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Preparing for the Drive-Through German Dinner being served on Saturday, Oct. 18th at St. John's Lutheran Church were, from left, front row, Tonya Anderson, Val Baldus, Mary Ann Peirsol, Pastor Diane Greble, Phyllis Rennells; and back row, Jim Anderson and Larry Clark.

St. John's Lutheran Church to serve German Dinner on Oct. 18th; host Randy & Marli Brown Ministry following morning

The community is invited to a Drive-Through German dinner on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. (or until meals are sold out). No meals will be served in the building; all meals will be packaged to take home and enjoy. There will also be no tickets sold; the meals will be brought out to vehicles in the parking lot line on a "first come, first served" basis. To join the line of vehicles, please take Grand River Avenue to South East Street, turn right onto Church Street and make your way to the parking lot line on the corner of Church and Maple Street to pick up meals.

The menu will include baked chicken, kielbasa and sauerkraut, German potato salad, green beans, rolls, and desserts. Prices are \$15 per person. Proceeds will support The Torch as well as mission and ministry projects.

On Sunday October 19 at 9:30 a.m., the community is also invited to be inspired and uplifted by Randy and Marli Brown as they share great music and a message of trust and faith in the God of all! Randy and Marli, who, because of their exposure to various denominations and churches of all sizes, they have become passionate about helping Christians realize their capacity for growth regarding personal worship. Over the years, Randy and Marli have noticed a common thread...the desire to connect with God on an intimate level.

Everyone is welcome at St. John's Lutheran Church, located at 132 South Benjamin Street, Fowlerville. You'll find the church at the corner of Church and Benjamin, one block south of Grand River Avenue. Worship with Holy Communion is shared every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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The Dedication Ceremony of the Charlie Gehringer Mural ended with a ribbon cutting.

Dedication ceremony held for Charlie Gehringer Mural at Centennial Park

By Steve Horton

A dedication ceremony was held on Friday, Oct 3rd for the Charlie Gehringer Mural that was painted this past summer on the north side of the Livingston EMS building overlooking the Centennial Park.

The painting depicts the Detroit Tiger great who grew up on a farm south of town in the early part of the 20th century, attended Fowlerville High School in the early 1920s, and then went on to play ball in the Major Leagues from 1924-1942. His hitting prowess, coupled with excellent fielding at second base, earned him a place in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Those in attendance included relatives of Gehringer, members of the Fowlerville Downtown Development Authority that sponsored the project, Sarah Gilbert and crew who did the painting, and numerous fans. Many were wearing specially-designed Gehringer baseball jerseys with his No. 2 or Detroit Tiger shirts and hats.

The project had been in the works for some time, but got a shot-in-the-arm when the Village won first place in the Consumers Energy Foundation’s ‘Put Your Home Town on the Map’ competition with its proposed mural of Gehringer. The prize for winning the competition was a \$25,000 grant to help cover the costs.

The Fowlerville DDA had already been working on getting permission from the Tigers’ organization to use the team’s Old English ‘D’ logo, along with securing an artist to create a design and do the painting.

The grant money was the culmination of this prior legwork, but also due to Fowlerville Village Manager Kathryn Rajala-Gutzki pitching the Gehringer mural in the application she submitted to the Consumer’s Energy Foundation earlier this year. After the application was accepted for further consideration, DDA President Steve MacDermaid took the next step by putting together a presentation that he gave before a panel of judges in June. Other communities who had made the cut also presented details of their projects during the competition.

This event took place during the Rural Partners of Michigan’s annual Small Town and Rural Development Conference held in Thompsonville.

Consumers Energy Foundation started the ‘Put Your Home



Sarah Elaine, left, was the artist who designed the mural and led her crew in painting it, while Connie Shear was the one who first presented the idea of having murals painted on available walls in the Village. Both spoke during the ceremony.

Town on the Map’ competition in 2019, with the purpose of supporting communities in Michigan with fewer than 10,000 residents.

“Consumers Energy is committed to enhancing the quality of life for our neighbors and communities,” said Brandon Hofmeister, president of the Consumers Energy Foundation. “We’re proud to invest in these initiatives that will strengthen community identity and improve public spaces.”

This background, along with a summary of Gehringer’s accomplishments, were presented during the dedication ceremony. “We’re here to do something that should have been done long ago which is to honor Charlie Gehringer,” said Steve MacDermaid at the start of the program. “He was born here in Fowlerville. He played baseball here and ended up playing for the Detroit Tigers for 19 seasons. And he was also inducted into the Hall of Fame. He did so many great things in his career.”

Kathryn Rajala-Gutzki was next up.

“Thank you so much for being here today at this very special moment in our community. It was a pleasure to do the research and write the grant for the submission of the 2025 Consumers Energy ‘Put Your Town on the Map’ competition. When we first imagined this project, we wanted more than just paint on the wall. This mural is a celebration of our history, our people, and the spirit that makes our community unique. Projects like this do not happen alone. It takes vision, collaboration, and support. This mural stands as a reminder of what we can do together. It’s not just about the past, it’s not about the future. It invites us to keep imagining, keep building, and keep working together to make our community stronger and more vibrant. I would like to share a portion of the grant with you. One of the requirements was you had to produce a pitch. The pitch I submitted was “Let’s step up to the plate, pitch this together and Grand Slam this community project.” And I think we did just that.”

Connie Shear, the Handy Township treasurer who serves on the DDA Board, was the one who first presented the idea of painting murals on the side of walls where available in the Village and had been working on bringing this idea to fruition during the past few years. She talked about that and the project, itself, in her remarks.

“The DDA board already had a vision of doing something special in this town to honor Charlie Gehringer as our most famous resident and spectacular Detroit Tiger. So when we came up with the idea of doing some murals in our town, we decided to put these two things together and have the first mural honoring Charlie Gehringer. It’s been a process and



Attending the Dedication Ceremony were, from left, Steve MacDermaid, president of the Fowlerville Downtown Development Authority; Mindy Bradish-Orta, Consumers Energy Community Affairs Manager; and Dawn Horton, member of the Downtown Development Authority.



Kathryn Rajala-Gutzki, the Village manager of Fowlerville, submitted the Charlie Gehringer Mural for consideration in the Consumers Energy Foundation ‘Put Your Home Town on the Map’. Her application and the ensuing presentation by Steve MacDermaid resulted in Fowlerville receiving a \$25,000 grant for the project.

quite a learning curve, but today it was worth it”.

Shear then introduced Sarah Elaine, the artist.

“I met her one day in my office and I told her about this project,” said Shear. “From the get go, she had lots of excitement, a million ideas, and a boatload of enthusiasm. Our conversation began about what we’re gonna do with this great wall. Our goal in creating this mural is that we wanted it to tell a story. So, the first frame obviously represents that Charlie is from Fowlerville, our town. And the last frame represents that he made it all the way to the Tigers and he became a Hall of Famer. But that middle frame was a bugger, and we lost some sleep over that one. But at the end of the day, we wanted the mural to be more than a tribute. We wanted it to be inspirational as well. And that’s how we came up with the saying “Small Town, Big Dreams.”

In her comments, Sarah Elaine began by noting that “It’s been a couple of years in the making, but it’s so awesome to see it finally up on the wall. None of this could have happened without such a great team.”

She then introduced her crew and also thanked several people who had lent equipment or otherwise aided the painting.

Also addressing the crowd was Mindy Bradish-Orta, the Community Affairs Manager for Consumers Energy.

“On behalf of the Consumers Energy Foundation, we’re so excited and honored to be invited to participate with you today. The ‘Put Your Town On The Map’ competition truly is an opportunity for small communities to make their big dreams come true, whether it’s through promoting tourism or creating spaces for the community to gather as well as enhancing that community side and community image. These are the types of projects that Consumers Energy Foundation and ‘Put Your Town on the Map’ competition likes to support.

“As you may know, our hometown for Consumers Energy is in Jackson. If you’ve been to Jackson, you know that we like our murals. We love seeing art come to life for the community to honor and celebrate. And Charlie Gehringer, being the person that you’re choosing to honor here just speaks to your commitment, your tenacity, your drive and teamwork to pull something like this off.

“My son, he’s 13, and he plays second base. He’s actually played here (in Fowlerville) many times. We’re not from the community, but we travel. And I love this community. I work here, I come to play here. And, you know, my son has big dreams. Maybe not to be with the Tigers one day, but to be a professional, to continue playing sports and this type of statement in any size town is going to help everybody—from these little kids to the older generation--realize that. Just keep trying, stick with it. Anyone can do what they want if they have a dream and the team around them to collaborate and support them. And it’s so obvious from the few comments we’ve heard about how you’ve come together to make this dream come true. So, the Consumer’s Energy Foundation is just honored and so excited that this is what came of all your hard work and our little bit of support. Thank you.”

The final speaker was Matt Friedman, a member of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame.

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Members of the crew that painted the Mural were, from left, front row, Tina Tagle and Nona Zink; middle row, Amanda Johnson, Connie Shear (who helped spearhead the project as a DDA member), Sarah Elaine (the main artist), Emily Sawlewsky, Angelina Fountain; and back row, Trent, Bob, and Mark.

Dedication ceremony held for Charlie Gehringer Mural, continued

He talked about the organization and what it does, provided highlights of Gehringer’s career, and announced that the Gehringer plaque he’d brought would be given to the Village in the future.

“If you’re not familiar with the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame, we are the oldest state Sports Hall of Fame in the country, founded in 1955. In our first class, we inducted people from the early part of the 20th century who you’ve heard off—Joe Lewis, Ty Cobb, and Fritz Chrysler. Once we got them out of the way, my predecessors had to get down to business and say, okay, who are the all time greats from the period of time just before the Hall of Fame was established. And in that first class in 1956, without having to start from scratch, that’s when we inducted Charlie Gehringer. That’s how special he is to sports in the state of Michigan. He was inducted in our second year. That means he’s one of the first people anywhere in the country to be inducted into a state sports Hall of fame. That’s pretty amazing.

“So where is the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame? I get asked that all the time, but once upon a time we had plaques on display at Cobo Hall in downtown Detroit. If you ever got lost on the way to the bathroom at the auto show, you might have seen the plaques. When they re-did Cobo, we took the plaques and we weren’t really sure what to do with them. And somebody had a brilliant idea. And that is the plaques should be displayed around the state to honor the people where they excelled, where they were born, or where they really made an impact. So, over the last 10 years or so, gradually one by one or in some cases in small groups, we’ve been getting the plaques out around the state.

“I’m happy to say I brought this plaque with me for all of you to look at. I’m (also) happy to announce there are conversations going on between the Village and the Hall of Fame for this plaque to have a long term home here in Fowlerville. It doesn’t have to be in a warehouse anymore. It can be out in a place where people can enjoy it, take pictures with it, and appreciate it. And so I look forward, I hope if we can just get some lawyers to agree on some minor things.



Steve MacDermaid, left, president of the Fowlerville Downtown Development Authority, and Matt Friedman, a member of the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. They show off the plaque of Charlie Gehringer that’s part of the Hall of Fame and is expected to be put on display at the Park.



Members of the Fowlerville Downtown Development Authority which sponsored the project were, from left, Karl Witt, Bryan Blatter, Carol Hill, Dawn Horton, Aleta Kadletz, Paul Harmon, Reggie Talbot, Steve MacDermaid, David Palan, and Connie Shear.



