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Fowlerville High Dance Team to perform at Friday games

Come out and support your Fowlerville High School Dance team on Friday nights! They will be performing at half-time for the basketball games on Jan. 6, Jan. 20, Jan. 27, Feb. 3 and Feb 17. Also, they will be performing in their second competition at St. John in the Capital Area Competition on February 4, with spectators welcome. Members are, from left, front row: Emily Wyatt, Bekah Leonard, Maddie Moran, Brittany Bush, Abbey Hinton; middle row: Willow Yon, Claire Blauer, Erin Canfield; back row: Rae Bolling, Kerina Luark, and Marla Rose.

Fowlerville Cub Scout Pack 330 holding bottle drive this Saturday to raise funds

Fowlerville Cub Scout Pack 330 will be having a bottle drive this Saturday, January 7. The drop off location will be at the Saint Agnes Catholic Church parking lot from 10am to noon. There will also be scouts walking and collecting bottles along the downtown streets and the Red Cedar subdivision south of town. Any help you can give would be awesome. The Pack is trying to raise funds to buy a new track for its pinewood derby competition. The Cub Scouts thank everyone for their support.

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Upcoming Programs at the Fowlerville District Library

All Programs are intended for Fowlerville School District residents only unless otherwise stated. Registration usually opens 2 weeks prior to the event. Follow us on Facebook & www.fowlervillelibrary.org. Phone: 517-223-9089

The Fowlerville District Library will be closed Saturday December 31st and reopening Tuesday January 3rd to observe the new year. We wish you joyous and safe holidays. The Little Free Library is available for your reading needs during this time and any materials to be returned can be placed in the blue drop box. Thank you.

Keep an eye out for our Winter Newsletter in your mailbox! Coming Early January! We have an entire season of fun and educational programs for all ages planned! Stop by and check them out!

Anime Club first Friday of each month at 3-4:30pm Teens 6th-12th Grades. Drop in to the program room to hang out and watch anime. Stop by to watch shows like Avatar the Last Airbender, Naruto, Sailor Moon, Pokémon, and more! All shows have a rating of TV-PG or lower. Drop-in program.

Reading to Fred the Therapy Dog - Returns January 9th: Most Mondays at 4pm Fred is a mature Golden Retriever certified therapy dog. Fred's 'mom', Shelly, has been volunteering her dogs' services at the library for many years. Reading to Fred improves literacy skills, builds fluency, and raises reading confidence regardless of ability. Drop-in event.

From A-Z with Mrs. D: Winter Registration Begins January 4th Groups resume Tuesday, Jan. 10th and Wednesday, Jan. 11th at 10am and 11am Kids 2½-4yrs and their adult helper. A few spots have opened up in From A-Z with Mrs. D so we will be doing a second registration beginning January 4th to fill these spots. Space is limited and spots are filled on a first-come first-served basis. For more information come in to the library or visit our website at www.fowlervillelibrary.org. Register in person only.

Mixed Martial Arts Demonstration Thursday, January 12th at 7pm Hosted by Real World MMA Adults. Join us for a thrilling night of martial arts! Enjoy a demonstration by Real World MMA, and learn about the history and development of mixed martial arts and self-defense techniques. Light refreshments will be served. Register in person to attend. Registration begins December 29th and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.

Teen Martial Arts Night Friday, January 13th at 5-8pm Hosted by Real World MMA Teens 6th-12th grades. If you've ever wanted to learn more about martial arts, here's your chance! Come to the library to learn about real world mixed martial arts in an interactive demonstration by martial arts master John Noonan. Come ready to see some awesome martial arts action, learn about self-defense, and have loads of fun! Dinner and a beverage will be served. Registration is required and includes a 2016-2017 signed program permission form. Registration begins December 30th. Register by January 11th to attend.

Back to the Future: Family Science and Reading Workshops Workshop 1: For the Birds Wednesday, January 18th @ 5:30-6:30pm Presented at the library by the University of Michigan Museum of Natural History Preschool-Adults. In this workshop your family will explore the museum's Ornithology Collection. Try your hand at gathering data from actual museum specimens and learn about other ways that the birds in the collection are used to protect other birds while advancing scientific theories. Participation is limited. Register in person to attend. Registration begins January 4th.

Beyond the Book: Just Like Heaven/If Only It Were True Thursday, January 19th at 7pm Adults. Featuring books and their film adaptation. Movie will begin at 6:30pm followed by discussion. Movie-style refreshments will be served. Register in person to participate. Registration begins December 29th. Books will be given while supplies last.

Winter Crafting Series: Wine Bottle Snowmen-Thursday, January 26th at 7pm Adults. Join Cindy and Audrey as they lead you to create seasonal inspired crafts. This month's craft: Wine Bottle Snowmen. Transform wine bottles into adorable snowmen. Register in person to attend. Registration begins January 12th and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the library will not be able to offer computer classes this winter. However, we continue to offer one-on-one technology consultations by appointment with our technology liasons, Audrey and Beth.

Scrap Metal Drive being held to benefit Livingston Habitat for Humanity A month long scrap metal drive benefiting Livingston County Habitat for Humanity will begin on Jan. 3 and run through the 31st. Bring in your copper, aluminum, brass and ferrous metals to the back donation drop off door between 9am and 4:30pm daily and 9am to 2:30pm on Saturday. A volunteer will guide you through the donation process. Also accepted are strings of Christmas lights, power cords and coax cable. For more information, contact Karla Macelli at 810-220-9986 ext 14 or development@livingstonhabitat.org.

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By Cheryl Poch

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017!
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Did you know that there are only 364 days remaining in the year? With that said, I would like to give you a 'run-down' of what Chase's Calendar of Events has to say about the month of January.

January 1 is **BONZA BOTTLER DAY**. It is to celebrate when the number of the day is the same as the number of the month. (February 2, March 3, April 4 and so on) An "excuse to have a party at least once a month."

GET ORGANIZED MONTH. I like that one. Who doesn't need a little organizing in their life occasionally? Here are a few

other 'monthly' celebrations and events. **NATIONAL HOT TEA MONTH.** The only beverage in America commonly served hot or iced, anytime, anywhere, for any occasion. I am finding I like many of these events – hot tea while I am organizing my bills!

OATMEAL MONTH. Yum! It's affordable, delicious and a nutritious way to start the day.

Of course there are numerous 'bowl' games to be viewed on Monday January 2. The Allstate Sugar Bowl, Goodyear Cotton Bowl, Outback Bowl, Rose Bowl.

Here are some tidbits for New Year's Day. Always cook and eat some kind of food that swells and your pocketbook will be swollen all year. (With my luck, the only thing swollen would be my waistline and ankles!)

Eat green beans and dried peas on New Year's Day; you will have greenbacks and silver all your way! Sure a lot about money. Think I will just pass on those and enjoy the year.

One last thought: On New Year's Day always do a little bit of something that you hope to continue doing during the year. If you plan to write a book during the year, write a few sentences. If you want to knit, do a few stitches. If you want to play the guitar, strum a few chords.

So we start again – a New Year, maybe a year for new beginnings. Till next week:

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NOTICE TO CONWAY TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 5, 2017

Conway Township is forming an Internet Committee to explore options for improving Internet Service to its residents. Anyone wishing to provide input should attend.

January 5, 2017 at 7 pm at the Conway Township Hall located at 8015 N. Fowlerville Road.

Todd Anderson
Conway Township Clerk
(1-1-17 FNV)

From Unapproved Minutes MEETING CONWAY TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF MEETING December 20, 2016

Motions:

1. Call to Order
2. Approve agenda as amended
3. Approve minutes of November 15, 2016 Board meeting
4. Approval of Land Combination Application
5. Approve prepayment of recurring monthly bills
6. Approve Financial Report
7. Approve appointment of Mike Stock and Londa Horton to Planning Commission
8. Approve changing of locks in Township Hall
9. Approve formation of Internet Committee
10. Appointment of Cindy Dickerson to Zoning Board of Appeals
11. Approve disbursements
12. Adjourn meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. Complete minutes are available at the Conway Township Hall during regular office hours, 8015 N Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, MI 48836 517-223-0358

Next Board meeting is on January 17, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Todd Anderson
Conway Township Clerk
(1-1-17 FNV)

Fowlerville Junior High School News

Important Dates:

Winter Recess--Dec. 22-Jan. 3rd
Return to School--Wed. Jan. 4th
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SPORTS FOR WEEK OF JAN. 4:

Wed., Jan. 4: TRYOUTS/PRACTICES begin for 7th & 8th grade GBB teams

2:30-4:30--7th grade girls--Coach Amy Jarvis
4:30-6:30--8th grade girls--Coach Doug Jarvis

Practice/tryouts in FJH gym; girls should use girls' locker room to change & keep personal items; lock strongly suggested for a locker. PHYSICALS are REQUIRED for first day. If ?'s, contact either of the coaches.

Mon., Jan. 9: WRESTLING PRACTICE begins in FHS wrestling room-2:30-4:15'ish-- 6th, 7th, & 8th grades

THANK YOU to the 7th & 8th boys' basketball coaches & the 7/8 cheer coach for all the time & energy put into the season for our young Glads. Thank you to fans, parents, & table help also.

