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Jamie Herndon, a co-owner of Shear Image Salon & Boutique, will be observing her 40th year in business this Wednesday, Feb. 28th. The salon is located in Downtown Fowlerville.

Shear Image Salon & Boutique co-owner observing 40th year in business

By Steve Horton

Jamie Herndon was 20 years old when she had the opportunity to purchase half interest in a Downtown Fowlerville hair salon. She and fellow beautician, the late Jane Risdon Zeeman—both of them local residents—accepted the offer, re-named their place Shear Image Hair Studio, and (as they say) ‘the rest is history.’

For Herndon that history—actually a continuing story—is reaching a milestone anniversary this week when on Wednesday, Feb. 28th, she’ll mark her 40th year in business.

Shear Image is in its second location and co-owner Kelly Varcoe is Herndon’s third partner.

Her career, though, dates back to high school.

“I decided I wanted to be a beautician and started attending the Howell School of Cosmetology my senior year,” she noted.

After graduating from Fowlerville High in 1981 and finishing her required Cosmetology courses, Herndon went to work for the Town Shoppe in Howell. Soon after, the Town Shoppe purchased the barber and beauty shop in Fowlerville that had been owned for many years by Art and Joyce Schlosser. This was at 109 E. Grand River.

“I got transferred here,” she noted. “Jane was also on the staff and, after a couple of years, the owners offered to sell us the shop. They were only able to be here once a week and felt that if someone from the area operated it, the business would be more successful.”

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NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF HANDY TOWNSHIP 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024 VOTING SCHEDULE

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE FOR THE FEBRUARY 27, 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION:

Saturday, February 17, 2024	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday, February 18, 2024	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Monday, February 19, 2024	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Tuesday, February 20, 2024	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Wednesday, February 21, 2024	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Thursday, February 22, 2024	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday, February 23, 2024	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday, February 24, 2024	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday, February 25, 2024	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

ELECTION DAY VOTING, FEBRUARY 27, 2024:

POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M.

VOTING LOCATION FOR HANDY TOWNSHIP PRECINCTS 1, 2 & 3:

Handy Township Voting Center,
 (formerly Woodshire Place)
 6520 W. Grand River, Fowlerville

Laura A. Eisele, Handy Township Clerk
 (1-28, 2-4, 2-11, 2-18 & 2-25-24 FNV)

Smith Elementary School News

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
 School Hours: 8:50 am – 3:32 pm

IMPORTANT DATES:

- March 1 – End of 2nd Trimester K-5
- March 4-8 Book Fair
- March 7 – K thru 5 Half Day (dismissal 12:02) P/T
 Conferences 1:00 – 4:00 & 5:00 – 7:30 pm
- March 14-Family Reading Night 5:30-7
- March 14 @ 6:30 pm – Monthly Mental Health Series:
 Bullying
- March 20-PTC Meeting @ Cafeteria
- March 25 thru 29 – NO SCHOOL – SPRING RECESS
- April 1 – SCHOOL RESUMES
- April 11 @ 6:30 pm - Monthly Mental Health Series:
 Substance abuse and vaping
- April 17 & 18 – Kindergarten Round Up 1:30-3:30 4-7
 (more information coming soon)
- May 27 – NO SCHOOL- MEMORIAL DAY RECESS
- June 3 – ½ Day of School

Recess, Temperatures & Proper Clothing – Please make sure your child brings appropriate outer wear to school, such as mittens, scarf, hat, snow pants, boots and winter coat. Per our student handbook, students are expected to go outside for recess when the temperature is 10 degrees or higher. Please Note * A very helpful plan is to also keep an extra set of clothing in your child’s backpack at all times, just in case they get their clothes wet while outside, spill something on themselves at lunch or have an accident at school.

Monthly Mental Health Series- Fowlerville Community Schools, in a joint effort with all Livingston County Schools, would like to invite all families to our monthly mental health series for parents designed by the Cook Center. The series will cover several topics that parents and children are battling. In each meeting, parents will learn simple strategies to help you respond to your child when they are facing these challenges or learn more about each one if it is ever needed. The cost is completely free to all families and is a valuable resource. Upcoming topics are: March 14 @ 6:30 pm - Bullying and April 11 @ 6:30 pm - Substance abuse and vaping. You can attend virtually just contact our office for more information. We know your lives are busy, but we hope that you may be able to find the time to attend this informational series.

Clothing Donation – The Smith office is always looking for more stretch waistband sweatpants or athletic type pants. Unisex sweatpants are the best option. Sizes used most often are 6 to 8 & occasionally 5T & 10. We really appreciate any and all clothing donations.

Medication –If your child requires any prescription or non-prescription medication during the school year, a parent or

guardian must bring the medication in to the Smith Office to drop it off and complete the necessary paperwork. This includes ALL prescription and over the counter medications. **School Board Policy states that children are not allowed to transport medication.**

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

Michigan MDARD Director joins 100th Ag Outlook Forum

Climate smart agriculture.
 Diversification of crops grown.
 Helping to get fresh Michigan produce from farms to families.

These were the key topics discussed by panelists, including Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Director Tim Boring, during the United States Department of Agriculture’s 100th Ag Outlook Forum held in Washington, DC on February 15.

“Today at USDA’s Ag Outlook Forum, Secretary Vilsack spoke about envisioning greater possibilities for agriculture, from addressing climate change to better economic outlooks for farms,” Boring said. “In Michigan, our work to build resilient and diverse production and food systems benefits from a close working relationship with USDA to achieve these goals. It’s a privilege to share our work building a brighter future for people with an international audience.

“Programs such as the \$4 million Farm to Family in Governor Whitmer’s recommended budget demonstrate Michigan’s leadership across the nation and world delivering for greater prosperity for people,” he added.

The theme of this year’s Ag Outlook Forum was, “Cultivating the Future,” and is the USDA’s largest annual meeting, attracting as many as 6,000 in person and virtual attendees from the U.S. and abroad.

The Forum offers opportunities for exchanging ideas, information and best practices among producers, processors, policymakers, government officials, and non-governmental organizations, both domestic and foreign. During the Forum, USDA’s Chief Economist Dr. Seth Meyer unveils USDA’s Outlook for the domestic agricultural economy and trade for the year.

The Forum had approximately 1,000 attendees in person and even more online representing state and federal policy leaders, researchers, industry leaders, non-governmental organizations, students and international agriculture government leaders.

For more information on the USDA Ag Outlook Forums and reports released this year, visit their website at <https://www.usda.gov/oce/ag-outlook-forum/commodity-outlooks>.

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All Electors of Handy Township are hereby given notice that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in Precincts 1, 2 & 3 of Handy Township on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. The Handy Township Clerk is currently available to issue absentee ballots for registered voters who have not requested to be placed on the permanent absent voter list on Monday, Wednesday & Thursdays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the township office located at 135 N. Grand Avenue. For voters who are unable to visit during these hours, the Clerk will also be available on Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by appointment. Emergency Absentee Ballots are available on Monday, February 26, 2024 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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Shear Image Salon & Boutique co-owner observing 40th year in business, continued

The original crew included Jodie Merit, along with Jane and Jamie.

“Marlene Grover started operating the barber shop a month after we bought the place and Jan Copeland became one of our stylists,” she said, adding that both these ladies were with Shear Image for many years.

While purchasing a business would be a memorable enough event in any year, 1984 was also when Jamie (formerly Hughes) and husband Mike were married.

In an earlier interview, she recalled that “Business was a little slow the first few years.”

“There were several other established beauty shops in town at the time,” she noted.

Jane remained as a co-owner for around seven years. Jamie was then the sole proprietor for a year, but also had two young children by then.

“Trying to raise the kids and operate a salon proved difficult, so I decided to find a new partner,” she said.

This person turned out to be Carolyn Higby Violeta, also a Fowlerville resident, who would be a co-owner for the next 10 years.

“Carolyn was someone I knew,” said Herndon. “She had obtained her cosmetologist license and also helped to renovate our new place before we moved into it.”

It was in 1996 when Shear Image moved across the street to its present-day location at 134 E. Grand River.

“We had outgrown our space and needed larger quarters,” Herndon recalled. “We went from 900 square feet to 2,000 and from four chairs to seven. We also had room for a larger barber shop in back.”

A few years later, in 2003, Violeta decided to sell her half interest, with Varcoe purchasing it and coming on board as partner.

The core business for Shear Image over the past 40 years has been cutting, coloring, and styling hair, mainly for women. But there have been other features and services offered as well.

In the earlier interview, Herndon said that the “need to re-invent both the business and herself as a hair stylist has been an ongoing challenge,” adding that, “My goal has been to keep the salon fresh and different and, as an owner and stylist, to stay current.”

This challenge, she explained, begins with “keeping up with the latest trends” and “shifting preferences of our customers.”

“A lot of the popular styles and looks seem to start on the West Coast and move across the country,” she said, adding that the hair styles of celebrities are often replicated.

“When I started in the 1980s the big hair with long spirals going down onto the shoulders was popular,” she pointed out.

During the 1990s Princess Diana’s shorter style hair-do was often emulated, while in the 2000’s many ladies were

bobbing their hair and a decade ago the 1960s look of long bleach-blond hair as well as short pixie cuts was a trend.

“Right now long hair with Balayage hair color is popular,” she said.

To keep up with the changing preferences and hone the skills, Herndon, her partner, and stylists attend required classes and hold training sessions at the salon.

One difference from earlier years, due mainly to technology, is that customers will show the style or color they like with a cell phone photo.

“We used to have a rack of books and magazines with different hair styles that our customers would go through to find a look they wanted to try,” she said. “Now they find the photo on Pinterest and show us.”

As for the non-core part of the business, there have been additions and subtractions to what’s offered over the years.

“It was a little over 10 years ago that we opened *The Boutique*, a gift shop located in the front of the shop where we feature jewelry, accessories, gift items, and household décor,” Herndon noted.

“We offered manicures and pedicures after moving over here,” she said. “We’ve also done lashes and now have someone who comes and does acrylic nails.”

“For awhile we had tanning booths in the back along with the barber shop,” she said. “We no longer have the booths and we haven’t had the barber shop since Marlene retired a few years ago. We now use that back area as our color bar.”

Hair care products—including the brand names of Schwarzkopf, Redken, and Matrix—are available for purchase as well.

Herndon said that most of the studio’s guests (as the customers are called) are over 30, although “we have a good number of younger clients as well.”

“Some of them come once a week, but the majority we see once or twice a month,” she said. “We have an average of over 500 visits a month.”

Herndon’s two children are grown and she has two grandchildren.

“My daughter Jaclyn Carlton is an accountant and my son Michael works with computers at Liquid Web,” she noted. “Our grandchildren are Gwyn and James Carlton.”

Her husband Mike Herndon, she said, works as a quality engineer for Grupo Antolin, an auto accessory manufacturer in Howell Township.

Herndon took on extra duty about a year ago when she applied for an opening on the Fowlerville Village Council.

“I have a little more time than I used to and wanted to become more involved in the community,” she said.

As for reaching this milestone anniversary, Herndon said that the loyalty and support of customers and staff have been gratifying.

“Some of our clients

have been coming here since the start and several of our staff have worked here for a number of years,” she noted.

The current staff includes Jules Olmsted, Danielle Simon, Dee Kelly, Jaime LaPlante, Becca Paul, Danielle Engeron, and Shelby Kaars.

“I’ve been lucky in that regard and in being able to do something I’ve enjoyed,” Herndon said. “I love what I do. It’s not like coming to work. And I love interacting with the people. It’s a fun job.”

To celebrate Shear Image’s 40th year, a Customer Appreciation Day is being held this Thursday, Feb. 29th, from noon to 8pm. There’ll be give-aways.

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Lent a Good Time to Build Spiritual Habits

By Susan Kretchman

Habits. We all have some. Grabbing your first cup of coffee each morning. Looking out your window to take in the morning view, checking the weather, making breakfast, watching the clock to get showered and in the car if you have a regular job to get to on time.

Habits are good. They keep us on an orderly schedule if followed with discipline. Some habits are not beneficial to us... sleeping in too long which causes stress getting out the door on time. Stopping for a drive-through breakfast which decreases finances and increases caloric intake that maybe isn't the healthiest option if chosen far too often.

Personally, I no longer have a regular job outside our home that dictates my morning schedule. It's rare that I need to be "somewhere" most mornings which allows me the luxury of waking when I'm ready, grabbing a mug of coffee that's already been brewed, and settling in my usual chair with my Bible, notebook, and whichever devotional I'm currently using to take me through scripture. My favorite is the YouVersion app which is downloaded on my phone.

What about "spiritual habits"? Lent is a good time to start some good habits. Where to begin? This season is a great time to begin making prayer a daily habit. If you try structuring your life around God but don't take the time to talk to Him, you will find it difficult to keep your desired focus on God.

If you're not sure where or how to begin praying, I

suggest praying through the Lord's Prayer:

*"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one."*

These are Jesus' own words from Matthew 6: 5-15.

Finding time to pray doesn't have to be cumbersome. God isn't looking for that perfect person who is able to devote lengthy minutes or hours in solitude with Him—although there are some devout Christ followers who enjoy that luxury! No, what He truly loves is that we give Him a portion of our day talking with Him. You might do so as you shower... on your commute to work...maybe sitting alone at a table in your lunch room at work or school...going for a walk on your break. Wherever you can carve out intentional time, remember He is with you always as a constant companion, a best friend waiting for a good conversation!

May you feel encouraged today and always that God is always waiting to draw near to you and nothing you say to Him could ever stop Him from loving you. Nothing—!

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4: 6

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Monday- February 26- Board Games 12:30pm

Tuesday, February 27 - Dice Games Noon-2pm

Wednesday, February 28 - Penny BINGO Noon-2pm

Thursday, February 29- Hook & Needle Crafts 12:30-2pm

Friday, March 1 - Penny BINGO Noon-2pm

Euchre Tournament – Third Saturday of Month. There is no age limit for the tournament and drop ins are welcome.


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We rent our meeting room for special occasions.


Fowlerville JV Girls Basketball Team falls to Williamston, 44-22

The Fowlerville Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Team traveled to Williamston on Friday, Feb. 16, and started the game on fire—ending the first quarter up by 8 points. Unfortunately the Lady Glads were unable to keep up the pace for all four quarters. Despite balanced scoring, injuries and illnesses also played a factor in the eventual 44-22 loss.