The three-panel mural celebrating Charlie Gehringer was in the background as Steve MacDermaid spoke during the program.



Father and son duo Roy and Karl Witt were in attendance.

“I can’t represent a Hall of Fame without bringing you some kind of statistic. I feel I’m obligated to do that. So I look through the statistics that are on the plaque and there are some that did not exist in 1956 that are widely considered relevant today. And one of ‘em is called WAR (Wins Against Replacement). Basically what it does is it measures how many wins a team has because you have a great player and not just an average player. And according to the math geeks, Charlie Gehringer was responsible for almost 85 wins by himself through the Tigers versus if they had just had an average player at his position. How does that stack up? What does that number mean? Well, guys who played a lot after him have lower numbers. Guys like Joe Dimaggio, Ken Griffey Jr., Pedro Martinez, and Justin Verlander. All time greats, Hall of Famers or future Hall of Famers. All of them all met less of their team in terms of winning than Charlie Gehringer. That is amazing. That’s why we’re honoring him here today. And that’s why he’ll be honored as part of the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame.”

MacDermaid ended the program by noting there were Gehringer family members who were in attendance and that some of them had brought some wonderful memorabilia from years ago, highlighting Charlie’s career and achievements.

He finished by saying “I just want to thank everybody for coming out today and celebrating this with us. I am just overjoyed with the beauty of what this has done for this park, for this town, for the community, and for everybody involved. Because when I look at it and the picture that was taken when it was a plain brown wall, this is definitely something that has put a lot of life back into the community and into this park. There’ll be kids playing basketball and families walking around for years that are going to enjoy this mural. We’re so excited that we were lucky enough to get this grant and all of the teamwork that went into getting to this special day.”

A ribbon cutting was then held by the DDA and Painting Crew to officially dedicate the mural.



Attending the ceremony were relatives of Charles Gehringer. They included great-nephews Dennis Gehringer, Roger Rockhold, Ed Latson, and Harland Latson; great-great nephews/niece Brian Winegar, Ed Lybrink, Melanie Szczepanski, and Mike Grimm; and many others.



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JV Volleyball

Josie Ratliff - Josie is a sophomore captain on this year's JV Volleyball team. This season, she has been focusing on the defensive specialist position where she is making it incredibly tough for opponents to score. Josie is a great lead by example teammate, always willing to do what is best for the team and brings a positive, yet calming energy to both practices and games. Best of luck this season, Josie!

Piper Wilkins - Piper is a sophomore outside on this year's JV Volleyball team. As a versatile and crafty player, she brings whatever the team needs most that night, whether it is offensive or defensive hustle. One of Piper's strong suits is her service pressure where she can put teams in difficult positions to send the ball back over the net while collecting many aces. Best of luck this season, Piper!

Ella Homrock - Ella is a freshman this season on the JV Volleyball team. As another captain, she is one of the strongest vocal leaders on and off the court. Ella's positivity and work ethic is contagious and as the libero, she is one of the anchors of our defense with her passing and aggressive serve receive. She has a tough, consistent serve that scores points for the team, as well. Best of luck this season, Ella!

JUD'S FOOTBALL FORECAST

THURSDAY, OCT. 16
Pittsburgh 28 at Cincinnati 24

SUNDAY, OCT. 19
LA Rams 27 at Jacksonville 31
New Orleans 21 at Chicago 28
Miami 28 at Cleveland 17
New England 27 at Tennessee 21
Las Vegas 24 at Kansas City 28
Philadelphia 28 at Minnesota 21

Carolina 21 at NY Jets 17
NY Giants 24 at Denver 28
Indianapolis 24 at LA Chargers 28
Washington 31 at Dallas 24
Green Bay 28 at Arizona 24
Atlanta 24 at San Francisco 28

MONDAY, OCT. 20
Tampa Bay 23 at Detroit 34
Houston 24 at Seattle 21

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What do you strive for? Where do you find hope?

By Jace Arledge

What is the end you hope for? Do you set your sights on the end destination or the journey to get there?

I'm sure you have heard it said, "The journey was half the fun" or "What a wild ride." That's when you know that there will be NO regrets in the end. Even better are those who travel that road alongside of you to share in that journey. Makes it even more special.

So, which is it for you? If you experience any hard times during this journey, where do you find hope? Do you even think about hope or are you just hanging on with anxiety and depression?

Getting older opens your eyes to many things. It brings questions that at 40 when they came up, I would tell myself "I'll get to it some other time." I am now faced with that "some other time" and to be quite honest, it's a scary place to be. I have concluded that my faith is what sustains me. Yet I find myself in a quandary currently as times are so uncertain for many of us. Each of us isn't going through the same, but we ALL are going through something, and without faith and hope, I am afraid things would be so much different.



Jud Scott

So, you may ask, 'Jace where do you get your hope from? How do you face every day with the feeling that everything is going to be just fine?' Well first, my life isn't that perfect, so I struggle, a lot!! But I find that gladness comes from hope in Jesus. Now, I know, stop pushing your agenda on me, I don't care to hear about no "sky daddy" that doesn't care about what's happening because if they did, we wouldn't be going through what's happening!!

Let's look at that for a minute...

There are several complex and interwoven reasons why people feel that God doesn't help, including personal experiences of suffering, philosophical and theological questions, and psychological factors related to faith and disappointment.

I find that one of the most persistent and classic challenges to belief in God is the problem of evil. This philosophical and theological issue questions how an all-powerful (omnipotent), all-knowing (omniscient), and all-good (omnibenevolent) God can coexist with the existence of evil and suffering

in the world. But we know who and why there is evil, it has nothing to do with God, it was the envy of those who didn't want to serve "mere humans". But that's for a different time!

I mean if God is so powerful, then why do they ALLOW evil? They must not care that much OR they don't possess all three of those qualities mentioned above. You have heard of unanswered prayers, right? Garth Brooks had a big hit song about it in the 1990's, where he talks about asking to be with this one girl but then it doesn't end up happening and he finds someone else, to where he concludes that God DID in fact answer his prayer, by staying silent!! OOOOOHHHHH that's not what we want though is it? We want an answer, a complete one, not the silent treatment and guessing game. And we want it NOW!! Just like Veruca Salt from Willie Wonka, you know "I want it NOW Daddy!!"

But see that's not how this works, that's not how any of this works.

A person's perception of God can significantly influence how they interpret life's difficulties. Some people may view God as a kind of cosmic genie who grants every request, leading to disappointment when this is not the case. I believe this is how many of us think of God. God exists in this world where there is suffering and beyond our comprehension, we can't understand why suffering happens, as it is way above our paygrade. There are some who believe that through suffering, there is peace and understanding to be found, leading to a closer relationship with God and others. Our inability to discern a reason that bad things happen doesn't mean there isn't a good reason that it does. I can think back to 9/11, stories people told about fender benders they were in or the line at the coffee shop kept them from being on time to work, but they still were alive. So that "bad" thing at the time, turned out to be a blessing in disguise, right?

I look at the Book of Job, now in my education on scripture, I take the understanding that Job was not a real person but a literary piece to explore themes of suffering and justice, like parables Jesus told many times. Yet the lesson of Job, oh my friends, if I could have a fingernail sliver of the faith and hope showed by Job, I believe my life would be totally different. My circumstances aren't a fourth of the problems that were faced by Job. He lost EVERYTHING, he became ill and yet he STILL believed in the goodness of God. That he would be delivered... Man to have that much hope, that much confidence that things are going to be just fine. I'm a work in progress. How about you?

That takes me back to my question... What do you strive for and where is your hope?

In Psalm 33:13-22 we see that in adversity and challenges don't look at how big they are, instead look at how big your hope in someone who can delete those things is. If you can do this, you will certainly find security and peace in the most challenging of times. I promise you. Remember in scripture we hear Jesus say

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."
Taken from The Message.

For anyone who struggles with reading the Bible and/or understanding the words, let me suggest getting a copy of The Message, it's a bit easier to understand the beauty there is in the word.

Continue to be kind and loving my friends, don't be afraid, you were made for this!!

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Oct 15 Full Day – Parent Teacher Conferences
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Oct 20 NO School
Oct 22 College Fair
Oct 23 Full Day – Parent Teacher Conferences
5:00 -7:30
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Details:

Test Date: Thursday, November 6th 7:30-9:30
Score Interpretation: Tuesday, December 16th 7:30-8:30
Testing will take place on student chromebooks
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College Application Month: October

In observance of College Application Month, Fowlerville High School is Proud to announce a Mini College Fair on October 22. Representatives from 2/4 year universities, community colleges, trades, military, and the State of Michigan financial aid/scholarship office will be available. All seniors will attend a scheduled time and interested juniors will be able to “drop-in” during their lunch.

Many other events will take place during the month to focus on students’ planning for after graduation. Seniors have already met with the counseling department to review support resources, begin the FAFSA, applications procedures and graduation. The Class of 2026 Google Classroom contains this presentation as well as all resources. Parents/guardians are encouraged to work with their seniors to access these resources as they plan their next steps.



Student of the Week—Brayden Packer

Brayden Packer, a senior at Fowlerville High School, is a standout student-athlete who embodies dedication and excellence. As a member of the Varsity Football, Wrestling, and Track & Field teams, Brayden consistently demonstrates competitiveness, leadership, and sportsmanship. In addition to his athletic accomplishments, he contributes to the Sports Broadcasting Staff and is always willing to go above and beyond. Known for his courteous and hardworking nature, Brayden continually strives to improve and is a true example of a Gladiator.

Crash on westbound I-96 at Mason

Road claims life of local man

A 49-year-old Fowlerville man suffered fatal injuries in a traffic accident that occurred on westbound I-96 at Mason Road in Howell last Monday, Oct. 6th. According to a release from the Michigan State Police, troopers from the Brighton Post responded to the accident at about 1:45 p.m.

The preliminary investigation indicates that a 2025 Kenworth semi-truck with a trailer, driven by a 39-year-old man from Jalisco, Mexico, was heading west on I-96 when the driver slowed the vehicle and then came to a complete stop because of traffic congestion. A 2019 Dodge Ram, driven by the Fowlerville man, hit the rear of the semi-truck. The driver was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The driver of the semi-truck was not injured. His passenger, a 42-year-old man from Jalisco, Mexico, was in the cab of the semi-truck, and was thrown from the bunk area; he sustained minor injuries.

According to the release, alcohol or drugs do not appear to be factors in the crash. The investigation is ongoing.

Troopers were assisted on scene by the Livingston County Sheriff’s Office, Livingston County EMS, and the Howell Area Fire Department.

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Public Notice: Greenwood Cemetery Fall Clean-Up

As a reminder, the Annual Fall Clean-Up at Greenwood Cemetery will begin on **Monday, October 13, 2025, weather permitting**. Families are responsible for removing **all items**, including those they wish to keep, **before the start of the clean-up**. This will allow for effective leaf removal and general debris clean-up.

Please note: Beginning at **7:00 AM on Monday, October 13, 2025**, any remaining items **will be removed**. This includes, but is not limited to, lawn ornaments, shepherd’s hooks, solar lights, and decorative items.

- **Removed items** may be retrieved within **two (2) weeks** following the clean-up.
- **Flowers and artificial arrangements** will be **disposed of immediately**.
- **Unclaimed items** will be **discarded after October 27, 2025**.

