after her win.

“I want to say how deeply grateful I am to the people of the 8th district and everyone in this room,” Slotkin said. “We believed in a mission...And it is a mission to restore integrity to our politics.

“I stand in front of you today as a proud Midwestern Democrat. We are practical, reasonable, independently minded -- we are willing to work across the aisle to get something done. And we believe in our bones that all hardworking American families deserve a fair shake -- no more and no less. As Midwesterners, we will not wait for someone to do the job for us. We are going to teach those in Washington how to act.”

Slotkin thanked Rep. Mike Bishop and his family for their service to the 8th district, and Rep. Bishop called Slotkin to concede and congratulate her on her victory.

“I want to speak to the people who did not vote for me. Whatever your reason for not supporting me, I want you to know that it is my job to support you. We will not always agree, but I will always listen.”

Slotkin campaigned on a platform of defending protections for pre-existing conditions, making healthcare and prescription drugs more affordable, making a once-in-a-generation investment in water infrastructure and roads, and addressing what she called “the flood of corporate special interest money drowning out the voices of American voters.”

The Congresswoman-Elect spent her career in national service. In response to 9/11, Slotkin joined the Central Intelligence Agency, serving three tours in Iraq. She served

under both Republican and Democratic administrations at the White House, the Office of the Director for National Intelligence, and in the Pentagon.



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Smith Elementary School News

IMPORTANT DATES:
November 12-Veterans Day observed with Silent Dismissal
November 13-15-Hearing screening: grades K & 2
November 16 – End of 1st Trimester for K-5th
November 16-PTC popcorn
November 21 through 25 – NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Recess
November 26 – School Resumes
November 26-30-Book Fair
November 27- Kindergarten Lunch with Someone Grand
November 28-First Grade Lunch with Someone Grand
November 28 & 29 – Hearing Rescreening (K & 2nd)
November 29-Second Grade Lunch with Someone Grand
November 29 – P/T Conferences 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm (Full Day of School K-5th)
November 30 – P/T Conferences 9:00 am – Noon & 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm (No School K-5th)

Veterans Day Silent Dismissal- November 11th is Veterans Day and we will be honoring our veterans, and active service members, on Monday, November 12th with a silent dismissal while the Star Spangled Banner is played over the P.A. system. During this time we invite our veterans and active service members to come to HT Smith at 3:00 pm so they can line the halls for the students to honor. If they would like to come in uniform, that's great but not necessary. Dismissal is usually wrapped up around 3:45 pm.

Livingston County Health Department is providing Hearing Screening on November 13, 14 & 15 for Grades K, 2, and 4. Also screened are last-year follow-ups and parent/teacher requests. Please call the school

and provide your child's name and teacher if:
--You do not want your child screened.
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--You have questions regarding Hearing Screening

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There are Preschool Openings for the 2018-2019 school year! -Livingston Educational Service Agency Early Childhood Programs continue to enroll for the 2018-2019 school year. There are many 4-year-old openings in the Fowlerville program located at Munn Early Childhood building. Head Start and Great Start Readiness Programs offer no cost/low cost preschool to income eligible or children "at risk" who qualify under federal and state guidelines. Families meeting eligibility guidelines have access to learning opportunities, health and wellness, social and disability services, and other community resources. Children of all abilities are encouraged to apply. To find out more information about applying and to see if you are eligible, call 517-548-2100 or go to www.LivingstonESA.org.



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Livvie DuFore - Livvie is a junior and it is her second year on varsity. She is one of the starting left side hitters this year that plays all the way around the court. On the team, she has the hardest jump serve, serving at 86% and leads the team in aces with 89. She is also one of the best hitters with a powerful approach. She has 254 kills and 683 attacks so far this year.

Lauren Marquette - Lauren is a junior and it is her second year on varsity as well. She started off as a right side hitter, then was moved to the middle position to help out the rotation. Do not let her size fool you, she can jump out of the gym and has a great vertical which helps her in the front row. Currently, she has 135 kills and 395 attacks, with a 85% serving percentage.

JUD'S FOOTBALL FORECAST

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Green Bay 20 at Seattle 24

SATURDAY, NOV. 17
Indiana 17 at Univ. of Mich. 34
Mich. State 27 at Nebraska 23


SUNDAY, NOV. 18
Carolina 23 at Detroit 27
Dallas 16 at Atlanta 26
Tennessee 19 at Indianapolis 23
Tampa Bay 30 at NY Giants 24
Houston 19 at Washington 22

Pittsburgh 20 at Jacksonville 23
Cincinnati 20 at Baltimore 31
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Fowlerville Village Council has two new members, plus a familiar face

Fowlerville Village Council will have two new members, plus a familiar face as a result of last Tuesday’s General Election.

Three four-year trustee seats were up for election in last Tuesday’s vote with six candidates on the non-partisan ballot.

Jim Mayhew and Jane Mills will be joining council, while Mary Helfmann will remain on the board. Mayhew was the top vote-getter with 488, followed by Helfmann with 461 and Mills with 409.

Ken Bielous, an incumbent seeking a second term, finished fourth with 311 votes, while Jerry Peach had 191 and Enrique Salfate received 152.

Mayhew and Mills were both making their first runs for council. Helfmann had served as a trustee for 16 years, left the board in 2016, and then was appointed earlier this year to fill a vacancy.

Also on the village ballot, but running unopposed, was Carol Hill who was seeking her second two-year term as president. She had 578 votes.

The newly-elected and re-elected officials will be sworn in after Nov. 20 and will be at the council table for the Nov. 26 meeting.

Geddis edges Brewer to become new county Circuit Court judge

The race to become the newest Livingston County Circuit Court judge was hotly contested during the primary season, with four candidates vying for the post, and remained competitive during the fall campaign between the two top vote-getters—L. Suzanne Geddis and Dennis Brewer.

Last Tuesday, Geddis edged Brewer in the final count, receiving 38,801 votes to her opponent’s 37,220 total. Geddis, who is currently a Livingston County District Judge, was elected to an eight-year term.

She’ll join Judge Michael Hatty, who was unopposed for re-election and received 61,578 votes. The other Circuit Court judge is David Reader whose judicial post was not up for election.

Also on the non-partisan ballot was Miriam Cavanaugh, the Livingston County Probate judge. She was unopposed for re-election and had 59,642 votes.

Brewer is an attorney, with an office in Brighton. Both he and Geddis are Howell residents.

A third Circuit Court judgeship had been created by the Michigan Supreme Court and state legislature. That move also eliminated one of the three District Court seats in the county.

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**LIVINGSTON NO. 29 DRAIN
NOTICE OF LETTING OF DRAIN CONTRACT
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO
DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, BRIAN JONCKHEERE, Drain Commissioner of Livingston County, Michigan, will receive sealed construction bids, on **Wednesday, November 14, 2018 until 11:00 a.m at the Livingston County Drain Commissioner’s Office, located at 2300 E. Grand River Ave., Suite 105, Howell, Michigan, 48843-7581.** Bids will then be opened and publicly announced for the construction of a certain drain known and designated as the “**Livingston No. 29 Drain**” located and established in the Township of **IOSCO** in Livingston County, Michigan.

Said Drain is in four (4) Sections as follows, each section having the length, average depth and width as set forth:

- Section 1: Enclosed storm drain construction on the main Drain, west of Kern Rd., as shown on the Drawings, cuts of 5 to 17 feet, beginning at Station No. 0+13 and extending to Station No. 12+13 and ending at a detention basin.
- Section 2: Detention basin construction, west of Kern Road, as shown on the Drawings, cuts of 1 to 21 feet, approximately 1.35 acres of grading & excavation work.
- Section 3: Enclosed storm drain construction on the main Drain, beginning west of Kern Rd., as shown on the Drawings, cuts of 4 to 15 feet, beginning at a detention basin at Station No. 1+00 and extending to Station No. 16+21 along the northerly side of Crofoot Rd.
- Section 4: Enclosed storm drain construction on Branch No. 1, as shown on the Drawings, cuts of 1 to 3 feet, beginning at Station No. 3+25 and extending to Station No. 5+17.

All stations are 100 feet apart.

In the construction of the Drain, the following quantities for tile, pipe and open trench construction will be necessary and contracts will be let for same. The following items and quantities are only approximate to summarize the work and final payment will be made on measured quantities.

1.35-acres of Detention Basin Construction & Excavation (approximately 21,000 CYD of material excavation), Install 1,118 lineal feet of 12-inch HP Storm Sewer, Install 433 lineal feet of 18-inch HP Storm Sewer, Install 417 lineal feet of 24-inch HP Storm Sewer, Install 100 lineal feet of 24-inch C76 IV RCP Storm Sewer, Install 170 lineal feet of 6-inch Dual Wall Perforated Sock-Wrapped HDPE Storm Sewer w/ Wyes, Install 352 lineal feet of 12-inch Dual Wall Perforated Sock Wrapped HDPE Storm Sewer, Install 577 lineal feet of 18-inch Perforated Sock Wrapped HP Storm Sewer, Install 5 of 4-foot Dia. Catch Basins w/ 2-foot sump, Install 3 of 4-foot Dia. Catch Basins w/no sump, Install 1 of 4-foot Dia. Overflow Structures w/ no sump, Install 2 of 5-foot Dia. Catch Basins w/ 2-foot sump, Install 3 of 2-foot Dia. Drainage Basins, Install 120 SYD's of Rip Rap, and 990 lineal feet of Road Ditch Construction. Also, includes tree removal, HMA driveway replacement, removal of existing incidental brush and trees less than 6-inches in size, restoration, traffic control, ditch and swale grading, mobilization, storm sewer appurtenances (fittings, end sections, etc.), gravel road restoration and soil erosion and sedimentation control measures.

There will be no (0) bridges and no (0) drain culverts constructed as part of the project.

There is one contract being let for all construction, which will include all material, expenses, labor and overhead necessary to perform the work. This contract will be let in accordance with the Contract Documents now on file in the office of the Livingston County Drain Commissioner and available to interested parties. Bid will be made and received in accordance with these documents.

Plans and Bidding Documents are on file, and may be examined at the following locations: **Eng., Inc., 4063 Grand Oak Drive, Suite A109, Lansing, Michigan 48911, (517) 887-1100** or at the **Livingston County Drain Commissioner’s Office, 2300 E. Grand River Ave. #105, Howell, Michigan, 48843, (517) 546-0040.**

Complete Bidding Documents may only be obtained at the office of **Eng., Inc., the Project Engineer, at 4063 Grand Oak Drive, Suite A109, Lansing, Michigan, 48911** or at the **Livingston County Drain Commissioner’s Office, 2300 E. Grand River Ave. #105, Howell, Michigan, 48837**, upon payment of a **\$40.00** non-refundable deposit. An additional non-refundable charge of **\$10.00** will be required for mailing out Bidding Documents.