FOWLERVILLE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS: Jan. 9, 6:30pm, FHS Media Center. Please come & get involved in booster activities.

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Ski and Snowboard Club

Our first outing to Mt. Brighton is scheduled for January 11, 2017 (weather permitting). The club will meet for 7 weeks every Wednesday. For further information, please contact

Upcoming Events at St Agnes Catholic Church

Shake off the winter cold and partake in the warmth of our January activities. For more information, please contact our parish office: 517-223-8684

Welcome Table: Every Thursday evening beginning at 6pm in our LPC. There will be an inspirational movie shown following the meal.

His Merciful Heart Prayer Group: Praise the Lord every Tuesday evening at 7:30pm in RE 7/8.

Womens' Rosary: January 5 at 10am in the Chapel.

K of C Chili Cookoff & Euchre Tournament: January 14. Call parish office to become a competitor! Cooking begins at 9am in LPC kitchen. Come sample a variety of delicious chili - Serving begins at 5pm. Euchre registration begins 6pm and Tournament begins 7pm - also in LPC.

Youth Group Dance: January 15 from 6-9pm in our LPC. DJ Ron Johnson of 'Night and Day Productions' will be featured.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive: January 23 from 12:30pm-6:30pm in our LPC.

Ministry Fair: January 21-22 before & after all weekend Masses in Higgins Hall. Explore our parish councils, commissions, and committees. Come and see!

K of C Texas Holdem: January 28 at 6-11pm in Higgins Hall.

Mrs. DeLuca at 223-6250.

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New Year's Pop Tab Challenge

Student Council is sponsoring a Pop Tab Challenge. Students are to collect for the month of January pop can tabs. They will bring them into their 6th hour classroom or 6th grade brings them to their homeroom teacher.

They are donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Any questions contact, Ms. DeLuca 223-6250 or delucac@fowlervilleschools.org

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Campbell Soup

The JH is collecting Campbell's Soup Labels again this year. Please send them in to Mrs. Adams. Every little bit helps and we appreciate you saving them for us!

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VG'S RECEIPTS

VG's has gone back to rewards for receipts. Please turn in VG's receipts to the office. The money earned from them will be used for field trip scholarships.

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YEARBOOK INFORMATION

Yearbooks are now on sale online at the school website or in person from Mrs. Spisz in room C-2. The cost of a basic yearbook is \$32. Please order early as we often sell out. We do have a limited number of previous year books for sale if you are looking for one let us know. We are also interested in having you submit pictures. You can download the Balfour Image share app and use our project number 723649 to upload photos for possible use in the book.

Card of Thanks

Thank you to the EMS team for your fast response time, and the 911 dispatcher for staying on the phone with instructions and encouragement until the emergency team arrived.

We thank them for their valiant efforts to revive Susan. We know you did everything humanly possible to save her.

The blessing of the Lord be upon you. – Psalm 129:8 KJV

Our thanks to the team of EMS personnel, the Fowlerville Fire Department, the Livingston County Sheriffs Department, and anyone else whom may have helped. Not only on 12-19-16 but 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year.

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Move in ready! This nice 3 bedroom, 1 ½ bath home in the Village of Fowlerville was totally renovated from the ground up in 2010. Features beautiful hardwood floor in the living room, ceramic throughout the kitchen and baths and 1st floor laundry. Walking distance to schools, shopping and parks. \$141,000.



Ranch home in the city of Howell with lots of potential. Features 2 bedrooms, 1 bath and 1 car detached garage. Cash only offers do to repairs needed. \$64,900.



Great location just minutes from down town Howell for this nice ranch home. Features included spacious great room with natural fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, 1st floor laundry and central air. Updates include kitchen cabinets and counters, flooring throughout, some windows and remodeled baths. Beautiful 4 season sunroom, fenced yard and large deck. Natural gas and paved road. \$219,900.



Spacious family home on 5 beautiful country acres with over 3,000sq.ft. of living space. This home was completely renovated in 1997 and features 5 bedrooms and 3 ½ baths. Large kitchen with ceramic floor, central air and stunning great room with vaulted ceiling, gas fireplace and hardwood floors. Awesome home for entertaining with large patio looking over the landscaped yard and heated in ground pool. Out buildings include 30x50 pole barn and 2 smaller buildings for all your storage needs. \$309,900.



LEASE! Country setting for this 3 bedroom, 1 bath farm home with a large kitchen and dining area close to pavement. New flooring and paint on entry level, updated bath, and 1st floor laundry. Appliances included. 1st Month's rent plus security deposit equal to 1st month's rent. No smoking and no pets. \$1,050.00

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—Area Deaths—



Claudia Gallup

Claudia Gallup, age 69 of Webberville, passed away on December 5, 2016 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was born November 21, 1947 in Howell, the daughter of Claude E. and Helen E. (Gaffney) Gallup. Claudia graduated from Hartland High School and retired from Citizens Insurance Company in Howell.

She resided in Webberville where she lived with her beloved cats and entertained many dear friends who all appreciated her wonderful sense of humor. She loved photography and gardening and spent many happy hours developing and perfecting both interests. Claudia was a devoted member of St. Agnes Catholic Church in Fowlerville and relied on her faith to see her through many physical struggles with an uncomplaining spirit.

Claudia is survived by two sisters, Mary Kroupa of Fowlerville and June Gallup of Howell; one niece, Michelle Kroupa and one nephew, Dan Kroupa, along with several cousins. Funeral arrangements will be announced in the near future. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association or to the Livingston County Animal Control and Shelter. Please visit the family's online guestbook at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

Susan Buell Dietz

Susan Buell Dietz May 13, 1948 - December 19, 2016
Susan B. Dietz, age 68, of Webberville, passed away Monday, December 19, 2016 at her home. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 23, 2016 at the Perry Church of the Nazarene, 3100 Ellsworth Rd., Perry. Visitation took place at the church one hour prior to the service. The family also received friends at the Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Perry Chapel on Thursday, Dec. 22, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Susan was born on May 13, 1948 in Pontiac, MI, the daughter of Arthur and Rosemarie (Palmer) Buell. She married Michael Dietz in Williamston, MI on May 17, 1969. Susan was a legal secretary, the deputy clerk of Cohoctah Township, and a farmer. She was a member of the Perry Nazarene Church, Fellowship of Christian Farmers, Farm Bureau and the MMPA.

Susan is survived by her husband, Michael; children, Andy (Heidi) Dietz and Leigh Ann Halas (Steve); grandchildren, Anna Dietz and Michael Dietz; mother, Rosemarie; brother, Scott (Rhonda) Buell; sister, Vicki Buell. She was preceded in death by her father, Art Buell and brother, Roger Buell. Online condolences may be sent to the family by going to www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com

Benjamin H. Albin

Benjamin H. Albin, age 65, of Fowlerville passed away on December 17, 2016 in Fowlerville. He was born August 4, 1951 to Mildred and Kenneth Albin and lived in the Fowlerville area for many years. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles for over 30 years, and worked in the Asphalt / Construction business for 42 years.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Carol, children: Lisa (Tony) Benavidez, Michelle (Steve) Roper and Amanda Albin. Also, stepchildren: Tim (Barb) Pugh, Lori Collier, Brian Pugh and, Jeff (Bert) Pugh, sister: Linda (Roger) Gardner, and brother: John Albin. Also numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Sonny and Kenneth Albin, and a sister: Peggy (Albin) Girtman.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, Dec. 21, and funeral services were Thursday, Dec. 22, at the Herrmann Funeral Home in Fowlerville. Burial followed at Alchin Cemetery, Webberville. Leave a message at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com.

each category.

For more information, contact the Howell Opera House, 517-540-0065, or visit <https://www.facebook.com/RunwayRepurposed>.

Dansville Center Euchre Night

Do you like to play Euchre? The Dansville Community Center at 1317 Mason Street in Dansville will be having Euchre Night on Saturday, January 7 and 21 starting at 7pm. A donation of \$5 per person is asked to help pay for expenses for the night. Prizes for high score, low score, and most lone hands will be awarded. Beginners are welcome.

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Registration will be held at the Howell Opera House from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, January 9 and Tuesday, January 10. The Howell Opera House is located at 123 W. Grand River, downtown Howell. All guidelines and event details will be available at that time.

All ages are welcome to register for the competition in one of the designer categories: Young Beginner, Beginner Student, Beginner Adult, Advanced, and Avant Garde. Registration fee: Student and Young Beginner, \$20; Adult Beginner, Advanced, and Avant Garde, \$35. Contestant designers choose clothing and materials at registration from a collection of hundreds of donated pieces to recreate a new, original garment to showcase on the runway **on February 12, 2017, at Crystal Gardens Banquet Center**. The finished garments are judged and prizes and trophies are awarded for

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Bids are due at the Superintendent's office no later than 1:00PM on Wednesday, January 17, 2017. Bids will be opened at that time at the Board of Education Office, 7677 Sharpe Rd. Suite A, Fowlerville, Michigan. Bidders may attend.

All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner(s) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education of the District and/or the Superintendent of the District.