To retrieve removed items, please **contact the Village Offices to schedule an appointment**.

Families may begin placing **seasonal decorations, lawn ornaments, grave blankets, and wreaths** on graves starting **Monday, November 24, 2025**. These items will remain in place until Spring Clean-Up 2026.

Thank you for your continued efforts and patience during the maintenance and beautification of Greenwood Cemetery.

Jamie Hartman
Village Clerk
(10-5 & 10-12-25 FNV)



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Prime Corner Lot! Nice 2.75 acre parcel zoned Neighborhood Service Commercial, perk & survey completed and ready for your development. Large range of permitted uses including professional & business office, retail establishments or service oriented. Ready for your new business adventure with natural gas at the road & great location. \$120,000

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian D. Powell, an unmarried man, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated October 30, 2009 and recorded November 13, 2009 in Instrument Number 2009R-030910 Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank, National Association, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Nine and 55/100 Dollars (\$196,579.55).

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 venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Livingston County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on NOVEMBER 5, 2025.

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

Parcel 17-A: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 3 North, Range 6 East, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 34; thence due North along the West line of said Section, 820.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 55 seconds East, 334.61 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described; thence North 00 degrees 03 minutes 51 seconds West 1317.72 feet to the centerline of Blaine Road; thence South 86 degrees 13 minutes 11 seconds East, along said centerline 424.96 feet; thence South 03 degrees 46 minutes 49 seconds West 446.79 feet; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 55 seconds West 36.94 feet; thence due South 847.32 feet; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 55 seconds West, 356.18 feet to the point of beginning. Including an undivided 1/20 interest as tenant-in-common in and to the following described parcel, known as the Commons Area: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 3 North, Range 6 East, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 34, thence due North, along the West line of said Section, 2,156.80 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described; thence continuing due North, along said line, 375.43 feet to a point referred to as Traverse Point A; thence continued due North 17 feet, more or less, to the shoreline of Long Lake; thence Northeasterly along said shoreline, 150 feet, more or less; thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes 58 seconds East 11 feet, more or less, to Traverse Point B, said point bearing North 43 degrees 01 minutes 31 seconds East 172.95 feet from Traverse Point A; thence continuing South 89 degrees 35 minutes 58 seconds East 325.16 feet; thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 14 seconds West 203.23 feet; thence North 89 degrees 36 minutes 42 seconds West 50.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 02 minutes 14 seconds West 130.24 feet; thence North 89 degrees 36 minutes 42 seconds West 245.01 feet; thence South 00 degrees 03 minutes 14 seconds West 177.88 feet to the centerline of Blaine Road; thence North 86 degrees 13 minutes 11 seconds West along said centerline, 148.01 feet to the point of beginning.

11082 Blaine Rd, Brighton, Michigan 48114

The redemption period shall be 12 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: October 5, 2025

File No. 25-012760

Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC

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

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(10-05)(10-26)

(10-5, 10-12, 10-19 & 10-26-25 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 October 29, 2025. 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): Jason Vardon and Lara L. Vardon, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: James B. Nutter and Company, NMLS # 2067

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

Date of Mortgage: June 14, 2013

Date of Mortgage Recording: August 19, 2013

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$206,439.97

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Tyrone, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Township of Tyrone, County of Livingston, State of Michigan:

Land in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 4 North, Range 6 East, described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the North and South 1/4 line of Section 23, which is North 89 degrees 45 minutes East 1327.99 feet and North 89 degrees 18 minutes 30 seconds East, 1333.91 feet along the East and West 1/4 line of Section 23 to the center of Section 23 and North 00 degrees 09 minutes 55 seconds East, 694.84 feet from the West 1/4 corner of Section 23; thence South 89 degrees 27 minutes 10 seconds West, 666.96 feet; thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 55 seconds East, 165 feet; thence North 89 degrees 27 minutes 10 seconds East, 666.96 feet to the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 23; thence South 00 degrees 09 minutes 55 seconds West, 165 feet to the point of beginning.

Together with and subject to a non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 23, Town 4 North, Range 6 East, which is North 00 degrees 09 minutes 55 seconds East, 866.09 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said Section 23; thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 55 seconds East along said West line 66 feet; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 05 seconds East, 288.59 feet; thence South 60 degrees 39 minutes East, 439.55 feet; thence North 89 degrees 27 minutes 10 seconds East, 1222.14 feet; thence North 00 degrees 32 minutes 50 seconds West, 42 feet; thence North 89 degrees 27 minutes 10 seconds East, 150 feet; thence North 00 degrees 32 minutes 50 seconds West, 42 feet; thence South 89 degrees 27 minutes 10 seconds West, 1239.76 feet; thence North 60 degrees 39 minutes West, 440 feet; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 05 seconds West, 271.41 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 12239 Great Oaks Dr, Fenton, MI 48430-9510

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: September 21, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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.

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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 certain mortgage made by Melody J. Dennis, widow, and Alan D. Marshall, married to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as Nominee for Polaris Home Funding Corp., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 31, 2011, and recorded on April 12, 2011, as Document Number: 2011R-010580, Livingston County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated October 11, 2023 and recorded October 12, 2023 by Document Number: 2023R-018964, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Eighteen and 99/100 (\$185,618.99) including interest at the rate of 4.00000% per annum.*

Said premises are situated in the Township of UNADILLA, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: PARCEL 5: A part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 11, T1N, R3E, Unadilla Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 11; thence Due West, 1336.75 feet along the centerline of Spears Road, said line also being the South section line of said Section 11; thence North 01 degrees 10 minutes 25 seconds West, 811.49 feet along the centerline of Donohue Road to the point of beginning of the Parcel to be described; thence continuing North 01 degree 10 minutes 25 seconds West 183.72 feet along the centerline of Donohue Road; thence North 89 degrees 39 minutes 15 seconds East, 1310.30 feet; thence South 02 degrees 40 minutes 30 seconds East, 191.90 feet; thence Due West, 1315.47 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 17301 DONOHUE RD, PINCKNEY, MI 48169

If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 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. *Modified by a loan modification dated February 11, 2014 and recorded February 25, 2014 as Document Number 2014R-004583, Livingston County Records. *Modified by a loan modification dated March 16, 2016 and recorded April 6, 2016 as Document Number 2016R-009640, Livingston County Records. *Modified by a loan modification dated January 24, 2017 and recorded February 8, 2017 as Document Number 2017R-004148, Livingston County Records. *Modified by a loan modification dated June 18, 2022 and recorded June 27, 2022 as Document Number 2022R-017984, Livingston County Records.

Dated: September 28, 2025

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.

Attorneys for Carrington Mortgage Services LLC

43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180,

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302,

(248) 335-9200

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

Case No. 20MI00364-2

(09-28)(10-19)

(9-28, 10-5, 10-12 & 10-19-25 FNV)



Apprenticeship Wall provides information to FHS students

Recently Fowlerville High School was awarded a grant that allows the staff to better support students that are interested in the trades. Our new Apprenticeship Wall contains information on 16 different unions each with five or more career fields. In total, over 60 trade fields are represented. Each Labor Union has two QR codes that lead students to resources that include a wide range of information on the career field such as what the career entails, wage and benefit programs, as well as how to get involved and seek additional training through a registered apprenticeship.

Fowlerville High School is proud to offer these resources to our students as we know the trades are the backbone of our economy. The Apprenticeship Wall is located in the main hallway between the cafeteria and school store. Community members that wish to “tour” the wall and its resources are welcome to visit during parent teacher conferences on October 15th from 5:00-7:30. Mr. Hardenbrook will be on hand to answer any questions.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jason G Johnson, a single person

Original Mortgagee: Wells Fargo Bank, NA

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2023-A
Date of Mortgage: January 23, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: January 31, 2017

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$306,273.98

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Brighton, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Unit 35, The Dominion, a condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2481, Page 694, Livingston County Records, and any amendments thereto, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 161, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Common street address (if any): 4153 Wyndham Pt, Brighton, MI 48114-4987

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: October 12, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

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(10-12)(11-02)

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under Section 3212 of the Revised Judiciary 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 A.M., on November 5, 2025.

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.

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Joshua S. Caine a/k/a Joshua Scott Caine, a single man, ("Mortgagor"), gave a mortgage to Michigan Schools and Government Credit Union, ("Mortgagee"), dated September 1, 2022, and recorded on September 15, 2022, in Document No. 2022R-024843, Livingston County Records, Michigan. On the date of this notice, there is claimed to be due the principal of Ninty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and 94/100 Dollars (\$98,551.94) plus accrued interest at 5.50% per annum. 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 the place of holding in the circuit court within Livingston County, Michigan @ 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, November 5, 2025.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Marion, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and are described as: Lot 91, Sundance Meadows Subdivision No. 3, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 39 of Plats, Page(s) 38-44, Livingston County Records. Commonly: 2214 White Hawk Trail, Howell, MI 48843—Tax Id #4710-27-202-091

The redemption period shall be six 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 a foreclosure sale, under Section 600.3278 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: September 28, 2025

Michigan Schools and Government Credit Union, Mortgagee

Holzman Law, PLLC

By: Charles J. Holzman Attorney for Mortgagee

28366 Franklin Road Southfield, Michigan 48034

(248)352-4340

(09-28)(10-26)

(9-28, 10-5, 10-12, 10-19 & 10-26-25 FNV)

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul S. Zaccagni and Michele R. Merdianian aka Michele R. Zaccagni, husband and wife, to National City Bank, Mortgagee, dated December 19, 2005 and recorded January 17, 2006 in Liber 5016, Page 752 and Loan Modification Agreement recorded on January 15, 2019, in Instrument Number 2019R-001185, Livingston County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Eight and 10/100 Dollars (\$295,138.10).

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 venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Livingston County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on NOVEMBER 19, 2025.

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

Being Lot Number 248 in Pine Creek Ridge Subdivision Number 6 as shown in the recorded plat/map thereof in Plat Book 38 Page 15 of Livingston County Records.

5953 Hartford Way, Brighton, Michigan 48116

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: October 12, 2025

File No. 25-012605

Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC

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

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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Michigan House Report

By State Rep.
Jason Woolford,
50th District

Michigan passed a state budget

I recently voted to approve the state budget, which cuts government waste and focuses investments on what truly matters for families, seniors, and students. This budget eliminates state taxes on tips, overtime pay, and Social Security income, helping more than half a million Michiganders keep more of what they earn. We also eliminated 2,000 ghost government employee positions, saving millions that can now be redirected to critical priorities like education and infrastructure.

The budget includes \$26 million in funding for Selfridge Air National Guard Base which is a vital step to strengthen our military presence and create good-paying jobs in our community. I also fought hard to require upgrades to Bridge cards with chip technology, ensuring taxpayer dollars are protected and benefits go only to the families who truly need them. This common-sense reform puts taxpayers first and guarantees our resources are invested wisely.

Additionally, this budget delivers record funding for our schools, increasing the per-student investment and providing equal support for cyber school students.

This budget delivers meaningful benefits to taxpayers, workers, seniors, and students. Through reducing waste, strengthening our military, and investing significantly in education, we are building a stronger foundation for Michigan’s future.