A **Mandatory Pre-Bid Mtg.** will be held at the **Livingston County Drain Commissioner’s Office, located at 2300 E. Grand River Ave. #105, Howell, Michigan, 48837 on Monday, November 5, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m.** All interested bidders or a representative of the bidder must attend the meeting and sign-in under the same bidder’s name when submitting a Bid. Any bidder who does not attend the meeting may not have their Bid opened or read aloud at the Bid Opening.

The date for the **Substantial Completion** of such contract is **120 Calendar Days**, with the date for the **Final Completion** and ready for Final Payment being **160 Calendar Days**, upon receipt of the Notice to Proceed for the Contract. The terms of payment are contained in the contract specifications. The payments for the above-mentioned work will be made based upon completion of Unit Price work on a monthly basis as outlined in the Contract Documents

Any responsible person wanting to bid on the above-mentioned work will be required to deposit bid security (bid bond, certified check, or cashiers check – cash is not acceptable - payable to Livingston County Drain Commissioner,) in the amount of no less than five percent (5%) of the bid specified in the bidding documents as a guarantee that they will enter into a contract and furnish the required bonds as prescribed by the contract specifications and applicable law and within ten (10) days after the award of the contract, execute a contract or agreement and file necessary insurance and other bonds, if selected as the accepted bidder. If the selected awardee fails to properly execute the necessary bonds, agreement, and insurance requirement, the bid bond shall be deemed forfeited to the owner as liquidated damages. **All bids shall remain open for 90 days after the day of the bid opening**, but the Drain Commissioner reserves the right at his sole discretion to release any bid and bid security before that date.

Contracts will be entered into with the lowest responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work and meeting all conditions represented in the Instructions to Bidders. Drain Commissioner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any nonconformance in any bids should it consider the same to be in its best interests, and to adjourn the letting to such time and place as he shall publicly announce.

The Drain Commissioner shall, within 90 days of receipt of bids, attempt to sell Bonds, Notes, or Drain Orders in an amount sufficient to pay for this project, it being understood that if the Drain Commissioner shall not have marketed Bonds, Notes, or Drain Orders in an amount sufficient to pay for this project within such 90 day period, a contract may not be executed. If, within such 90 day period, the Drain Commissioner shall successfully sell Bonds, Notes, or Drain Orders in an amount to pay for this project, the Drain Commissioner shall issue a Notice of Award to the successful Bidder after such sale, at which time the successful Bidder shall provide the necessary bonds and insurances required and execute the Agreement within fifteen (15) days from the Notice of Award. The bid of the successful Bidder and the Bond securing the same shall remain in full force and effect until the Notice of Award. If the Bonds, Notes, or Drain Orders herein before required to be sold are not marketed within the period provided above, or the Notice of Award is not given by the Drain Commissioner to the successful Bidder within the specified time, the bid may be deemed to be null and void and the bid deposit shall be returned to the successful Bidder. However, the 90 day period provided above for the sale of Bonds, Notes, or Drain Orders and the giving of the Notice to Award may be extended by mutual agreement between the successful bidder, the Surety Company issuing the bid bond for the successful Bidder, and the Drain Commissioner.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that on **Tuesday, November 20, 2018**, the apportionments for benefits to the lands comprised within the “Livingston No. 29 Drain Drainage District,” will be subject to review for one day from **9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Livingston County Drain Commissioner’s Office, located at 2300 E. Grand River Ave. # 105, Howell, Michigan, 48843** or at such other time and place to which the Drain Commissioner may adjourn. At the meeting to review the apportionment of benefits, the Drain Commissioner will have the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the drainage district available to review. At said review, the computation of costs for the Drain will also be open for inspection by any interested parties.

Any drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the landowner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges. For more information regarding payment of assessments, please contact my office.

The following is a description of the several tracts or parcels of land constituting the Special Assessment District of the Drain, as well as a list of any county, township, city, village and state department to be assessed at large:

THE PARCELS OF LAND SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENT AT THIS HEARING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

4709-01-300-002	4709-01-300-003	4709-01-300-004
4709-01-300-017	4709-02-200-014	4709-02-200-015
4709-02-200-043	4709-02-200-044	4709-02-200-045
4709-02-200-046	4709-02-400-009	4709-02-400-014
4709-02-400-015	4709-02-400-016	4709-02-400-019
4709-02-400-032	4709-02-400-036	4709-02-400-043
4709-02-400-045	4709-02-400-046	4709-02-400-047
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4709-02-400-051	4709-02-400-052	4709-02-400-053

Comprising the following at-large entities:
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LIVINGSTON COUNTY AT-LARGE (for Livingston County Road Commission)
LIVINGSTON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NOW THEREFORE, all unknown and nonresident persons, owners, and persons interested in the above described parcels of lands, and You: **ELIZABETH HUNDLEY, CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, AND THE LIVINGSTON BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON WHO ARE SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENT FOR AT LARGE ROAD BENEFITS AND STEPHEN CRANE, JOHN DUNLEAVY, AND DAVID R. PECKENS, THE MEMBERS OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS AND MICHAEL CRAINE,**

continued on next page

Upcoming Programs at the Fowlerville District Library

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

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

The Fowlerville District Library will be closing at 3pm on Wednesday, November 21st and reopening Saturday November 24th at 10am to observe Thanksgiving. Have a fun and safe 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 green drop box. Thank you.

Donate to Decorate - Sign-up is now open! This fundraiser will help support library services for children and teens.

Two sizes of holiday trees will be available to be decorated with your own favorite book-themed decorations! The trees will be trimmed in time for Christmas in the Ville and remain outside the library for the community to enjoy until New Year's Day. **For a list of guidelines, donation requests, and how to participate, contact the library starting November 1st. Number of trees are limited, so hurry in to sign up! Decorating will take place November 16th-30th during regular library hours.*

Food for Fines - November 1st-December 14th

This food drive benefits the **Family Impact Center**. Each item donated equals \$1 in fines removed from your account, up to \$5. Donations are always welcome, even if you do not owe fines!

Cardio Drumming - Tuesdays at 7pm

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

Family Movie Night: The Incredibles 2 - Wednesday, November 14th at 5:30-8pm

Families. Come to the library to watch The Incredibles 2 and munch on some tasty popcorn! Pizza and beverages will also be served. All children attending will be entered to win an Incredibles 2 book that will be given away at the end of the

evening. Movie is rated PG and is 2 hours and 5 minutes in length. **Space is limited. Register in person to attend. Registration begins October 31st.*

Marbled Ornaments - Thursday, November 15th at 7pm Adults. Come make beautiful, easy-to-make, swirled ornaments for everyday or the holidays! **Register in person to attend. Registration begins November 1st and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.*

Yoga with Erin - Fridays at 9:30am

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

Toys for Tots Collection - November 24th-December 14th

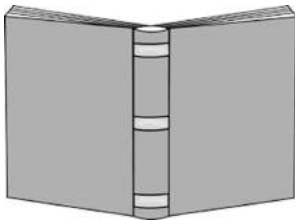
We are collecting toys for children and teens. Please bring your new, unwrapped toy to donate and drop it in our Toys for Tots box.

Stained Glass Class - Thursday, December 6th at 2-4pm OR 7-9pm

Adults. No experience required for this hands-on workshop! Learn the ins and outs of stained glass crafting and create your own stained glass star ornament to take home. Program is open to those who have **not** previously attended a stained glass workshop at the library. **Special time and class size. 8 participants per class. Register in person to participate. Registration begins November 15th and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.*

Teen Holiday Party - Friday, December 7th at 5-8pm

Teens 6th-12th grades. Bring your friends for some holiday fun at the library! Make a cool craft and watch a holiday movie. Pizza and a beverage will be served. **Registration is required and includes a 2018-2019 signed Program Permission Form. Registration begins November 16th. Register by December 5th to attend.*



St. Joseph Catholic School Holiday Bazaar being held Nov. 17-18

The Annual St. Joseph Catholic School Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, Nov. 17, and Sunday, Nov. 18, from 9am-4pm each day in the St. Joseph School Activity Center, in Howell. Admission is a free will donation. Shop up to 50 vendors featuring crafts, quilters, specialty wares, home direct sales businesses, jewelry, holiday gifts and décor and more. Bake sale and concessions will also be available for purchase. Exhibitor registration is \$25 per table/per day. Please contact Holiday Bazaar Event Chair Annette Staley at 517-861-1736 or akstaley@sbcglobal.net for more information.



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LIVINGSTON NO. 29 DRAIN, CONTINUED

ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR, WHO ARE SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENT FOR AT LARGE ROAD BENEFITS AND ALSO **PETE MILLER, SUPERVISOR OF IOSCO TOWNSHIP AND DAN DELMERICO, CLERK OF IOSCO TOWNSHIP**, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO APPEAR ON THE ABOVE DATE AND TIME FOR SAID DAY OF REVIEWING YOUR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AND APPORTIONMENTS.

At the Review the COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER shall hear the proofs and allegations of all interested parties and shall carefully reconsider and review the description of land comprised within the **LIVINGSTON NO. 29 County Drain Drainage District**, the several descriptions and Apportionment of Benefits and Special Assessments, and define and equalize the land or Public Corporation as is just and equitable.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956 as amended, the owner of any land in the Drainage District or any Township, District, or County having control of any highway or Public Corporation aggrieved by a Public Health Assessment or Apportionment and which may feel aggrieved by the Apportionment of Benefits so made by the Commissioner, may, within ten (10) days after the day of review of such Apportionments, appeal therefrom and for such purpose, make an application to the Probate Court of Livingston County for the appointment of a Board of Review, by filing with said Probate Court a Bond in such sum as the Judge of Probate may require, with one or more sureties to be approved by the Judge of Probate, conditioned upon the payment of all costs in case the Apportionment made by the Commissioner shall be sustained. Such appeal may be taken by the Board of County Road Commissioners in behalf of the County; the County of Livingston when authorized by the County Board of Commissioners; a Township Supervisor when authorized by the Township Board; or by the authorized representative of the Board of Road Commissioners when authorized by the Board of Road Commissioners, respectively. Only one Board shall be appointed by such Probate Court.