Ella Shaw led the offense with 8 points and Ireland Curtis added 5 points. Jaymie Eisler scored 3, while Avery Borg, Danykah Muck, and Haley Juopperi each had 2.



Fowlerville High School's "ATHLETES" OF THE WEEK



Jud Scott



Varsity Girls Basketball

McKenna Maybee is one of the six sophomores on this year's Varsity team. She moved into the role of captain after two teammates were sidelined with season ending injuries in mid-December. McKenna has also embraced a new position and is the team's starting point guard. McKenna is the team's second leading scorer and leads the team in rebounding. She also leads the team in coach's favorite statistic, charges. McKenna has drawn five charges on the season. McKenna's highlight of the season came during a victory over Eaton Rapids. She finished the game with 18 points and 12 rebounds. More importantly, during the fourth quarter when the game got close, McKenna went 6-9 from the free throw line. McKenna is a tremendous player that continues to get better day-to-day. Besides being a fantastic athlete, McKenna is an exceptional student and member of the Fowlerville community.

Mariah Kirby is one of the six sophomores on this year's Varsity team. Mariah has been starting at the forward position all season long and is excelling in her first season in a full-time Varsity role. Mariah is also playing "out of position" this year, playing more of a forward/post position. Mariah has grown a tremendous amount as a defender. She is often assigned to guard the other team's best players, and sometimes is put into a "mismatch" on the defensive end; however, she has held her own against players that have put up impressive statistics. Mariah is leading the team in scoring and blocks. She has 24 blocks on the season, which once again is impressive for a player playing "out of position. Mariah is also second on the team in steals. Mariah's highlight of the season came during a victory over Okemos. She finished the game with 18 points, half of the points coming in transition, and 3 assists. Mariah has a very bright future and is a valuable member of the Fowlerville Girl's Basketball Program moving forward. Mariah is also a remarkable student and member of the National Honors Society.

Every week through the season two Fowlerville H.S. athletes will be saluted for their efforts. Athletes will be selected by the coaching staff and Athletic Dept. For that "Winning Deal" on a new or used car or truck, see Dick Scott Motor Mall.

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OFFICE HOURS

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Yearbooks are still on sale for a limited time, buy them fast before they sell out. You can purchase them at jostens.com or go to our FHS school website and click on the link under YEARBOOK.

Yearbook: Then and Now Pictures:

SENIORS and parents of SENIORS: do you have pictures of you and other FHS seniors from the past? Send them to the email below to be a part of your “Then and Now” page!

Due: February 20th

Send pictures to:

FHSyearbook@fowlervilleschools.org

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Fowlerville High School would like to inform parents/guardians of a new resource for information. Our “Virtual Counseling Office” has links for future planning, mental health and community resources, scheduling options and setting a meeting with a counselor and much more. This information can be found on the Fowlerville High School Webpage under the Counseling Department.

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Fowlerville Community Schools, in a joint effort with all Livingston County Schools, would like to invite all families to our monthly mental health series for parents. Each month, every school in Livingston County will host the same parent meeting designed by the Cook Center at 6:30 pm.

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March 14 @ 6:30 pm - Bullying

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In each meeting, parents will learn simple strategies to help you respond to your child when they are facing these challenges or learn more about each one if it is ever needed. The cost is completely free to all families and is a valuable resource.

There are two options for attending the parent meetings. You can attend in person at our High School Media Center or virtually via the links provided in the attachments. We know your lives are busy, but we hope that you may be able to find the time to attend this informational series. Attending in person will allow you to connect with other families as we all navigate raising confident and healthy children. Please contact Amanda Robertson, our mental health specialist, with any questions you may have arobertsona@fowlervilleschools.org. We hope to see you all there!

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FHS Class of 2023 Local Scholarship Winners:

Congratulations once again on your scholarship award. The

deadline to request your scholarship is March 1st, 2024. Please submit your semester 1 transcript, semester 2 course schedule and the completed Scholarship Request Form to Mr. Hardebrook: hardebrookkj@fowlervilleschools.org. The request form is available on the FHS Website-Counseling Department-Scroll to the bottom for 2023 Scholarship Winners.

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Anyone wishing to donate to the Micro food pantry please go ahead and put canned goods etc. into the pantry. Self-serve and self-fill. The pantry is located on 2nd St and Grand River next to State Farm.

Are Americans financially educated on retirement savings?

By Hillary Hatch,

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Financial education helps people learn about savings, credit, and loans. It also helps them prepare for life changes and the unexpected. When planning for retirement financial knowledge is essential.

So, how prepared are adults in the United States for their retirement? The National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE) conducts polls on how retirement savings affect people’s financial well-being.

Here’s what we have learned:

- In a financial well-being poll conducted during the COVID-19 pandemic, **85%** of respondents confirmed that some aspect of their personal finances was causing them stress. For **31%** of respondents, that concern was “having enough saved for retirement.”
- In that same poll, **70%** said they made financial adjustments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Of that group, **27%** increased contributions to their emergency savings, retirement savings, or other savings or investments. In comparison, **21%** tapped into emergency savings—or borrowed against retirement savings.
- In a poll about financial education mandates, **80%** of adults said they wish they were required to complete a semester- or year-long course focused on personal finance education during high school. Also, **88%** think their state should require a semester- or year-long course for high school graduation.
- In that same poll, **84%** of those approaching retirement age said “spending and budgeting” should be taught in schools.

Lifetime financial education is helpful when it comes to retirement preparation. This includes understanding Social Security retirement benefits and making the most of retirement income. You can learn more on our Retirement webpage at www.ssa.gov/retirement.

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Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on MARCH 20, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark Merrill and Dreana Merrill, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Citadel Servicing Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 18, 2018 and recorded April 27, 2018 in Instrument Number 2018R-011209 Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee of the MFA 2020-NQM2 Trust, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Eight and 61/100 Dollars (\$165,578.61).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Livingston County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MARCH 20, 2024.

Said premises are located in the Township of Hartland, Livingston County Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest fractional 1/4 of Section 30, Town 3 North, Range 6 East, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 30; thence North 01 degrees 07 minutes 47 seconds West (recorded as North 01 degrees 16 minutes 35 seconds West) 165.00 feet along the West line of said Section and the centerline of Hacker Road; thence North 88 degrees 49 minutes 28 seconds East (recorded as North 88 degrees 40 minutes 40 second East) 931.43 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described; thence North 01 degrees 10 minutes 49 seconds West 54.97 feet; thence North 88 degrees 49 minutes 28 seconds East 396.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 10 minutes 49 seconds East (recorded as South 01 degrees 19 minutes 37 seconds East) 220.01 feet; thence South 88 degrees 49 minutes 36 seconds West 396.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 10 minutes 49 seconds West 165.04 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to and together with a private ingress and egress easement in the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest fractional 1/4 of Section 30, Town 3 North, Range 6 East, Michigan described as follows: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 30; thence North 01 degrees 07 minutes 47 seconds West (recorded as North 01 degrees 16 minutes 35 second West) 125 feet along the West line of said Section and the centerline of Hacker Road to the point of beginning of said easement; thence continuing North 01 degrees 07 minutes 47 seconds West 40.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 49 minutes 28 seconds East 931.43 feet; thence North 01 degrees 10 minutes 49 seconds West 54.97 feet; thence North 88 degrees 49 minutes 36 seconds East 24.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 10 minutes 49 seconds East 78.97 feet; thence South 88 degrees 49 minutes 28 seconds West 905.45 feet; thence South 01 degrees 07 minutes 47 seconds East 16.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 49 minutes 28 seconds West 50.00 feet to the said West line of Section 30 and the point of beginning.

1496 N Hacker Rd, Howell, Michigan 48843

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: February 18, 2024

File No. 24-000964

Firm Name: Orlans PC

Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(02-18)(03-10)

(2-18, 2-25, 3-3 & 3-10-24 FNV)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Pamela Kril a/k/a Pamela M. Kril, A Single Woman to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 26, 2000, and recorded on September 11, 2000, in Liber 2826, Page 0096, Livingston County Records, said mortgage was assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as successor Indenture trustee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association for CWHEQ Revolving Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2005-C by an Assignment of Mortgage dated December 20, 2023 and recorded December 28, 2023 by Document Number: 2023R-023432, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Nine and 97/100 (\$16,359.97) including interest at the rate of 9.50000% per annum.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Green Oak, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 1 North, Range 6 East, Green Oak Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as follows: Running East along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section to a point 113 feet East of said Boundary Line, as it now is of highway running North and South through said half 1/4 Section and which highway at this point runs immediately along the East Shores of Whitmore Lake in said Township; Running thence South parallel to the West line of said Section 100 feet; Thence West parallel to 1/4 line to the West line of said Section, thence North along the West line of said Section 100 feet to the place of beginning. Also commencing at the Northeast corner of the West half of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 1 North, Range 6 East, Green Oak Township, Livingston County, Michigan, and running thence North 89 degrees 17 minutes West along the North line of said 1/2 quarter Section 946 feet for a point of beginning, thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes East for 100 feet; Thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes East for 50 feet; Thence North 00 degrees 25 minutes West 100 feet to the North line of said 1/2 quarter Section; Thence North 89 degrees 17 minutes West along said North line to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 11509 E SHORE DR, WHITMORE LAKE, MI 48189

If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 12.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: February 25, 2024

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as successor Indenture trustee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association for CWHEQ Revolving Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2005-C

43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180,

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302,

(248) 335-9200

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Case No. 23MI00674-1

(02-25)(03-17)

(2-25, 3-3, 3-10 & 3-17-24 FNV)

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MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Dean Weid, an unmarried man, Donald Clark, an unmarried man, and Koleen Lappary, an unmarried woman, all as joint tenants

Original Mortgagee: Superior Loan Servicing, as trustee for the benefit of Michael Minch and Carmen Minch, husband and wife as joint tenants

Date of mortgage: November 9, 2022

Recorded on January 19, 2023, in Document No. 2023R-001006, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred One and 35/100 Dollars (\$258,301.35)

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Livingston County, and described as: PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 7 AND PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 8, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT THE 1/4 CORNER COMMON TO SECTIONS 7 AND 8, T2N-R5E, GENOA TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE ALONG THE EAST AND WEST 1/4 LINE OF SECTION 8 AND THE CENTER LINE OF BECK ROAD, NORTH 88 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 178.50 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 14 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 586.14 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 451.88 FEET, THENCE NORTH 18 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 104.18 FEET; THENCE NORTH 20 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 105.22 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 100 FEET, THENCE NORTH 08 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 370.00 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE EAST AND WEST 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION AND CENTER LINE OF BECK ROAD, SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 144.93 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 2980 Beck Rd, Howell, MI 48843

The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Michael Minch and Carmen Minch, husband and wife as joint tenants Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman P.C.

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Farmington Hills, MI 48335

248.539.7400

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(02-18)(03-10)

(2-18, 2-25, 3-3 & 3-10-24 FNV)

Livingston Fine Art Association meeting at Cleary University on Feb. 27th

The Livingston Fine Art Association will be meeting this Tuesday, Feb. 27th at the Commons Building at Cleary University, Room 3. Park in Lot C and there will be signs to guide you to Room 3. Doors open at 6:30pm, meeting begins at 7:00pm.

The speaker will be Jane Ryan who will demonstrate and discuss the art of Origami. A short business meeting and a discussion of members art work will follow.

All artists and those interested in the arts are invited.

See our website at: <https://livfineart.com/> or find us on Facebook

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Joseph J. Podojak, a married man and John Hogan, a single man, joint tenants
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC

Date of Mortgage: June 25, 2019

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 9, 2019

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$180,942.74

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Fowlerville, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Unit 22 of Solitude Meadows Condominium, according to the Master Deed thereof, recorded in Liber 2953 Page(s) 133 through 194, inclusive, Livingston County Records, designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 217, and all recorded amendments thereof, if any, together with the rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Common street address (if any): 700 Jessica Cir, Fowlerville, MI 48836-8599

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judiciary Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: February 4, 2024

Trott Law, P.C.

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(02-04)(02-25)

(2-4, 2-11, 2-18 & 2-25-24 FNV)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE TO ALL PURCHASERS -

A lien has been recorded on behalf of Huntmore Estates Condominium Association. The lien was executed on March 29, 2023 and recorded on March 31, 2023, as Instrument 2023R-005254, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Four Thousand Six Hundred and Three Dollars and Fifty-Four Cents (\$4,603.54).

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Under the power of sale contained in the recorded Condominium Documents and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212 that the lien will be foreclosed by a sale of the property described below, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, at the main entrance of the Judicial Center located in Howell, Michigan (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 10:00 AM, Eastern Standard Time.

The amount due on the lien may increase between the date of this notice and the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

The name of the record property owner is Nicholas Emery, and is situated in the Township of Brighton, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 97, of Huntmore Estates, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 4707, Page 548 et seq., Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 328. Sidwell No. 12-05-102-097

Commonly known as: 287 Shinnecock Drive, Brighton, Michigan 48114

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which event the redemption date shall be thirty (30) days after the foreclosure sale or fifteen (15) days after the Association's compliance with the notice requirements of MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCL 600.3278 the co-owner(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the Association for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the lien at the telephone number stated in this notice. This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing lienholder. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: January 31, 2024

Huntmore Estates Condominium Association

c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC

Stephen M. Guerra

30140 Orchard Lake Road

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

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(02-11)(03-10)

(2-11, 2-18, 2-25, 3-3 & 3-10-24 FNV)

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Hannah Proctor and Jimmie McCracken, Jr., tenants in common

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: December 18, 2020

Date of Mortgage Recording: December 22, 2020

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$197,952.37

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Marion, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 20, Town 2 North, Range 4 East, Marion Township, Livingston County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section; thence along the East line of said Section 20, South 00 degrees 55 minutes 23 seconds East 662.03 feet; thence along the centerline of Loves Creek Drive, North 89 degrees 45 minutes 10 seconds West 1028.93 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described; thence South 00 degrees 52 minutes 30 seconds East 317.55 feet; thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes 10 seconds West 287.30 feet; thence along the centerline of Cedar Lake Road, North 00 degrees 52 minutes 30 seconds West 317.55 feet; thence along the centerline of said Loves Creek Drive South 89 degrees 45 minutes 10 seconds East 287.30 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to and including the use of Loves Creek Drive, a 66 foot wide private road easement as previously recorded in Liber 693, page 493.