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Securing \$1 million for Devereaux American Legion Post 141

Recently, I led the effort to secure \$1 million in state funding for critical upgrades at Devereaux American Legion Post 141 which is a facility that serves as much more than just a building. For many, it is a lifeline.

Post 141 is the only veterans service organization in the district open every day of the year, and offers free meals on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter, as well as weekly \$5 community dinners that are free for those who cannot afford to pay. Yet, despite the tremendous work being done, the post has struggled with limited space, forcing organizers to turn

away veterans and families who need help.

This new funding will allow the Devereaux American Legion Post to relocate and expand its kitchen, greatly increasing the number of meals served and ensuring Post 141 can meet demand year-round. We need to make sure no one who served this country is left behind.

Post 141 is more than a veterans’ hall; it is a true community gathering place. We proudly serve veterans, but we also welcome theater groups, quilting clubs, the firefighters’ union, Boy Scouts, and active-duty military for training and family events. This grant helps ensure that Post 141 continues to be a space where people come together, build connections, and support one another, no matter their background.

Supporting our veterans is one of the most important responsibilities we have. I am honored to have delivered this investment to the community, and I’m committed to continuing to fight for the people who have given so much to all of us.

As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions or input you would like to share. You can call my office at (517) 373-3906 or email me at JasonWoolford@House.MI.Gov.

Fowlerville Elementary School News

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

School Hours: 8:50 am – 3:32 pm

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 13-17 – Book Fair

October 15 – Parent Teacher Conferences 5-7:30

October 20 – NO SCHOOL (Teacher Professional Development)

October 23 – Half Day (Dismissal Times 12:02) Parent Teacher Conferences 12:45-3:15 & 5-7:30

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Parents please remember to keep an extra pair of clothes in your child’s backpack for spills, accidents, etc.

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DONATIONS:

We are in need of pants and underwear for girls and boys sizes 4T up to size 8. If you are able to drop any items off to the office it would be greatly appreciated!

Michigan DNR Fishing Tip—

Inland lakes good place

For ‘big’ smallmouth bass

Don’t overlook inland lakes for big smallmouth bass. As water temps drop into the 50s, smallmouth bass feed aggressively to bulk up for winter. Focus on rocky points, drop-offs, and the edges of dying weed beds using jerkbaits, tube jigs, or drop-shot rigs. Midday warmth can spark feeding activity, especially on sunny days.

Livingston County MEA-Retired to meet on Oct. 21st in Howell

Livingston County MEA-Retired will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 21st at 10:30am in the MEA office, 2566 Grand River, Howell. Our speaker, Kathy Lester, will be presenting information on censorship. All retired school personnel are welcome.



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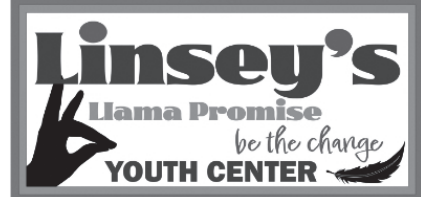
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October Dates

- **Wed. October 8th- Football Things**
- **Wed. October 22nd**

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9-12th grades

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Fowlerville’s “Team 100” came away with its third victory of the season over Lansing Eastern 22-8

By Bill Call

The Fowlerville Varsity Football Team traveled to the Lansing Eastern Quakers’ field on Friday, Oct. 3rd for the seventh meeting between the two schools. The Gladiators have been victorious in all of those games. This time around the score was 22-8.

The Gladiators were playing without two of their outstanding players: two-way starter Landon Aeschliman and quarterback Sam Shrader is out with an ankle injury. Replacing Sam was second team QB Cody Cruz, who was able to lead the Gladiators to victory. For the first time this season, “Team 100” turned away from being a passing team to a ground-control team.

The Quakers were able to score on the opening drive, taking an early lead of 8-0. The Gladiators came back in the second quarter on a 3-yard run by Dylan Soli and a 2-point conversion by Erik Helminen to tie the score at 8 each going into half time. After intermission, the Glads scored their touchdown on a 65-yard run by Jacob Hardies, with Tyler Jones kicking the extra point. This made the score Fowlerville 15, Lansing Eastern 8. In the fourth quarter Glads were once again able to score, this time on a 5-yard run by Erik Helminen. Tyler Jones then put the ball through the uprights for the extra point, making the score 22-8 and that is how the game ended.

As a team, Fowlerville rushed 39 times for a net gain of 268 yards. The majority of the yards were gained by Jacob Hardies on 12 rushes for a net gain of 125 yards and 1 touchdown. Cody Cruz also carried the ball 13 times for 63 yards gained. Dylan Soli carried the ball 8 times for 47 yards and a touchdown, and Erik Helminen carried the ball 6 times for 31 yards and a touchdown. Cruz, meanwhile, tried 5 passes completing 1 to Erik Helminen for 11 yards.

On defense the Gladiators had 37 solo tackles with 43 assists. Braylon Parker led the team with 6 solo tackles, followed by Jacob Hardies with 4 solo tackles and 2 assists for a total of 6. Erik Helminen and Cornell Hardenbrook each had 5 total tackles.

Fowlerville’s record now stands at 3 victories and 3 losses, with 3 games left in the season. The next game was with Mason this past Friday, Oct. 10, at home. Mason also entered the game at 3-3 for the year, so this looked to be an interesting game.

The eighth game will be against Cheboygan High School, nicknamed the “Chiefs”. This is the first meeting between the two schools in football. This is a home game and is being played on Saturday, Oct. 18, at Central Michigan University Field House, Mount Pleasant, at 2:30pm. The JV Team will be playing earlier in the day, starting at noon, at the same location. On Oct. 24th, Fowlerville will be back at Brigham Stadium to play Charlotte at 7:00 pm.

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

October 2
12:51 p.m.--Personal injury accident on E I-96 in Handy Township.
October 3
NO CALLS
October 4
1:09 a.m.--Medical response on W Lovejoy Rd in Conway Township.
3:43 p.m.--Electrical hazard on Fowlerville Rd in Handy Township.
6:59 p.m.--Odor investigation on W Grand River Ave in Handy Township.
October 5
5:54 p.m.--Grass fire on Stow Rd in Handy Township.
6:17 p.m.--Smoke alarm investigation on Crofoot Rd in Conway Township.
7:31 p.m.--Assist Livingston County EMS on Jordan River Dr in Handy Township.
9:46 p.m.--Medical response on Dailey Ct in the Village.
9:49 p.m.--Medical response on N Grand Ave in the Village.
October 6
12:13 p.m.--Medical response on E I-96 in Handy Township.
1:36 p.m.--Medical response on Alans Dr in Handy Township.
3:47 p.m.--Grass fire on Nicholson Rd in Conway Township.
7:06 p.m.--Odor investigation on W Grand River Ave in the Village.
October 7
NO CALLS
October 8
12:09 a.m.--Electrical hazard on N Grand Ave in the Village.
6:41 p.m.--Structure fire on Fowlerville Rd in Conway Township.

‘Hogwarts at the Howell Nature Center’ to be held Saturday, Oct. 18th

All witches and warlocks are invited to experience the magic of Hogwarts at the Howell Nature Center. You will meet owls and other “magical beasts”, enjoy magical crafts, and create potions. Guests are encouraged to dress up in their house robes or as their favorite character! General Admission: \$18.00 Member Admission: \$15.00 Pre-registration is required. Ages 5+ Meet us in Pineview Lodge. Event is 5-7pm. For questions, call (517)546-0249 or visit <https://www.howellnaturecenter.org/events/#events>



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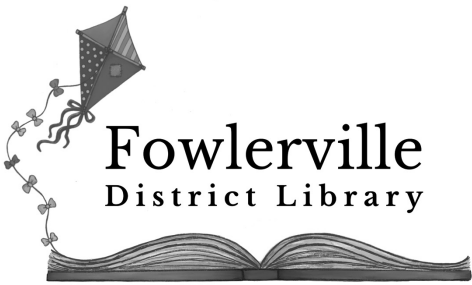
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 Saturday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; Sunday: Closed

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

KIDS & FAMILY

Homeschool Hangout

This is a fun drop-in program for homeschoolers to connect with one another over games and activities. Each session includes a STEAM activity. Wed, Oct 15 ● 1-2pm

Family Storytime (Ages 1-5)

For families with “littles” to learn, play and grow through a variety of stories, songs, rhymes, movements, and activities. Playtime and crafts included! Tues ● 10-11am

Toddler Storytime (Ages 0-3)

A storytime for the “littlest littles” to learn, play, and grow through a variety of stories, songs, rhymes and movements that appeal to short attention spans. Wed ● 10-11am

Spark Club (Ages 10-13)

Find your spark in a variety of creative ways. This program is just for pre-teens, sorry no younger sibs. First up is DIY Fake Wounds, just in time for Halloween. Sat. Oct 25 ● 2-3pm

Kids Club (Ages 6-12)

All the fun of Lego Club, but with more! Now you can play a game, complete a craft or activity, and still build with your favorite bricks. Will resume on Thurs Oct. 16 ● 4pm

RC Monster Mash (Ages 8-12)

Bring your own or use one of our RC vehicles for an exciting hour of races, skills test, and free driving on the north side parking lot, weather permitting. In the case of rain, we will move indoors. Thurs. Oct 30 ● 2:30-3:30pm

Graphic Novel Book Club

Read the book and then come to discuss it. Snacks provided. Books are available at the front desk and are yours to keep. We will be discussing I SURVIVED HURRICANE KATRINA by Lauren Tarshis. Mon, Oct 27 ● 4pm

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.

Reading Dragons (All Ages)

Game on! Read to earn creature cards to collect and play games! Can you collect them all? Stop by the library to grab a reading log and a starter set to begin your adventure.

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Sensory Playtime (Ages 2-5)

This is a drop-in playtime filled with unstructured, sensory fun! Watch your littles use their imaginations to turn everyday things into toys. Caregiver supervision is required. Friday, Oct. 17 ● 10-11am

TEENS

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 ● 2:30-5pm

Maker Space Open House (All Ages)

Join us in for a Maker’s Space Open House. Connor will be on hand to help with the 3D Printer and Glowforge. What will you create? Tues ● 4-5pm

Origami (Teens 13+)

Learn or practice your origami skills. Instructions will be available, all levels of skill are welcome. Thurs Nov 6 ● 3-4pm

Throwback Thursday at the Movies (Teens Age 13+)

Screenings of movies from before the turn of the millennium. Pizza and popcorn provided. October selection is POLTERGIEST (PG; 1982) 3pm Oct 16 & Nov 20

Mini Pumpkin Painting (Teens 13+)

Paint a mini pumpkin to take home. Tues, Oct 21 ● 3-4pm

Trivia (Teens 13+)

Bring your friends and test your knowledge against our themed trivia rounds. Fourth Thursdays ● 3pm Oct 23

ADULTS

Board of Trustees Meeting

The library board will meet. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Thurs., Oct 16 ● 6pm

Find Your People at the Library

We are thrilled to continue this popular working group to explore the Ancestry Library Edition and other valuable genealogy resources. Bring your laptop or use one of our computers. Wed, Oct 15 ● 2-3pm

Jam Session (Adults and teens)

Open Jam Sessions are becoming a monthly tradition here at the library. Led by community members who love to learn, share and connect; all levels, instruments and genres are welcome! Newcomers are encouraged to lead tunes when they feel called. Song leads call out chords and changes. Questions? Email kjdamerow@gmail.com and write Open Jam in the subject line. Tues, Oct 21 ● 5:30-6:45pm

20th Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina (Adults)

Steve Grima will be on hand to discuss his time as a first responder in the aftermath of this horrific natural disaster. The storm struck New Orleans on August 29, 2005, overwhelming the levee system. Thurs, Nov 6 ● 6pm.