Dated this 26th day of October, 2018



BRIAN JONCKHEERE
LIVINGSTON COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

THIS NOTICE GIVEN PURSUANT TO ACT 172 OF SECTION 3 (D) OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACTS OF 1992, AND ACT 64 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN 1989 AS AMENDED AND ACT 40 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1956 OF MICHIGAN (DRAIN CODE) AS AMENDED, SECTION M.C.L. 280.154, M.C.L. 280.155 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

(11-4 & 11-11-18 FNV)



NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES


LIVINGSTON NO. 29 DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Tuesday, November 20, 2018**, concurrent with the Livingston No. 29 Day of Review of Apportionments, the lands comprised within the "Livingston No. 29 Drain Drainage District," will be subject to review for one day from **9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Livingston County Drain Commissioner's Office, located at 2300 E. Grand River Ave. # 105, Howell, Michigan, 48843** At that time and place, the Drain Commissioner will hear the proofs and allegations and carefully reconsider and review the description of lands comprising the Drainage District for the Drain listed below, and determine whether the addition or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefitted by the Drains and is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of 1956 PA 40, as amended. The Drain is located and established in the following municipalities, and a general description by section number of the lands proposed to be added or deleted in whole or in part include the following:

DRAIN NAME	MUNICIPALITY	SECTION NUMBERS
LIVINGSTON NO. 29 DRAIN	IOSCO TOWNSHIP	1, 2, 11 & 12

You are Further Notified that persons aggrieved by the decision of the Drain Commissioner to add or delete property to or from the Livingston No. 29 Drain Drainage District may seek judicial review in the Livingston County Circuit Court within ten (10) days of the decision.

Dated October 30, 2018.



Brian Jonckheere
Livingston County Drain Commissioner
2300 E. Grand River Ave. #105
Howell, MI 48843
(517) 546-0040

(11-4 & 11-11-18 FNV)

Kreeger Elementary

School News

DATES TO REMEMBER:
11-5-18 thru 11-20-18: Canned Food Drive for Family Impact Center -see attached
11-15-18: 8:30am Room Citizens Breakfast
4th Grade Play “Phantom of the Music Room”0 2:00 & 6:30pm at Alverson Center for Performing Arts
11-16-18: End of 1st Trimester for K-5th

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11-26-18 – 11-30-18 Kreeger Book Fair
9:00 - 3:30 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:00 - 3:30 & 5:00 – 7:00 Thursday
9:00 - 12:00 Friday

We are looking for Parent Volunteers to help work during our Book Fair. If you would like to donate your time please sign in by going to the following link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4DA8AA2DA6FC1-fall>

11-26-18 & 11-27-18: Hearing Screening for 4th grade
11-27-18: Picture retake day
11-29-18: Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-7:30 p.m.
11-30-18: K-5 NO SCHOOL. *Parent Teacher Conferences:* 9:00 a.m.-12 noon & 1:00-3:30 p.m.
12-10-18 – 12-14-18 9:00 – 3:30 Kreeger Santa Shop
12-20-18 -1-1-19: NO SCHOOL-WINTER RECESS

END OF DAY NOTES: *Please call before 3:00 p.m.* if you have a note that needs to get delivered to your child before the end of the day. *Thank you*

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

Congresswoman-elect Slotkin to discuss priorities, greet voters & supporters

On Thursday, Nov. 8, Congresswoman-elect Elissa Slotkin will discuss priorities and greet voters in a three-stop tour of the district, with events in North Oakland, Livingston, and Ingham Counties. The events are open to the public.

Thursday 12 Noon:
Recipes Rochester
134 W. University Dr., Rochester

Thursday 2 PM:
Great Harvest Bread Company
416 W. Main St. Brighton

Thursday 4 PM:
Strange Matter Coffee
2010 E. Michigan Ave #103, Lansing.

St. Joseph Mercy Livingston to hold open house for Intensive Cardiac Rehab

A ribbon-cutting ceremony and Open House for St. Joseph Mercy Livingston’s new Intensive Cardiac Rehab program featuring Pritikin ICR™ (Intensive Cardiac Rehabilitation) will be held on Thursday, Nov. 15, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 620 Byron Rd., Howell. Tours of the new space, including a demonstration kitchen, gym and yoga studio will be available.

St. Joseph Mercy Livingston’s executive and physician leadership will be present, including John O’Malley, president of St. Joseph Mercy Livingston; and Frank Smith, M.D., medical director of the hospital’s Intensive Cardiac Rehabilitation unit.

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Michigan House Report

By Dr. Hank Vaupel,
47nd District

I attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Adam Griffith and presented a legislative tribute recognizing his achievement. Adam’s Eagle Scout Project was to lead others in building nine shelves and two benches for the inside of the Highlander Reading Express book bus. This mobile library was put into service this past June by Howell Public Schools. The Highlander Reading Express visited areas around the community to promote summer reading. Congratulations to Adam on becoming an Eagle Scout.

The Connection Youth Services recently held their Home for the Holidays annual benefit program. Thank you to all the staff who does amazing work in helping youth and their families who turn to the Youth Connection for effective guidance and support. I want to thank everyone who supports the Youth Connection by attending their annual event, and those who volunteer and make contributions to help this successful program continue in our community.

I had the honor of attending the Howell S.C.O.T.S. BOTS FTC competition on Saturday. I am amazed at the projects these robotics students of all ages are able to build. Congratulations to all the robotics students who once again showed off their amazing work.

This week, I was invited to talk to Highlander Way Middle School students about our state government. I always enjoys spending time with students, and was able to spend time answering some of their questions they had prepared ahead of time on state government issues.

The Fowlerville Family Impact Center held its annual fall event last weekend with music performances by Sanctus Real and Mallary Hope in addition to a live art performance by Jared Emerson. Thank you to Barb Dine and the other Impact Center volunteers for providing an enjoyable evening for the community. Thank you to everyone who attended and those who donated raffle and door prize items.

I had the honor of attending the unveiling of the statue for the Zemp Legacy project located at the Howell Carnegie Library. This statue is to honor the many accomplishments of the late Duane Zemper through his work as a community historian through the many photographs he provided over the years and his military service.

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

FHS Theatre Tech Club and The Unfettered, in cooperation with The Webberville United Methodist Church proudly present:

Virgil's Family Reunion

by Eddie McPherson

Y'all come out to our hilarious Sludge family reunion to benefit FHS Theatre Tech Club scholarship and annual service project. Mama and Papa will be treating the guests to a delicious chicken dinner with all the trimmings. A special door prize will be given to a lucky guest each night!

Dinner, show and side-splitting hijinks all for only \$20 per person!

November 16th and 17th at 6:30pm
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Michigan Senate Report

By Joe Hune,
22nd District

Michigan’s World War I Centennial
Veterans Day is always a special, solemn, and celebratory occasion in our state and nation as we honor the service of the men and women of our Armed Forces. As you may know, Veterans Day, as we know it today, was first known and celebrated as Armistice Day. Recognized on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, during the 11th month to commemorate the anniversary of WWI’s ending. The National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. will hold a bell ringing ceremony at 11 a.m. this Veterans Day to commemorate the centennial of the armistice. Churches, schools, courthouses, and other groups will participate at the time of this nationwide occasion in each time zone. You can participate individually by installing the mobile phone app, called Bells of Peace: A WWI Remembrance, offered by United States World War I Centennial Commission. As I have written before, last year the governor signed legislation establishing Michigan’s World War I Centennial Commission. The commission was created to help explore, develop, execute, and promote programs that commemorate

The Community Theatre of Howell holding auditions for upcoming musical

The Community Theatre of Howell is holding auditions for the upcoming musical play ‘Singin’ In The Rain JR’ on Dec. 6-7-8. The show is based on the classic Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film. See website (www.cththeatre.org) for detailed character descriptions and age requirements. The auditions will be at the Howell High School Freshman Campus, 1400 W. Grand River. Cast list will be posted by Dec. 9 by 5:00 pm at www.cththeatre.org and on our Facebook Page. Rehearsals begin Dec. 10. School Performance will be March 12, 13, and 14 and Public Performance are March 15, 16 and 17. Note: Students age 18 and under are welcome to audition.

Howell Eagles to feature ‘The Blue Notes Band’ at Nov. 18 dance

The Howell Eagles and ‘The Blue Notes Band’ will host their November dance at the Eagles Club, located at 141 Schroeder Park Drive in Howell, on Sunday, Nov. 18, from 3 to 7 p.m. Good food, good fun, and great music are yours to enjoy for a \$5 admission fee. Membership is not required to attend and everyone is welcome. Get a group together and join us for a memorable afternoon. Additional information is available at 517-548-1630 or 517-548-4313.

the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, and to help teach the military, cultural, economic and social impacts that resulted from World War I. Michigan’s impact to the war effort was great, including the service of 135,000 men and women, and the contribution of our state’s engineering and manufacturing prowess derived from the auto industry, to name only a few. For more information about Michigan’s World War One Centennial, to locate events or how to get involved, visit the commission’s website at <https://www.worldwar1centennial.org/index.php/michigan-in-ww1-home-page.html>. Veterans Day serves as a reminder that freedom is not free, and of the sacrifice necessary to preserve, protect and defend it. I encourage you to join me in thanking our veterans on Sunday, November 11, and the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. As always, if you have any questions or need more information please contact my office toll-free at 855-JOE-HUNE or email my office at SenJHune@senate.michigan.gov and my staff will be happy to assist you. My website, www.SenatorJoeHune.com, is also a good resource for information.

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Saved by Grace

The Bible says in Ephesians 2:8-9: “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

Our salvation is bought and paid for by the blood of Jesus; we have nothing to do with it. We get to spend our eternity with Jesus because of what He did for us, not because of any accomplishments we may have achieved.

Each week I write this column in the hope that something I write will help someone who may be struggling in their walk with Christ. I have devoted my life to sharing the message of salvation with others so they might enjoy the same wonderful relationship with Christ that I have.

When God created humankind and gave us a free will, it was

no surprise to Him when we surrendered to the temptations of Satan. God already knew it would happen. Therefore, He had the perfect plan for redeeming all who want to be redeemed. He sent His Son, Jesus into the world to be the living example for everyone who chooses to believe in Him. **“There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus.”** (1 Tim. 2:5) If there was ever a time when mankind needed a mediator to reunite God and man, it is now.

America has strayed so far away from God until the only way we will ever find our way back is if God intervenes and draws us back to Jesus. I have been praying that America will wake up before it is too late. Everywhere I turn, I see the evidence of what happens when people ignore God and start to live as though God does not exist. I see the fallout caused by application without scriptural foundation.

Our government is split along party lines and wastes millions of dollars on investigations of their opponents trying to find something that will destroy them. Families are being torn apart because one member may have a difference of opinion that conflicts with the rest of the family. Church pastors and congregations are fighting over who will be in control. Children are being taught by our example that it’s okay to lie. It’s okay to steal. It’s okay to slander and criticize one another in order to get what we want. It’s okay to skip church when something else comes up that we want to do. It’s okay to cheat on our spouses and commit adultery. It’s okay to pray in a crisis but not necessary to do so when things are

going well.

This is the example that our generation and several generations before us have been teaching for centuries. Is it any wonder that God has moved down to the bottom of our list of priorities? How can we expect the next generation to act any different if they grow up following the example we are setting for them? Which I might add is not a very good example.

As humans we are created in the image of God, but we are living as though there is no God. One day our bodies will grow old and die. When that day comes, our *soul* will continue to live on for eternity. Some people are living as if the *soul* will die when their body dies. How sad and painful it will be for them on the day of judgment.