(12-25-16 & 1-1-17 FNV)

2017 for 3rd and 5th grade students. Also screened are last-year follow-ups and parent/teacher requests. Please call the school and provide your child's name and teacher if:

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Please call the Health Department at (517) 546 -9850 if:

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Martin Luther King Day- 1-16-17 NO SCHOOL

Art Club: 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m., Art Club continues until January 20, 2017.

Big Brothers & Big Sisters: Every Thursday 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m., BBBS continues until February 23, 2017.

ATTENTION: We have noticed that we have had many children with incorrect contact numbers. Parents/guardians who have not set up voice mails on their cell phones, cell phones that have full mail boxes, old work numbers, disconnect phones, contacts that do not want to be contacts.

Fowlerville High School News

OFFICE HOURS
Administration Office 7:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Counseling Office 6:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Jan 4 School Resumes
Jan 11, 12, 18 & 19 Freshman Cocoa & Cram

Dear Freshmen Parents, your freshman student is invited to attend our third annual Cocoa & Cram event at Fowlerville High School January 11, 12, 18 & 19 from 2:30pm – 5:00pm, FHS Lower B Hall

- *Freshmen will receive their study guides ahead of time and work with their teachers and National Honor Society students on answering the study guide questions while indulging in snacks and sipping hot cocoa.
- *Math, Science, English, and Social Studies courses will all have teacher representation!
- *Freshmen must pick up a permission slip at lunch and return the completed form to the counseling office by Friday, Jan 6.
- *Best of all, this event is FREE!! We encourage every freshman to attend!

Seniors can still purchase a class T-shirt at \$12. Due to an overwhelming request we will also be offering hoodies at \$30 each. See Mrs. Connor for an order form or order online <http://tinyurl.com/FHSShirt17>

Parents of SENIORS... its not too late to participate in our Class of 2017 Alternative Fundraiser. Any donation makes a difference. \$20, \$50, 75, \$100. In order to provide a safe spot for our seniors on Graduation Day - please consider donating to help fund the LOCK-IN. Many thanks to all of the parents who have graciously donated already! You can also donate online. <http://tinyurl.com/FCS2017>

If you have parent connect you can go in and change your phone numbers. If you do not, please call the Kreeger office at 517-223-6330 or 517-223-6340 or email nygrens@fowlervilleschools.org. If we had an emergency situation at Kreeger, and we had to contact parents we need correct phone numbers on file. Please take a few minutes to help us update this information that has already changed for many parents since the start of school. We appreciate your efforts. Thank you.

Kreeger After School Messages:Please call before 3:00 p.m. for after school messages for your child. Do not leave messages on the teacher's voice mail. With our early dismissal time of 3:30 p.m. the student messengers pick up messages as early as 3:05 p.m. Please be considerate and plan ahead. Thank you.

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

2017 Senior important dates are available on the Fowlerville High School page, under quick links 2017 Senior Info.


Ordering Transcripts (Michigan eTranscripts) please visit the Fowlerville High School website for more information.

School Mission: Focus on every student, every day.
School Vision: Empower students to be productive citizens in a global society

County Humane Society offers low-cost vaccinations & micro-chipping

The Humane Society of Livingston County located at 2464 Dorr Road in Howell is offering low cost vaccinations and micro-chipping. No appointment necessary. Clinic dates are January 8, 15 and 22 from 11am - 5pm. Cats must be in carriers. Dogs must be on leashes. For more information visit <http://humane-livingston.org/clinic-services> or call 517-552-8050.

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Smith Elementary School News

IMPORTANT DATES:

December 22 – January 3 – Holiday Break (No School- Thurs., Dec 22 through Tues., Jan 3rd)
January 4 – School Resumes
January 9-23 – NWEA testing
January 11 – PTC Meeting -6:00 pm
January 12 – Family Math Night 5:30-7:00pm
January 16 – No School K-12
January 27 – ½ Day of School K-12: dismissal at 12:00noon
February 8 – Student Count Day
February 8 – PTC Meeting – 6:00 pm
February 20 – Presidents Day Recess – No School

The Pizza Box Fundraiser- Special thanks for the donation from The Pizza Box matched by K W Corporation! Families, don't forget to support H. T. Smith Elementary at The Pizza Box on Grand River. Anytime you dine in or pick up food to go turn in a monthly ticket to credit our school. The forms were sent home at the beginning of the year and are available in the school office. Thanks for your support!

Smith Elementary Collects VG's Receipts Again! VG's receipt collection is back and we are so excited! **Any receipts dated August 1, 2016 and after are eligible.** If you shop at a SpartanNash retail store (VG's, DW Fresh Market, Family Fare, Forest Hills Foods and Valuland) please keep the entire original receipt and turn it in to the Smith Elementary Office, or send to school with your child and they can give them to their teacher or deliver them to the office. Please encourage family and friends to save their receipts also, to help us out. When we collect \$150,000 in eligible sales, we will receive a check for \$1000 from SpartanNash. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND PARTICIPATION!**

Smith Elementary Collects BoxTops for Education – Please remember to clip BoxTops and send them to school with your child in a ziplock bag or envelope with your child's name and teacher name written on the outside. Each classroom keeps track of how many are turned in for different contests that are held throughout the school year by our PTC. Please encourage friends and family to save their BoxTops as well to help out our school.

Save Campbells Soup Labels and Tyson Labels – Please send your Campbells Soup labels and Tyson labels to school. Teachers can redeem them for supplies for their classrooms. Thank You!

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

Thursday, December 22nd, at 1:10 p.m. the department responded to an injury accident on Chase Lake Road in Conway Township. A second dispatch, to a medical emergency on N. Collins Street in the Village, was received at 7:56 p.m.

A 7:22 a.m. Friday, December 23rd, personnel responded to assist a citizen on Gregory Road in Conway Township. Firefighters were called to assist EMS on Elliott Road in Iosco Township at 11:10 a.m. The department was dispatched for an environmental cleanup at 6:11 p.m. when a vehicle had a mechanical problem on Grand River in the Village. At 8:47 p.m. a medical emergency on Elliott Road in Iosco Township was reported.

The department assisted at two medical emergencies Saturday, December 24th. The first, at 1:52 a.m., was on Bradley Road in Iosco Township with the second being on N. Grand in the Village at 7:34 a.m.

Sunday, December 25th, firefighters were dispatched to Farm Lane in Handy Township at 1:19 a.m. for a reported structure fire. Arriving apparatus found there was no structure fire, only a controlled open burn. A medical emergency on Stow Road in Conway Township was reported at 12:39 p.m.

Personnel responded to assist EMS on S. Grand in the Village at 2:10 a.m. Monday, December 26th. The department returned to S. Grand Ave. to assist EMS at 6:31 a.m. At 5:54 p.m. the department responded to a fire on an electrical pole on Hayner Road in Conway Township.

Tuesday, December 27th, at 9:06 a.m. firefighters assisted the ambulance on Layton Road in Handy Township.

At 11:12 a.m. Wednesday, December 28th, a medical emergency on Iosco Road in Iosco Township was reported. The department was called for a reported vehicle fire on I-96 in Handy Township at 11:35 a.m. A third call, to a medical emergency on Grandshire Blvd. in the Village, was received at 1:42 p.m. The department responded to a medical emergency on Chase Lake Road in Conway Township at 8:43 p.m.

Fowlerville Village Council selects Theresa Mailloux to fill vacancy

A vacancy on the Fowlerville Village Council was filled at last Tuesday's, Dec. 27, meeting. Theresa Mailloux, who recently moved into the village, was selected from a field of four applicants.

Mailloux's term will run until Nov. 20, 2018, and the position will be up for a vote in that year's General Election.

Also applying for the position were two former council trustees, Mary Helfmann and Cindy Salfate, and current planning commission member, Gary Helfmann. A committee comprised of trustees Jerry Bell, Kathryn Heath, and Scott Schultheis interviewed Mary Helfmann, Salfate, and Mailloux on Dec. 20. Gary Helfmann had withdrawn his name from consideration earlier that day and was not interviewed.

The committee recommended that Mailloux be appointed, and the motion was passed unanimously by the full council. The new trustee will take her oath of office and start serving at the next council meeting scheduled for Jan. 9.


The vacancy was created when Carol Hill, who was midway through her four-year council term, was elected as the new village president.

Calling All Chili Cooks for upcoming St. Agnes event

The Knights of Columbus Council 8605 of St. Agnes Church in Fowlerville will be hosting a Chili Cook-Off and Euchre Tournament on January 14. We are inviting everyone who makes a great pot of chili to enter our contest. There is a \$10 contestant fee to cover prizes. Categories are for the best Blazing Hot, Spicy Medium and Saucy Mild chili. The public will also get to choose their favorite in the People's Choice category. Kitchen opens at 8:00 a.m. for chili preparation.

Proceeds raised will help area residents with heating needs and other Knights projects. For more information please contact Nelson Cypher at 517-294-6366 or Todd Conte at 517-819-7330.

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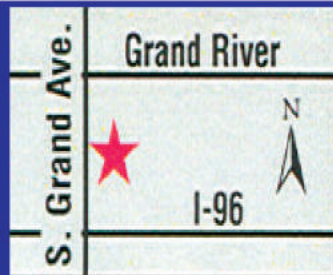
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Letter to the Editor:

As co-chairpersons of the 2016 Livingston County United Way campaign, we sincerely thank our community for the tremendous outpouring of support on **Matching Money Monday** on Dec. 12.