All About Owls (Adults)

Owls seem to live for the night life. Laurel Zoet from Wild Birds Unlimited will present an inside look at the life of owls. Learn how to identify the different species out in the wild and ways to attract them to your yard. Thurs, Oct 16 ● 6pm

Ladies’ Night at the Library

The Village of Fowlerville celebrates Ladies’ Night on November 13. The fun gets started here at 5pm, with live music, tea, cookies and an opportunity for the ladies to make their own herbal heating pad, while supplies last. Thurs, Nov 13 ● 5pm

So, You Think You Can Puzzle! Puzzle Challenge

Calling all puzzlers for another puzzle challenge, just because they are so much fun! Register your team of up to 4 people to complete an identical puzzle in the fastest time. Single registrants will be paired with others. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served. This puzzle features a lovely Fall scene. Wed., Oct 29 ● 6pm

Jeff Doyle presents Super Scary Stories

Be prepared to be scared! Master storyteller Jeff Doyle presents an evening of spine-chilling tales for adults and teens. Come in costume if you like. Light refreshments will be served. Best for 14+ to adult. Thurs., Oct 30 ● 6:30pm

Cardmaking

Enjoy camaraderie and cards at this popular program. You will make four different cards to take home. All supplies included. Registration is required. Thurs, Oct 23 ● 6:00pm & Fri, Oct 24 ● 11am

Scrapbooking (Adults)

Make the most of your memories and join us for a fun day of scrapbooking your favorite photos. Stay the whole time or for just a few hours. Everyone gets their own table. Light refreshments will be provided. Registration is required. Sat. Oct 18 ● 10:30am – 3:30pm

Shelf Indulgence Book Club (Adults)

Members take turns facilitating the discussions. Come and enjoy some literary camaraderie! Register to get a free copy of the book, while supplies last. Registration begins one month before each scheduled meeting. Next up we will discuss THE GIFTS, by Liz Hyder. Thurs, Oct 16 ● 2-3pm

Sewing (Adults)

Bring your sewing machine and learn from a master seamstress. All levels of skill are welcome. Registration is required. Wed, Oct 15 ● 5:30pm & Fri, Nov 14 ● 10am-2pm

Small Towns, Big Stories

The Livingston Centre Historical Society (LCHS) invites you to this collaborative seminar for residents and visitors alike to share personal stories and family histories from Livingston County. Mon, Oct 13 ● 5pm

Repair Cafe

Don’t throw it away! Bring your broken items here for repair and advice from handymen. Sat, Oct 25 ● 10am-12pm

Did You Know?

Did you know that we are a food collection location for the Family Impact Center? Non-perishable foods may be dropped off in the cafe area, and we thank you!

A Friendly Reminder

We are happy to be fine-free, however after a book is 8 weeks overdue the item will be withdrawn from our system and can no longer be returned. A library lost/replacement fee will be applied to the account. Please return your items on time so that others can enjoy them too. For any questions, or to register for programs, call us at 517-223-9089.











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Fowlerville Community School News Parent Teacher Conferences Coming Soon

Fowlerville Community Schools will host Parent Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, October 15, and again on Thursday, October 23. The schedule by grade is as follows:

October 15: Full day of school for all students, Parent Teacher Conferences from 5:00-7:30 pm

October 23: Half day of school for K-5 students only, Parent Teacher Conferences from 12:45-3:15 pm and again from 5:00-7:30 pm, Full day of school for students in grades 6-12, with Parent Teacher Conferences from 5:00-7:30 pm

Fowlerville Elementary: Your student’s teacher will reach out to you to schedule a time.

Kreeger Elementary: Your student’s teacher will reach out to you to schedule a time.

Junior High: Parents can schedule an 8 minute meeting with teachers through the link provided via ParentSquare.

High School: Parents will do “walk-in” conferences where all teachers are in a central location (Media Center, Aux Gym and Cafeteria).

We encourage parents to take advantage of this opportunity to hear from your student’s teacher(s) regarding progress they are making and how you can best support their learning.

Safe Storage Law Resources

As communicated to all families last week, keeping children safe is at the heart of Michigan’s secure storage law. Fowlerville Community Schools is sharing information with families about firearm storage laws in order to reduce the risk of injuries and save lives.

Michigan’s secure storage law requires firearm owners must take steps to prevent access by minors (under 18). If a firearm is left unattended where a minor is or may be present, it must be:

- Secured in a locked box or container, and/or
- Unloaded and secured with a locking device (such as a trigger or cable lock)

These requirements apply whether firearms are kept in your home or brought to another location.

In addition, if a firearm is stored in a vehicle, the vehicle must be locked when not in use. The firearm itself must also be secured in a locked container or disabled with a trigger or cable lock.

Find more resources about secure firearm storage on the Michigan Department of Education website and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services website.

Fire Prevention Week Presented to Elementary Students

Last week, both Fowlerville Elementary and Natalie Kreeger Elementary partnered with the Fowlerville Fire Department to celebrate Fire Prevention Week. The purpose of Fire Prevention Week is to educate the public about fire safety and prevention strategies to reduce the risk of injuries and deaths from fire.

At Natalie Kreeger Elementary, students participated in a fire safety assembly where they learned important safety practices and had the opportunity to see some of the equipment firefighters use to keep our community safe. Meanwhile at Fowlerville Elementary, students learned about fire safety through the stop, drop and roll procedure, how to touch a closed door and when to call 911. After the learning session, students were able to explore the fire department’s biggest tools, including the ladder truck.

We want to thank the Fowlerville Fire Department for sharing these important safety tips with our students.

October is College Application Month

In observance of College Application Month, Fowlerville High School is proud to announce a Mini College Fair on October 22. Representatives from universities, community colleges, trades, military, and the State of Michigan financial aid/scholarship office will be available. All seniors will attend a scheduled time and interested juniors will be able to “drop-in” during their lunch.

Many other events will take place during the month to focus on students’ planning for after graduation. Seniors have already met with the counseling department to review support resources, begin the FAFSA process, application procedures and graduation. The Class of 2026 Google Classroom contains this presentation as well as all resources. Parents/guardians are encouraged to work with their seniors to access these resources as they plan their next steps.

FOLA Accepting Students

The Fowlerville Online Learning Academy (FOLA) is currently accepting students. The program allows students to attend school through a virtual program. All classes are monitored by a certified teacher and a local mentor. Students will also have access to a staffed support lab that is open when school is in session. There are four program options:

- Virtual Learning Academy Consortium (Elementary)
- Junior College (Junior High)
- TradPath (High School)
- AITech (High School)

Please visit our Fowlerville Online Learning Academy webpage to learn more about these options. If you have questions, please reach out to Principal Nicholas Zajas.

Football Teams and Cheerleaders Headed to Central Michigan University

The Fowlerville High School Junior Varsity and Varsity football teams, along with the cheerleading squads for both teams will head to Central Michigan University on Saturday, October 18 to take on the Chiefs from Cheboygan High School. The Junior Varsity game will start at 12:00 pm with the Varsity game following at approximately 2:30 pm. The admission fee will be \$10 per person. The Kelly/Shorts Stadium is located at 1200 East Campus Drive in Mount Pleasant. Come out and support our Gladiators!

Halloween is Quickly Approaching, Complete the Volunteer Application

Parents planning to volunteer in a classroom or attend any class parties or field trips (especially with Halloween coming!), you will need to complete a Fowlerville Community Schools Volunteer Application. This process takes about 7-10 days to complete so please don’t delay in completing the form if you would like to be able to participate.

Junior High Announcements

Fowlerville Junior High will host an after school dance on Friday, October 24 from 2:30-4:00 pm. This is for students in grades 6-8 only, who are in “good standing,” meaning they have good attendance, are passing their classes and have no behavioral issues.

Students may wear costumes at the dance, but not during the school day. All costumes must meet current dress code expectations including no blood, gore and/or weapons. All students must be picked up at 4:00 pm, so please plan accordingly if your child is attending.

Student Clubs are Up and Running!

Let’s get involved! Several student clubs are either up and running or will start soon.

Junior High students can stay after school and participate in the club of their choice. Clubs typically run from 2:30-4:00 pm, however, some may conclude early or a little later. Clubs and locations include:

- Robotics Club, at Fowlerville High School on Mondays and Thursdays
- Theater Club, at Fowlerville Junior High on Wednesdays
- Farm and Garden Club, at Fowlerville Junior High on Thursdays
- Chess Club, at Fowlerville Junior High, will start soon

Little Glad Early Childhood Center Experiencing Growth, Student Success

With the first month of school completed at Little Glad’s Early Childhood Center, we would like to thank all of the families who have entrusted us with their children and thank them for choosing this program to start their children’s educational experience. We are very proud of the teaching team we have in place, both long-term and new, that have learned, adapted and adjusted to the growth we are experiencing. Their dedication is what makes Little Glad’s outstanding in so many ways.

In a recent review of the 2024-25 first grade test scores, children who attended Little Glad Early Childhood Center scored 50% higher than other students, a 12% increase from the previous year. Thank you to our Early Childhood staff for all you do to prepare students on their educational journey.

PeeWee Wrestling Coming Soon

Fowlerville Recreation is announcing PeeWee Wrestling for boys and girls in kindergarten through second grade. This instructional program will teach students the basic skills of wrestling with an emphasis on having fun. Registration is open now through October 20 (spots may fill before deadline). Practice time will run from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Cost is \$40 per child and all practices will be held in the high school wrestling room. Participants should wear a t-shirt and shorts or sweatpants with no metal zippers, snaps or buttons. The program will be led by high school coaches and alumni wrestlers. If you have additional questions, please reach out to Recreation Director Zack Douglass.

What’s Coming Up in our Schools:

October

- 12 - Fowlerville Bands Mattress Sale, FHS, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
- 14 - Board of Education Meeting, Junior High Auditorium, 7:00 pm
- 15 - Full Day for Students K-12, Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-7:30 pm
- 18 - JV and Varsity Football at Central Michigan University
- 20 - No school, Teacher Professional Development Day
- 22 - High School Mini College Fair (during school day)
- 23 - Half Day for Students K-5, K-5 Parent Teacher Conferences 12:45-3:15 pm & 5:00-7:30 pm
- 23 - Full Day for Students 6-12, 6-12 Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-7:30 pm
- 24 - Junior High After School Dance, students in grades 6-8, 2:30-4:00 pm

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Howell to host pair of traditional Halloween events on Oct. 18th

Legend of Sleepy Howell

Saturday, October 18th – 3pm-5pm

We’re excited to bring Legend of Sleepy Howell, Livingston County’s largest outdoor trick-or-treating event back to Downtown Howell!

This year’s Legend will have FREE trick-or-treating on Clinton, Court, and Church St. There will also be Halloween and fall-themed activities including a touch a truck event!

This long-standing community event offers a fun and safe trick-or-treating experience and helps especially those kids living in rural areas. Thank you for your support!

No sign up is required, just show up the day of.