Common street address (if any): 4109 Loves Creek Dr, Howell, MI 48843-9667

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judiciary Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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Donations being sought for Fowlerville High School Alumni Scholarship Fund

For the past 50 years officers of the Fowlerville High School Alumni Association have presented scholarships to seniors in the current graduating class at Fowlerville High School. Monies are raised yearly to enable the organization to present these awards at the annual Senior Awards Night. Well over 150 scholarships have been given out during this half century. The organization hopes to continue this tradition.

In addition to the presentation of the scholarships at the Senior Awards Night, the winners will be presented at the 130th FHS Alumni banquet on Saturday, June 8, 2024. The banquet is held at Fowlerville High School.

The scholarship fund is maintained through the many donations received in memory of loved ones who either were graduates of FHS or maintained strong connections to the school such as teachers, coaches, bus drivers, or friends of the school. Please feel free to make donations in any amount at any time of the year. Some send donations yearly; for some, it is a one-time donation.

Donations can be sent to FHS Alumni Association, Box 446, Fowlerville, MI 48836. Donations for 2024 should reach the Alumni by May 5, 2024. Alumni treasurer and advertising chair Meghan Swain-Kuch can be contacted at 517-672-1747 or meghanmswain@gmail.com.

If you wish to recognize family and friends by making a donation for either a business card size or large entry size (ex: 1/4 page in program) for advertising, rather than the tradi-

tional listing, that is acceptable.

Your generosity will not only help maintain the scholarship program, but will help a graduating senior with college/trade school expenses. The FHS Alumni Association is a 501(3)(c) organization. Please know that a Memorial list will be published in the 'Fowlerville New & Views' in late May.

Fowlerville students named to Saginaw Valley State University President's List

More than 650 students from Saginaw Valley State University were recognized for their determination and commitment to academic excellence by being named to the fall 2023 semester President's List. Among them were three Fowlerville students; Abigail Hinton, Jenna Bailey, and Shelby Durbin.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 4.0 grade point average.

Saginaw Valley State University is a comprehensive university with more than 90 programs of study for its nearly 7,000 students. Located on a suburban campus in Michigan's Great Lakes Bay Region, SVSU is committed to a supportive and empowering environment for students.

Fowlerville students earn spots on Saginaw Valley State Dean's List

Over 1,800 students from Saginaw Valley State University earned a spot on the fall 2023 semester Deans' List, including seven from Fowlerville.

To be eligible for the Deans' List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better.

Fowlerville students recognized for academic excellence were: Emma Boyer, Trevor Maybee, Geoffrey Knaggs, Madison Allen, Emma Browne, Cora Wightman, and Kylie Arbenowske.

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Caleb Jenkins Column



The Creation and Ultimate End of a Bully

For the purpose of deriving clarity on a contemporary issue, let us consider an illustration with which we are all familiar: the interaction of childhood playmates and a neighborhood bully. Suppose you lent a few of your playmates some money, but they are struggling to repay. Perhaps, it is because they are underprivileged, or perhaps, their parents require them to put almost all the money they earn into a savings account. The parents have no sympathy that the playmates owe you money and see no rush for the children to repay you. Your playmates fully intend to pay you back, but some complicating factors are delaying the timeline.

Suppose as well that there is a neighborhood bully, and this bully attempts to extract a passage fee from your playmates every day on their way to school. You happen to be the older, tougher one of the group, so every day that you go to class with your playmates, the bully is too afraid to rob them. However, in an attempt to expedite repayment, you decide to threaten your playmates with an ultimatum. Either they find a way to repay you quickly, or you will throw your support behind the bully, in which case they must forfeit all earned money to the bully for the rest of their school years.

Will your playmates comply with your demands? Most likely, they will comply given two conditions: they fear the bully, and they believe your threat is credible. Of course, that assumes the playmates are somehow able to scrounge up the money. Perhaps, the underprivileged playmates go without food for a week, or perhaps, the other playmates decide to face the fury and repercussions from their parents for disregarding their dictates. If the playmates cannot scrounge up the money, then the bully will beat them senseless every day that they cannot pay the passage fee, with you holding the bully's coat while he executes the deed.

But let us assume that they manage to repay you under these circumstances. Will they remain your playmates? Most likely not. Who would want to continue spending time with someone who threatened indirect violence upon them? But what if they do continue to hang out with you? Why might that be? Maybe it is because they live in a rough neighborhood, and they prefer an extractive protector over a completely debilitating bully.

Even if this association continues, can we consider that a friendship? Most certainly not. Rather than mutually supportive playmates, the relationship now more closely resembles a gang protecting a third party from a rival gang, not out of loyalty but because of a payoff. That sort of relationship is contractual in

the worst sense. There is no trust, and without trust, there is no longevity.

In such a situation, your playmates will patiently wait but actively seek an opportunity to get out from under your hand, the hand of the oppressor. In the moment that the balances tip, they will bolt. After all, they still have their other friends, and over time, they may be able to form a third bloc that can both deter the bully and subvert you. You have proven yourself to be an exploitative companion, and they no longer feel any sense of loyalty or camaraderie toward you.

As they increase in self-reliance, there may come a time when you are the one in need of help. Do you think your former playmates will come to your aid? They certainly have no incentive to do so since they need little if anything from you, and after the way you treated them, they feel no moral obligation to support you. You have now alienated yourself in the neighborhood. You evolved into the extractive bully you originally opposed, and as opportunities shifted, you once again transformed into the vulnerable one without friend or defender.

As you likely already picked up, this is a thinly veiled allusion to the U.S. and its allies and partners, including NATO. All illustrations break down at their extremes, but the basic principles derived from the above vignette still apply. I chose the setting to demonstrate that we know these principles intuitively as children. Why do we forget them as adults when application matters most?

Like the playmate, the U.S. is in the best position when we stand with our allies and partners for a common objective, not when we drive wedges between each other. We should foster an expectation of mutual support, not question our resoluteness or principles. There are major threats and challenges in the world, and we should unite against them, not play games literally with millions of lives.

Suppose the roles were reversed. How would we feel if NATO allies told the U.S., "You are not playing ball with us on trade policy, so we are going to encourage China to attack your forces in the Pacific." We would be appalled, and rightfully so! Are we really so hypocritical when it comes to our own actions?

Some may argue that the extractive former playmate in the story was in the right because the others owed money, but that is a short-sighted justification that ignores the other points raised in this article. Do we really want to sacrifice long-term strength, stability, and influence for a few immediate benefits? And if that long-term perspective is not convincing, then I think we would do well to remember the parable of the unforgiving servant as told in Matthew 18:21-35.

We would also do well to remember the fate of Athens in the Peloponnesian War, which over the 27-year war transformed from the inspirational hero of fellow democracies into the extractive and brutal bully of Greece. Athens thought it was making rational choices to hold friendly powers accountable and extract benefits from its partners. While Athens was successful in these ends in the short run, its strategy drove former friends into the arms of rival Sparta, and ultimately, it led to the decimation of Athens and the end of ancient Greece's golden age. Athens, once the birthplace of heroes and legends, became the narcissistic and violent villain.

If we want to avoid a similar trajectory, then we would be wise to check our emotional zeal with historical and logical reality.

IOSCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Organizational Meeting of the Iosco Township Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Iosco Township Hall, 2050 Bradley Rd, Webberville, MI 48892.

The Board of Review will meet to hear appeals of 2024 assessments, by appointment, on Monday, March 11, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 517-223-9545

Resident and non-resident property owners may protest by letter. Letter appeals must be received by the last date of March Board of Review (March 12, 2024; Postmarks are not accepted).

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for each class of property for 2024 are as follows:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	ESTIMATED FACTOR
AGRICULTURAL	44.85	1.1148
COMMERCIAL	46.56	1.0739
INDUSTRIAL	46.27	1.0806
RESIDENTIAL	45.07	1.1094
PERSONAL	50.00	1.0000

The inflation rate multiplier (CPI) for use in calculating 2024 capped values is 1.05

Joseph Parker
Secretary to Board of Review

Anne Allen
Assessor
(2-11, 2-18, and 2-25-24 FNV)

CONWAY TOWNSHIP 8015 N FOWLerville ROAD P.O. BOX 1157 FOWLerville, MI 48836-1157 517-223-0358 MARCH 2024 BOARD OF REVIEW

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2024 are as follows

CLASS	RATIO	MULTIPLIER
Agriculture	44.34	1.1276
Industrial	49.06	1.0192
Residential	45.39	1.1016
Commercial	60.72	.8235
Commercial Personal	50.00	1.0000
Utility Personal	50.00	1.0000

DATES AND TIMES

Organizational Meeting:
Tuesday March 5, 2024
8:00 a.m.

Appeal Meetings:
Monday March 11, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday March 13, 2024
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Letters of appeal from both residents and nonresidents are allowed and may include those delivered in person or by mail to Conway Township, 8015 N. Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, MI 48836 or by email to supervisor@conwaymi.gov. The letter or email must arrive at the Township by 6 p.m. on March 13, 2024.

Karen Page
Assessor
(2-11, 2-18 & 2-25-24 FNV)

NOTICE HANDY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Handy Township Board will meet to review the 2024 Assessment Roll on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Township Conference Room 137 N Grand Avenue, Fowlerville Michigan. Please use Rear entrance only. The Handy Township Board of Review will meet to hear appeals related to the 2024 Assessment Roll on:

Monday, March 11, 2024,
9:00a.m.- 12 p.m. & 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13, 2024,
1 :00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

At the Handy Township Hall 137 N. Grand Ave. Fowlerville, Michigan.

Please use rear entrance.

Please call 517-223-3228 Monday, Wednesday or Thursday to make an appointment.

Tentative Ratios & Factors

Agricultural	44.10 1.10674
Commercial	51.82 .93572
Industrial	45.78 1.0742
Residential	47.06 1.0624

Amy Pashby
Assessor
(2-18, 2-25 and 3-3-24 FNV)

MARION TOWNSHIP 2024 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The Marion Township Board of Review will convene for its organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 10 am. No appeals of property assessments will be heard at this meeting.

The 2024 tentative equalization ratio is 50% and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications.

The Board of Review will hear property assessment appeals by appointment on the following dates:

Monday, March 11, 2024 2:00 pm-9:00 pm
Tuesday, March 12, 2024 9:30 am-4:30 pm

Appointments may be made by calling the Marion Township office at (517) 546-1588 during normal business hours. Non-appointment appeals will be heard as time allows. All meetings of the Board of Review will be held inside the Marion Township Hall, 2877 W. Coon Lake Rd., Howell, MI.

Residents and non-residents may appeal by letter. Written appeals must be received no later than noon on Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

Robert W. Hanvey
Secretary, Board of Review
(2-18, 2-25 and 3-3-24 FNV)



U.S. Congress Report

By Elissa Slotkin,
7th District, U.S. House
of Representatives

Announces opening of 2024 Congressional High School Art Competition

Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin (MI-07) announced the opening of the 2024 Congressional High School Art Competition, an opportunity for students in Michigan’s 7th Congressional District to showcase their artistic abilities.

Students in grades 9-12 who reside or attend school in the 7th District are invited to prepare their work for submission over the next few weeks, with the winning entry to be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year.

“The Congressional High School Art Competition is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our students’ talents to our entire community and to the Members of Congress, staff and visitors who walk through the Capitol every day,” Slotkin said. “Every year, students from across the district impress me with their skills, and I’m looking forward to seeing their creativity and their emotions shine through in this year’s submissions.”

The winning selection will hang in the U.S. Capitol for

one year alongside artwork from students from across the nation. The second-place submission will be displayed in Congresswoman Slotkin’s Washington, D.C. office, and the third-place entry will hang in her district office in Lansing.

Artwork entered in the contest may be up to 26 inches by 26 inches, up to 4 inches in-depth, and cannot weigh more than 15 pounds. Acceptable artwork submissions include:


- Paintings – including oil, acrylics, and watercolor.
- Drawings – including pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, and markers (It is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.)
- Collages – must be two-dimensional.
- Prints – including lithographs, silkscreen, and block prints.
- Mixed Media – use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-generated art.
- Photography.

Schools and students wishing to participate should contact Maria Moore at Maria.Moore@mail.house.gov with any questions. The Congresswoman’s team will be collecting submissions from participating schools in early April.

In addition to having their art hang in the U.S. Capitol for one year, the first-place winner will also receive an invitation to attend a reception with other winners from around the

country in Washington, D.C. during the summer months. A reception to celebrate the artwork and recognize the district winners will take place in late Spring in Lansing.

For more information on the Congressional Art Competition, the student release form, and full eligibility requirements for artwork, visit <https://slotkin.house.gov/artcompetition>.



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Fowlerville JV Girls Basketball Team loses to Lansing Catholic by 3 points

The Fowlerville Junior Varsity Basketball Team battled for four quarters and won the second half against Lansing Catholic last Wednesday, but couldn’t pull off the win. The final score was 33-30.

Ella Shaw and Ireland Curtis led the offense with 7 points each, while Anja Ott contributed 6 points. Danykah Muck and Jaymie Iseler were strong on the defensive end and Danykah added 4 points offensively while Jaymie chipped in 2. Brynn Goulding added a point from the free throw line. The Cougars went to the free throw line 20 times to the Glads 4. The girls never quit and played through the physicality.

**TOWNSHIP OF IOSCO
LIVINGSTON COUNTY,
MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF
ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE
A MORATORIUM ON SOLAR
ENERGY SYSTEMS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its meeting on February 15, 2024, the Township Board for the Township of Iosco approved a Resolution to Extend the Moratorium on Solar Energy Systems which extends, for an additional six (6) months to August 15, 2024, unless modified, extended, or terminated by the Township, the Iosco Township Solar Energy Systems Moratorium Ordinance. A true copy of the Moratorium Ordinance is available at Township Hall, 2050 Bradley Road, Webberville, MI 48892, during regular business hours or by appointment.