The Bible says on that day there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 13:42, Luke 13:28) The sad part is that day will last for an eternity.

George MacDonald a Scottish Christian minister and poet said, “You don’t have a soul. You are a Soul. You have a body.” To put it in the simplest terms, the human soul is the part of a person that is not physical. It is the part of every human being that lasts eternally after the body experiences death. Doesn’t it make sense to be more concerned with the state of our soul rather than the whims of our bodies? Yet, we spend most of our life seeking to satisfy the desires of our body which will only last for a short time, while neglecting our soul which will last forever. God doesn’t want any of us to miss out on His saving grace. He created us to live in harmony and unity with one another. **“How good and pleasant it is when my people dwell together in unity.”** (Psalm 133:1)

It pleases God when we love one another. It pleases Him when we care for each other and put the needs of our brother or sister ahead of our own need. It pleases Him to see us living in harmony with one another. It pleases God when we are obedient to the teachings of His Son Jesus!

Jesus was our example of what it means to live an obedient life that is dedicated to God the Father. Jesus not only talked the talk, but He walked the walk. He didn’t give in to the temptations of the enemy and He completed the task His Father sent Him here to perform. Jesus did nothing on His own (John 8:28). Everything Jesus did, God sent Him here to do. He came here to set the standard, to be the example, and then to give His life as a sacrifice for our sins. When Jesus had completed His task, he said, **“It is finished,”** (John 19:28-30) bowed His head and gave up His Spirit.

Jesus has done His part. Now it’s up to us to do ours if we want to spend eternity with Him. Our part is simply to Love Him and accept Him as our Savior and live lives that are obedient to His teachings.

Jesus said: **“Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them.”** (John 14:21)

We must accept Christ and then become obedient to His commands. **“Love the Lord God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.** (Luke 10:27)

I could not help but notice that the *body* was not included in this verse. However, it does include the *soul*. The soul is important to God because our soul is part of God. **“And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”** (Gen.2:7)

He breathed part of Himself into us when we took our first breath. Since God will never die, our soul will never die. Based on this fact, I have to conclude that my soul which comes from God will one day return to God if I accept His offer of Prevenient Grace. The only way we can miss out on the blessing of God’s Grace and Mercy is by refusing to accept His Son as our Savior.

Remember it is not by status, power, or fame that we are saved, it is by the blood of Jesus.

I pray that everyone who reads these words will pause and take some time to do a spiritual check-up. Examine your motives for living the life you live. Examine your finances. See what you spend the most of your money on. Examine your time. How do you spend the majority of your time? Examine your time spent with God in prayer and bible study. Look closely at how you treat others and what you’re doing for the Kingdom of God. Do people know you’re a Christian? Is it reflected in your everyday life style?

Livingston County Genealogical Society to meet Dec. 6 at Howell church

The Livingston County Genealogical Society is meeting on Thursday December 6, at the First United Methodist Church of Howell. The topic is “New York” with guest speaker Cindy Grostick. This will also be the group’s Christmas party. Dessert will be at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. The church is located at 1230 Bower St., Howell For questions, call 810-227-7745. The meeting is free and open to the public.

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From left, front row, are Lizzy Banko, Dalaija Franklin, Jackie Jarvis, Grace Wallace, Dani Ryan, Abby Thomas; middle row, Kourtney Moulton, Madison Fredrick; back row, Livvie DuFore, Lauren Marquette, Hailey Curd, Coach Michelle Hardenbrook, Leah Ash, Emily Homrock, and Natalie Juopperi.

Fowlerville Varsity Volleyball Team wins District Championship

The Fowlerville Varsity Volleyball Team can now call themselves the 2018 district champs. The Glads beat Williamston last Thursday, Nov. 1, in three games—25-10, 25-20, 25-13. Senior Dani Ryan led as the setter with 21 assists, 8 points, and 3 kills.

“Her leadership, hard work, and determination was key for the Gladiators,” said Coach Michelle Hardenbrook.

Senior Leah Ash also had a “great game at the net” with 9 kills and 3 blocks. Senior Grace Wallce had an “amazing game defensively” with 19 digs and 9 points. Senior Natalie

Michigan DNR Fishing Tip—

Proper storage of fishing equipment

It’s getting to be that time of year where many anglers are preparing to store their fishing equipment. Here are a few tips to help you through this process:

1. Take your reels apart to clean them and then grease and oil them.
2. Check out the hooks on your lures and determine if they need replacement or sharpening.
3. Remove the fly line from your reel. If you plan on re-using it consider cleaning it with dish soap.
4. Use rod sleeves to store your rods and so the parts don’t get mismatched.
5. Store your rods vertically to avoid any bends from occurring.
6. Keep your rods at room temperature.
7. Check your waders for any leaks; pinhole-sized leaks can be found by putting a flashlight inside your waders in a dark room.

After that you’ll be ready for ice fishing season! But brush up on the basics first!

Joupperi also had 9 points and 15 digs and played well.

Livvie DuFore had 8 points, 3 aces, 6 kills and 15 digs. Senior Jackie Jarvis had 9 points, 5 kills, and 15 digs. “Both played tough at the net and flawless defense,” noted Hardenbrook. Junior Lauren Marquette added 5 kills and 3 blocks, while junior Haley Curd and freshman Abby Thomas and Emily Homrock stepped up as well.

“The Glads are proud district champions,” said Hardenbrook.

Fowlerville Varsity Volleyball Team loses in first round of Regionals

By Michelle Hardenbrook
FHS Varsity Volleyball Coach

The Fowlerville Varsity Volleyball team should hold their heads up high for the stellar season that they had. The Glads played with heart, determination, and pride; however, they came up short last Tuesday night, losing in the first round of the Regionals at Harper Creek. The Glads played a great Marshall team and lost 16-25, 12-25, 26-28. In the first two games, errors cost the team in many areas. However, they regrouped for the third game and hung in to the end and never gave up.

Setting for the night was senior Dani Ryan with 24 assists, 14 digs, 5 points, and 3 kills. Junior Livvie DuFore led at the net with 10 kills, 4 points and 2 blocks. Senior Jackie Jarvis added 6 kills, 21 digs, and 4 points. Grace Wallace played solid defense with 24 digs and 3 points. The girls never gave up and played with great tenacity.


Natalie Joupperi had 10 digs and 3 points and freshman Abby Thomas stepped up as the leading scorer with 6 points and 2 aces. Lizzy Banko helped out with 6 digs and some key plays. Also at the net, Leah Ash added 6 kills with help from great net play of Lauren Marquette and Haley Curd. The bench never gave up on their team and cheered the whole game, helping the team stay focused.

The Glads finish their season 25-16-4 overall with a district championship to be proud of.

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United Way’s 25th Annual “Filling Wishes” Booklets now available

It is Livingston County United Way’s 25th year of gathering “wish lists” from area nonprofit organizations! With the holidays quickly approaching, now is the time of year people start considering ways to get involved and help local families and agencies. Thirty-seven local nonprofit organizations hope to be considered during the holiday season, and throughout the year! The “Filling Wishes” booklet, can be obtained online at <http://www.lcunitedway.org/give/>

Many lists include practical items needed to help local organizations provide strong community programming, while offsetting operating costs. In some cases, “gently” used items may be donated such as office equipment, furniture or supplies.

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2018 Precious Baby Contest winners announced

Winners of the 2018 Precious Baby Contest, from left, are: (front row) 1st place **Levi Trapp** with mother Lauren, 2nd place **Olivia Strickler** with mother Sarah, 3rd place **Luke Mills** with mother Jessica; (2nd row) 5th place **Benjamin Kelly** with mother Katherine, 4th place **Isaiah Santoni** with parents Nate and Meagan, 8th place **Aliya Franck** with mother Angelina. (Not pictured are 6th place winner **Christian Donovan** and 7th place **David Halberstadt**.

This was the 19th Annual Contest, put on by the Right to Life of Livingston County. Parents and guardians of children 2 years or younger submitted each child’s picture which was displayed at Right to Life events in the county this summer. Friends and family cast their vote for the child of their choice with a donation. The winner was announced at this year’s Focus on Life Dinner on October 16th at Crystal Gardens.

All participants received award ribbons with the top eight receiving prizes donated by area merchants and sponsors. The winners met at the Right to Life office on November 1 to receive their award ribbons and prizes, valued at over \$1500.

The prizes were donated by the following businesses

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Fowlerville VFW & Auxiliary to host Single Seniors Thanksgiving Dinner

The Fowlerville Veterans of Foreign Wars & Auxiliary Post 6464 will be hosting their annual Single Seniors Thanksgiving Dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 20. The VFW Post is located at 215 Veterans Drive, Fowlerville. Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m.

Those attending must be 62 years or older and live in the Fowlerville-Webberville area. Please call 517-223-9842 and leave a message with your phone number to make a reservation.


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Thursday, November 1st, at 4:50 p.m. personnel responded to a medical emergency on Little Rascal Drive in Handy Township and assisted EMS on Dutton Road in Iosco Township at 6:47 p.m.

Personnel removed a tree blocking Dutton Road in Iosco Township at 6:00 a.m., Friday, November 2nd. Firefighters responded to a medical emergency on James Drive in Handy Township at 9:38 a.m. At 10:18 a.m. the department was dispatched to assist EMS on Cass River Drive in Handy Township.

A dispatch reporting a medical emergency on Chase Lake Road in Conway Township was received at 6:28 a.m., Saturday, November 3rd. Personnel assisted the ambulance on Munsell Road in Iosco Township at 9:20 p.m.

Sunday, November 4th, at 10:41 a.m. firefighters were dispatched to a medical call on Grand River Ave. The Department extinguished a small fire in a structure on Grand River in the Village at 1:14 p.m. and assisted the ambulance on Cass River Drive in Handy Township at 2:51 p.m. A medical emergency on Augres River Drive in Handy Township was reported at 5:03 p.m. At 7:47 p.m. Firefighters responded to assist EMS on Coon Lake Road in Iosco Township. Personnel assisted the ambulance on Fowlerville

“Surviving the Holidays” Seminar offered by Grief Share on Nov. 18

No matter how long it has been since your loved one has passed away, grief can make the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays a painful time. But there is hope.

Family Impact Centers is offering an informative and encouraging video seminar that will help you get through your difficult times and discover new ways to enjoy the holidays again. At this event, you will receive a booklet for notetaking that also contains valuable material for you to keep and put to use. The seminar is free of charge and is being held on Sunday, November 18th from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Family Impact Wellness Center, located at 9430 W. Grand River Avenue just west of Fowlerville.

For more information or to register, please call 517-223-4428. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, November 15th. Pre-registration is required.

Road in Handy Township at 8:57 p.m.

The department was called to a medical emergency on Linden Street in the Village at 6:13 p.m., Monday, November 5th.