Cost: FREE Site: Downtown Howell, Clinton St. Court St, and Church St. Info Link: <https://www.howellrecreation.org/sleepyhowell>

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Headless Horseman 5K & Monster Mile

Saturday, October 18th

Monster Mile – 5:30pm

Headless Horseman 5K – 6:00pm

The Headless Horseman 5K is BACK and SPOOKIER than ever! This dusk event will be in-person and kick-off at the corner of State and Clinton Street in beautiful Downtown Howell. Costumed participants will wind their way through the historic neighborhoods and through Scofield City Park.

This year’s race will have a rolling start with runners starting at 6 pm, you can start the race anytime between 6 pm and 6:10 pm. This will allow for participants to be spaced out at the start of the race, along the course, and at the finish line. Walkers, strollers, assistive devices, and dogs on 6ft leashes are welcome.

1 Mile Cost: \$20 | 5K Cost: \$35 Site: Corner of State St. & Clinton St. Registration Link: <https://www.howellrecreation.org/events/headless25> Contact us: parksandrec@howellrecreation.org

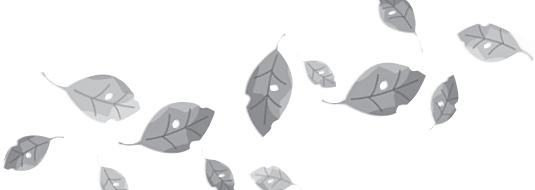


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Fun Fall Snacks



Cinnamon Apple Chips

- Ingredients**
- 4 mcintosh apples (cored and sliced 1⁄8 to 1⁄4 inch thick)
 - 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
 - 1 teaspoon granulated sugar (can be omitted)
 - cooking spray



- Instructions**
- Preheat oven to 200 degrees fahrenheit.
 - Add the sliced apples to a large bowl; then coat the apples with the cinnamon and/or sugar.
 - Spray a baking sheet with cooking spray or line one with parchment paper; then line the apples flat on the pan. (You may need to use two pans so that they are not overlapping).
 - Bake 2-3 hours until the chips are dry yet still a bit soft.
 - Allow to cool completely before placing them in an air tight container for up to 4 days.
- * Depending on the thickness of your slices, these apple chips will be on the softer side.

HALLOWEEN MONSTER MUNCH BARK

- Ingredients**
- 11 ounce bag white chocolate chips
 - 1/3 cup popcorn, popped
 - 1/3 cup candy corn
 - 1/2 cup peanut butter cups or chocolate, chopped
 - 1/3 cup granola
 - 1/4 cup crushed up golden Oreos

*Tip: use any mix-in’s you want!

If you prefer dark chocolate or milk chocolate as a base, you can use that instead of white chocolate too.

- Instructions**
- Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and spread white chocolate across
 - Evenly sprinkle popcorn, candy corn, granola, peanut butter cups and crushed up cookies across
 - Add to fridge to the bark sets for about 2 hours then break into pieces and enjoy!
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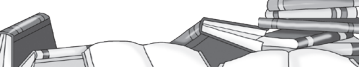
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How inland fish farmers cultivate a sustainable future for the Great Lakes

By Donte Smith
Capital News Service

Despite being surrounded by the largest group of freshwater lakes on Earth, Michigan imports the vast majority of its seafood, between 65% and 90%, according to Michigan Sea Grant.

As global aquaculture has grown to meet increasing demand for protein, a small but determined group of inland fish farmers in the Great Lakes region are building a more sustainable, local supply. Researchers say doing so could ease pressure on wild populations, create jobs in rural areas and help restore public trust in the food on their plates.

But with high regulatory costs, limited consumer awareness and strong competition from imports, these farms face an uphill swim.

Aquaculture, also known as fish farming, has grown rapidly worldwide. The World Economic Forum reports that farm-raised fish now account for about 49% of the global supply. But in the Great Lakes and across much of the United States, the industry remains limited.

One of Michigan’s most prominent inland fish farms is Spring Valley Trout Farm in Dexter, where three generations of the Kaercher family have raised rainbow trout and catfish since 1970.

“We are the largest direct-to-consumer fish farm in the Midwest for trout and catfish,” said Patrick Kaercher, who officially became a co-owner in 2025.

“People come out to our farm and bring their family, bring their picnic supplies and catch all the fish they want. We clean them for them. We raise fish from eggs and go all the way from egg to plate,” he said.

There are concerns about overfishing in the Great Lakes that are rooted in history. Major commercial fisheries for lake trout and lake herring collapsed in the 1950s and 1960s due to a combination of overfishing, invasive species and habitat loss.

While wild fisheries are more strictly regulated today, experts say inland aquaculture offers a way to sustainably meet consumer demand without putting further pressure on native populations.

The fish at Spring Valley are raised in spring water that flows naturally onto the property year-round. Some fish spend their entire lives in the farm’s ponds, and others are raised from eggs in a recirculating aquaculture system and transferred to the ponds later.

The farm uses a system of raceways, long and narrow flow-through tanks, to move fish from one pond to another, and the raceways are flushed weekly to remove waste.

“We use high protein, the very best fish meal available, and there’s very little waste,” said Jim Kaercher, Patrick’s father and the farm’s founder. “The beauty of our trout is that we can get about a 1.6 to 1 feed conversion ratio, meaning that for every 1.6 pounds of feed we put in, we get a pound of meat back. That’s far better than beef or cattle.”

This compares to research from the University of Illinois that places the average feed conversion ratio for cattle between 5.5 and 7.5 to 1.

Spring Valley also emphasizes its environmental safeguards. Its ponds are disconnected from surrounding water systems, which prevents farmed fish from escaping into the wild. The

farm is also subject to periodic inspections by state regulators.

There are multiple types of aquaculture systems. Among the most debated are offshore “net-pen” operations, where fish are raised in open mesh cages anchored in natural waters. These are used on the Canadian side of Lake Huron but banned in U.S. Great Lakes waters.

“There’s a big difference if we’re talking about U.S. aquaculture or another country’s aquaculture,” said Lauren Stigers, an Extension educator with Michigan Sea Grant and Michigan State University. “In the U.S., we have very stringent regulations for aquaculture, which helps to reduce a lot of the risks.”

Risks include escapes, disease transmission and nutrient pollution. Stigers said that while net-pen systems can be efficient, the regulatory burden and public concern have kept them out of Michigan.

“While we do have stringent regulations to help keep the environment safe, it’s limiting the amount that people want to try or make it economically feasible to have a farm, inland or offshore,” she said. “You’re paying so much money toward regulations and keeping compliant, but you’re fighting imports too.”

“And if you can’t meet that bottom line, it’s not economically feasible,” she said.

In contrast to net-pens, most Michigan aquaculture operations use ponds or raceways. A few have also experimented with recirculating aquaculture systems, closed-loop setups that filter and reuse water.

“We can manage our waste and control it,” Jim Kaercher said. “The waste settles into a pit that we pump out weekly and we actually use it as fertilizer on the farm.”

There are around 30 aquaculture farms in Michigan raising roughly two dozen species. But the number of farms is declining.

“It’s a very small but mighty industry,” said Stigers. “Unfortunately, it’s actually decreasing in size.”

She pointed to high startup costs, regulatory challenges and limited public knowledge as barriers. Most people, she said, can picture a dairy farm. Fewer understand what a fish farm looks like or how it operates.

While inland farmers like the Kaerchers want to change that, they also acknowledge the challenges ahead.

“It’s a dying breed,” Patrick Kaercher said. “I’m one of the only third-generation people taking over a farm in Michigan.”

“I know so many farms that are closing up shop or just being sold off, and it’s something that I would love to see more people taking over and continuing, because it’s such a great resource,” he added.

Still, there are signs of economic promise.

A May 2025 study published in *Aquaculture International* and co-authored by Stigers estimated that every new aquaculture job in Michigan could generate more than \$124,000 in statewide economic output. In rural counties like Alcona and Delta, that figure

still exceeds \$60,000 per job.

The research concluded that expanding Michigan’s aquaculture sector could boost employment, support local food production and increase community resilience, particularly in rural and coastal areas.

Both the Kaerchers and Stigers say that with greater investment and more public understanding, inland aquaculture can become a stronger part of Michigan’s food future — not just a niche for recreation, but a real contributor to economic and ecological sustainability.

“There are so many advancements that have been made,” Patrick Kaercher said. “Whether it’s recirculating aquaculture systems or horticulture, I think fish should be feeding the entire world.”



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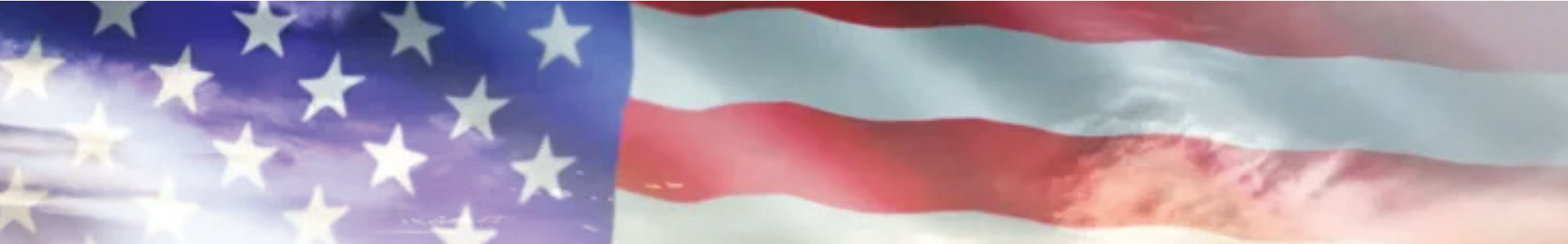
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Solar Rezoning Report

THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT THE 2 DTE CONDITIONAL SOLAR REZONING APPLICATIONS IN IOSCO TOWNSHIP, CITING CONFLICTS WITH THE MASTER PLAN, RURAL CHARACTER IMPACTS, AND POOR LONG-TERM LAND-USE ALIGNMENT.

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Help Envision the Future of the Fowlerville District Library by taking online survey

The Fowlerville District Library invites you to help plan the future of **your** public library by participating in a **short** online survey available now through January 9, 2026. Click the link on the library's website or visit <https://libraryiq.mysocialpinpoint.com/fowlerville-district-library-strategic-plan> to take the survey and share your ideas for the library.

If Internet service is sketchy or your phone screen and keypad are too small to complete the survey easily, paper surveys as well as a designated survey computer are available at the library for your convenience. A QR code also provides quick access to the survey for those who are more tech savvy.

Your opinions matter. Responses will be compiled and used to develop a strategic plan that will guide the next three to five years for the Fowlerville District Library.

The strategic plan will include goals and objectives for library operations, services, technology, and more. Your participation will help the Fowlerville District Library plan and deliver even better library services to the entire community. Please take just a few minutes to share your thoughts and opinions. Survey participants will have the opportunity to be entered into a drawing for a \$100 VISA gift card.

"I encourage everyone to visit the survey website because it has so many cool offerings," said Isabella Rowan, library director. "If you're short on time, there is a super quick version of the survey that lets you simply select your top five priorities. Plus, there is a spot where you can write and share your ideas. No idea is too big or too small."