JULIE DAILEY, CLERK
2050 Bradley Road
Webberville, MI 48892
(517) 223 - 9545
(2-25-24 FNV)

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**IOSCO TOWNSHIP
SYNOPSIS OF
PROPOSED MINUTES
February 15th, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Iosco Township Board was held on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 8:00 P.M. Members Present: Alderson, Bonville, Dailey, Hardies, & Parker. The following action was taken: 1) Motion to approve the agenda. 2) 1st. Call to the Public: The public was heard from. 3) Motion to adopt the Township Board meeting minutes from January 18, 2023. 4) Clerk’s report. 5) Treasurer’s report. 6) Motion to pay \$65,795.64 in Township bills. 7) Fire Board and Recreation updates were heard. 8) Planning Commission update was heard. 9) Assessor & Zoning Administrator’s report was heard 10) Motion to accept the auditing proposal from Pfeffer, Hanniford, Palka for \$12,000 bi-annually that includes the F-65 to be completed on the off years at a cost of \$3,350.00. 11) Motion to approve the Fowlerville Community Recreation Agreement and Budget. 12) Motion to approve Resolution 2024-03. A resolution to extend the moratorium on solar energy systems an additional six months. 13) Motion to send the Zoning Ordinance Amendment: Solar Overlay back to the Iosco Township Planning Commission for further review and discernment. 14) Motion to approve Resolution 2024-04. A Resolution to Enact Compensation for Added Duties and Responsibilities from Proposal 22-2. 15) Motion to charge the residents \$140.00 of the yearly \$209.52 refuse collection fee for the first cart and \$210.00 for all subsequent carts. 16) 2nd Call to the Public: The public was heard from. 17) Motion to adjourn at 9:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Dailey
Iosco Township Clerk
(2-25-24 FNV)

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Kreeger Elementary

School News

CALENDAR OF KREEGER EVENTS

2/26-3/1/24	5 th grade Health Unit
3/1/24	End of Second Trimester
3/1/24	Spring Flower Fundraiser Begins
3/4-8/24	Spring Book Fair
3/7/24	½ Day, 12:02 dismissal - Conferences 1-4pm; 5-7:30pm
3/15/24	Spring Flower Fundraiser Ends
3/21/24	Student Council Meeting 3:40-4:40
3/25-29/24	Spring Break
4/4/24	Student Council Meeting 3:40-4:40
4/9/24	Spring Picture Day

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ATTENDANCE LINE: If your child will not be at school, please call the attendance line to excuse their absence. The attendance line number is 517-223-6333.

5th Grade Health Unit-

The Fowlerville Board of Education has approved the Reproductive Health Unit with HIV/AIDS as part of our 5th Grade health curriculum. All public schools in Michigan are required to teach about HIV/AIDS under Michigan law. This curriculum has been approved through a process that included our district Sex Education and Reproductive Health Advisory Board (SERHAB) and the Fowlerville School Board.

The health unit will be covered during a three week period for 5th grade students beginning the week of Monday, Feb. 26th. The following topics will be covered throughout the 3 week period.

- 2/26-3/1/2024 Introduction to Health/ Puberty
- 3/4/2024 Human Reproduction

The females and males will be separated from one another on this date only. Mr. Adam Brown will be with the males. Ms. Katie Faucher will be with the females.

-3/5-3/15/2024 HIV/AIDS and Sexual Harassment/ Technology Safety

You are welcome to preview any material we will use throughout the unit before Feb. 26, 2024. Please email Ms. Faucher, faucherk@fowlervilleschools.org if you would like to see the material beforehand.

You have the right to excuse your student from instruction. If you choose to have your child excused from the above curriculum, please fill out the form that was sent home and return to the students classroom teacher by Friday February 23rd or contact Ms. Faucher directly.

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SPRING FLOWER SALE

We have partnered with Foertmeyer & Sons Greenhouse again to help us raise funds for our building. Flyers were sent home with students, but we are asking that you please order ONLINE! Also, be on the lookout for communication from fundraiseit.org including the link to order online.

Our Spring Flower Sale dates are as follows:

- Friday, March 1st – Online store goes LIVE! Flyers sent home
- Friday, March 15th – Online store closes
- Monday, May 13th– Your flowers arrive at Kreeger Elementary, pick up time is from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Please note: If you are unable to pick up your plants on this date and time, please make arrangements with friends or family to have them picked up. We are NOT responsible for any plants not picked up.

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ATTENTION NEW STUDENTS:

All pre-enrollments can be done online www.fowlervilleschools.org.

After you complete those documents please print and sign areas marked. Bring your child's original raised seal birth certificate, 2 proofs of Fowlerville Schools residency and if your child attended a school in Michigan his/her immunizations will be on the MCIR website. Please call the office at 517-223-6340 when finished so that we may finalize the enrollment.

Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball

Team loses league game to Williamston

The Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team lost their league game to Williamston on Thursday, Feb. 15, by a score of 53-44. Wyatt Soli paced the Glads with 18 points. Brendan Ray added 10, and Sam Shrader had 8. Dillon Wieas scored 6 points and grabbed 9 rebounds.

Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball

Team loses to Stockbridge, 71-67

The Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team lost their double overtime game at Stockbridge on Tuesday, Feb. 20th, by a 71-67 score. Brendan Ray led Fowlerville with 30 points. Wyatt Soli added 14, Griffin Gonzalez had 9 and Dillon Wieas scored 8, including a tap-in at the buzzer at the end of regulation time to tie the game.





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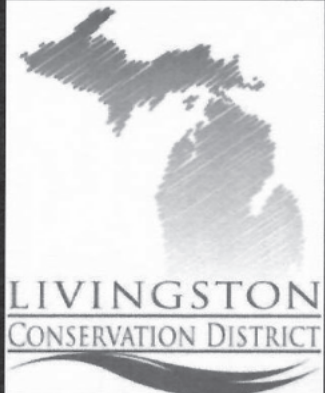
2024 Spring Tree Seedling Order Form ~ Order deadline April 1st @ 5:00p.m.

All orders must include payment for processing. Mail order form and payment to: *LCD, P.O. Box 916, Fowlerville, MI 48836*

Tree Pick-up will be Saturday, April 20, 2024, 9:00am-1:00pm. You will receive a postcard in the mail with instructions for the pickup of your order. Orders will not be delivered, it is your responsibility to pick up or arrange for pick of your order on the designated date and at the designated location. The delivery location will be at the Munsell Farm barn located at 301 Smith Rd, Fowlerville, MI 48836, just north of Mason Rd on Smith Rd in Fowlerville (same location as last year). Please contact us prior to ordering with any questions. (2-2 indicates the tree seedling has spent two years in a seed bed and two years in a transplant bed. Likewise, 3-0 indicates three years in a seed bed and zero years in a transplant bed. Transplants have a larger root system than regular seedlings.) The Livingston Conservation District distributes only the best nursery stock at an affordable price. Seedlings are not guaranteed after delivery. Size of seedling varies by specie. Please pay attention to the sizing for each specie.

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CONIFERS	Size	10	20	50	100	Quantity	Cost
2-1 White Pine	10'-18"	\$38.00	\$60.00	\$125.00	\$210.00		
2-1 Norway Spruce	12'-18"	\$38.00	\$60.00	\$125.00	\$210.00		
2-1 White Spruce	12'-18"	\$38.00	\$60.00	\$125.00	\$210.00		
2-1 Colorado Blue Spruce	10'-18"	\$38.00	\$60.00	\$125.00	\$210.00		
2-0 Concolor Fir	8'-14"	\$38.00	\$60.00	\$125.00	\$210.00		
P+1 Fraser Fir	7'-12"	\$38.00	\$60.00	\$125.00	\$210.00		
2-1 Douglas Fir	10'-20"	\$38.00	\$60.00	\$125.00	\$210.00		
DECIDUOUS TREES	Size	10	20			Quantity	Cost
2-0 Sugar Maple	6'-12"	\$55.00	\$75.00				
2-0 Red Maple	12'-18"	\$48.00	\$68.00				
1-0 Red Oak	12'-18"	\$55.00	\$75.00				
1-0 White Oak	12'-18"	\$55.00	\$75.00				
1-0 Black Gum	12'-18"	\$38.00	\$62.00				
2-0 Paw Paw	12'-18"	\$38.00	\$62.00				
1-0 Quaking Aspen	18'-24"	\$38.00	\$62.00				
1-0 River Birch	12'-18"	\$38.00	\$62.00				
1-0 Sycamore	6'-12"	\$38.00	\$62.00				
SHRUBS/BUSHES	Size	10	20			Quantity	Cost
1-0 White Flowering Dogwood	12'-18"	\$50.00	\$75.00				
1-0 Red Bud	12'-18"	\$50.00	\$75.00				
1-0 Red Raspberry-Latham	#1	\$60.00	\$85.00				
1-0 Butterfly Bushes	12'-18"	\$50.00	\$75.00				
1-0 Common Lilac	12'-18"	\$50.00	\$75.00				
PLANTS	Age	10	20			Quantity	Cost
Albion Strawberry (everbearing)	1 yr	\$30.00	\$50.00				
Flavorfest Strawberry (June bearing)	1 yr	\$30.00	\$50.00				
Jersey Knight Asparagus	1 yr	\$30.00	\$50.00				
MARKING FLAGS						Quantity	Cost
Red Flag Markers 24'	10 for \$3.00	30 for \$7.00	50 for \$10.00	100 for \$16.00			



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Rule #2

By Jace Arledge

SO.. What is Rule #2?

For those who are very devout in their faith, I don't have to explain, am I correct? (Even though there are some who are deconstructing and they would know what this is).

For those who aren't familiar, it is the second law/rule passed from the burning bush to Moses on Mt. Sinai. Written on the side of a rock and understood to be the MOST IMPORTANT laws that were passed down to those on earth.

Ok, Rule #2 is :

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

EIGHT TIMES.

LEVITICUS 19:18 NKJ

MATTHEW 19:19 NKJ

MATTHEW 22:39 NKJ

MARK 12:31 NKJ

LUKE 10:27 NKJ

ROMANS 13:9 NKJ

GALATIANS 5:14 NKJ

JAMES 2:8 NKJ

Loving your neighbor as yourself is so important to God that He not only repeats Himself, but He also makes it a command. And not just one in a list of many commands. Jesus coupled the command *to love your neighbor as yourself with loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.*

Who Is A Neighbor?

When Jesus was asked by someone who his neighbor was (Luke 10:29), Jesus responded by telling the story of the good Samaritan—who helped a stranger in need by the roadside. Then, in verse 37, Jesus told the man to go and do like the good Samaritan.

So I take that as "A neighbor is someone who is nearby wherever you are." Would that be a fair statement?

There are many ways to show that you care and love your neighbor, for example, GOOD DEEDS are a witness, *1 TIMOTHY 6:18 CEV*

18 Instruct them to do as many good deeds as they can and to help everyone. Remind the rich to be generous and share what they have.

1 JOHN 3:18 TEV

18 My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action.

These days it's so easy to "talk the talk", but then forget to "walk the walk". We make excuses for our bad behavior, such as, "I'm having a bad day", "My kids are annoying me", "My job sucks"...Even if those things are true, it is not an invitation to treat others poorly. There have been many days in my life that I have been so far down, yet I try my best to not inflict MY PAIN on others. Just as they don't know what

we are going through, we don't know what they are going through. It's a two-way street.

That's why it is a struggle for me to understand how the same people that claim they are faithful to the teachings seem to miss this very important lesson. I mean what does it mean to be "A Good Neighbor"?

Let's look at the teachings, shall we?

PHILIPPIANS 2:4 NKJ

4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

MATTHEW 7:12 NKJ

12 Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

ROMANS 13:10 NKJ

10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

ROMANS 15:2 NKJ

2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.

HEBREWS 13:1-2 NKJ

1 Let brotherly love continue.

2 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.

That looks easy to accomplish, wouldn't you think? It's FREE, it costs us NOTHING to be kind and love one another for who they are. I mean in the U.S., 47% identify as Religious (according to a Gallup article from September 22, 2023). That is approximately 157,869,820 people who profess to follow the teachings, yet we have so much hate and divisiveness. Oh, I forgot to mention that 33% identify as Spiritual, (that accounts for 80% of the United States population).

Just think, if all of those who are old enough would do what Rule #2 says, how beautiful it could be? Not saying that it would affect global issues, but it could possibly create a magical world for all to belong.

Of course, in the words of Cat Stevens:

*Now I've been crying lately
Thinkin' about the world as it is
Why must we go on hating?
Why can't we live in bliss?*

*'Cause out on the edge of darkness
There rides a peace train
Oh, peace train take this country
Come take me home again*

And the O'Jays:

*People all over the world (you don't need no money)
Join hands (come on)
Start a love train, love train (don't need no ticket, come on)
People all over the world (join in, ride this train)
Join in (ride this train, y'all)*

*Start a love train (come on, train), love train
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Fowlerville Fire Department Report

February 15

10:14 a.m. Personal injury accident on W Grand River in Handy Township.

11:00 a.m. Personal injury accident on E I-96 in Handy Township.

4:04 p.m. Medical response on E Frank St in the Village.

4:04 p.m. Medical response on Village Dr in the Village.

February 16

7:46 a.m. Medical response on E Grand River in Handy Township.

9:58 a.m. Medical response on Fowlerville Rd in Conway Township.

4:57 p.m. Medical response on Nicholson Rd in Handy Township.

6:49 p.m. Vehicle fire on W I-96 in Handy Township.

7:31 p.m. Medical response on Sober Rd in Conway Township.

9:35 p.m. Reported grass fire on W I-96 in Handy Township.

February 17

3:13 p.m. Electrical hazard on W Grand River in Handy Township.

4:58 p.m. Medical response on Damman Rd in Handy Township.

February 18

6:31 p.m. Structure fire on Bradley Rd in Iosco Township.

February 19

3:07 a.m. Mutual aid to Burns Fire Department for structure fire.

5:34 p.m. Medical response on W Sharpe Rd in Handy Township.

February 20

5:19 a.m. Medical response on Mason Rd in Iosco Township.

9:24 a.m. Medical response on James Dr in Handy Township.

1:52 p.m. Medical response on Addison Dr in the Village.

6:37 p.m. Medical response on Roberts Rd in Iosco Township.

February 21

4:57 p.m. Personal injury accident on E Grand River in Handy Township.

Fowlerville School Board to host Monthly Coffee Hour on Feb. 27th

The Fowlerville School Board will host its monthly coffee hour on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at Biggby's, 8097 Country Corner Dr, Fowlerville.

Mark your calendar to share what is on your mind. The Fowlerville School Board values all input from the community as we work toward our mission of providing a quality educational experience for all students in a safe, orderly, healthy, and nurturing environment.



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Plainfield United Methodist Church hosting ‘take out only’ chicken supper

The Plainfield United Methodist Church is hosting a ‘take out only’ chicken supper on Saturday, March 9th from 5pm until sold out. Free will offering. The church is located at M-36, north of Gregory.