Despite a big snow storm, schools closed, and slippery roads, people showed their support in a big way. Approximately \$300,000 was raised through Matching Money Monday and will be invested in important local programs that help keep families in their homes, lights and heat on, food in pantries, and emergency shelter for those who need it. Your validation of the proactive collaborative community impact work of LCUW is greatly appreciated.

A special thanks to our generous sponsors whose matching dollars helped to make the day possible: Howell Rotary’s Tour de Livingston, St. John Providence, Anonymous

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We also thank the collection sites that enthusiastically offered help: county-wide Chambers of Commerce and First Merit Bank branches, Brighton Ford, Hartland Insurance Agency, Jonna’s Market, Ross Mortgage, and our media partners who help get the word out.

We are grateful to live and work in a community that believes so strongly in helping our neighbors and families - thank you, Livingston County!

Sincerely,

Rick Scofield & Carol Griffith
Campaign Co-Chairpersons
Livingston County United Way

Breathers’ Club meeting to be held on Jan. 10 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital

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

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

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

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DOING SOMETHING GREAT.
Ken Myers & Patt Hansen—Balloons Over the Ville organizers

In 2009, just before that year’s Fowlerville Christmas Parade, Patt Hansen—who was involved with the Southeast Michigan Ballooning Association (SEMBA)—thought it would be nice if some balloon pilots participated in the event. At the time she was working in the Edward Jones office in Fowlerville for Steve MacDermaid, a co-chair of the Christmas in the Ville Committee which organizes the annual holiday celebration on behalf of the Fowlerville Business Association.

“I knew that various pilots had participated in other parades, mainly during the summer, and thought some of them might be interested in coming to our event,” she said. “I contacted Ken (Myers) about the idea. We then got the word out to other SEMBA members in the area.”

As a result, seven pilots agreed to bring their baskets and burners, joining Myers who is a balloon pilot from Howell. From that humble start, Balloons Over the Ville became part of the Christmas in the Ville celebration and, together, the overall event and the hot-air balloonists’ participation have grown in size and popularity.

“When I brought up the idea of our being part of the parade, everyone said ‘yeah, go ahead,’ but it was not seen as a big deal,” said Hansen.

However, that perception quickly changed during the parade. The sight of the pilots igniting their burners, with the flames shooting into the night air, delighted the spectators.

Myers noted that he had reserved the downstairs room at Lucky’s Pub for the pilots and their families and friends to gather after the parade. “Steve (MacDermaid), Paul Harmon (the other co-chair), and Becky Wilson (the then Fowlerville Business Association administrator) stopped by and said they wanted us back.”

Hansen and Myers, along with Gabi Bresett, a Fowlerville resident who is also part of the balloon group, subsequently joined the Christmas in the Ville Committee.

“The second year (2010) we expanded our involvement to include two flyovers in the morning and mid-afternoon,” said Myers. “We also included some competitions for the pilots. And we participated once again in the parade.”

The caveat for any flying was ‘weather permitting.’ Fortunately, that inaugural year Mother Nature cooperated for the 14 balloonists who accepted the invitation, allowing them to glide over Downtown Fowlerville and take part in the contests. Later that evening, with many of the parade goers now knowing what to expect, they took part in the parade and again thrilled the crowd with their special fire show.

Each year since then the number of pilots has increased, the number of other parade entries has grown due to the popularity of the event, and the crowd lining Grand River to view it has likewise gotten bigger. This past December over 40 pilots came to Fowlerville, there were over 80 parade entries, and estimates are that between 12,000 to 15,000 people watched the hour-long procession.

“Never did we expect to get this big,” said Myers. “I believe we’re now the largest one-day event for balloonists in the Midwest. Forty participants is a large number.”

Hansen pointed out that Balloons Over the Ville was helped by the fact that the Battle Creek Holiday Balloon Fest ceased operations in 2009. “They had put on their weekend event the previous ten years and drew a lot of pilots,” she said. “When they quit doing it, we invited them to come to Fowlerville.”

She pointed out that a lot of pilots don’t like to fly in the winter and many have put their balloons in storage, so to keep increasing the

numbers of those willing to participate is due in large part to their enjoying the event.

Having fun is the key to that enjoyment, said Myers. “Everything we do is tongue-in-cheek,” he added. “Also the community has been very supportive. Several local restaurants provide breakfasts for the pilots and their families, and Suburban Propane donates up to 3,000 gallons of fuel.

“We reserve the Woodshire Place for our headquarters,” he noted. “Registration is held there, we do a briefing on the weather forecast, lunch and a mid-afternoon snack are available, and after the parade we have an awards ceremony along with a party.”

The awards are based on how the pilots did in several different events. Among the contests held is tossing a bean bag with a six-inch tail from the balloon at a target on the ground with points based on accuracy. Another is the ‘Wreath Toss Over the North Pole’ which involves a pilot aiming a Christmas wreath at a red-and-white colored pole on the ground. The ‘Snow Ball Drop’ has the participants throwing a roll of toilet paper at a pink toilet. Another, more conventional contest is to see who travels the farthest distance.

For balloonists competing in the national standings, points can be earned in their goal of qualifying for regional and then national competitions. For the other floaters, it’s the honor of winning.

“We do have a special trophy we give out,” said Myers. “It started out as a plastic Santa sitting on a toilet. Since the first year, whoever receives it has their name included on the list of winners and they also have to add a feature to the trophy. It’s gotten to be quite a sight.”

There’s a serious side as well. Money raised from the pilots’ entry fees and other sources of income is donated to charity. “Instead of cash prizes, we give the money to both a military organization and to an area organization,” noted Hansen. “The Family Impact Center, Genesis House, the Salvation Army, Special Olympics, and the Michigan National Guard have been some of the groups we’ve given money to.”

During the day, a few of the pilots set up their baskets and burners at several locations in Downtown Fowlerville to serve as warming stations. Some of those remain until after the parade since so many pilots are now taking part that not all can join the parade.

“We have 12 tandem-axle trailers that are linked together,” noted Myers. “We have two-to-three baskets per trailer plus the pilots, their crews, and other family and friends. There are power lines that go across the street, so I give a safety talk to caution them about this when they are igniting their burners. Also, I ride in the front truck and yell ‘power’ when I pass under a line and continue until the next driver hears it and starts yelling ‘power’ to the driver behind him.”

The balloonists are placed near the end of the line-up and “help escort Santa to town.” Once they’ve reached the Downtown, with the trailers on either side of the Main 4 Corners, “the wave” takes place. Myers gives the signal and each balloonist, going from front to back, takes a turn igniting their burner until all of them (except those under a power line) are burning.

“We believe we can raise the temperature by 30 degrees in a couple of minutes,” Myers said.

While Hansen and Myers have served as main organizers of Balloons Over the Ville, they noted that others in the balloonist community help out. “We’ve gone from an original group of five people who worked on contacting pilots and putting on the different activities to around 30 people,” said Hansen.

Myers added that it’s been gratifying to see the success of the Balloons Over the Ville. “We feel our participation has helped in making the overall event more enjoyable and more popular, but



the organizing committee and the community have been very welcoming to us. The pilots and their crew and families have a good time here. It’s become a social occasion for us.

When Ken Myers is not organizing this event or piloting his balloon at other balloon festivals, he owns and operates Big Barneys in Howell. “I distribute chloride,” he said. “It’s used for dust control in the summer and as a de-icer in the winter. We also have a warehouse we rent to different businesses.”

He grew up in a rural area between Pinckney and Stockbridge and graduated from Stockbridge High School in 1972. He and his wife, Mori, were married in 1975 and Ken went into business for himself.

“I had two different service stations and a fuel oil business before starting this operation,” he noted.

He has a son, Byron, and daughter, Danielle. “My daughter met her husband, Scott at a ballooning event,” he pointed out. “We have four grandchildren, ranging from five to ten years of age, who are all into hot air balloons.”

Ken said that he got interested in this activity after his wife bought him a balloon ride for their wedding anniversary. “She ended up backing out, so my daughter, who was 14 at the time, went up with me,” he said. “I was hooked. I started working on a crew for a couple of friends who had balloons. My wife said that I ought to get my pilot’s license. Two days later I had a balloon in the garage.”

Patt Hansen now works as the office administrator for Big Barneys and resides in Fowlerville. She grew up in Ferndale and graduated from Hazel Park High School. She’s worked in accounting since 1972 and has been a resident of Livingston County for nearly 30 years.

“I moved to Howell in 1987,” she said.

Her interest in ballooning occurred during the Howell Balloon Fest in 1990. “One of the pilots landed his balloon in the backyard,” she said. “I started working as a volunteer at the festival and then helped on a crew and as a volunteer for the contests. I ended up joining SEMBA.”

She has a son, Steven, age 34, who is a PhD and works as a seismologist in New Mexico, and a daughter, Kaitlin, age 32, who is a University of Michigan graduate, lives in Whitmore Lake, and works in the Auto Owners corporate office in Lansing.