Now that the library renovation has been completed, Director Rowan is excited to plan what happens next and is counting on community members to share their thoughts. In addition to the survey, the community is invited to participate in one of two focus groups intended for deeper sharing and dialogue. Public sessions will be held:

- Wednesday, November 12 @ 6-7 pm
- Thursday, November 13 @ 3:30-4:30 pm

The groups will take place at the Fowlerville Library, 130 S. Grand Ave. in Fowlerville. Sign-up to attend by visiting the survey website.

For more information about the strategic planning process or to learn more about ongoing library programs and services for all ages, stop by the library during regular business hours; call 517-223-9089; or visit online at www.fowlervillelibrary.org

Life Line to offer affordable health screenings at Fowlerville VFW Post on Oct. 27th

Residents living in and around Fowlerville can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Fowlerville VFW Post 6464 will host this community event on Oct. 27th. The site is located at 215 Veterans Dr. in Fowlerville.

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All Iosco Township Stockbridge Schools Electors are hereby given notice that a Special Election will be held in Precinct 1 of Iosco Township on Tuesday, November 4th, 2025. The Iosco Township Clerk is currently available to issue ballots for all Stockbridge School's registered voters requesting an absentee ballot for the Special Election on Wednesday & Thursday between 1 p.m. & 5 p.m. at the Township Hall located at 2050 Bradley Rd., Webberville, MI. For voters who are unable to visit during office hours, the Clerk will also be available on Saturday November 1st, 2025, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Emergency Absentee Ballots are available on Monday, November 3rd, 2023, from 1-4 p.m.

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Why Forgive?

By Susan Kretchman

Forgiveness.

Forgiveness is central to the biblical message, promoting reconciliation, compassion, and the transformative power of God’s grace. The Bible emphasizes forgiveness as a fundamental aspect of Christian faith. In both the Old and New Testaments, God is portrayed as merciful and forgiving, encouraging believers to seek forgiveness and extend it to others. In the New Testament, Jesus Christ teaches the importance of forgiving others, as seen in the Lord’s Prayer, where believers ask for forgiveness as they forgive those who trespass against them.

So, why forgive? I found good responses to this question at [biblehub.com](https://www.biblehub.com).

- Forgiving relinquishes negative feelings, gives room to replace with compassion and goodwill
- Is essential in our relationship with God
- Mirrors God’s character
- Jesus endured grave injustice yet chose a path of grace
- Forgiveness offers healing and restoration
- Gives liberation from bitterness
- Is obedience to divine command

While thousands of people watched the memorial service for Charlie Kirk, all eyes and ears were on his lovely wife Erika as she made her way to the podium, taking her place in front of watchful and discerning hearts blazing with questions, one in particular I imagine– “will she forgive the young man who murdered her husband?” Surely, as a woman made a widow in a few sharp seconds along with becoming a single mother to two young children, she had every right to embrace anger and wear it as a badge. But, in what has now become the focus of conversations and social media posts, Erika forgave. Why did she and how was she able to do so soon after her husband’s unjust murder?

She did so with Christ’s example, His strength, His command.

If anyone knew the horrible effects of injustice it was Christ Himself. Tried in unfair circumstances He soon was mocked, tortured, and put to death in horrific and humiliation on a Roman cross. Yet, in His humility, sacrifice, and purpose, He asked His Father to forgive the very ones responsible for all that He endured.

Corrie Ten Boom writes of a time she was faced with whether to offer forgiveness. She and her sister–Dutch Christians–were imprisoned by the Nazis for aiding and assisting Jews during World War II. Sister Betsy eventually died while in captivity, causing Corrie to become very embittered toward the German soldiers, one in particular who was their overseer. Years after her release and returning to life, she describes being at a function where from across the room she recognized a man. Every negative emotion known to man rose up inside her as she continued looking at him. But something changed as she contemplated her situation. She knew in her spirit that God was telling her to forgive him. I don’t recall her exact words as she approached him (I read her book years ago) but I do remember that “when” she began to offer her forgiveness, and was able to engage with him in conversation, in turn he had the opportunity to “ask” for her forgiveness because he had become a Christian and understood the effects of his past sins. In their example, it’s clear that by relinquishing their anger, compassion and goodwill indeed triumphed over evil.

Personally, I’ve had my own numerous challenges where it’s been necessary to forgive someone who has wronged me or a loved one. Some of my forgiving has been done with kicking and screaming much like a toddler throwing a tantrum. Others have come easier. Both are blanketed with the comfort knowing I’m striving to keep my relationship with God authentic for the benefit of myself and anyone “watching” my walk of faith.

Forgiveness is a very broad topic and one worthy of teaching, bringing understanding to the body of Christ. It’s a key component of Judeo Christian theology and often misunderstood by those living under secular influences. It’s powerful and it’s mysterious when put into practice. It’s necessary as we all encounter injustice, being hurt emotionally, spiritually, or physically. No, forgiving is not easy, but receive hope in this–choosing to forgive as an act of obedience keeps you in a right relationship with God. The one who hurt you is now released to God’s care for their own redemptive work. And while you may not “feel” completely

joyful or happy once you’ve offered forgiveness, your emotions will soon change and catch up to your obedient heart.

How do I know this? As I’ve said, I’ve had to live out this command of obedience more times than I anticipated, but God was and continues to be faithful, rewarding me with a vibrant relationship with Him.

“Forgiveness is setting the prisoner free, only to find out that the prisoner was me” (Corrie Ten Boom)



Grief & Healing: What to Say (and Not to Say) to Someone who’s Grieving

By Aaron Franks,
‘Aaron the Funeral Guy’

When someone you care about experiences loss, it can be hard to know what to say—or if you should say anything at all. Many of us worry about saying the “wrong” thing, yet it’s often our presence and empathy that matter most. Learning how to speak with care, and when to simply listen, can make a meaningful difference for someone navigating the difficult journey of grief.

Grief is a journey that doesn’t follow a timeline, and each person experiences it differently. As a funeral director, I have the honor of walking alongside families during some of the most difficult moments of their lives, and one thing is always clear: the words we speak—or don’t speak—can have a profound impact.

When someone is grieving, it’s natural to want to offer comfort, reassurance, or solutions. But often, the simplest words are the most meaningful. Saying something like, *“I’m here for you,”* can be incredibly powerful. It doesn’t try to fix the grief; it simply acknowledges that you care and are willing to be present, even if all you do is sit quietly beside them. Similarly, letting someone know, *“I’m thinking of you and your family,”* communicates that their loss is recognized and that they are not alone in this difficult time. Offering the choice to talk or simply be together can also be supportive. Asking, *“Would you like to talk or just sit together?”* respects their feelings and gives them control over how they want to be supported. Sharing a memory about the person who has passed can also bring comfort, reminding the grieving person that their loved one’s life and impact are remembered and valued.

At the same time, there are certain phrases that, though well-intentioned, can unintentionally cause more harm than good. Saying, *“I know how you feel,”* can minimize the uniqueness of someone’s grief. Even if you’ve experienced loss yourself, each person’s grief journey is different, and assuming understanding can make someone feel unheard. Phrases like, *“They’re in a better place”* or *“Everything happens for a reason,”* may be meant to console, but they can sometimes feel dismissive of the deep pain the person is experiencing. Telling someone, *“You need to move on”* or *“It’s time to get over it”* can add pressure and create feelings of isolation, as grief simply cannot be rushed or scheduled.

Supporting someone in grief goes beyond words. Offering practical help—like preparing meals, running errands, or assisting with childcare—can relieve everyday stress and allow them to focus on healing. Simply listening, without judgment or advice, is another profound way to show care. Sometimes, being present and attentive, even in silence, communicates more than words ever could. Continuing to check in over time is also important. While many people reach out immediately after a loss, grief often lasts far beyond the first few weeks, and ongoing support can mean the world to someone navigating a long and difficult journey.

Ultimately, the best way to support someone who is grieving is with **compassion, patience, and presence**. You don’t need to have the perfect words; what matters most is that your care is genuine and consistent. Walking alongside someone in grief doesn’t require grand gestures—it’s the quiet, heartfelt support that leaves a lasting impact.

A Note from Aaron the Funeral Guy

I have some practical grief exercises from licensed therapists that I would be happy to pass along to those interested.

If you have questions or ideas for future topics on grief and healing, I would be honored to hear from you. Your input helps guide the conversations we share together. Email me at aaronthefuneralguy@gmail.com

Aaron Franks is a Licensed Funeral Director at Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes

SECTION 00020 BID NOTICE Village of Webberville 2026 Main St. Paving and Water Main

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Village of Webberville, will receive sealed construction bids on **November 11, 2025**, at the Village of Webberville Offices, 115 S. Main Street, Webberville, Michigan 48895, until **5:00 p.m.** Bids will be opened and publicly announced at 5:30 p.m. that same day for the construction of the 2026 Main St. Paving and Water Main project, located in the Village of Webberville, Ingham County, Michigan. Bids must be delivered to 115 S. Main Street, Webberville, MI 48895 within the timeframe listed above in accordance with the Bidding Documents.

The Work includes removal and replacement of asphalt surface road and parking lots, sidewalk, and construction of approximately 433 lf of PVC water main.

Plans and Bidding Documents may be viewed beginning at **9:00 am on October 13, 2025**, at the Village of Webberville Office, 115 S. Main Street, Webberville, MI 48895.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is PEA Group, 2379 Woodlake Drive, Ste. 480, Okemos, MI 48864. Contact Bruce Wallace at (810) 333-3924, bwallace@peagroup.com. Bid documents will be emailed in .pdf format upon request.

Bids will only be accepted from Plan Holders of Record who have attended the mandatory pre-bid conference (see below). To be a Plan Holder of Record, Bidding Documents MUST BE REQUESTED from the issuing office as described above.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at **9:00 a.m. on October 20, 2025**, at the Village of Webberville Offices, 115 S. Main Street, Webberville, MI 48895. Representatives of the Engineer will be present at the pre-bid conference. Prospective bidders are required to attend and participate in the conference. All bidders must sign in by name of attendee, business represented, and email address.

The Engineer will transmit any Addenda the Engineer considers necessary in response to questions arising at the conference to all Plan Holders of Record. Oral statements may not be relied upon and will not be binding or legally effective.

The contract will be let in accordance with the Contract Documents on file in the Village of Webberville offices and available to interested parties. Bids will be made and received in accordance with these documents.

Contracts will be made with the lowest responsible Bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work. The Village reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to adjourn such bid letting to such time and place as the Village shall publicly announce. It is anticipated that Notice of Award will be made on **November 25, 2025**.

The work shall not commence until **April 1, 2026**. The date for the Substantial Completion of such Contract is **August 1, 2026**, with Final Completion by **August 31, 2026**.

The terms of payment are contained in the contract specifications. Any responsible person wanting to bid on the above-mentioned work will be required to deposit bid security in the amount specified in the bidding documents as a guarantee that they will enter into a contract and furnish the required bonds as prescribed by the contract specifications and applicable law. Bid securities of all unsuccessful Bidders will be returned after a contract is awarded. All bids shall remain open for thirty (30) days after the day of the bid opening, but the Village reserves the right at its sole discretion to release any bid and bid security before that date.