Michigan Governor’s Report

By Gretchen Whitmer

initiative part of the MI Safe Communities program, we’ve been able to take more than 550 illegal guns off the street, preventing firearms in the hands of people who legally cannot be in possession of a weapon. This year’s proposals include:

- \$5.5 million for community violence intervention programs, a proven effort to reduce shootings and save lives.
- \$10 million to upgrade Michigan’s safety communication system equipment over the next 5 years.
- \$5 million in grants to local and county governments to hire, train, and retain more police officers, firefighters, and EMS.
- \$5.5 million to hire and train 120 more Michigan State Troopers.
- Nearly \$12 million to implement improvements to our justice system based on recommendations from the Juvenile Justice Reform Taskforce.
- \$5 million to expand and bolster the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, funding additional enforcement teams to address complaints of unlawful discrimination.

Expanding Access to Behavioral Health Care

We know that access to affordable healthcare go hand in hand with public safety. That’s why I’ve proposed nearly \$200 million to expand our behavioral health capacity. This would open nearly a dozen new Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics across the state to serve as many as 50,000 Michiganders with mental health services. We’ve also proposed \$7.3 million to ensure that individuals experiencing behavioral health crises have access to the Michigan Crisis and Access Line 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

We cannot open these new facilities without both attracting and retaining more behavioral health care workers. I’ve proposed we do this by:

- Investing nearly \$12 million in supports for students and current professionals through continuing education and scholarship expansion.
- Allocating \$36 million towards rate increases for Medicaid behavioral health care workers.
- Providing mental health services to our already existing first responders.

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Earlier this month, I presented my sixth balanced executive budget recommendation. My proposals would lower costs, improve education from pre-K through postsecondary, invest in public safety, and ensure anyone can “make it” in Michigan.

As a former prosecutor, protecting public safety is a top priority. Too many Michiganders feel unsafe in their communities. No matter where you live, you deserve to be safe as you go to work, drop your kids off at school, and run errands.

This budget proposal prioritizes public safety and aims to build a safer, more just state for all by investing in our communities, supporting our first responders, and expanding access to health care. Check out the details below.

Efforts to Reduce Crime

This year’s budget recommendations look to build on the \$1.5 billion bipartisan public safety investments we’ve made since I took office. We know that these investments work. We have helped local departments hire more cops, firefighters, and EMS. Through Operation Safe Neighborhoods, an

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Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

Keeping Older Drivers Safe on the Road

Dear Savvy Senior,

What safety tips can you recommend for older drivers? My 86-year-old mother, who still drives herself, had a fender bender last month and I worry about her safety.

Back Seat Daughter

Dear Back Seat,

With more and more older Americans driving well into their 70s, 80s and beyond, there are a variety of things your mom can do to help maintain and even improve her driving skills. Here are some recommendations by driving rehabilitation specialists that work with older drivers.

Get an eye exam: Because about 90 percent of the information necessary to drive is received through our eyes, this is a good first step in ensuring your mom's driving safety. So, get your mom's eyes checked every year to be sure her vision and eyewear is up to par.

Get a physical or wellness exam: As people age, it's also very important to monitor changes in overall health as it relates to driving. Medical conditions like arthritis, dementia, diabetes, Parkinson's disease, sleep apnea and stroke can all affect driving.

In addition, many seniors also take multiple medications or combinations of medications that can make them drowsy or lightheaded, which can impair judgment or affect reflexes or alertness necessary for safe driving. So, an annual physical or wellness examination and medication review is also a smart way to verify your mom's driving safety.

Take a refresher course: AARP and the American Automobile Association (AAA) both have older driver improvement courses that can help your mom brush up her driving skills and understand how to adjust for slower reflexes, weaker vision and other age-related physical changes that can affect driving. Taking a class may also earn her a discount on her auto insurance. To locate a class, contact your local AAA (AAA.com) or AARP (AARPdriversafety.org, 888-227-7669). Most courses cost around \$20 to \$30 and can be taken online.

Make some adjustments: Adjusting when and where your mom drives are another way to help keep her safe and behind the wheel longer. Some simple adjustments include not driving after dark or during rush hour traffic, avoiding major highways or other busy roads, and not driving in poor weather conditions.

Evaluate her driving: To stay on top of your mom's driving abilities you should take a ride with her from time-to-time watching for problem areas. For example: Does she drive at inappropriate speeds, tailgate or drift between lanes? Does she have difficulty seeing, backing up or changing lanes? Does she react slowly, get confused easily or make poor driving decisions?

For more evaluation tips, AAA offers a senior driver self-rating assessment exercise (Drivers 65 Plus) that you or she can access at Exchange.AAA.com/safety/senior-driver-safety-mobility.

If your mom needs a more thorough evaluation, you can turn to a driver rehabilitation specialist who's trained to evaluate older drivers and offer suggestions and adaptations to help keep her safe. But be aware that this type of assessment can run anywhere between \$100 and \$500 or more. To locate a professional in your area, visit ADED.net or AOTA.org – search "driving practitioner directory."

When it gets to the point that your mom's driving isn't safe anymore and she needs to quit, you may need to help her create a list of names and phone numbers of family, friends and local transportation services that she can call on for a ride.

To find out what transportation services are available in your mom's area contact the Eldercare Locator (800-677-1116), which will direct you to her area agency on aging for assistance.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



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VILLAGE OF FOWLerville PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FOR THE NOTICE TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 735 N. GRAND AVE.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, the Village of Fowlerville Council will hold a public hearing to discuss the rezoning of the property located at 735 N. Grand Avenue from Public Lands to General Business. This hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m., at 213 South Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, Michigan.

Jamie Hartman
Village Deputy Clerk
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Village of Webberville VILLAGE COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING March 12, 2024

The Village of Webberville Village Council has scheduled a public meeting on March 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Village of Webberville Town Hall at 115 S. Main St., Webberville, MI 48892.

The purpose of this hearing is to review a Sign Waiver proposal for a billboard at 2524 M-52. Details regarding the proposal can be viewed at the Village Office.

Interested parties may make comments at the meeting or submit them in writing to Jessica Kuch Clerk/Treasurer, P.O. Box 389, Webberville, MI 48892 or by email at jkuch@webbvill.com, prior to the meeting.

The official minutes of all meetings are stored and available for inspection at the Village Office located at 115 S. Main Street, Webberville. Or on the Village website, webbervillemi.com.

Notice: People with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact please contact Brad Hitchcock Sr., Village of Webberville Village Council President at (517) 521-3984 at least two (2) working days in advance of the meeting. An attempt will be made to provide reasonable accommodations.

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This year's Hospitality Award winners at the Annual Partner Meeting of Explore Brighton Howell Area were, from left, City of Brighton Police Chief Brent Pirochta, Mike Giorgio from Mt. Brighton, Nick Mannisto from Captains on Main, and Whitney Stone from 2 Stones Events.



Mary Robinson, Executive Director of Explore Brighton Howell, left, chaired the Annual Partner Meeting of Explore Brighton Howell Area, while Kelly Wolgamott, Interim VP of Travel Michigan, left, was the guest speaker.

Tourism update & Hospitality Awards highlighted at EBHA Partner Meeting

The Explore Brighton Howell Area (EBHA), formerly known as the Livingston County Convention & Visitors Bureau, held its Annual Partner Meeting at Block Brewing Company in Howell on Feb. 14th.

Mary Robinson, Executive Director of EBHA, presented the latest tourism economic impact data for Livingston County, highlighted the visitor bureau's accomplishments in 2023, and offered a preview of initiatives for 2024.

Robinson also shared the latest Tourism Economics data (MEDC) for 2022, noting an increase in local visitor spending by 10.14%.

Kelly Wolgamott, Interim VP of Travel Michigan, was a guest speaker at the meeting. She revealed the latest Pure Michigan tourism campaigns for the coming travel season.

"Last week, the 2024 Keep it Fresh Pure Michigan summer campaign launched to boost customer awareness and influence upcoming summer visitation," Wolgamott told the audience, adding that "'Fresh Lives Here in Pure Michigan' is the latest Travel Michigan campaign creative with the focus to layer in community voices, specifically targeting the active adventurer (mountain biking), experienced wanderers (rock climbing), refined roamers (culinary) and exploring families (sports activation)."

The Annual Partner Meeting covered a new CVB initiative, the Certified Tourism Ambassador (CTA) program. This ambassador training program is an industry-recognized certification that aims to drive visitor spending through training and alignment with community leaders, businesses, and frontline hospitality workers around the power of tourism. EBHA has already certified 217 Certified Tourism Ambassadors and is offering more classes on March 26, April 19, and July 25. Find more details on the CVB website: <https://explorebrightonhowellarea.com/brighton-howell-area-cta-program/>

New this year to the meeting were Andy and Nick Beling from MI Playground who did a presentation on "Creating Impactful Content and Navigating Today's Social Media Landscape." Their session provided practical tips for creating engaging content essential for modern storytelling and social media. It covered original content, offered advice on growing video libraries, highlighted how vertical videos improve social media, and examined popular platforms' preferred content formats.

Exceptional individuals and businesses in the Livingston County tourism community were then honored with special awards, with Pam McConeghy, EBHA Board Chair,

and Wendy Hebert, Immediate Past Chair, making the presentations.

Recipients of the EBHA's 2024 Annual Partner Meeting Awards were:

- Captains on Main (Hospitality with Heart Award),
- Whitney Stone of 2 Stones Events (Changemaker of the Year Award),
- Mt. Brighton (CTA Business of the Year Award),
- City of Brighton Police Chief Brent Pirochta (Certified Tourism Ambassador of the Year)

EBHA award recipients were honored with special acknowledgments from elected officials, including Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin, Senator Lana Theis, State Representative Ann Bollin, State Representative Bob Bezotte, and State Representative Jennifer Conlin.

The meeting also featured updates on the Motor Sports Gateway project in Howell, which will encompass a drivers club, exclusive car condos, and an innovative state-of-the-art racing track. Additionally, Robinson announced that the PBS show *Under the Radar Michigan (UTR)*, which delves beyond Michigan's natural attractions to showcase its unique people, businesses, experiences, jobs, and opportunities, will film in Brighton this summer. *Under the Radar Michigan* airs on PBS stations across Michigan, Northern Ohio, and in Canada.

Robinson ended the meeting by expressing her gratitude, saying, "We are fortunate to collaborate with such an exceptional community. Our partners wholeheartedly support our mission and offer remarkable experiences to our visitors. We extend our appreciation to all who joined us in celebrating another year of success at our Annual Partner Meeting, and eagerly look forward to the continued growth potential of our destination."

For more information or ways to collaborate with EBHA, contact Mary Robinson, Executive Director of Explore Brighton Howell Area (EBHA), at mary@explorebha.com.



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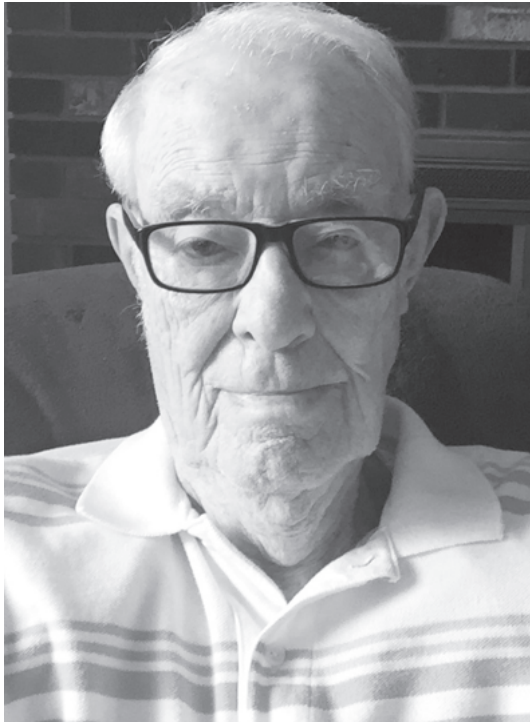


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—Area Deaths—



Gerald (Jerry) Schade

Gerald (Jerry) Schade passed away surrounded by his loving family on February 20, 2024 at the age of 97. Jerry was born in Flint, MI on June 18th, 1926 to Ben & Dorothy Schade.

Jerry graduated from Bendle High School in Burton, MI in 1944 and entered the service the same year. Jerry was assigned to the 5th Infantry Division Third Army. He was proud to be a WWII veteran and proudly served his country. After Jerry’s honorable discharge, he enrolled in the Radio Electronic Television School in Detroit. After graduation in 1949 Jerry and his new bride Betty moved to Washington Twp., New Jersey and he was employed by ABC television in New York City.

In 1968 Jerry and Betty moved their family back to Michigan and settled in Okemos. In 1972 Jerry and Betty moved to and opened Schade’s Party Store in Fowlerville, remaining until 1982 when they moved to Lansing. In 1984 Jerry opened a general store in Eureka.

After retiring, they both enjoyed time at their cottage on Island Lake in Meredith, near Gladwin. Jerry was a member of VFW Post 3733 in Fowler. Jerry was also an active member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Lansing.

Jerry is survived by his sons Greg (Joy) of Huntington Beach, CA., Dave (Kat) from Flushing, MI., and daughter

Jan (Mike) Jussila of Grand Ledge MI., Granddaughters Jennifer (Tim) Wilson of Okemos, MI. and Shannon Schade of Maryland, and Great Grandchildren Stark and Faye Wilson. Jerry is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Jerry also had a host of special friends from the Waverly pool for many years. Jerry will be sincerely missed by everyone who knew him.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, wife Betty of 52 years, Grandson Jason Thomas, Sister Marjorie Schmidt, and longtime friend Bernie Prine.

A military service will be held at a later date. If anyone wishes to make a contribution in Jerry’s name it can be made to Zion Lutheran Church, 4001 S. Pennsylvania Ave in Lansing, MI 48910.

Hartland Audubon Club to learn about Madagascar birds at March 5th meeting

The Hartland Audubon Nature Club welcomes Sue Wright to present “Madagascar” on March 5, 7 P.M. Sue, former president of Oakland Audubon, is a well-traveled bird enthusiast and photographer. Her presentation undoubtedly will be colorful and informative.