At 8:15 a.m., Tuesday, November 6th, a request for a Tanker at a Structure fire on Sherwood Road in Ingham County was

received. Firefighters were called to a medical emergency on Brimley Road in Conway Township at 12:05 p.m. and assisted the police at a motor vehicle accident on Grand Ave. in the Village at 12:14. The Department was dispatched to standby at downed power lines on Grand River Ave. in the Village at 12:43 p.m.



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Heather McPhail uses artistic abilities to give back

By Ashlee Buhler

A Fowlerville woman was caught doing something great this Halloween season.

Heather McPhail, 30, is putting her artistic abilities to good use. For the last two years she has carved pumpkins for her neighbor and friend Kim Thomas, who had carpal tunnel surgery in 2014.

Thomas, 61, has lived in Fowlerville for 14 years. With another surgery pending, she is very limited on how she can use her hand. When McPhail moved in two years ago, that's when she took matters into her own hands by carving pumpkins for Thomas to display on her porch. All the work is done free-hand.

In 2017 she carved a Cheshire Cat. This year she decided to carve two pumpkins, one for each of their favorite things. "She likes Groot and I like 'The Nightmare before Christmas,'" so I figured I would recreate Jack's face," McPhail said. "I just drew it on from a picture I saw online."

When looking at the pumpkins, one might think they take a long time to create. However, the process of designing and carving them is actually rather quick. McPhail starts by drawing on the pumpkin with an erasable Sharpie to ensure she has the design just right. Then she grabs a knife and begins the carving process, which only takes her about 30 minutes per pumpkin.

McPhail, who studied ceramics at Oakland Community College, said art has always come naturally to her. In addition to carving pumpkins, she also does woodworking,

ceramics, glass blowing and jewelry making.

When she's not being artistic, McPhail works full-time as a shipping specialist and also trains horses.

Thomas, who proudly displayed the pumpkins on her front porch for her trick or treaters to admire this past Halloween, said she is grateful for McPhail's generosity.

"I just think she's very gifted," Thomas said. "I had a plastic one that I placed in my window for a couple of years and it's just not the same. There's so many people who forget those random acts of kindness that really touch peoples heart."



Groot and Jack Skellington adorn these pumpkins, created and carved by Heather McPhail.



Heather McPhail has carved pumpkins for her neighbor, Kim Thomas, for the past two years.


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New type of retail store now open west of Fowlerville

By Dawn Horton

Look what’s now open three miles west of Fowlerville. Well, it’s a new type of retail store, an “occasional shop” named Juniper & Olive and is located at 11021 W. Grand River at the corner of Stow Road. Renee Sturos, the owner, said that the name comes from the juniper and olive trees mentioned in the Bible.

As for the concept of an “occasional shop,” this refers to a store being open at certain times of the week or month rather than on a more regular schedule.



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At right is Renee Sturos, the owner of Juniper & Olive, a new store located west of Fowlerville. With her and assisting at the shop is her daughter, Kirstie. They show off some of the holiday merchandise that is available for purchase.

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“Occasional shops are popular in Minnesota and my sister-in-law suggested I do one here,” Renee noted.

The store will specialize in home décor items and antiques, and will also host different, themed events.

To start off, Juniper & Olive will be open two weekends a month. This month Renee (who is being assisted at the store by her daughter Kirstie) will greet customers on Nov. 15-16-17-18 and then on Nov. 24 for Small Business Day—the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

“We’ll also host a Christmas Market on Saturday, Dec. 1, which will feature shopping vendors from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., plus Santa is planning to be there from 1:15 to 3 p.m.,” said Renee. “There will be many handmade items, antiques, and Christmas items

for sale.”

The store will then be open Dec. 12 thru 16. Starting in January, Renee will host a Ladies Craft Night, with a different craft and instructor featured each month.

“We plan to add some fun new items to go with our fabulous vintage antiques and home décor,” Renee said. “And we are also putting in a line of greeting cards and our own candle line.”

The mother and daughter team will, in addition, offer interior design by Renee, while Kirstie does personal consulting styling.

“On the days when we are closed, we’ll be shopping to restock the store,” Renee explained. “We’ll be going to estate sales and regular auctions and checking on-line auctions as well as having new items.”

Future plans are to host flea markets and feature garden décor. “My daughters who lives out West will be coming home to help at the flea markets.”

Renee is no stranger to the world of small business. For seven years she operated Thrifter Sisters Flea Market, holding it twice a year (May and September) at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds. Three years after starting this event, she added one in the Upper Peninsula at Marquette, noting that her daughters and other family live in the area. That event took place in July.

“It was a natural fit,” she said, explaining that she grew up in the Upper Peninsula. “Like going home.”

After launching the Marquette market, Renee added one in nearby Negaumee, holding three of them during the warm weather months.

As for this new business venture, Renee noted that she has wanted to open a store “forever,” adding that “I have been looking for just the right place.”

“For many years I’d drive past this building (at West Grand River and Stow Road), but it was occupied,” she said. “I was drawn to it as I liked its front porch.”

This past month, on one of her drives, she noticed it was available for rent. “I called and rented it,” Renee noted. “Then with the help of my husband, brothers, and other family members we renovated it and were open two weeks later.”

Renee is originally from Chaseell, a small town near Houghton—the home of Michigan Tech University. She graduated from high school in 1984, one of 24 students in the class.

A year later she married David Sturos, the two of them having met through church. He is a 1984 graduate of Calumet High School.

The newlyweds soon moved down state to Wixom. Over the years they’ve lived in Williamston and Howell and for the past 22 years in the Fowlerville area.

The couple has 10 children—seven girls and three boys—plus three grandchildren and one more due in January.

Renee said that she’s “always worked in some capacity,” noting that her father owned a drywall company and she did office work. That company, known as Rajala& Sons, is located at Garden Lane in Fowlerville.



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Four current Fowlerville School Board members will remain in office

The four current members of the Fowlerville Board of Education who were on last Tuesday's non-partisan ballot will remain in office.

Mary Vielbig, who was unopposed to finish the remaining two years of a four-year term, was elected with 4,410 votes.

Elected to the three four-year terms were Trisha Reed with 3,381 votes, Steve Frederick with 2,649 votes, and John Belcher with 2,798 votes. A fourth candidate, Ron Drinkert, had 2,339 votes.

Frederick was seeking a second term, while Reed and Belcher had been appointed to fill vacancies.

The totals are for district voters residing in Livingston County. A handful of voters live in Shiawassee and Ingham Counties. Those numbers were not available, but were not enough to change the outcome.

The new term in office starts on Jan. 1st.

Livingston County Catholic Charities receives donation from golf fundraiser

Livingston County Catholic Charities (LCCC) is excited to share that they were recently the beneficiary of a generous donation of \$5,500 donated by the Livingston County Sarah Regan division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH). Each year the division hosts an annual Charity Golf Outing at Chemung Hills in Howell and the funds raised support local community charities.

For the fourth year in a row, LAOH members have chosen LCCC Foster Care and Adoption programs as the recipients of their generous funding. Mark Robinson, Executive Director of LCCC, attended their October meeting to accept the check from representatives of the LAOH and personally thank them for their generosity.

LCCC will use the funds to grow their Foster Family Care special needs fund. This fund provides assistance to the children in foster care, the foster families and birth families. The children are placed into foster care due to neglect or abuse and often do not have basic necessities (coats, hygiene items, appropriate shoes or boots, and more).

Additionally, the fund assists with the purchase of items such as a bed and bedding to the foster home if needed; car seats; gas cards for both foster families and birth families to assist with travel for visitation visits and medical appointments; and other extraordinary needs.

LCCC Board and co-workers don't ever want minor needs to delay or hamper the placement of a child or possible reunification. Thanks to the continued support of the Ladies of LAOH we are able to provide the assistance and help to bring some peace and stability to the children.

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is a national organization of Catholic women who are Irish through birth, marriage or adoption. Their motto includes the values of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity and they provide assistance to various organizations in the community, as well hosting social and other gatherings. If you would like more information about the Livingston County LAOH or their annual golf outing, please contact Anne Lezotte at 517-974-5675.

Pet Loss Support Group holding meeting Nov. 15 at Plainfield UMC

A pet loss support group, "Lost Paws," is meeting at the Plainfield United Methodist Church, for animal lovers:

--Who's pet has passed away (recently or years ago). Who pet is missing.

--Who have a pet that is having health issues, or is getting on in years.

--Who want to connect with other animal lovers in the community.

--Who think of their pets as family, which includes any and all pets, whether they have hooves, talons, paws, fins, fur, or feathers, and may range from a mouse to an elephant.

The purpose of this support group is to reach out into the community and offer comfort and companionship to those who are grieving or suffering, or anticipate that they will be due to the loss of a pet.

The next session of the "LOST PAWS" Pet Loss support group will be at Plainfield United Methodist Church on Thursday November 15th at 7:00 pm. The church is located at 17845 M-36, west of Bradley road.

Everyone is welcome.

You may wish to bring a photo of or an item that belonged to your pet to the meeting. Questions: Contact Terry Melton at (517) 468-0113 (leave message) or visit us on Face Book (<https://www.facebook.com/umcplainfield/>)

INDEPENDENT SURVEY ABOUT FOWLERVILLE

I'm conducting a survey to find out the **top 3 reasons** why people enjoy our town. As a Real Estate Professional in Fowlerville, I represent many buyers & sellers in our area.

I'll be giving away a gift card to one lucky participant on December 7th, and intend to publish the results the following week.

You can email your answers to: dynamicsales@aol.com, call or text to: (517) 294-6977 or drop off your answers at my office at 746 S. Grand Ave. (located across from O'Reilly's).

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Thank you in advance for taking part in the survey. If you have any questions regarding Real Estate and the market conditions, please feel free to call, email or text.

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Williamston Area Senior Center to hold Veteran’s Day Luncheon on Nov. 13

The Williamston Area Senior Center Veteran’s Day Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 12:00 noon. Our honored guests will be Adam Spina, a Major in the U.S. Army and Superintendent of Williamston Community Schools, and Dick Thelen, a retired Navy Veteran who served on the USS Indianapolis. Dick Thelen is one of the last surviving crew members (and the only one from Michigan still living) who served on the USS Indianapolis, which was torpedoed by the Japanese in July 1945. It was the country’s worst naval disaster after Pearl Harbor. When Mr. Thelen is called a hero he states that, “He was just doing his job and he is not a hero” (*LSJ, Aug 2015*). The USS Indianapolis had a crew of 1,197 of which only 317 survived the attack. The crew spent five days without food or fresh water in the South Pacific Ocean. Reservations for the Veteran’s Luncheon is limited to the first 70 individuals who make a reservation. For reservations please call 517-655-5173 Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00am to 2:00 pm.