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Caleb Jenkins Column



Year in Review

Well, we've made it to 2017. Whenever a new year comes around, it seems to be a somewhat customary thing to reflect on the events of the previous 365 days, and I wouldn't want to miss out on that opportunity. New Year's is my absolute favorite holiday, and I wouldn't dare let it pass without sharing some of my thoughts on 2016 and the year ahead of us. I am somewhat struggling to decide what exactly to say about this past year simply because there is so much that could be discussed. It was a wild ride to say the least.

Naturally, the elections and presidential campaigns took center stage for much of the year for good reason. It was a very formative election season, and it wasn't just the presidential and federal campaigns stealing all of the attention. All levels of government, right down to the local Townships and Villages, have been experiencing changes. Michigan is resurging and reclaiming its spot on the national stage, and we can even see the effects of growth on our own hometowns of Fowlerville and Webberville. I have had the privilege of traveling all over the United States and even to other countries, and it never ceases to amaze me how many people I run into who have heard of or have even been to our little section of Michigan. We expanded and promoted that prominence throughout 2016 while still maintaining our small town heritage.

However, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge some of the other news headlines that shook the world throughout the past year. We witnessed repeated acts of terror both in the US and around the world. We saw the reshaping of the Middle East due to a variety of circumstances--from a surge against the Islamic State to the fall of Aleppo to the Syrian Regime--and change was not exclusive to that part of the world. The entire global structure was redefined through such historical moments as Brexit and the victory by Donald Trump.

I realize that I am not even close to mentioning all of the major events that 2016 offered up. I couldn't begin to cover them all in this short column. However, I bring all of this up because I believe that we must not forget what has taken place over the past year if we are to move forward positively. That lesson is not exclusive to 2016; it is something that I try to practice every New Year's. I make it a point to look back on what has happened and figure out what can be learned and applied from it all. We understand that we have to know history to be successful in the future, but we seem to often forget the immediate history that has just passed us. Take some time to reflect on what you have experienced and learned.

Of course, my favorite part of New Year's is looking forward to the upcoming year. It's like a fresh start. When the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Eve, I feel like a

Livingston Democrats pushing for county commission to televise meetings

Livingston County Democrats said that they believe that "a well-informed citizenry is the bedrock of democracy and that's why the county party is pushing the Livingston County Commission to televise its meetings."

Party members and other county residents attended last Tuesday's (Dec. 27) county commission meeting to show how strongly they support bringing more transparency to local government.

"Many of our local units of government, including townships and the city of Brighton, televise their meetings. We think the highest level of local government should do the same," said Judy Daubenmier, chair of the Livingston County Democratic Party.

Jordan Genso, a member of the county party's executive committee, said televising local meetings is a matter of good government.

"New technology has made it inexpensive to record government meetings and post them on-line so cost should not be a factor. Helping citizens become more informed is a matter of good government, and I don't know anyone who is against good government," he said.

Democratic candidates for county commission have called for more transparency for several election cycles, pointing out that many residents have no idea who their county commissioner is or what the commission does.

giant weight has fallen from my shoulders. I know that it's just a symbolic gesture and that in reality the new year is just a continuation of the old one, but it's as if all of the mistakes of the past are gone and I get to start anew. It's a great feeling that inspires me to make the most of the new year. So, how do I view 2017? I could describe it with one word: opportunity. How are you going to use this new year?

Start the New Year with improved Health Habits at Family Impact Center

Family Impact Center is excited to announce that they will be offering a new six-week course on Tuesdays called Habits of Health. It addresses the underlying habits that contribute to the epidemic of obesity and poor health in our culture, and provides practical and sustainable ways of changing those habits by adopting different behaviors. The class will be led by certified health coaches Mike & Karyn Harrison and Claudia Kerbawy.

An introductory meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Family Impact Wellness Center (9430 W. Grand River just west of Fowlerville). The first class will be held two weeks later (January 31), and classes will continue each Tuesday through March 7. The only fee is \$5 for a workbook. All participants must be registered in advance. Seating will be limited, so call 517-223-4428 as soon as possible to reserve your spot!





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Our Board of Education, and the hundreds like it across the state, preserve the core of our democracy – PUBLIC EDUCATION.

Showing appreciation for the important work of school boards across the State should be a year-round process, but too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women who represent us and the many other public school districts around us. This January, the staff and students of Fowlerville Community Schools are asking all members of the community to take a moment and thank your school board members. The Fowlerville Community Schools Board of Education is:

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Fowlerville School Report

By Superintendent,
Wayne Roedel

Thank you to our Board who dedicate countless personal hours to ensure the needs of the community are met by Fowlerville Community Schools. We salute our Board whose dedication and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible. We applaud them for their vision and voice to prepare today's students to be tomorrow's leaders.

Please feel free to join us at the regular school board meeting on January 24th, 2017 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Fowlerville High School Media Center where the Board will be formally recognized for their service.

Livingston Centre Historical Society to meet this Thursday at fair office

The Livingston Centre Historical Society will meet this Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Fowlerville Fair office. The group will discuss plans for the Grandma's Attic Sale in the spring, the Fall Fest in September, and other fundraising activities. As always, the public is invited. Stop by to see with the Society and the Livingston Centre Historical Village are all about.

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This Week's Sermon in a Capsule

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3:13-14

The year 2016 is over, and I say "Rest in Peace," because it sure didn't give us any peace while it was here.

Today we welcome a new year with great expectation and high hopes for a brighter tomorrow. The past is past and there is nothing I or anyone else can do to change it. So why waste time worrying over something, if you cannot do anything about it.

What all of us can do is follow the instructions of Jesus who said to his disciples on the night before he was arrested, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:34-35

I saw a lot of this kind of love being demonstrated this past Christmas. People were going above and beyond to make sure that children in our community and as far away as Haiti had a joyful Christmas. The Family Impact Center was busy getting food and clothing out to those in need to make sure they had a Christmas meal on the table. Our Church (the Fowlerville UB) adopted several large families in the community, and also sent hundreds of shoe boxes packed with gifts for kids in Haiti and other places where children are living below the poverty level.

During the first real snowfall of the season, our community came together to show the love of Christ to those whose lives were suddenly interrupted by the 53-car pileup on I-96. People came from all over with blankets, coffee, toys and other expressions of love to aid the public officials in caring for those trapped on the expressway. There is something

about Christmas that always brings out the best in people.

For the past several years I have not been a big fan of Christmas. Oh, I know it is Christ's birthday that we are supposed to celebrate on December 25, but to me it has become too commercial. It seemed to me that people were forgetting the real reason for the season.

This year was different. I intentionally, forced myself to focus on the Christmas story. I read it several times, preached on it twice, and watched it on DVD several times during the past few weeks. As I thought about the miracle of Jesus' birth and focused my attention on the anticipation of his second visit to earth, I felt a new and right spirit rise within me.

The reason I have not been enjoying Christmas is because I had allowed the activities of others to steal my joy. When I stopped thinking about what others were doing and began focusing on Jesus and the gift he gave his life to give to me, I was able move out of my gloom-and-doom attitude and rejoice, as did the shepherds when they were first visited by the angels bringing the good news of Christ's birth.

Too many times and for too many years I have allowed what is happening around me to control my thoughts and feelings.

Because of the time I have spent working through the program of Celebrate Recovery, I have come to realize that I need to focus on my own thoughts and feelings and stay out of other people's heads. I need to take the advice I once gave my Mother, (which she didn't take too well), "If I would spend six months taking care of my business and six months leaving other people alone, I would be much happier."

This year, 2017, I make no new resolutions. What I plan to do is to live my life as close to the example of Jesus Christ as I possibly can. Which means, I will be looking for every opportunity to share Christ wherever God chooses to use me. And I hope that in some small way I can make this world a better place to live for the next generation.

I am sure that God is not pleased with his creation,

especially with the way we treat each other with all of the acts of evil being perpetrated toward one another. I know he is not pleased with the way we acted last year. So please, allow the past to fade and focus on having a great year in 2017. Focus on the commandment Jesus gave his disciples to love and care for one another.

If each person who reads this article will commit to making one change in their life that will help someone else have a better life, the difference it would make in our community and beyond would be unbelievable.

May this new year bring you joy, happiness and into a closer relationship with our Lord Jesus. Amen.



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Dan Judd -- Dan is a senior tri-captain on the varsity boys basketball team. Dan is a talented Forward/Center that can play on the perimeter and in the paint. Anyone that knows Dan, knows that he is a quiet leader that leads by example. He works hard, is responsible, can be trusted, and does the right thing when nobody is watching. Dan is going to play a vital role in the success of this year's team.

Nick Semke -- Nick is a senior tri-captain on the team. Nick is very aggressive and athletic. He is a play maker with great instincts. He is a competitor and his will to win drives his teammates to be better. Nick not only works hard but also can be counted on to do the right things. He treats people with respect and is a young man of integrity. Nick is going to help guide the Glads to a great season.

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Senior Spotlight--Nick Militz

By Justin Dettling

From a little kid with a kid basketball hoop to the captain of the varsity high school team-- how does an eager basketball player grow up so quickly?

Senior Nick Militz is an 18-year-old basketball player who has attended Webberville Community Schools since kindergarten. Militz likes WHS because of all the strong bonds he has made with friends and teachers. He prefers the small-town community and the personal attention that teachers offer.