Conservation International classifies Madagascar as a “biodiversity hotspot” with 90% of its flora and fauna being endemic and as a “megadiverse country” meaning it contains most of Earth’s species.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Locke Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Township budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 during the regular meeting on March 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Locke Township Hall, 3805 Bell Oak Road, Williamston, MI 48895. **The Property Tax Millage Rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** Copies of the budget are available for public inspection at the Township Hall office on Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This notice is posted in compliance with Public Act 43 of 1963 (2nd Ex. Sess.) MCL 141.412 (Budget Hearings of Local Governments), Public Act 267 of 1976, MCL 21.72a (2)(3) as amended (Open Meetings Act) and the Americans With Disabilities Act.

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The organizational meeting of the March Board of Review will be at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at Leroy Township Hall. No appeals will be heard at this meeting. The completed 2024 Assessment Roll will be presented to the Board of Review at this meeting.

The Board of Review Public Appeals will be heard at the Leroy Township Hall 1685 N. M-52, Webberville on Monday, March 11, 2024 from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 12, 2024 from 3:00–9:00 p.m.

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Webberville, MI 48892

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Earl Griffes
Leroy Township Supervisor
(2-18, 2-25 & 3-3-24 FNV)

Webberville Report



Webberville 8th Grade students visit Zekelman Holocaust Center

Written in collaboration with Connor Acker

On Jan. 17th, the 8th grade students from Webberville Middle School went to the Zekelman Holocaust Center in Farmington Hills to gain a better understanding of the Holocaust. There was definitely a lot of information presented and it stirred the emotions of students.



Middle school social studies teacher, Mr. Foldenauer said, “I found the Zekelman Holocaust Center to be highly educational and eye-opening. Walking through the center, seeing so many artifacts, and hearing the survivor’s stories. While it was hard, it is also rewarding to see how hate did not win in the end and how we can work towards being more peaceful to our fellow man.”

Eighth grade student Easton Hayes said, “I liked it when we got to hear from a direct descendent about her family and their experiences of the holocaust.”

The Holocaust Center was an experience that will not be forgotten.

NOTICE OF ELECTION LEROY TOWNSHIP QUALIFIED VOTERS PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

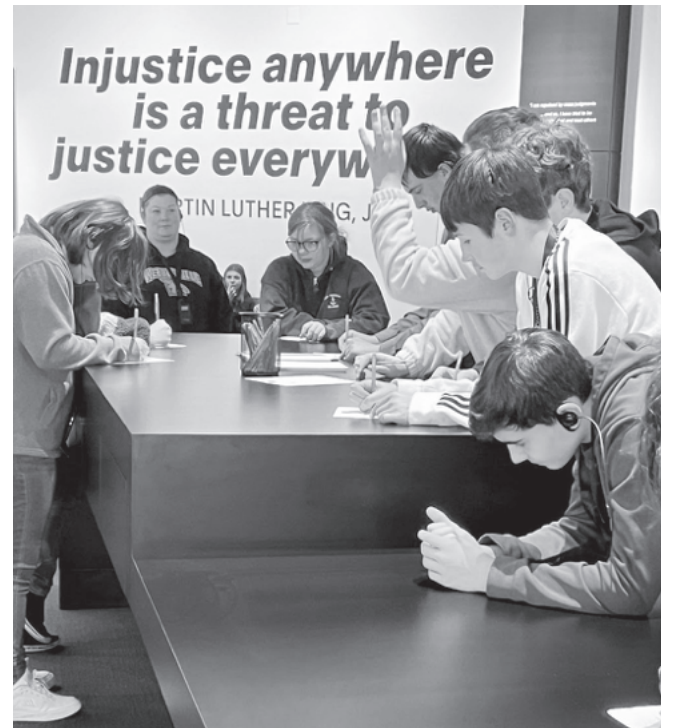
Please take notice that the **2024 Presidential Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.** The Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

VOTING PRECINCT LOCATION: Leroy Township Hall – 1685 N M-52, Webberville, MI.

Absentee Ballots are available for elections; registered voters may contact their local Township Clerk to obtain an application for and absentee ballot.

To comply with Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting their Township Clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are Accessible for voters with disabilities.

Wilma J. Whitehead
Leroy Township Clerk
(2-25-24 FNV)



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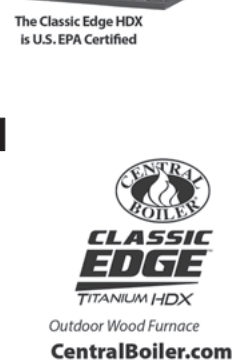


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Percussionists Elodie Landry, Brennan Smith and Presleigh Bishop.



Flutist Alana West.



Flutists Claire Bowlin and Amy Hickok.



Webberville's Beginning Band.



Trumpeter Gracie Pendell, saxophonists Abigail VanNortwick, Kelly Wilder, Alexander Cline, and clarinetist Cassidy Schriner.

Webberville Schools hold Beginning Band Informance

Written in collaboration with Victoria Taylor

On Feb. 13th, Webberville's Beginning Band parents, family and friends gathered for an informance. An informance is a way to show the guests how and what students have learned throughout the year.

Band director, Mr. Franks, started off explaining to the audience how they went about learning to play these instruments. He explained everything that the band learned and why they needed to learn it. Intermixed with the information, students played music as duets, trios, and as a full band from their Level I book. The first concert these students will perform in is in the spring along with the Intermediate and Senior bands.

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Williamston Area Senior Center

201 School Street - 517-655-5173

February-March 2024 Events

Monday, February 26th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Craft with Pat at 12:30 pm
Tuesday, February 27th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Mind Benders with Jackie from CADL Williamston at 12:30pm
Wednesday, February 28th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 11am, Earl Wolf presents 'Monarch Butterfly Migration' and shares his travel experiences at 12:30pm, Needle Work Group 1-3pm
Sunday, March 3rd - *Special event at Williamston Theatre* - Raymond Goodwin performs 'Old Wilbur' at 7 pm. Tickets available at WASC for \$20. Cost includes play and afterglow at Zynda's of Williamston.
Monday, March 4th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Blood Pressure Screening at 10am, Lunch provided by Belinda and Vista Springs Timber Ridge and Wheel of Fortune game at 12:30pm
Tuesday, March 5th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Wii Bowling at 12:30pm
Wednesday, March 6th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 11am, NATIONAL OREO COOKIE DAY, Oreo craft with Nikki at 12:30 pm, Needle Work Group 1-3pm

Thursday, March 7th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, BIRTHDAY BASH, Chair Volleyball at 12:30 pm
Monday, March 11th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Lunch provided by Michelle and PACE Senior Community Care and presentation 'Long Term Care in Your Home' at 12:30pm
Tuesday, March 12th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 11am, Chair Volleyball at 12:30pm
Wednesday, March 13th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Yoga for All with Amy at 12:30 pm, Needle Work Group 1-3pm
Thursday, March 14th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Marli with American Senior Benefits available at 10:30am, Drum Circle with Ian at 12:30pm
Monday, March 18th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Chair Massage at 10am, NATIONAL SLOPPY JOE DAY, local author Jill Campbell book talk at 12:30pm
Tuesday, March 19th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Paul and Tai Chi at 12:30pm
Wednesday, March 20th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 11am, Cards and Board Games at 12:30pm, Needle Work Group 1-3pm
Thursday, March 21st - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Tracy and Premier World Discovery present travel options for 2025 at 12:30pm
Monday, March 25th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, MARCH MADNESS DAY, March Madness lunch and games with Karen at 12:30pm
Tuesday, March 26th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Mind

Benders with Jackie from Williamston CADL at 12:30pm
Wednesday, March 27th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 11am, Quarter Bingo at 12:30pm, Needle Work Group 1-3pm
Thursday, March 28th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, DETROIT TIGERS DAY, Todd Walters presents Detroit Tigers stories and memorabilia at 12:30pm

Williamston Eagles Club hosting Special Olympics fundraiser on March 1-2

Join us Friday, March 1st as we kick off the Special Olympics Two-day Fundraiser! Williamston Eagles Club will be hosting Euchre on Friday night, starting with a fish dinner from 5 till 8 pm or until gone. (Price to be determined). Euchre registration will be 6-6:30 pm and play starts at 7pm. Cost for Euchre is \$10 per player and you don't need to bring a partner. Come on down, show off your skills and maybe win a prize!

On Saturday, March 2nd, at noon the fun begins with silent auctions, 50/50s, bake walk, raffles etc. For more information or to drop off or have auction items picked up, call Jon Foreman at: 517-515-9015.

Help us help the Special Olympics reach their goal! All proceeds from Friday and Saturday go to Special Olympics Area 8, Ingham and Eaton County. The club is located at 835 High Street in Williamston.

LEGAL NOTICES

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on MARCH 27, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Leanne E. Sugar, wife and Alexander J. Sugar, husband, to PNC National Association, Mortgagee, dated July 5, 2022 and recorded August 18, 2022 in Instrument Number 2022R-022505 Livingston County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Eighty-Six and 83/100 Dollars (\$182,086.83).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Livingston County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MARCH 27, 2024.

Said premises are located in the Township of Green Oak, Livingston County Michigan, and are described as: LOT 15, SILVER PINES, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 26, PAGES 36 THROUGH 38 OF PLATS, LIVINGSTON COUNTY RECORDS.

9109 Ravinewood Ln, South Lyon, Michigan 48178
 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: February 25, 2024

File No. 24-001266

Firm Name: Orlans PC

Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(02-25)(03-17)

(2-25, 3-3, 3-10 & 3-17-24 FNV)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Brenda Bowden a/k/a Brenda Lee Bowden, a single woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC

Date of Mortgage: January 27, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: February 2, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$129,479.03

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Fowlerville, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lot(s) 56, Harvey C. Button's Addition to the Village of Fowlerville and alteration of Lots, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plat(s), Page 21, Livingston County Records.

Common street address (if any): 610 E Frank St, Fowlerville, MI 48836-9508

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: February 25, 2024

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(02-25)(03-17)

(2-25, 3-3, 3-10 & 3-17-24 FNV)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 20, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Matthew Chapman and Heather Chapman, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Novastar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2007-1

Date of Mortgage: August 31, 2006

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 14, 2006

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$316,159.31

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Marion, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Unit 11, Turtle Creek of Marion Condominiums, according to the Master Deed, recorded in Liber 2861 on Page 782, including any and all amendments thereto, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 207, together with rights in general common elements and limited general common elements, as set forth in the above Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Be the same more or less, but subject to all legal highways.

Common street address (if any): 3084 Ridley Way, Howell, MI 48843-1124

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: February 11, 2024

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(02-11)(03-03)

(2-11, 2-18, 2-25 & 3-3-24 FNV)

Williamston Farmer’s Market collecting bottles & cans on Sunday, March 3rd

The Eastern Ingham Farmers Market in Williamston is holding its next bottle and can fundraiser on Sunday, March 3rd. Simply bring your Michigan-returnable bottles and cans to the large parking lot of McCormick Park at 123 High Street anytime between 11am and 1pm. Stay warm in your car, pop the trunk and volunteers will cheerfully collect your generous donation.



Other bottle and can collection dates which are held on the first and third Sundays during the off-season will be: March 17; April 7 and 21 and May 5.

Market volunteers are always welcome and needed to work two-hour shifts for the bottle

collections on those Sundays during the off-season. Just contact Jane Reagan (517-525-4177)

If your business collects bottles and cans, consider donating them as well. Special collections can be made directly at your business address during the week. Just call Jane to make arrangements for special pick-ups.

For more information about Sowing Growth, the non-profit organization that operates the Eastern Ingham Farmers Market in Williamston, to become a vendor for the 2024 season, to be added to the newsletter email list, to volunteer or to donate to the Market, visit the Market Facebook page or contact Market Manager at EasternInghamFM@gmail.com.

Livingston County Concert Band performing ‘Not of This World’

The Livingston County Concert Band will be under the direction of Dale Marzewski for their upcoming concert ‘Not of This World,’ at 3:00 pm on Sunday, March 10th. The concert will be presented at the Rod Bushey Performing Arts Center, Howell High School, 1200 West Grand River Ave., Howell.

This concert features music from Star Trek, Star Wars, Harry Potter, and other “worlds.” Admission is \$10. Children and students are free. Refreshments served following the concert. Please visit the band’s website (www.lccbmusic.org).

NIESA Fire Report (Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority)

On Wednesday February 14, 2024 NIESA responded to three calls. One call was in the Village of Webberville for a medical response. One call was in the City of Williamston for a medical response. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a vehicle accident on I-96.

On Thursday February 15, 2024 NIESA responded to two medical response calls, with one in the City of Williamston, and one in the Village of Webberville.

On Friday February 16, 2024 NIESA responded to seven calls. One call was a mutual aid to Okemos for a medical response. Five calls were in the City of Williamston with all of them being medical responses. One call was in Leroy Township for a vehicle accident on I-96.

On Saturday February 17, 2024 NIESA responded to one call in the City of Williamston for a medical response.

On Sunday February 18, 2024 NIESA responded to six calls. One call in Wheatfield Township was a medical response. Two calls in Williamstown Township were both medical responses. Three calls were in the City of Williamston, with one a structure fire and two for medical responses.

On Monday February 19, 2024 NIESA responded to five medical response calls. One call was in Williamstown Township, one call was a mutual aid to Okemos, two calls were in the City of Williamston, and one call was in Leroy Township.

On Tuesday February 20, 2024 NIESA responded to six calls. One call in Wheatfield Township was a utility problem.

Two calls in the City of Williamston were for a medical response and a citizen assist. One call in Leroy Township was a medical response. One call in Locke Township was a citizen assist. One call in Williamstown Township was a medical response.

CONWAY TOWNSHIP COLLECTION OF TAXES

The last day to pay Conway Township taxes at the Township Hall is February 29th. We will be open on that Thursday, February 29th from 9AM to 5 PM. Then starting March 1st, 2024, you will have to pay your taxes at Livingston County Court House.

Debra Grubb
Treasurer
(2-25-24 FNV)

From unapproved Minutes of the February 13, 2024 Conway Township Regular Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Regular meeting Synopsis

Supervisor W Grubb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Present: Supervisor William Grubb, Clerk Elizabeth Whitt, Treasurer Debra Grubb, Trustee George Pushies

Absent: Trustee Amy Crampton-Atherton.