Karaoke & homemade pizza being offered at Williamston Eagles Club

Karaoke and homemade pizza are back at the Williamston Eagles Club on Saturday, Nov. 17. Take the mic and sing your favorites, or sit and enjoy a pizza and listen to others. Patrick Moore of ‘Moore Good Times’ will be our host DJ. It’s always a good time with Pat in the house! You don’t have to be a pro to sing your heart out. Hand tossed, large 3 item pizza is only \$12. Doors open at 3pm. Pizza available after 5pm. Karaoke starts at 7pm until 12:00 am. Open to the public and no cover charge. Large dance floor and plenty of parking. Club is located at 835 High St. Call 517-655-6510 for more info.



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Rug Hooking with Sallie Brodie (Adults)
 Local expert Sallie Brodie will talk about the history of this craft and show some beautiful examples. Nov. 13, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Family Storytime (Ages up to 6)
 Kids will enjoy engaging stories, songs and activities that help build early literacy skills. Nov. 21, 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
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Scribblers Writers Group (Ages 11–14)
 Novels, poetry, short stories, flash prose--explore it all and find your voice with other young writers. Nov. 15, 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Early Literacy Playtime (Ages 1–5)
 Read stories, play games, create projects, and learn techniques for helping your child embrace early literacy. Nov. 20, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Book Discussion Group (Adults)
 Today: *The Book that Matters Most* by Ann Hood Nov. 21, 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
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Closed for Conference
 All CADL branches are closed on Monday, Nov. 12, for a staff conference. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Nov. 13.
Closed for Holiday
 All CADL branches are closed on Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular hours will resume on Saturday, Nov. 24.

Three teachers awarded Honorary American Degree at FFA Convention
 The Honorary American Degree was awarded to three former Webberville Agriscience students who are now teachers at the 91st National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. They were Jennifer Gould Wheeler, Doug Richard and Ron Worth. These teachers were under the guidance of supervising teacher Bill Wheeler, working with Michigan State University preparing to teach Agriscience. Bill has had 34 student teachers in his 31 years of teaching Agriscience in Webberville.

Jennifer Gould Wheeler has been teaching Agriscience at the Sand Creek School system in Lenawee County for the past 23 years. She has a Junior High and Senior Agriscience program. These programs have been very successful with her students receiving American and State Degrees for their accomplishments in the area of agricultural careers and State and National winners in the leadership and skill contests. She has also trained State and Regional FFA Officers. Her chapter operates a greenhouse, animal project barn and a Land Lab. Mrs. Wheeler is active in the MAAE (Michigan Association of Agriscience Educators). Doug Richard teaches at the Chippewa Hills High School in Remus, Michigan, where he has been the Agriscience instructor since 1993. Doug’s chapter operates a school farm where they raise beef cattle and hay. Their chapter has been active in the State FFA skills competitions and has produced many State winners. They also have had numerous State Degree winners and successful leadership teams. Doug is also active in the MAAE, serving as a Regional Advisor for FFA.

Ron Worth was a student teacher in Webberville in 1991 and has been teaching in Alpena for the past 27 years. Ron has been in a two person program and has one of the largest FFA Chapters in the state. They operate a 100 plus school forest where they manage and harvest timber and pulp wood. Ron has served as the State MAAE President and been active on the national level, reviewing grant applications for local Agriscience programs across the nation. Ron has produced several State Officers, State and American Degree recipients as well as outstanding leadership teams.

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Senior Spotlight—Alaia Driver

By Kat Haynes
 Webberville senior Alaia Driver has been involved in many extracurricular activities and has great plans for her future. Driver is the daughter of Josi and Todd Driver, and her brother is Daxton Driver who is currently in 9th grade. “I look up to my entire family,” said Alaia, “Especially my mom and cousin Sammie Driver.” Driver is dual enrolled at Lansing Community College and is involved in National Honor Society, FFA, Student Council, LINKS, and the Weekend Survival Backpack Program. Driver has done many things to improve herself and the community. She is always willing to help others and put others before herself. This is recognized by her teachers. “I was amazed by her compassion and kindness to help,” said former Webberville English teacher Benjamin Woodcock. Driver has played on the volleyball team since 6th grade. Some of her favorite memories of high school were practicing and going to the games with her teammates. “Alaia was the best athlete you could ask for as a coach,” said Volleyball Coach Magsig. “Alaia was dedicated, and she communicated very well. She was the most engaged player and had the best attitude.” Her participation in the LINKS program has led Driver to want to pursue a career with children. She has set her sights on becoming a speech pathologist or go into a career that involves working with kids. Driver plans to attend Lansing Community College and then transfer to Central Michigan to earn her degree in speech pathology or for other future careers. Mr. Woodcock believes that she has much promise.

“She has a great amount of potential to help the world and I think she will be amazing in whichever career path she decides to pursue,” he said. Driver has made many memories and has learned a lot in her four years of high school. She has also made an impact on the students as well. “Alaia always encourages others and spreads positivity,” said friend Skylar Byrne. “It’s inspiring how she accomplishes her goals.” Driver is a very positive influence on the people around her. “I like that she has so much self-confidence, and she always can put a smile on my face,” said fellow senior Carli Ross. The featured senior has advice for others to follow, as well. “Be honest and kind to everyone, no matter who it is-- if you’re not it will come back to you sooner or later,” she said.

Webberville Community School News

Webberville Middle and High School will hold a Parent Informational Meeting on Monday, November 26 at 6:00 PM in the high school library.
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Congratulations to the Webberville High School Spartan Marching Band on their first division rating at the MSBOA Marching Band Festival on Saturday, October 20. The band performed hit songs of the 80s band, Men At Work. “Down Under”, “Who Can It Be Now” and “Overkill” were the featured songs that were also enjoyed by our community during the 2018 halftime performances. The band is directed by Gary Franks.
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 The Webberville FFA Annual Fruit and Nut Sale is going on now. If you are interested in purchasing an item, please contact an FFA member or the school at ffa@webbervilleschools.org or 517-521-3447 x7964.

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NOVEMBER 2018 EVENTS

Celebrate Veterans Day at the Williamston Area Senior Center on Tuesday, November 13, 2018. Our honored guests will be Adam Spina, a Major in the US Army and Superintendent of Williamston Community Schools, and Dick Thelen, a retired Navy Veteran who served on the USS Indianapolis.

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Free Hearing Test by Belltone at the Williamston Area Senior Center on Tuesday, November 20, 2018.

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

Presentations in November

--**Wednesday, November 14, 2018**, Mind Games sponsored by the Williamston Area Library;

--**Wednesday, November 28, 2018** we will have our monthly Senior Movie,

--**Thursday, November 29, 2018** we will have a presentation on Total Health,

--**Thursday, November 15, 2018** there will be a presentation on Ageless Grace

--**Tuesday, November 27, 2018** we will be Decorating Holiday Cards with Diane Hill. 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.

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Please mark your calendars for upcoming events at the Williamston Area Senior Center

--**Holiday Luncheon** Thursday, December 20, 2018 – Enjoy the Christmas Music of the Senior Class Band with Tom Emery.



By Beth Lowe, Director

Many people know that I have a lot of hobbies. Some hobbies I enjoy include reading, video games, yoga, coloring, dog-training, lamp-making, needlepoint, and most recently sewing. One of my lesser-known hobbies is transcribing historical documents. Normally, people with an interest in history are interested in these kinds of volunteer projects. I have an interest in stories, and I like seeing historical events come to life through the stories that these primary source documents tell or hint at.

My interest in digital archives blossomed when I transcribed my father-in-law's WWII postcards from when he served as an ambulance driver in the European theater. For this project, I scanned both sides of the postcards, described the image and citing the artist, if available, for the face side. For the back of the postcard, I transcribed all print, including the handwritten note and the postmark. For both sides, added metadata tags, aka **#hashtags** that related to the specific postcard. I collected and collated these images with transcription and metadata to create an online gallery that was on display and discoverable by anyone interested in the topic for over a year. This all sounds very technical and fancy... but there are ways that anyone in an interest in history, genealogy, or stories can volunteer to do so.

My next project was a prison card indexing volunteer project at the Michigan Historical Center (MHC) in downtown Lansing. In this instance, I volunteered specific hours at the MHC. This project was interesting because most of the prison cards I transcribed were from the early 1900's through the mid-1930's. They gave a glimpse into a segment of society that I would not usually be exposed to. Some of the Prohibition Era crimes would not apply in modern times.

My next crowdsourcing project I was able to use my own computer at home. I worked on transcribing birth, death, and marriage records on FamilySearch, the genealogy organization of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The records I transcribed were from Ireland. This project was difficult because of the traditional first names that were involved. Many of the records were from the 1500's. These records get transcribed by one person and reviewed by another. Anyone can create an account and work on these types of projects. They are ongoing. This work is important to American genealogists researching the family trees overseas and to the country that the records are native to. If you are interested in participating in this project, visit: <https://www.familysearch.org/indexing/> to create an account.

Currently, I am participating in the Library of Congress's crowdsourcing project transcribing or reviewing transcription of historically significant documents; such as Abraham Lincoln's papers, Civil War soldiers' reminiscences, and Clara Barton's papers. These are fascinating documents. I have reviewed many pages of the

Civil War soldiers' reminiscences. These documents can help historians add first-person perspective to their research, help genealogists find their family members, and are discoverable online using **#tags**. If you have an interest in helping preserve our irreplaceable primary source historical documents, please consider this project. The Library of Congress is adding new material all the time. To participate in this crowdsourcing project, visit <https://crowd.loc.gov> and create an account.

Crowdsourcing is a great way to volunteer for libraries and other non-profits from the comfort of your own home or local library and contribute to the historical and genealogical records. There are many different libraries nationwide doing similar projects; for example, New York Public Library needs reviewers for their oral history project. Please consider using your talents and time to do good in the world.

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—Area Deaths—



Lydia Katherine Sommer

Lydia Katherine (“Kate”) Sommer (Parsons), age 93, of Fowlerville, was called home to heaven on Sunday, November 4, 2018.

She was born October 8, 1925, in Conway Township to J. Frank and Alma S. Parsons at the Parsons’ homestead. She was proud to be the great-granddaughter of Conway’s original settlers, C.D. and E.M. Parsons, and loved the old homestead. On October 26, 1944, she married the love of her life, Harold M. “Bubs” Sommer at her family’s home. They were married for 63 years until his death in 2008.

She was a loving mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, housewife, and farm hand, who also worked at Curtis’ Grocery Store in Fowlerville, the Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service (ASCS), Livingston County Equalization Department, Howell Livestock Auction and Sheridan’s Auctions.

Even though she experienced a lot of pain-filled days, she always had an optimistic outlook that tomorrow would be a better day. She cared deeply for her family and others and readily offered guidance and comfort to many friends and residents at Medilodge and The Willows and was known for her smiling face. She was a member of the Fowlerville First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by three children: Dennis (Brenda) Sommer, Frank L. Sommer, and Nancy (Mitch) Glover; three grandchildren: Jennifer Sommer (Craig Cole), Craig (Michelle) Sommer, and Peter Glover; and one great grandson, Nathan Sommer.