“The best thing about Webberville Schools is that you know everyone. You have one-on-one with your teachers that you can’t get anywhere else,” Militz said.

Militz is the son of Tami Marion and David Militz and stepmother Kristen Brit. They are Nick’s biggest supporters. Nick has a sister Shannon Militz who graduated from Webberville Community Schools in 2014.

“I’m thankful for my parents who have supported me in academics, athletics, and just life in general,” he said.

Militz has managed to keep good grades, all the while working hard to be a good athlete.

“Nick has great academic focus even while being an athlete,” said fellow senior and teammate Zack McGowan. “Nick is an incredible athlete who will be successful in the next level. Nick has a bigger drive to work, day in and day out, more than most athletes at Webberville Community Schools.”

Militz participated in track for one year and has played high school basketball for four years. As a sophomore, he was moved up to the varsity team. In 2015, he was recognized as an Honorable Mention All-Conference player and in 2016 as a Second Team All-Conference player in the Genesee Athletic Conference. He serves as captain of the varsity basketball team, averages 21 points per game, and is the league leader in points per game. Militz has goals to be First Team All-Conference.

“Basketball is my passion, I want to be a role model for kids who are wanting to go somewhere in athletics,” said Militz.

Coach Nate Lott has hopes for Militz continuing his athletic career to the next level.

“Nick has a great drive to be successful both on and off the court,” said Coach Lott. “The key for Nick is to practice and keep working toward his goal of going to college.”

He plans to attend a university to study business and play basketball. He hopes to secure a career in sports management or real estate. Militz is currently talking to interested colleges, including Lansing Community College, Ferris State University and Saginaw Valley State University.

To his underclass friends Militz says, “Thanks for being my companions on this adventure through high school. Try everything-- because at other schools you might not get the chance to actively participate like you can at Webberville”.

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Linda Tesch spent 32 years as village & then township treasurer

By Steve Horton

Linda Tesch spent 16 years as the elected treasurer for the Village of Fowlerville and then another 16 years as the treasurer on Handy Township Board.

Earlier this year she decided not to seek another term as the township treasurer, but instead opted to run for one of the two trustee positions. However, that effort was unsuccessful as she finished third in the four-person race.

Tesch noted that she had been employed in the banking industry for several years when she was urged to run for the Village treasurer position. “Our neighbor, Jim Hall, who was chair of the Village Planning Commission, knew of my background and suggested that I seek the position,” she recalled. “So, I took out a petition. Bernadine Miller also was running and we each got 69 votes in the Republican Primary. We went to the county clerk’s office where Joe Ellis put to pieces of paper in a box, with one saying ‘nominated’ and the other ‘not nominated.’ I ended up winning that way.”

Back then Village elections were held each March, with the president, clerk, and treasurer running for two-year terms.

“My main duty was to send out the summer tax notices and collect the money,” Tesch said. “We also included the sewer special assessments in the bill, along with the Village taxes. I’d come in Monday, Wednesday and Friday for a few hours for about three months. Once the tax deadline was reached and the settlement finished, any delinquent taxes were handled by the county treasurer.”

Tesch was re-elected to her post for seven more terms. However, the Village Council decided to switch the clerk and treasurer positions from being elected by the voters to being appointed, with whoever was appointed to those working in the office on a regular basis.

“They (village officials) wanted someone with an accounting background,” she noted, explaining why her service as treasurer ended.

But a new opportunity soon arose. The Handy Township treasurer, Barb Mills, decided not to seek re-election in the 2000 election. Tesch filed for the office, defeated an opponent in the Republican Primary and won the four-year term. “Laura Eisele also on the ballot for the first time in that election, running for the open seat as clerk,” Tesch noted. “We came in together.”

As the township treasurer, Tesch had additional duties. Foremost was that she now served on the five-member board. She and Eisele also split the work of operating the office.

“When Laura and I started, because we shared the office operations, she also handled some of the treasurer’s work,” noted Tesch. “This turned out to be a good idea, because the state changed our tax collection from just the winter ones, both winter and summer. So, my work load doubled.”

Tesch pointed out that in preparing the tax bills, the township treasurer works closely with the township assessor. “We sent out the bills in July and again in December. It’s not easy. There’s the Ad Valorem Roll, but also the IFT Roll for industrial properties that have been granted tax abatement, the Downtown Development Roll for properties in the Village’s DDA District, and the Local Development Financing Authority Roll for properties in the LDFA District.

“By state law, as the taxes come in, the money has to be distributed to the different entities every two weeks,” she added.

Those entities include the school district, Village, county, library, and fire department.

After March 1 (the deadline for winter taxes), the treasurer has 21 days to get the books in order and turned in,” Tesch said. “Like delinquent village taxes, any late taxes by township property owners are handled by the county office.”



Recalling some of the highlights of her 32 years in office, Tesch noted that the creation of the Village DDA in 1993 and then the LDFA in 1995 proved to be important milestones. She was on the Handy board when the agreement was reached with the village council to use a conditional transfer of the property that would become the Garden Lane Industrial Park and allowed the LDFA to construct the bridge over the Red Cedar River connecting that park to South Grand Avenue and the freeway.

She was the village treasurer when the East Van Riper Road Industrial Park was formed, allowing for TRW (then Kelsey Hayes) to locate a factory on one of the parcels.

Tesch also pointed to the purchase of the then village office in 2002, allowing the township to enlarge its space as another highlight of her tenure.

“Years before the township and village shared the space,” she said. “Then, in order to have more space and have regular office hours, the township purchased the building just south of the village office. When the remodeling was taking place, a doorway was created to connect the two offices and allow easier access between the two staffs. When the village moved to its present office, our township board bought the office. The combined space gave us ample room for all of the officials—assessor, supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and zoning administrator—who have offices as well as a large room for meetings.”

During her first few years on the board, the township saw a lot of residential growth which included various proposals for subdivisions and numerous property splits. “When I started we sent out around 2,000 tax bills and now it’s around 4,000,” she noted.

There turned out to be a downside, though. That growth, with the anticipation that it would continue, prompted the township to enter into an agreement to help fund the Village’s new Wastewater Treatment Plant with services being extended to those new and proposed township housing developments.

The bursting of the housing bubble, followed

shortly afterwards by the Wall Street Meltdown in 2007, that resulted in the Great Recession and a worsening of economic conditions in Michigan, left the township responsible for the cost of extending those sewer services, but not the new houses that were supposed to pay for them.

Tesch, like the rest of the board members (past and present), has spent the last few years wrestling with this liability and seeking ways to solve it.

On a more positive note, she pointed to the Fowlerville Proving Grounds locating in the township and its success over the past 10 years.

At the same time the state included summer taxes to the township treasurer’s work load, the then Livingston County treasurer, Lew Crandall, felt that the 20 local treasurers could benefit from more training and assistance. So, noted Tesch, the Livingston County Treasurers Association was formed. “During the last four years, I’ve been an officer,” she said. “I started as the treasurer, moved up to secretary, then vice president and this past year I was the president. With my term of office over, I received a nice plaque.”

LINDA WAS BORN IN 1944 AND GREW UP IN BOOM, a small town in Wexford County about 10 miles from Cadillac. “My father, Glen, was a millwright and also did some work as a carpenter, and my mother, Genevieve, was a cook at our local elementary school,” she said. “I am the oldest. I have a brother, Glenn, and two sisters—Alice and Shirley.”

She attended Cadillac High School and graduated in 1962. While in school, Linda worked as a waitress at what is now known as the McGuire Resort. “I was there right after it transferred from a drive-in to a restaurant and motel,” she said.

After graduation, Linda enrolled at Michigan State University and attended the fall term. “The place was so big, with so many students, compared to what I was used to,” she said.

But, while college didn’t work out, she decided to remain in Lansing and secured a job at Sears & Roebuck in Frandor as a sales clerk. A highlight of that employment was meeting Bill Tesch of Fowlerville who she would marry in 1965.

In 1963, at the urging of an aunt who felt banking offered a better future, Linda went to work for the Bank of Lansing as a teller, following by a similar job with Michigan National Bank.

After their marriage, the Tesch’s moved to Brighton and over the next 18 years Linda worked several different area banks on either a fulltime or part-time basis.

The couple left Brighton and lived in Howell, then purchased a home in Fowlerville on East Grand River in 1973.

For three years, from 1984-87, Linda worked part-time during the Christmas holidays at the Hudson and JC Penney department stores at the Meridian Mall. It was during this

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Correction

In last week’s issue, an article was published about Gregory resident Richard Buurma receiving his high school diploma at age 90 from a high school in Ohio. Buurma, who grew up in Celeryville, Ohio and had attended nearby New Haven High School, had left his junior year at age 17 to enlist in the U.S. Navy during World War II and never went back to complete the high school graduation requirements.

A first-person speech about Buurma--his background and the history of his time in the service--had been given during a ceremony held by family and friends to celebrate his graduation. The person who brought a copy of the speech along with a photo of Burrma in his cap and gown was a friend, Russ Schuckaskie. He left his name and phone number for more information.

The assumption, which proved incorrect, was that Schuckaskie had given the speech and had contacted the Ohio high school to secure the diploma for Buurma. It turns out that John Rokke was the gentlemen who did both.