The following Motions were made:

- Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.
- Motion to approve agenda as amended. Motion passed.
- Motion to approve the attendance of a Planning Commission member at Livingston County Planning Commission. Motion passed.
- Motion to take no action on the budget approval for the Recreation Association. Motion passed.
- Motion we accept and file Assessor letter of retirement. Motion passed.
- Motion we amend the Conway Township Civil Infraction Ordinance. Roll call. Motion passed.
- Motion we purchase a new desktop computer for deputy clerk. Roll call. Motion passed.
- Motion to approve Assessors Assistant to take Assessing Class 3 certification. Roll call. Motion passed.
- Motion to amend current Conway Township Land Division Application as presented. Motion passed.
- Resolution 240213-01 Regarding Poverty Guidelines. Roll call. Resolution approved.
- Motion to approve forms and fee schedule for disinterment. Motion passed.
- Resolution 240213-02 resolution to establish Secluded Acres Special Assessment District. Roll call. Resolution approved.
- Motion to pay the Police Laison Agreement for \$5000. Roll call. Motion passed.
- Motion to amend the budget. Motion passed.
- Motion to purchase two Laptops for planning commission members. Roll call: Unanimous yes.
- Motion to accept bid from Christman for back door repair, made by W Grubb, supported by Pushies. Roll call. Motion passed.
- Motion to take a vote if Pushies has a conflict of interest regarding Land Division Application Applications, Motion passed, no conflict of interest.
- Motion to adjourn at 9:21 p.m. Motion passed.

Elizabeth Whitt
Conway Township Clerk
(2-25-24 FNV)

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by J. Thaddeus P. McGaffey and Debra Lynn McGaffey, husband and wife, to Wilmington Finance, a division of AIG Federal Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated April 15, 2005 and recorded April 20, 2005 in Liber 4772, Page 981 Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Citibank, N.A., not in its individual capacity, but solely as owner trustee of the New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-6, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Six and 34/100 Dollars (\$186,936.34).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Livingston County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MARCH 20, 2024.

Said premises are located in the Township of Hamburg, Livingston County Michigan, and are described as: Lot 18 of LAKELAND HILLS ESTATES, as recorded in Liber 27 of Plats, Pages 44, 45 and 46, Livingston County Records.

5115 Windwood Ct, Pinckney, Michigan 48169
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: February 18, 2024
File No. 24-001212
Firm Name: Orleans PC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(02-18)(03-10) (2-18, 2-25, 3-3 & 3-10-24 FNV)

ALCHIN FARM CEMETERY REQUEST FOR MOWING QUOTES FOR THE CEMETERY

ALCHIN FARM CEMETERY located at 4585 Van Orden Rd. Webberville, Mi 48892 is requesting quotes for lawn mowing and trimming of Cemetery Property.

Contractor must provide their own equipment, including mowers, trimmers, and any other necessary tools.

All work must be performed in a respectful and considerate manner due to the sensitive nature of the site.

Provider must provide own proof of insurance coverage, including general liability and workers’ compensation.

Please supply quote on a per time basis as follows: Cemetery mowing and trimming around gravestones as needed or as determined by advanced coordination by the cemetery representative.

Quotes are due no later than 4p.m. on April 1, 2024.

Mail to:
Alchin Farm Cemetery Mower Bid
C/O Norman Nack, Cemetery Board President
4791 Columbia Rd
Webberville, Mi 48892.

Contract award determination by the board officers. However, the board officers reserves the right to reject all quotes received.

Please call 517-294-2181, Norm Nack, Cemetery board president with any questions.

(2-11, 2-25, 3-10 & 3-24-24 FNV)



Michigan House Report

By Bob Bezotte, 50th District

School safety is something every parent and grandparent with young kids worries about, especially after the shooting at Oxford High School hit so close to home a couple of years ago.

That’s why I was eager to help sponsor a bipartisan plan to address school safety and mental health in Michigan schools. The legislation was born out of the ideas of a task force put together following Oxford to determine what we could be doing better.

The resulting legislation, House Bills 4088-4100, aims to enhance school safety and student mental health through

various measures, including:

- Hiring safety and mental health coordinators in each intermediate school district to improve communication, training, and strategies.
- Requiring schools to update safety plans every three years with input from district-level coordinators and implementing modern security measures.
- Enhancing the OK2SAY tip line by including its contact information on school ID cards, improving reporting standards, and ensuring tips are passed to relevant authorities.
- Mandating comprehensive safety training for school staff and resource officers, establishing uniform definitions for safety terms, and increasing active-shooter drills with law enforcement involvement.
- Creating the School Safety and Mental Health Commission to identify and promote best practices for addressing behavioral and mental health needs, and supporting at-risk students.

We introduced it more than a year ago, and I am sad to report that it has yet to receive a vote. The Democrats who control the House have so far refused to even give it a hearing.

Our children’s safety should never be up for debate. It’s

time to give this bipartisan plan the attention and action it urgently needs.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office by calling (517) 373-3906 or emailing RobertBezotte@house.mi.gov. I am always happy to hear from people in our community.

Livingston County Genealogical Society holding zoom meeting on March 7th

The Livingston County Genealogical Society will meet via zoom on Thursday, March 7th.

Guest speaker will be Derek Blount on the topic “Finding the Men of the Fur Trade.” After a brief history of the fur trade in North America, we will look at several major companies involved and where to find their records. The companies we will explore are the Hudson Bay Company, the Northwest Company, the American Fur Company, and Revillon Frères Trading Company.

A link to this virtual meeting may be found on our Facebook page for the Livingston County Genealogical Society a few days before the March 7th meeting. All are welcome.



Make-Your-Own Bouncy Balls

For each ball, you will need:

- 1 tbsp. Elmer’s white glue
- Food coloring
- 1/2 tsp. Borax powder (can be found in the laundry detergent aisle)
- 3 tbsp. cornstarch
- 4 tbsp. warm water

Here’s what you do:

1. In one cup, put your warm water, cornstarch and Borax. In another cup or bowl, put your glue.
2. Next, put several drops of food coloring into the white glue and stir well.
3. Give your water/Borax/cornstarch mixture a good stir to combine all the ingredients (the cornstarch has a tendency to settle on the bottom). Then pour the water mixture into your colored glue.
4. Give it a stir and you’ll see it immediately start to clump together. Stir it a bit more until you have one big, slimy glob.
5. Take the glob out of the liquid and begin rolling it between the palms of your hands to form a ball. It’ll be sticky at first, so keep a paper towel handy to wipe off your hands occasionally, but soon a rubbery ball will form.
6. Once the stickiness is gone and you have a nice smooth ball, that’s it! You can bounce away!!



NOTE: The balls will flatten out after sitting for awhile. Store them in plastic eggs or small plastic containers and roll the balls to regain their shape.

Make Soap Silly Putty

This science experiment comes together so quickly you will be playing with your putty in less than 5 minutes. The smooth texture of this putty satisfies any sensory-seeking scientist in your home.

You Will Need:

- Cornstarch
- Dish soap
- Measuring spoons
- Mixing bowl

Instructions:

- Step 1: Scoop 2 tablespoons of cornstarch into a bowl.
- Step 2: Add 1½ tablespoons of dish soap to the cornstarch.
- Step 3: Start mixing the cornstarch and dish soap until it turns into a putty-like texture.

Troubleshooting

If your mixture is too runny, simply add more cornstarch. If your mixture is too dry, add more dish soap.

The putty lasts for a few hours.



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Lots of ideas to overhaul state’s tax system, but little agreement on how

Commentary by Rick Haglund

I’m sorry, but this column is about tax policy.

Bor-ing, right? Maybe so, but how state lawmakers design a tax structure can have a significant impact on the finances of residents and businesses, and on the state’s economic competitiveness.

Lansing has been consumed by dealing with hateful social media posts by state Rep. Josh Schriver, R-Oxford, and an interminable fight over who is running the state Republican Party. But several proposals that could radically change tax policy in Michigan are floating around the Capitol.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s Growing Michigan Together Council, an initiative aimed at boosting the state’s stagnant population, has triggered a debate over the role of taxes in attracting more people to Michigan.

Republicans complained the council’s report was a surreptitious plot to raise taxes to pay for favored Democratic programs that wouldn’t increase the state’s population.

Council members, including Republican Co-Chairman John Rakolta, denied that, saying the council’s six-month work schedule left no time for a discussion on taxes.

Rakolta, speaking at the Detroit Regional Chamber Detroit Policy Conference last month, said there should be no talk about new taxes until the state develops a tax structure that’s “appropriate for the 21st century.”

But critics of the council’s report are “afraid to go down that path,” he said. Dismissing the council’s work is an “easy way to throw a red herring into the mix and distract everybody and the press that it’s all about taxes. It isn’t about taxes. It’s about: the state of Michigan is broken.”

Rakolta, chairman of industrial construction giant Walbridge, offered no specifics about what he thought a modern tax policy should look like. He said Michigan should implement “zero-based budgeting,” which would require the state to annually justify every program expense.

But some of his fellow business leaders are anxious for tax cuts. The West Michigan Policy Forum, a group of business executives that includes such heavy hitters as Amway Co-Chairman Doug DeVos and office furniture executive Matthew Haworth, is calling for the state to eliminate the personal income tax.

Backers of the idea claim states with no income taxes, including Texas and Florida, have among the fastest-growing populations. But states with no income tax make up lost revenue with other taxes.

The policy forum didn’t offer ideas for replacing Michigan’s \$8 billion in annual income tax revenue, nearly two-thirds of state’s general fund tax revenue, but said there should be a “responsible transition” to its elimination.

Meanwhile, a group called AxMITax is seeking to place

a proposal on the November ballot that would eliminate residential and business property taxes, the primary source of funding for local governments and a significant revenue pot for local schools.

The summary language of the proposal was approved last month by the Michigan Board of State Canvassers, but the board has yet to approve the ballot form.

AxMITax said the measure would end the growing problem of property tax foreclosures. Any new local taxes would require 60% voter approval under the proposed ballot issue. Raising state taxes by more than .1% would require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature.

Karla Wagner of AxMITax said if eliminating property taxes results in libraries and museums closing, so be it.

Another group says Michigan’s tax system must change to support the investments needed for Michigan to thrive in an economy that requires higher levels of education in its workers and make the state more attractive to new residents.

The Michigan League for Public Policy has long called for a graduated income tax system in which those with higher incomes pay a larger percentage of their incomes in taxes than lower-income residents.

Thirty states and the federal government have graduated income taxes. Michigan has a flat income tax rate of 4.05% that will return to last year’s rate of 4.25% in the 2024 tax year because of a court order in a dispute over whether this year’s rate was a permanent or temporary cut.

The MLPP, citing a report by the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, said that the top 1% of Michigan earners pay an effective income tax rate of 5.7% while those with the lowest incomes pay an effective rate of 7.1%

Michigan’s tax system is “upside down,” said Rachel Richards, MLPP’s fiscal policy director.

While the state’s budget remains stable after billions of dollars in federal COVID-related programs have been

exhausted, future state revenues will not be sufficient to “prevent us from returning to the decades of disinvestment in Michigan workers, families and children that we saw prior to the pandemic,” Richards said.

Implementing a graduated tax system would be extremely difficult. It would require voters to change the state constitution and would be vigorously opposed by business lobbying groups.

But eliminating property and income taxes is an irresponsible, dangerous idea that, rather than make Michigan a more vibrant state, would likely bankrupt it.

Rick Haglund writes the “Micheconomy” column for the Michigan Advance. He’s a former reporter and business columnist for Booth Newspapers, now the MLive Media Group, with extensive experience covering Michigan’s economy and the auto industry.

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Bidding Documents will be available for Via SHMINA online plan room after 2/15/24.

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Brighton, MI 48116
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Bid Security is not required to be provided with the Bid Proposal.

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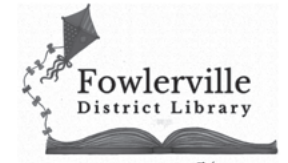
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Ingham County Comments

**By: Monica Schafer,
District 15
Commissioner**

Federal Emergency Management Agency

A considerable portion of District 15 was affected by the tornado that came through the area in late August, leaving a mark on many. The tornado affected us in many different ways, including losing business income and housing, having to go to a hotel for a couple of nights due to the tornado, or insurance deductibles. Of course, some were hit extremely hard, and others were touched and still able to help neighbors and friends.

FEMA announced that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the state of Michigan to supplement recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding from Aug. 24-26, 2023.

The President's action makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Eaton, Ingham, Ionia, Kent, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, and Wayne counties.

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-interest loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Please read the FEMA News release for a Disaster Recovery Center open in Ingham County from February 22 to March 2. FEMA representatives are here to help! No claim is too small, and no individual issue is unimportant! Please share so everyone can have the correct information and have their concerns about coverage answered!

Let's make sure our neighbors and friends know the funding that may be available to be recouped for Individual Assistance (IA), cleanup, housing or any out-of-pocket expenses that qualify for individuals affected. This community came together Strong, so let's keep it going! Don't hesitate to contact me at mschafer@ingham.org for any other assistance on Ingham County Issues or concerns. God bless!

I am here to be the voice of District 15, working together to make Ingham County our home!

FEMA Disaster Recovery Center now open at NIESA in Williamston

A FEMA Disaster Recovery Center is now open in Ingham County to help residents in Eaton, Ingham, Ionia, Kent, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland and Wayne counties kick start their recovery after the August 24-26, 2023, severe storms, tornadoes and flooding.

Specialists from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration at the center can help survivors apply for federal disaster assistance, upload documents, learn about ways to make their property more disaster resistant and get their questions answered in person.

The center will be open on the following dates at this location:

Northeast Ingham Emergency Services Authority
1296 W. Grand River Ave., Williamston, MI 48895

The Center will be open this week from 8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. and will close permanently at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 2.

Assistance in languages other than English, including American sign language, and translated materials are available at the centers. Disaster Recovery Center locations are chosen for their accessibility, with the goal of reaching as many people as possible. Accessible parking spaces are available.

Additional recovery centers will be opening soon. To find the center nearest you, visit FEMA.gov/DRC. Survivors may visit any center for assistance.

Survivors don't need to visit a Disaster Recovery Center to apply for FEMA assistance. To apply without visiting a center, call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m., go online to DisasterAssistance.gov or download the FEMA App. If you use a relay service such as video relay service, captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service when you apply. The deadline to apply for assistance is April 8, 2024.

For more information about the disaster recovery operation in Michigan, visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4757.

Social Security Questions & Answers

Question: How can I get a copy of my *Social Security Statement*?