She was preceded in death by three brothers: Robert W. (Harriett M.) Parsons, James A. Parsons, and Richard K. (Catherine) Parsons.

Visitation was held at Herrmann’s Funeral Home on Wednesday, November 7, from 5-8 p.m., and from 10-11 a.m. on Thursday, November 8, at the First United Methodist Church in Fowlerville.

Funeral services took place on Thursday, November 8, at 11:00 a.m. at the Fowlerville United Methodist Church, 201 S. Second Street. Interment followed at Greenwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church in memory of Kate Sommer. Please leave the family a condolence at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com

Livingston Acoustic Music Society holding jam session on Nov. 17

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

Location: Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene’s Fellowship Hall, in the strip mall just south of the I-96 (overpass) bridge on Fowlerville Rd. We are a fun, no obligation, family friendly, music sharing, relaxed, informal group. Open to the public. For information: <https://www.facebook.com/LivingstonJAM/>

Or, come to our next LAMS Jam Session: Saturday, Nov. 17. Starts at 7 p.m.

Free Breakfast being served at St. John’s Episcopal Church Nov. 24

A Free Breakfast is being served on Saturday, Nov. 24, from 8 to 10 a.m. at St. John’s Episcopal Church. The church is located at 504 Prospect St., Howell.



Delmar “Curly” Davis

Delmar Davis, known to his friends and family as Curly, passed away peacefully, with his sons at his side, on October 29, 2018 at the age of 95 years old.

A native of Herrin, Ill., Curly and his wife Betty moved to Fowlerville after his serving in the Navy. He began his career as a plastering contractor and they remained in Fowlerville until Curly retired in 1985 and he and Betty moved to Florida.

Curly leaves behind two sons: David (Peggy) Davis and Gordon (Lisa) Davis, four grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. His wife, Betty, preceded him in death in 2003.

Curly’s family would like to thank his friends at Glenwood

Apartments and his friends and staff at Sunset Pines and Grace Hospice for all their support.

A family graveside service is planned for Curly and Betty at a later date. Please leave the family a condolence at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com

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Fowlerville Junior High School News

IMPORTANT DATES:

Fundraiser Magician Show-- Mon. Nov. 12th
Thanksgiving Break-- Wed-Fri. Nov. 21st-23rd
Vision Screening-- Mon-Tues Nov. 26, 27th
Holiday Dance-- Fri. Dec. 14th 2-4pm

SPORTS FOR WEEK OF NOV. 12:

Mon: 11/12: BBB vs Mason-4:30; 7H, 8A; bus-3:15
Tues., 11/13: BBB TEAM/INDIVIDUAL PICTURES @ practices: 8th- 4:15 - 7th- 4:45. Coaches have distributed forms; everyone is photographed.
Wed., 11/14: BBB vs Charlotte-4:30; 7A, 8H; bus-3:15
Feed your athlete! Order a sack lunch to be picked up at end of school day; orders due by end of 1st hour on day wanted.
Tues., Nov. 13: DUKE’S PIZZA, in cooperation w/ the Athletic Boosters is sponsoring Pizza Night! Mention the Athletic Boosters when placing an order on Tuesday & Duke’s donates back to the Athletic Booster organization.
COMPETITIVE CHEER coming soon; PHYSICALS REQUIRED to tryout; open to girls in Grades 7 & 8.
OPEN GYMS for those interested in trying out for CCH are Monday & Wednesday.; gym site TBA 5:30-7:00 (Nov. 12 & 13.)

ARCHERY NEWS:

It’s almost time for archery! Are you interested in trying archery this year? Are you thinking you want to try out for the archery team? Information will be posted THIS WEEK on our website: fowlervillearchery.org Our archery clubs and teams are for ANY Fowlerville student in grades 4-12. This also includes FOLA students!
If you have any questions please email fowlervillearchery@fowlervilleschools.org



CSI Winners from 11/2/18

Salena Kalista, Emma Copeland, Abbi Parker, Deshona Wilbourne Little, and Spencer Rose

YEARBOOKS ON SALE

Yearbooks are now on sale. Don’t delay and order today! See Mrs. Spisz in room D-13 or order online at <https://www.balfour.com/shop/yearbook?smi=107958> The cost is \$32 and there is an option to donate a book to those in need.

BUS PASSES FOR ELEMENTARY BUSES

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

Caleb Jenkins Column



Yes, But What Kind of Change?

(Originally published 3/4/2018)

“If I win the upcoming election, then I will not change a thing. My constant goal will be to absolutely maintain the status quo. We cannot get any better than we are right now, so I won’t bother changing anything in any such attempt to improve.”

How often have you heard that line from a campaign? Yeah, probably not very often. In today’s politics, “change” is the key word being thrown around, and understandably so. Even though there are certain circumstances when the best course of action is to preserve the good thing that is already being done, the idea of change is far more exciting and convenient for campaigns. People want to know that their elected officials are going to be active in trying to improve their lives.

And that’s fair. If you define change as being proactive in seeking out new ways to make things better for the people of your district, then it is something that should always be pursued. So, yes, we do want change. But what kind of change?

Well, I can start by pointing out the type of change that is not productive. Change for the sake of change is ultimately going to cause more harm than good in most instances. That’s what I meant when I said that the status quo is sometimes okay. If someone wants to change something just to look good that they accomplished something, then that type of change could be dangerous. In essence, that is change at all costs, even if the change is not really beneficial.

Sometimes, though, it is obvious that some sort of change is indeed needed, but not everyone involved agrees what the answer should be. This is when it is especially crucial not to fall into the trap of undisciplined change. When a problem is acknowledged, it is natural to want to fix it as soon as possible, so there is a potential danger that one might change the situation quickly and rashly without fully thinking about the consequences. Sure, it was change, but was it the sort of change that was needed? Will the situation be even worse because of it?

In certain circumstances, yes, the problem is so pressing that it demands immediate action. A choice must be made right away with the best judgment available at the time. There is no time for thorough research with lengthy comparisons between various options. This is perhaps best exemplified by the military when many big decisions must be made on the spur of the moment. However, this is something that should be reserved for such split-second problems, and even then, there should be as much learning and preparation as possible beforehand to help guarantee the right decision.

The bottom line is that when looking at change, we should always do our best to examine the problem with reason and to not make snap decisions. Emotion should be held in check and utilized in its proper way, and our eyes should be wide open to the benefits and costs of the potential plans. Yes, the rhetoric of change is used often in politics, but we should look for those who will implement it properly.

Card of Thanks

The Fowlerville United Methodist women would like to thank the community for supporting our 75th Annual Turkey Supper. It was a great success.
May God bless you all.

SYNOPSIS PROPOSED IOSCO TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 18th, 2018

Clerk Delmerico called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance, at 8:00PM. Treasurer Bonnville, Trustees Parker and VanHouten present. Also present was Assessor/Zoning Administrator Allen. Supervisor Miller was absent, but would be joining the meeting momentarily.

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion to have Parker chair the meeting until Supervisor Miller arrives.

There was no response to the 1st Call to the Public.

Motion to adopt the proposed Regular Meeting Minutes of 9-20-2018, as corrected. Motion to adopt the proposed Election Committee Minutes of 10-04-2018.

Heard the Treasurer’s report.

Motion to order tax envelopes.

Delmerico made a Motion to pay \$64,856.49 in bills, seconded by VanHouten. Roll Call vote, AA, MC. This amount includes \$10,135.83 for the Fowlerville Recreation Program, \$18,562.28 for the final dust control application, and \$12,661.40 for the monthly trash pickup. Currently, there are 1076 “stops” in the Township.

Motion to have Miller assume control of the Board meeting.

Heard the Fowlerville Fire Authority report.

Heard the Planning Commission report.

Motion to approve the updated Special Event Ordinance #5.

Heard the Zoning Administrator’s report.

Motion to approve the installation of security cameras for the Park Pavilion.

Motion to have CJ’s Lawn Service plow the Hall parking lot, and Dylan Packer shovel the Hall sidewalks for the 2018 to 2019 winter.

Motion to have the accept a quote from McKearney Asphalt parking lot work, and from CND Electric for pavilion lights work.

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

Motion to Adjourn at 10:00PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Dan Delmerico
Iosco Township Clerk
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St. Mary’s Rosary Altar Society holding Christmas bazaar on Dec. 1 in Pinckney

St. Mary’s Rosary Altar Society will hold their annual Christmas bazaar on Saturday, Dec 1, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the church, located at 10601 Dexter-Pinckney Rd. Free admission. Bake sale, raffle, 50/50, lunch and refreshments. Looking for crafters and vendors. Cost \$45 for 8-foot table. More info call Mary 734-878-6563.

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Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

How to Recognize & Prevent Elder Financial Abuse

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you provide some tips on how to protect seniors from financial scams? My 76-year-old aunt was recently swindled out of \$25,000 and I want to make sure my own mother is protected.

Concerned Daughter

Dear Concerned,

Financial scams that target the elderly continue to be a huge problem in the U.S. In fact, it’s estimated that one in five Americans over age 65 are scammed out of roughly \$36 billion every year. Here are some tips that can help you spot a scam, and what you can do to protect your mom.

Recognizing a Scam

Spotting a scam or a con artist is not always easy to do. They range from shady financial advisers to slick-talking telemarketers to professional caregivers and relatives who steal from the very people they’re supposed to be looking after.

The most common scams targeting seniors today come in the form of tricky and deceitful telemarketing calls, email and Internet scams, free-lunch seminars selling dubious financial products and endless junk mail peddling free vacation packages, sweepstakes, phony charity fundraisers and more. And, of course, there’s the ongoing problem of identity theft, Medicare and Social Security fraud, door-to-door scams and credit card theft.

The best way to spot a scam is to help your mom manage her finances, or at least monitor her accounts. Reviewing her financial statements each month can alert you to questionable checks, credit card charges or large withdrawals. Or, consider a service like *EverSafe.com*, which will automatically monitor your mom’s accounts, track suspicious activity and alert you when it detects a problem.

If, however, your mom doesn’t want you looking at her financial records, there are other clues. For example: Is she getting a lot of junk mail for contests, free trips, and sweepstakes? Is she receiving calls from strangers offering awards or moneymaking deals? Also, notice if her spending habits have changed, if she has complained about being short of money lately or has suddenly become secretive or defensive about her finances. All these may be signs of trouble.

Protect Your Mom

The most effective way to help protect your mom is to alert her to the different kind of scams going on today. To help you with this, the National Council on Aging has a list of “top 10 financial scams targeting seniors” at *NCOA.org*. Also see AARP’s Fraud Watch Network at *AARP.org/money/scams-fraud* and sign up to receive free scam alert emails from the Federal Trade Commission at *FTC.gov/scams*.