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The meeting was called to order, by Supervisor Miller, at 8:01PM, with the Pledge of Allegiance. Treasurer Bonnville, Clerk Delmerico, Trustee VanHouten, and Trustee Parker present. Also present were Zoning Administrator/Assessor Allen, and Township resident Joe Fanto.

Motion to approve the Agenda.

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

Motion to adopt the Board Minutes of November 17th, 2016, as corrected.

Heard the Treasurer’s report.

Motion to pay \$32,387.96 in Township bills.

Heard the Fowlerville Fire Authority report.

Heard the Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator’s reports.

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

Motion to Adjourn 8:35PM. AA, MC.

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Michigan House Report

By Dr. Hank Vaupel,
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A New Plan for Michigan’s Energy Policy

I’ve received many questions regarding the Michigan Legislature’s recently passed energy reform package and wanted to take an opportunity to explain why I chose to support it.

In recent years, the closure of coal power plants in Michigan, due to federal regulations, the age of many plants, and other economic factors has led to a projected capacity shortfall in the next few years. If this projection is correct, the reliability of electricity in Michigan will be threatened. Shutoffs and blackouts could occur which would be extremely costly for everyone in the state, and would harm the reputation of Michigan’s business climate.

Additionally, the current rules regarding the choice market and net metering (a system in which solar panels or other renewable energy generators are connected to a public utility power grid and surplus power is transferred onto the grid, allowing customers to offset the cost of power drawn from the utility) have led to a situation where the vast majority of ratepayers effectively subsidize the small minority who are on choice or participate in net metering. This is because the minority enjoys the benefits of a reliable capacity and

Linda Tesch, continued

time frame, starting in 1984, that she was elected as the village treasurer.

For six years she was a part-time clerk with the Livingston County Equalization Department and for three years after that she was a clerk with the Livingston County Personnel Department. She left that position in 2002, at the same time the township treasurer duties were expanded by the state requirement of collecting summer taxes.

From 1984-94, Linda was a volunteer for the American Cancer Society and from 2002-09 she helped with the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. She is also a member of the local Child Study Club and has helped out at the Fowlerville Family Fair.

“I also belong to an art journaling club that meets every Friday,” she said. “I enjoy that.”

Bill and Linda have two daughters: Colette Schiek who passed away from cancer in 2006 and Carmen (Corey) Wallace who reside in Ann Arbor. Their two grandchildren are: Gretchen Schiek, age 17, who lives with Carmen, and Cameron Wallace, age 14.

For several years, the Tesch’s—with Gretchen and Cameron serving as presenters—gave a scholarship in Colette’s memory at the Fowlerville High School Senior Honors Night.

transmission without paying the costs of such reliability, as the rest of us do.

We could not afford the risks being posed to Michigan’s residents and job creators that were sure to result in the coming years if action was not taken.

To combat the coming shortfalls, we introduced a plan to maintain future energy reliability, recognizing that dependable, affordable and consistent energy is a necessity for Michigan families and businesses.

The increased capacity is achieved by creation of a holistic energy planning process that involves long-term projections of capacity and rules ensuring adequate capacity is available. Importantly, these bills maintain the electric choice market in Michigan and actually allow it to expand beyond current limits.

Keeping electricity affordable for Michigan ratepayers is also a priority to me. This plan includes competitive bidding for new power plant construction, ensuring that new generation projects are cost-effective and protect ratepayers from higher costs.

In addition, this plan protects Michigan families by eliminating the ability of utilities to self-implement rate increases. I have every confidence in this plan for Michigan’s energy future.

If you have questions about this legislation, or any other legislation, please contact my office 517-373-8835 or send an email to HankVaupel@house.mi.gov.

Crossroad United Methodist to offer series on 10-week exploration on belief

What do you believe about God? Salvation? Your mission? Crossroads United Methodist Church begins a new Sunday message series January 1, 2017, that may help you sort out your beliefs about these deep personal concepts.

Called “Believe,” the series begins with a 10-week exploration of what United Methodists think about these beliefs. The series is written by Randy Frazzee, coauthor of the best-selling novel-like version of the Bible called “The Story.”

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- Front Load your time and energy. It is much easier to develop a great kid now rather than fix them later.
- As a parent your role must change from Caregiver to Manager to Mentor. You only do this if you learn to listen, being fully present and without judgement.
- You and your child need to learn how to be in a Peak, Positive, High Energy Emotional State to be successful. Think of it like being in the “zone”.
- It is not about the karate here. It is about developing the Habits, Attitudes and Character Traits of high achieving, successful and happy people.
- Kids need to struggle more. Often our lives are too easy. Hardship and Failure are not only good but essential for developing “Grit” (Persistence and Perseverance)
- Parents CANNOT be their child’s BFF. They need to be their PARENT!

- Boredom and wanting to quit things are good for kids. Creativity, coping skills and self awareness happen during “boredom”, and learning to continue when you want to quit builds patience, persistence and perseverance.
- Be careful of technology - the real world cannot compete against the virtual world. Wonder why kids can’t sit still and listen in school?
- How to build confidence - Make them do things they do not want to do...often.
- How to develop self-control - Make them wait for things all the time. A major factor in a child’s success in life is their ability to Delay Gratification.
- How to develop a high achieving/performing child - “HIENTS” (High Internal Emotional Need to Succeed). Instill a “growth”/“always learning” mindset early while they still want to please you! Then get them really, really good at ONE thing.
- Watch their words...Never let your child ever say these words “I Can’t!” and “I hate school!” Then stop complaining, criticizing and especially blaming!
- Do NOT make your child the center of your family.

So there it is. Your crash course in parenting!

I recently came across an exceptional parenting article that every parent must read written by an occupational therapist titled “***Why our children are so bored at school, cannot wait, get easily frustrated and have no real friends!***”



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Curtis Grocery closed in early December

Family-owned store part of Fowlerville Business District for the past 95 years

By Steve Horton

When Curtis Grocery closed its doors in early December, it marked the end of a family-owned business that’s been part of the Fowlerville Downtown Business District for most of the past 95 years.

“My grandfather, Clyde Curtis, had been in partnership with Frank Rounsville from 1918 to 1921,” said Ken Curtis. “In 1921 he purchased Rounsville’s interest in Rounsville and Curtis Grocery and renamed it Curtis Grocery.”

The store at that time was located on North Grand Avenue, on the south part of what’s now Maria’s School of Dance. “The Curtis family had a farm on Chase Lake Road where my grandfather grew up,” noted Ken. “He left the farm to go into

the grocery business. He ran it through the Great Depression and during World War II when they had the rationing.”

Back then the town boasted several small grocery stores, plus a bakery, meat market, and dairy. Until refrigeration became available, much of the product line was comprised of canned and dry goods, other merchandise, and eggs and produce that was purchased from a market or from area farmers and then re-sold. Home delivery was also an expectation.

“In 1946 my father, Frank, purchased the business,” Ken pointed out. “He had graduated from Fowlerville High School in 1936, married my mother, Frances (Finlan), and they lived on a small farm on Sharpe Road where he had a business. He then served in the military during World War II. The story goes that when he returned, my grandfather said, ‘Here’s the keys’.”

Clyde, while no longer the owner, worked alongside Frank, helping in the produce department.

“In 1956, my dad bought the meat market that was located

next door to the north,” noted Ken. “The two buildings were remodeled to create one, large store. The business was re-named Frank’s Market.”

While this doubling of size made the store larger than other local competitors, the emerging trend (as it has been for so many businesses) called for even larger stores. That occurred



Clyde Curtis, at left, started out as a co-owner of the store from 1918 to 1921. He then purchased his partner’s share and became the sole proprietor in 1921, renaming it Curtis Grocery. At right is his son, Frank. After Clyde sold the business to Frank in 1946, he continued to help out in the produce section.

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Area Church Listings

Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene

8040 Country Corner Drive,
Fowlerville, MI 48836

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Rev. Gary Griffin
(517) 223-7111

www.fowlervillenazarene.org

Calvary Bible Church

1389 Elm Street • Box 298
Cohoctah, Michigan 48816

WELCOMES YOU TO
Sunday School 9:45am
Morning Service 11:00am
Sunday Evening Service 6:00PM
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting 7:00PM
Pastor Oliver Allbright
517-375-5777
“A Warm and Friendly Country Church”

Wayside Baptist Church

2567 Elm Rd.
Webberville

Sunday School 10:00am
Sunday Morning Service 11am
Sunday Evening Service 6pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7pm

Fowlerville First United Methodist Church

201 S. Second St.,
Fowlerville
517-223-8824
www.fowlervillefumc.org
Pastor Scott Herald
Sunday Worship Service
Nusery available
10:30am
Sunday School
September - May
9:30am

Trinity United Methodist Church

8201 Iosco Rd, Fowlerville
(Corner of Bull Run & Iosco Rd)
517-223-3803

Pastor David Freeland
Sunday Worship Service 9:30am
Sunday School 9:30am
Youth Group (6-12 grade)

Visit us on Facebook
Livingston Circuit UMC

St. John’s Lutheran ELCA
132 S. Benjamin, Fowlerville
PO Box 218
517-223-9108

Pastor Diane Greble
Sunday Worship at 9:30 am
Sunday School at 10:30 am
Coffee Time at 10:30 am
More information available:
www.stjohnsfowlerville.org
All are welcome here in Jesus Christ!