Answer: You can get your personal *Social Security Statement* online by using your personal *my Social Security* account. If you don't yet have an account, you can easily create one. Your online *Statement* gives you secure and convenient access to your earnings records. It also shows estimates for retirement, disability, and survivors benefits you and your family may be eligible for. To set up or use your account to get your online *Social Security Statement*, go to www.ssa.gov/myaccount. We also mail *Statements* to workers age 60 and over who aren't receiving Social Security benefits and do not yet have a *my Social Security* account. We mail the *Statements* three months prior to your birthday.

Question: I own a small business. How can I verify employees' Social Security numbers?

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

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Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team defeats Milan, 73-42

The Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team defeated Milan last Wednesday (Feb. 21) by a score of 73-42. The Glads are now 5-16 overall and 0-9 in league play. Brendan Ray led the team with 18 points. Dillon Wieas added 10 points and had 5 assists, while Wyatt Soli chipped in with 9 and Will Bergin had 8.





Upcoming Events

Monday – Wednesday: 9:30 am to 7:00 pm

Thursday: 9:30 am to 8:00 pm

Friday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm • Sunday: Closed

For any questions, or to register for programs, call us at 517-223-9089

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Family Storytime (Ages 1-5)

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PJ Storytime (Ages 1-5)

Wear your pjs for an evening storytime. We will have snacks & crafts. Bring a blanket and stuffie to be extra cozy. Mon, Mar 4 • 6pm

KIDS & FAMILY

Perler Bead Party (Ages 7-12)

Join Storm to make your own Perler Bead creation.
Friday, Mar 8 • 4 – 5pm

Chess Club - Join the Chess Club! The Mid-Michigan Jr. Chess Club will meet. All levels are welcome from beginner to advanced! Please note, there is no meeting on March 23.

Saturdays • 1-3:30pm

Kids Krafternoons (Ages 7-12)

Drop in and get crafty with a new and exciting craft each month! Supplies provided. Monday, Mar 11 • 4-5pm

Lego Club (Ages 7-12)

Build your own Lego creations and complete challenges
Thursdays • 4pm

My First Escape Room-Bluey (Ages 5-9)

Bring the family together! No prior knowledge of Bluey is required. Register for a time slot. Friday, Mar 22 • 3:30pm, 4pm, 4:30pm, 5pm Saturday, Mar 23 • 10:30am, 11am, 11:30am, 12pm

Meet the Director (All Ages)

Join us for an Open House to welcome our new director. The Fowlerville Community Theater will be on hand to entertain.
Saturday, Mar 9 • 1-3 pm

Buck and Carolyn (All Ages)

Join us on this first Friday for a special performance by the acoustic duo, Buck and Carolyn. All ages will enjoy this performance which will have you tapping your toe. Afterwards, head over to Good Deeds for the craft fair. Fri, Mar 1 • 3-4 pm

Crochet Kits

Stop by the library on the 15th of the month to grab a themed crochet amigurumi kit. Provide your own hook and everything else is included. While supplies last.

Cozy Crafting by the Fireplace

Join Mary to work on your craft or learn to knit and start a beginner project. Help is also offered for the aforementioned crochet kits. Monday, Mar 4 & 18 • 3-5pm

Homeschool Social

Meet for learning, fun and snacks. Mondays • 12-1:30 pm

New Graphic Novel Club (Ages 7-12)

Join Storm for a discussion on Pokemon Adventures.
Monday, Feb 26 • 4-5pm

Book Boxes (All ages)

Fill out the online form by visiting the events page on our website. Let the librarians pick a surprise selection of books for you. Register the first two weeks of every month to get next month's box, which will be ready to pick up the first of the following month.

TEENS

Teen Crafting (Teens)

Join Mary and drop in to make crafts such as sewing, resin jewelry, bow making, diamond painting, and much more!
Wednesdays • 2:30-4:00 pm

Twitch Streaming (All Ages)

Join Connor and Tally and get sneak peeks of new games!
twitch.tv/fowlervillelibrary
Mondays • 3:30-4:30pm

Board Games with Connor (Age 10+)

Join Connor and friends for some after school fun.
Tuesdays • 3-5pm

Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 12-18)

Come play D&D 5th Edition! No prior experience needed.
Wednesdays • 2:30-5pm

Switch Free Play (Ages 10-18)

Open gaming time with the library's Switch.
Fridays • 2:30-5 pm

Jr. High Yoga with Mrs. Duke (Ages 11-15)

Come after school and give yoga a try.
Tues, Mar 5 & 19 • 3pm

Teen Escape Room (Locked in the Library)

Can you make it out of the library before time runs out? Registration is required.
Fri, Mar 15 • 5:30pm

ADULTS

Adult Craft Custom Frames

Join Cindy & Jackie to make a custom frame for a favorite photo. Registration is required. Thurs, Mar 7 • 6:30 pm

Spotting Scams Workshop

Join us in collaboration with the Fowlerville Senior Center for this informative workshop to help us spot scams and for help if you have already been a victim. No registration is required. Thurs, Mar 14 • 10am-2pm

Yoga with Vanessa (Adults)

Join Vanessa Duke for yoga class, no cost, just bring your mat or use one of ours. Wednesdays • 5pm

Jam Session

Join Mr. Damerow for some musical collaboration. Bring your horn, keyboard, harmonica, or whatever you have and join the fun. Tues Mar 19 • 5:00 – 7:30pm

Cardmaking

Join Mary to make 4 greeting cards with the theme of "Spring". Registration is required.
Thurs, Mar 21 • 6:30 pm & Fri, Mar 22 • 11am

Scrapbooking (Adults)

Join Mary to scrapbook your favorite photos. Stay the whole time or for just a few hours. Everyone gets their own table. Registration is required.
Sat, Mar 16 • 10:30 – 3:30

Shelf-Indulgence Book Group (Adults)

This is a traditional book discussion group. You can get a copy of the book at the front desk. Next meeting, we will discuss EMILY WILDE'S ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FAERIES by Heather Fawcett, Thurs Mar 28 • 2 pm

Beyond the Book Discussion Group (Adults)

Book discussion plus movie or documentary. Books are available at the front desk. Next meeting, we will discuss A HAUNTING IN VENICE by Agatha Christie
Fri, Mar 8 • 6:00 pm

Sewing with Patty (Adults)

By special request evening hours have been added. Bring your sewing machine and get ready for some fun. Registration is Required. Friday Mar 8 • 11am
Wed, Mar 13 • 6 pm

Adult Escape Room (Locked in the Library)

Can you make it out of the library before time runs out? Registration is required.
Fri Mar 15 • 6:30 pm

Gardening Series (Adults)

Join Master Gardener, Nan Marie for this special series that will have us dreaming about Spring planting.
Thurs Mar 21 • 3-4pm

FDL Oral History Project

Record your history with us as we capture the memories and stories of our residents. Call to schedule an audio interview, which can be done by a family member or staff member and can include video.
Recordings will become part of the FDL historical collection.

The Library will be closed on Saturday, Mar 30 in observance of the holiday weekend.

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Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes*Synopsis Tuesday, February 5, 2024

*A Synopsis is a brief summary of the motions that were made at the meeting. The complete set of minutes can be viewed on the website at www.Fowlerville.org.

The Regular Village Council Meeting was called to order by President Hill at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

Trustees Present: Curtis, Heath, Helfmann, Hernden, Mayhew, and Hill
Absent: None

MOTION BY TRUSTEE MAYHEW, SECOND BY TRUSTEE CURTIS TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 5, 2024 AGENDA AS AMENDED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE HEATH, SECOND BY TRUSTEE MAYHEW TO APPROVE ITEMS 6a THROUGH 6i OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE HELFMANN, SECOND BY TRUSTEE HEATH TO AUTHORIZE THE MODIFICATION TO THE AWWA METER MULTIPLIER FOR THE FOWLerville SENIOR CENTER AND CHURCHES WITHIN THE VILLAGE AND TO ADJUST THE 4TH QUARTER 2023 AND THE 1ST QUARTER 2024 UTILITY BILLS, CREDITING THE SURPLUS FOR THE DIFFERENCE TO THE NEXT BILL. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: HELFMANN, HEATH, CURTIS, HERNDEN, MAYHEW, AND HILL. NAY: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE CURTIS, SECOND BY TRUSTEE MAYHEW TO APPROVE THE FOWLerville COMMUNITY SCHOOLS' RECREATION AGREEMENT AND THE 2024/2025 FOWLerville COMMUNITY SCHOOLS' RECREATION BUDGET. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: CURTIS, MAYHEW, HEATH, HELFMANN, HERNDEN, AND HILL. NAY: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE CURTIS, SECOND BY TRUSTEE MAYHEW TO APPOINT JAMEY HARDENBROOK TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WITH AN EXPIRING TERM OF NOVEMBER 2026. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: CURTIS, MAYHEW, HEATH, HELFMANN, HERNDEN, AND HILL. NAY: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE CURTIS, SECOND BY TRUSTEE HEATH TO REQUIRE WAKELAND OIL COMPANY TO COMPLETE AN ENVIRONMENTAL PHASE ONE STUDY SHOWING THE PROPERTY IS FREE OF CONTAMINATION BEFORE THE QUIT CLAIM DEED IS TRANSFERRED. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: CURTIS, HEATH, HELFMANN, HERNDEN, MAYHEW, HILL, NAY: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE CURTIS, SECOND BY TRUSTEE MAYHEW TO AUTHORIZE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FOWLerville AND WOLVERINE ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS, INC. FOR THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: CURTIS, MAYHEW, HEATH, HELFMANN, HERNDEN, AND HILL. NAY: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE HEATH, SECOND BY TRUSTEE MAYHEW TO APPROVE THE CONSENT WATER CONNECTION REU AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FOWLerville AND FOWLerville INVESTMENTS, LLC. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: HEATH, MAYHEW, CURTIS, HELFMANN, HERNDEN, AND HILL. NAY: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE MAYHEW, SECOND BY TRUSTEE HELFMANN TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:21 P.M. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jamie Hartman
Village Deputy Clerk
(2-25-24 FNV)

Photobook illuminates beauty of Michigan lighthouses

By Clara Lincolnhol
Capital News Service

Photographer Danielle Jorae wrote, designed and published “Lighthouses of Michigan-Lower Peninsula” to fulfill a wish of her childhood self.

“I ran across a document from when I was in kindergarten that outlined how I wanted to become an artist and a writer one day,” Jorae said. “When I found that, it was in that moment that I knew that I needed to write a book and make it with these lighthouses.”

With 129 lighthouses, Michigan has the most of any state. “Lighthouses of Michigan-Lower Peninsula” (\$29.99) features photographs and descriptions of 31 lighthouses.

Jorae, a graphic designer, took the photos, wrote the descriptions and designed each page.

“By sharing the images and sharing information about Michigan, I think that inevitably will create appreciation and bring people here,” said Jorae, who lives in Portland, north of Lansing, where she’s run a portrait photography business, Reflections Photography, since 2005.

Jorae often took her family traveling to the shores of the Great Lakes to see the lighthouses and surrounding communities, she said.

Her interest “isn’t just about visiting the lighthouses, it’s about visiting the area that they’re in as well and experiencing the location,” she said.

The structures are a significant part of Michigan’s

maritime history, said Lou Schillinger, the president of the Port Austin Reef Light Association on Lake Huron.

“We call them our castles in the lake,” Schillinger said. “They’re government buildings built very sturdily and are, by and large, 150 years old. With maintenance, they’ll be here 100 years more.”

Lighthouses have provided security and helped to grow the economy of the Great Lakes, he said. They served as visual aids for ships during the times of copper and iron ore mining, and during wartime. Each lighthouse is unique, and many are still in use, he said.

Over time, Jorae realized she wanted to make a book of the photos she had taken during her lighthouse visits.

The pictures encompass a decade of work.

She prefers to shoot photographs when the sky behind the lighthouses has a detail, like clouds, a sunrise, or a sunset. Sometimes the weather didn’t cooperate or her timing was off.

“I kept going back, rephotographing things and trying to get the perfect image,” Jorae said.

Each photograph has a story behind it.

For example, once while shooting the Tawas Point Lighthouse, in Iosco County, at dusk, she noticed the light in the beacon didn’t turn on.

People walking nearby told her the lighthouse was decommissioned. They were volunteer lighthouse keepers staying in the lighthouse for a week and taking care of it.

“I told them my story and what I was trying to accomplish, and they’re like, ‘You know what, we want to help you out,’”



The cover of a new photobook featuring many of Michigan’s lighthouses in the Lower Peninsula.

Jorae said. “So they actually went into the lighthouse, and turned on every single light in every single window they possibly could, including turning on a light in the beacon to make it look like the beacon was on.”

She got lucky. With their help, she took the perfect photo. “It just created a magical picture for me and the one that I honestly went there for,” she said.

While taking pictures of Leelanau County’s Manning Memorial Lighthouse, it was raining heavily. She and her family drove around the area, and when the rain finally stopped, a large rainbow appeared, prompting them to return to the lighthouse. They arrived in time to snap a photograph as the rainbow faded.

“I was so happy, and that image particularly is one of the first trips my husband and I took together when I started photographing these lighthouses,” Jorae said. “To this day, that picture is enlarged on a canvas and hangs in our bedroom as a sweet reminder of that journey.”

The most unique one she photographed is the Huron Lightship in Port Huron, the last operating lightship in the Great Lakes. It was retired in 1970.

Her favorite is Point Betsie near the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore on the Leelanau Peninsula. She finds not only the lighthouse itself beautiful, but the surrounding beach and nature too.

Accessibility was sometimes a challenge. She was unable to visit some lighthouses because they were on private property or reachable only by boat, she said.

She plans on publishing a second book in a few years that highlights the lighthouses of the Upper Peninsula.

Once that’s done, she’ll switch her focus to other Michigan landscapes.

“After lighthouses, I think that Michigan has a lot of other things to photograph like waterfalls,” Jorae said. “I love this place and I think there’s plenty to do here.”

Clara Lincolnhol reports for Great Lakes Echo.



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SPORTS FOR WEEK OF FEB. 26:

Mon., 2/26: GBB vs East Lansing-4:30; 7H, 8A; bus-3:30

Tues., 2/27: WRESTLING @ Charlotte-4:30; bus-3:00

WRESTLING will continue to be the only athletic event going on at FJH at the current time. Next HOME meet is the MSCAAC League meet on Saturday, March 9. Mark your calendars.

Thank you, athletes, coaches, parents, and fans for your cooperation with the FJH athletic program this season. It has been greatly appreciated.

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