Some other tips to protect her include reminding your mom to never give out her personal information, Social Security number or financial information unless she initiated the contact and knows the institution.

Also, see if your mom would be willing to let you sort her mail before she opens it, so you can weed out the junk. To reduce the junk mail and/or email she gets, use the Direct Marketing Association consumer opt-out service at *DMAchoice.org*. And to stop credit card and insurance offers, use the Consumer Credit Reporting Industry opt-out service at *OptOutPrescreen.com* or call 888-567-8688 – they will ask for your mom’s Social Security number and date of birth.

You should also register your mom’s home and cell phone numbers on the National Do Not Call Registry (*DoNotCall.gov*, 888-382-1222) to reduce telemarketers. To stop robocall scams on her landline phone use Nomorobo (*Nomorobo.com*), and if she uses a smartphone, use the free app Hiya (*Hiya.com*). You should also get a free copy of her credit report at *AnnualCreditReport.com* to make sure she isn’t a victim of identity theft.

Report It

If you suspect your mom has gotten scammed, report it to her local police, her bank (if money has been taken from her account) and her state’s Adult Protective Services agency that investigates reports of elderly financial abuse. Call the Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116 to get the agency contact number in her area.

A Slow March from Country Road to Suburban Street - Part I

By Mike Meagher

Over 40 years ago we bought an old, two-story farm house. It was built in 1882 and it suffered a lot in its later years. That’s what made it affordable.

How bad was it? When the moving guys delivered our stuff from the nice home we sold in Detroit, they drove right past. Then they turned around at road’s end and came back. Three guys stepped out laughing, pointing hilariously at the contrast between what we sold and what we bought. A similar but kinder reaction came a few hours later -- from the *State Journal* delivery guy. He stepped inside, looked around and said, “Hey, if y’want, I can carry you folks for awhile.”



The house is located in Locke Township, north of Webberville.

My father never owned a tool in his life. But, I was a veteran of four years in the Navy and a recent college graduate. “I can handle this...” So we signed a double land contract. (Don’t do this. More about that next time.) We raided Sears and bought appliances, saws, hammers, and..... I started a new job.

Soon I discovered that I couldn’t do the home building stuff, AND hold a job we desperately needed. And my wife announced that we were pregnant with #3. So, we searched and hired Lansing’s Burt Brown and his helper Jim. And his advice echoed what a kindly neighbor/contractor said, “I don’t need the work. But, your best bet is to tear down that addition the other guy couldn’t finish - - and start all over again.” We had Burt do exactly that.

So it was that we struggled and learned, sometimes too late, but we adapted. And Heaven favors idiots.

One of my early mistakes introduced me to a life-long friend, Jerry Wagner. He was a dairy farmer down the road, and stopped by when he saw me trying to plow a garden for my wife. I had an old International “H” tractor. And I bought a one-bottom plow that I didn’t understand. A plow “plows,” right?

I met neighbor Jerry Wagner for the first time as he leaned out the window of his pickup. Laughing kindly, he asked, “You know what the hell you’re doing?”

“I can’t seem to get a furrow going,” I complained. “It just skims along atop the dirt.” I dodged a more direct answer. Jerry asked, “See that rope hanging from that lever? Pull it.” The single plow blade dropped into the ground and I was furrowing like a real farmer. Jerry left.

But, I couldn’t get the blade to rise out of the ground. I was plowing in an ever-shrinking circular furrow. On the final, really tight turn, Jerry appeared again in his pickup truck. He had a sense for drama and humor. I was stopped in the middle of the circular plowing, puzzled, sitting on a ‘donut’ spot of unplowed earth. “Pull the rope again” yelled Jerry. “Now, hang on to that rope and ease ‘er ahead.” Up came the one-bottom plow blade.

Jerry left, smiling, shaking his head.

Meanwhile, Burt and Jim had had the basement block work finished by a buddy of theirs. Then they tore the tar paper off the temporary flat roof and stacked all the lumber neatly on the ground. They were ready to start a real carpenters’ rebuild.

The next afternoon I came home from work. Burt came down his ladder with a worried look. He said, “I’m in a bind. If you can give me a cash advance of \$800 by tomorrow morning, I’ll raise a second floor before I put up the roof. I’ve got your lumber, and enough left over from other projects.” Deal!

It seemed that another of Burt’s customers suffered a sudden mental breakdown. That left Burt stuck with an unpaid \$800 lumber bill. (This was in 1989, real money.) What a break for us! So we borrowed the money. And the ground level 18x25 addition became TWO floors of raw construction, topped by a brand new roof. (Only much later, when I laid the cheap, chip wood flooring did I realize that the addition was 6 inches off square. But that’s for another do-it-yourself story.)

To be continued.



Tom Breningstall Column

I’ve Got to Think About This

This morning Evette and I were talking and this topic came up and the more I thought about it, the more I thought it would make a good column. That topic being: Things we didn’t know people lived without. For example, no one under the age of seventy years old lived without a television. Even if your family didn’t have a TV, you knew about them.

Television was a social event and, at times, people visited just to watch television together with friends or family. It was considered rude if you turned off the TV when company came to visit. Now that TV is everywhere, it’s considered rude to leave it on when company comes to visit. Sporting events or special movies and events that are viewed by a group of friends or family are the exception. It would be really rude to turn off the TV at times like this, unless you wanted the people to leave, then you would turn off the TV and walk them to the door. Frozen meals came about because of television. Remember, frozen meals used to be called TV dinners and we ate them off of TV trays as we watched TV.

I can remember a time before fast food and pizza delivery. You have to be really old to remember those times. People growing up today will never know the inconvenience of not having readily available food to eat or delivered to your door. Now the best part is there are no dishes to wash and put away. Just plastic to throw away and fill up the landfills. Sad!

Here’s something that people under fifty don’t know about: that service stations that sold gas had an attendant who was most of the time in uniform (with the station logo on one pocket and their name on the other pocket) and would greet you. As you pulled your car up to the gas pump, the attendant would ask you how much gas you wanted. Also, as the attendant filled your tank, they would clean your car’s windshield, check the oil and other fluids under the hood and check the air in the tires. They would fill what was needed and all of this was for 29 cents or less a gallon. Whatever happened to service?

Speaking of service, big box stores now want you to scan and pack your own products at the self check out line and then swipe your card and walk out the door without having to talk to anyone. Back in the day before big box stores, if you wanted food, you went to the grocery store, picked out the food you wanted and put the food in the shopping cart and headed to the check out. All products were marked with the price. The cashier would look at the price and ring it up on the cash register. As this was being done, a pack boy/girl or stock boy/girl would put the groceries in paper bags and put the bags in the shopping cart. After you paid for the groceries, the pack boy/girl would push the cart out to your car and put the bags in your car for you. The pack boy/girl would get a tip at that time. Whatever happened to service? I worked as a pack boy while I was in high school. It was the worst job I ever had. It lasted nine days.

How many remember pay phones and phone booths, record players, 16 mm films in school, drive-in movies, car hops and the time before microwave ovens and satellite television. Just take a few minutes and think about how much things have changed in your lifetime. All the things that have come to be in your lifetime and all the things that will never be again.

Of course not all new things are bad or good, just like the things that are no longer around were good or bad. It’s a changing world. Some people are steadfast about change and some people meet change with open minds. For me, the time of penny candy, nickel candy bars and pop somehow seemed simpler and happier. Or is that just me?

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Veterans Day Lunch, continued



Kim Sergent, director of the Alverson Center for Performing Arts, sang the National Anthem.

physically, but mentally it was more challenging. I was out of my comfort zone and thrown together with people I'd otherwise probably not associate with."

After finishing her combat training, she attended truck driving school as part of her advanced training—a far cry from her training in finances.

"Most of us remember where we were when 9-11 occurred," she said. "Well, I was just finishing school and graduated on Sept. 14."

She related that soon after returning to Flint, she decided to move to St. Louis, Missouri and went to work for a corporation. "At no point when enlisting or afterwards had I thought I'd have to go overseas and be put in combat," she said. "My first deployment was in Iraq, hauling jet fuel."

A turning point came when her enlistment was ending. "I had the option of staying or going and decided to re-enlist for another six years," Randolph noted.

In 2009, she decided to leave her civilian job and become a fulltime soldier. Then in 2012, after 11 years in Missouri, she saw a job opening that, if she got it, would mean returning to Michigan.

"I applied, was accepted, and, guess what, I became a recruiter in Flint," Randolph said. "I believe things happen for a purpose and that this was God's way of my being able to return home and show kids that they can be successful and productive."

She was subsequently promoted to manage a team of recruiters and works out of Howell.

Since her return to her home state, Randolph also resumed her studies and in 2015 was awarded a Masters degree in International Administration. She told her audience that she plans to serve another two years and then leave, having reached her 20th year.

Talking about her job as a recruiter, Sgt. Randolph said: "Our goal is to bring quality people to the ranks and to preserve what all of you (veterans) have built for us. There's nothing more rewarding than going to a ceremony and seeing a young person raise their right hand and swearing to defend our nation and Michigan."

Social Security, continued

plans may also include Medicare Part D (prescription drug coverage). Part D helps cover the cost of prescription drugs. Some people with limited resources and income may also be able to get Extra Help with the costs—monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments—related to a Medicare prescription drug plan. The Extra Help is estimated to be worth about \$4,900 per year. You must meet the resources and income requirements.

When you apply for Medicare, you can sign up for Part A (hospital insurance) and Part B (medical insurance). Because you must pay a premium for Part B coverage, you can turn it down. However, if you decide to enroll in Part B later on, you may have to pay a late enrollment penalty for as long as you have Part B coverage. Your monthly premium will go up 10 percent for each 12-month period you were eligible for Part B, but didn't sign up for it, unless you qualify for a special enrollment period.

You can learn more about Medicare at www.socialsecurity.gov/benefits/medicare.

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Shown here were Norm Allison, a veteran of the U.S. Army, and Jerry Bergin, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, being greeted by State Senator Joe Hune and State Rep. Hank Vaupel.



Veterans in attendance included, front row, from left, State Rep. Hank Vaupel, Chuck Hill, Bob Bement, Si Bement, Wayne Bowers, Levi Vogt, Myron Bartig; back row, Bob Nash, Jack Ketchum, Joe Givens, Sgt. 1st Class Stephanie Randolph, Butch Ogden, Jack Epley, John Drake, and Tom Oliver.



Veterans in attendance included, front row, from left, Norm Allison, Harold Browning, Dick Hutchins, Bill Klender, Harold Allmendinger, Dick Peckens; back row, Roger Cahaney, Steven Sheldon, Ralph Martin, Ed Haller, Carol Kuch, and Phil Tatus.



Veterans in attendance included, from left, John Mills, Ken Marr, and Duane Hoisington. Among those not pictured were Dennis Monroe, Reggie Talbot, and Sam Larioza.

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