Place of Refuge Ministries

6909 Grand River, Fowlerville
(across from Greenwood Cemetery)
Pastor Bob Storey

Sunday Worship 10:30am
Wed. Evening Bible Study 7:00pm

(517)223-3660

Psalm 46:1
“God is our refuge and strength.”
www.psalms461.com

9300 W. Grand River,
Fowlerville
223-9490 • www.fowlervilleub.org

Saturday Service Time 6pm
Sundays 9:15am
10:45am

Infant, Toddler, and K-8th grade programming at all 3 services

Webberville United Methodist Church

4215 E. Holt Rd.,
Webberville

Pastor Jackie Raineri
All Ages Sunday School 9:30am
Worship Service 11:00am
Church: 521-3631
www.webbervilleumc.church

Howell Church of Christ

1385 W. Grand River
(517) 546-1931

SUNDAY 10am/11am
Open Communion
WEDNESDAY 10am/7pm

HowellChurchofChrist.com
WELCOME!

Antrim Baptist Church

4509 E. Lovejoy Rd., Byron
Pastor John Ashley
Youth Pastor Josh Middaugh
517-223-3126
www.antrimbc.org
Sunday School 10:00am
Sunday Morning Service 11am
Sunday Evening Service 6pm
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7pm

All services interpreted for the deaf

St. John’s Episcopal Church

504 Prospect St., Howell

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Susan Carter

517-546-3660

Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:30am
Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30am

St. Agnes Catholic Church

855 E. Grand River, Fowlerville
517-223-8684

Fr. Nathaniel Sokol
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00pm
Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm
Mass Times
Wednesday: 6:30pm
Thursday & Friday: 8am
Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am

Memorial Lutheran Church & School

1022 W. Grand River
Williamston
655-2294

Sundays Worship: 9:00
2070 E. Sherwood Rd.
Williamston

Hidden Springs Church

5860 N. Latson Rd. Howell, MI 48855
(517)546-3577
Pastor Matt Parks
Sundays Service 10am
Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm
Wednesdays Adult Service 7pm
H2O! Kids 7pm
hiddenspringschurch.com

DONATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR

The 6th Annual Maison Z. Wilkinson Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser

Drop-off dates & times:

Nelson’s Mini Storage

9225 W. Grand River
Fowlerville, MI 48836

January 14, Saturday, 10-12
January 18, Wednesday, 2:30-4
January 28, Saturday, 10-12
February 4, Saturday, 10-12
February 12, Sunday, 9-10:30
February 22, Wednesday, 2:30-4
February 25, Saturday, 10-12
March 1, Wednesday, 2:30-4
March 11, Saturday, 10-12
March 12, Sunday, 10-12

*Set up for sale will be Friday, March 17 starting at 2pm. At that point we can still take in items. If these dates and times do not work for you, please contact us and we can work out a time to meet. Maylene Turnbo 517-304-3976 or Amy Jarvis 517-223-6225.

*If you are a business and would like to donate for the raffle or anyone wanting to donate to the bake sale please contact us.

GARAGE SALE & FUNDRAISER DAY

Saturday, March 18th • 9:00am - 3:00pm
Fowlerville Junior High School Gym*

COME ONE, COME ALL
Huge Garage Sale! • 50/50 Raffle!
Bake Sale & Concessions!

Join us for a day of fun and bargain hunting, while supporting a worthy cause. The Maison Z. Wilkinson Memorial Scholarship Fund supports local students graduating from our own Fowlerville High School every year. Monetary Donations are also welcome. Sponsored by the Friends of Rachel group.

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



In this 2010 photo, from L to R are: Kate Curtis, Craig Curtis, Juanita Curtis, Ken Curtis, and Tom Curtis.

when Frank bought a couple of retail buildings on South Grand Avenue along with a couple of houses on South Ann Street, tore down the buildings, and constructed an 8,000 square-foot supermarket that allowed customer and delivery access from both streets and featured a larger parking lot.

This new store opened in 1962 and was now called Frank's IGA Foodliner.

By this time Ken, who graduated from Fowlerville High that same year, had been working at the store since boyhood. "I started out mopping floors and helping stock shelves," he said.

Ken added that he was not alone. "My mother helped out, as did my older sister, Barb, and later on my younger sisters, Patty, Carol, and Mary," he noted.

Ken attended Michigan State University, graduating in 1966. He then served in the U.S. Army for two years. In 1969, after his discharge, he joined his father on a fulltime basis and formed a partnership with the goal of eventually owning the business.

"In 1976 we bought the former basket factory and another small office building and house to the south and this allowed us to add onto the building and then expand the parking lot," he said.

All was going fine when, in December of 1978, a fire destroyed the store. The Curtis family worked with Howard Dorrance, owner of Howard's Market (now Save-on Family Foods), to serve the public and began work on constructing a new building.

"We re-opened on Memorial Day weekend in 1979," Ken said. "It was the same size, but had a different look on the exterior and the inside lay-out."

In later years, a new generation, the children of Ken and Juanita Curtis—Colleen, Tom, Craig, and Lindsay—began helping out at the store while in school.

In 2000, deciding to pursue other interests, Ken sold the grocery business to Chris Rosati and leased the building to him for 10 years. The store was now called Rosati's Market. That ended when Rosati decided not to renew the lease.

At this point, Ken decided to return to the business with his sons. However, before opening, a number of upgrades had to be done, new coolers and other display cases purchased, and the deli-bakery remodeled and expanded.

"Rosati's closed in November 2009 and we opened up in

August of 2010," said Ken. "We decided to use the original name, Curtis Grocery."

Over the next six years, Ken continued working at the store with Craig and Kate (Craig's wife) working as managers. Also assisting as a manager was Larry Schmid, who began working for the Curtises when he was in high school. A couple of other, younger members of the Curtis family also worked at the store, one time or the other, during that span.

Ken noted that there's a photo of him and a granddaughter, Sydney Feig, working in the produce section. "She is the fifth generation of our family to work at the store," he pointed out.

UNFORTUNATELY, "HAPPILY EVER AFTER", WAS NOT DESTINED TO BE THE ENDING TO THIS NEW EFFORT. Changing circumstances that have been taking place over the years as well as more recent developments brought on a moment of reckoning for Ken and his family.

"We were already considering the option of closing when our wholesaler, Affiliated Foods, was purchased by a larger co-op (Associate Wholesale Grocers) in October," said Ken. "I went to a meeting and was told that the new co-op wanted a three-year commitment with the requirement that we purchase stock in the company. Prior to that, there was not a commitment. I didn't feel it was financially prudent to go in that direction."

Ken added that there are only two other warehouses that he could have gone to, but added that he felt neither would have been able to be competitive price-wise with the larger distributors. "The small warehouses have a hard time competing in Michigan against the bigger outfits," he said.

He noted that both the community and the grocery business have changed from earlier years. "Before, you used to have one or two supermarkets that served a small town and most of the residents shopped in them," he said. "Now, there are much larger, mega-stores that offer many more products and other services and have a much larger market area."

"More and more people, particularly the younger set, have chosen to shop there and are willing to drive a much longer distance," Ken added. "Our place had become more and more of a convenience store rather than the place where a lot of area families bought the bulk of their food and other groceries. We had a lot of customers who have been loyal to us over the years, just not as many as we needed or that we used to have."



Here is Frank, Frances, and Ken Curtis in front of the new bakery when the re-built store was opened in May of 1979, after a fire had destroyed the store that was built in 1962. Several of the employees, then working at the store, are in the background.



In December of 1978 a fire destroyed the store. Less than six months later, on Memorial Day weekend in 1979, a new building had risen from the ashes. Here is a photo of Ken Curtis, left, and Frank Curtis in front of the entrance of that second store. A short-sleeved white shirt with black bow tie and dark trousers was the standard look for these two owners for many years.

has gradually become more of a bedroom community. Many people live here, but work outside of town. They have a lot of options between home and work as to where they can shop."

Ken added that the cost of doing business—including insurance, credit card fees, and property taxes—has gotten higher over the years, making it harder to operate a small business.

All of those factors, he said--what had already occurred and what seemed likely to occur in the foreseeable future—coupled with this requirement from the new distributor to make a long-term contractual commitment and also invest money in the co-op's stock, prompted the decision to close the store.

"It was not an easy decision," Ken said. "Closing it, with all of the customers expressing their regrets and telling us that they'll miss us and the store, has been difficult. But staying open or agreeing to stay with the co-op under their conditions did not seem financially prudent—either for the business or our family."

"I do want to thank everyone who supported us over the years," he concluded. "We appreciate it. I also want to thank all of the employees who've worked for us over the years as well."



Here is the front of Frank's Market at some point between 1956 and 1962, after it was doubled in size and still located on North Grand Avenue.



Frank's IGA Foodliner opened a new, 8,000 square-foot store on South Grand Avenue in 1962.



Here is the interior of the original store on North Grand Avenue, before it was expanded. A young Frank Curtis is on the right. Packaged bread, pop, and the produce display are in the foreground.