(10-12-25 FNV)

Calvary Church of Webberville to host Men’s Wild Game Dinner on Nov. 1st

All men are invited to the Men’s Wild Game Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 1st, from 6:00-8:00pm. Our featured speaker is Jim Evans, an avid outdoorsman, experienced hunter, and retired Pastor. Jim brings a deep passion for sharing the truths of God’s Word and how they connect to the everyday experiences of men and young men.

Each ticket includes entry into a drawing for hunting supplies and other door prizes—winners must be present to claim them. Enjoy a hearty wild game buffet with a variety of flavorful options.

Tickets are available in advance for \$15 for adults and \$10 for ages 12 and under. The event is hosted by Calvary Church of Webberville at 500 N. Howard Street. With limited space, we expect it to fill up quickly. For tickets, contact the church office at 517-521-4700 or visit calvarychurch.xyz. We’d love to see you there.

Webberville Cribbage Report

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Webberville Report



Early morning dedication: FFA members Shawna Davis, Gavin Howery, Matthew Howery, and Nathan West preparing chicken for the annual BBQ, working together to keep this community tradition alive.

Celebrating Tradition ‘One Plate at a Time’: Webberville FFA puts on Annual Chicken Barbeque

By Karley Williams

In the early hours of Sunday, Oct. 5th, the Webberville FFA Chapter was already hard at work preparing for their Annual Chicken Barbeque. Smoke curled into the crisp morning air, as students, parents, alumni, and community members gathered at the school. They worked side-by-side to grill and package hundreds of meals. The scene was filled with laughter, teamwork, and a shared sense of purpose that defines the spirit of FFA and the Webberville community. By lunchtime, the Webberville Middle and High School cafeteria was filled with the aroma of perfectly grilled chicken.

This year’s Chicken Barbeque was a tremendous success, selling out in just over an hour! The event continues to thrive thanks to the unwavering support of the community. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the parents who spent their morning tending the grills, the students who worked to serve and package meals, and every community member who stopped by to enjoy a plate!

Webberville Library to accept donations for upcoming Silent Auction Fundraiser

Donations will be accepted starting October 20th for the upcoming Silent Auction Fundraiser at the Webberville Library. This event is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Friends of the Webberville Library. The Friends love to see donations of: gift baskets, event tickets, art, hand crafted items of all materials, vintage collectibles, gift certificates of all kinds including delicious home baked goodies!

Webberville United Methodist Church to serve Chicken Dinner on Oct. 18th

Webberville United Methodist Church, located 4215 E. Holt Rd., is having a ‘drive through’ Chicken Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 18th. The dinner includes two pieces oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, green beans, corn casserole, coleslaw, roll and cookies. All for \$10. Dinner served 5 to 7 pm or until we run out.

Livingston County Coin Club holding show on Nov. 18th at Howell Eagles Club

The Livingston County Coin Club is holding a show on Saturday, Nov. 8th from 10am to 3pm at the Howell Eagles, located at 141 Schroeder Park Drive, at I-96 and D-19. Free admission. For more information, contact Ray Noble at 517 234-9144.



Senior Spotlight—Lexi Proctor

Lexi Proctor, daughter of Melissa Fraley and Robert Proctor and sister to Haley Proctor, Chase Proctor, Natalie Fraley, and Weston Fraley, has grown into a hardworking and energetic individual, known for her determination, positivity, and resilient spirit.

Academically, Lexi’s favorite class is P.E. with Mr. Weaver. She enjoys the excitement and energy of the games, calling it “always a great time.”

Throughout high school, Lexi was actively involved in volleyball, basketball, track and field, and softball. One of her favorite memories was qualifying for states with her friends. “Not only were all of us excited, but Troy was too — and it’s not every day you see that guy happy,” she joked.

Sports were more than just extracurriculars for Lexi — they were a source of strength and a much-needed distraction from everyday life. Basketball, in particular, became her passion, and she’ll deeply miss it after graduation. “A leader on and off the court and a teammate we’ll never forget,” said Coach Kayson. “She showed us how to work hard, laugh harder, and play with joy. Lexi will be greatly missed by all of the teams she played for.”

Outside of sports and school, Lexi enjoys working out and spending time with friends. Her friend Alexis shared that “Lexi has always made sure everyone feels included. She’s always trying to make people laugh, even when they’re not in the mood. She’s been by my side through everything, good and bad. I’ve never once questioned her loyalty. She’s my best friend. Even if we don’t see each other much in the future, I hope life brings her good things — and that she makes bank in her future career.”

After graduation, Lexi plans to attend Michigan State University to pursue a degree in veterinary medicine, with the goal of becoming a specialty veterinarian.



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Ingham County Comments

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

Civic engagement has always been at the heart of why I chose to step up and serve. My goal as your County Commissioner is to ensure that the community that elected me has a voice — one that represents both our larger district and the individuals who may need support connecting with the many resources Ingham County offers.

Before I was elected, I witnessed firsthand the power of civic engagement during a time when over a hundred residents came forward to speak at board meetings. They shared their stories and pleaded passionately for a common-sense outcome that would support everyone affected. Unfortunately, the final decision at that time did not reflect the will or concerns of the people who had elected their representatives. That experience stayed with me — as a lesson in the importance of listening, understanding, and responding to our residents’ voices.

The recent public involvement surrounding the MSU Extension contract in our 2026 Ingham County budget reminded me of that same powerful community spirit. Time and again, people came forward — not for personal gain, but because they care deeply about programs that make a real difference in our county. When people come to a public meeting, when they write, call, or stand before their elected officials, what they truly want is to be *heard*. They want to know that their passion, their experiences, and their perspectives matter — and that their government is guided by common sense, fiscal responsibility, and compassion. That is what we are elected to do.

I could not be prouder of the engagement of our residents in defending the long-standing partnership with MSU Extension — a relationship that spans generations. Programs like 4-H have shaped countless leaders, building lifelong skills and a strong sense of responsibility and community. The Master Gardening Program, too, has cultivated local leaders — including those who manage the South Lansing Neighborhood Garden, which produces more than 1,500 pounds of fresh produce each year for neighbors who may not have access to it. These programs are not just educational—they are transformative for individuals and entire neighborhoods.

As elected officials, it is our duty to balance fiscal responsibility with the long-term needs and values of our residents. A responsible budget reflects not only sound numbers but also sound priorities — investing in programs that generate measurable value and strengthen our community for years to come.

On Wednesday night, October 8th, at the Law and Courts Committee meeting, the power of civic participation was once again on display. After more than 45 minutes of heartfelt public comment, the committee voted unanimously to appropriately fund the 4-H program, followed by a second resolution to fund the Master Gardening program, which passed with all but one vote in favor.

These resolutions, along with the full budget, will be voted on at the October 28th Board of Commissioners meeting. This meeting will be held at the Mason County Courthouse at 6:30 p.m. I never, as some people say, count my chickens before they’re hatched — I never assume something will pass. The final vote, with all commissioners present, will show true civic engagement in action. I am hopeful that the passion our community has shown will translate into a vote that reflects how deeply we value the benefits of the MSU Extension in Ingham County. Your voices were heard — and that is the essence of democracy in action.

Fatal two-vehicle crash in Leroy Township takes life of Owosso driver

On Thursday, Oct. 9, 2025, at approximately 6 a.m., Ingham County Sheriff’s Deputies responded to a two-vehicle crash on Grand River Avenue between Gramer Road and Wallace Road in Leroy Township—east of Webberville.

Preliminary investigation indicates that an SUV driven by a 48-year-old Owosso man was traveling eastbound on Grand River Avenue when his vehicle crossed over the center line and hit a semi-truck traveling westbound driven by a 66-year-old Fowlerville man. The Owosso man was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected from his vehicle. He died on scene from his injuries. The semi-truck driver was not injured.

Ingham County Sheriff’s Deputies were assisted at the scene by the Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority (NIESA), the Williamston Police Department, and the Ingham County Road Department.

The crash remains under investigation. Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Deputy Phil Martin at 517-676-8444, extension 1957.

NIESA Fire Report (Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority)

On Wednesday October 1, 2025 NIESA responded to five calls. One call was in the City of Williamston for a medical response. Two calls were in Wheatfield Township with both being medical responses. Two calls were in Williamstown Township with both being fire responses.

On Thursday October 2, 2025 NIESA responded to four calls. Two calls were in the City of Williamston with one a citizen assist and one a medical response. One call was in Williamstown Township for a medical response. One call was in the Village of Webberville for a fire response.

On Friday October 3, 2025 NIESA responded to five calls. Three calls were in the City of Williamston with two being medical responses and one a fire response. One call was in Leroy Township for a medical response. One call was in the Village of Webberville for a fire response.

On Saturday October 4, 2025 NIESA responded to six calls. One call was in the City of Williamston for a citizen assist. Three calls were in Williamstown Township with two being fire responses and one a medical response. One call



Webberville High student Lily Gillespie publishes her story ‘The Book of Emanthis’

By Gracelynn Muns

Webberville High School student Lily Gillespie began her writing journey in the seventh grade. In August 2023, she started working on her book, *The Book of Emanthis*. She began by reconstructing the 13 original pages she had written earlier, adding more detail and developing new characters.

When asked what inspired her to write a book she said, “I had always enjoyed writing and reading when I was younger and would write small stories, but never kept up with them.”

Lily draws inspiration from several authors, including Erin Hunter, Tui T. Sutherland, Stephen King, and Jim Henson. Mythology also plays a role in her storytelling, with some of her characters named after mythological figures.

Publishing her book wasn’t easy—Lily found the traditional route too expensive. Instead, she turned to Amazon Kindle Publishing as a more accessible alternative.

“Before I had published my book and was still writing, I wasn’t taken very seriously until I was able to show people I had actually published a book,” she shared.

Like many writers, Lily faced challenges such as writer’s block and a lack of motivation. However, with the support of her family—her grandparents praised her attention to detail, and her mother helped her through the publishing process—she persevered. Her advice to fellow writers? “If you can’t focus, music helps. And of course, don’t give up. *The Book of Emanthis* is currently available on Amazon.

was in the Village of Webberville for a medical response. One call was a mutual aid to Mason for a fire response.

On Sunday October 5, 2025 NIESA responded to six calls. Two calls were in Locke Township with both being medical responses. Two calls were in Williamstown Township with both being medical responses. One call was in the Village of Webberville for a medical response. One call was a mutual aid to Dansville also for a medical response.

On Monday October 6, 2025 NIESA responded to seven calls. One call was in the City of Williamston for a medical response. Two calls were in Wheatfield Township with both being medical responses. Two calls were in Williamstown Township with both being medical responses. One call was in the Village of Williamston for a medical response. One call was a mutual aid to Fowlerville for a fire response.

On Tuesday October 7, 2025 NIESA responded to seven calls. Three calls were in the City of Williamston with two calls being fire responses and one a medical response. One call was in Leroy Township for a medical response. One call was in Locke Township for a medical response. One call was in Williamstown Township for a medical response. One call was a mutual aid to Holt for a vehicle accident.

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Livingston County Comments

By: Doug Helzerman,
District 1
Commissioner

On the Question of Data Centers

The question on many minds is should we allow or deny Data Centers in Howell or perhaps Handy Township. During the recent hearing, many legitimate objections were raised: water, electricity, rural atmosphere, goals of the master plan, environmental concerns, etc. The negative sentiments are similar to those raised against industrial

solar but larger and more intense. In the matter of the solar, those who opposed it were, I think, pleasantly surprised to find that the elected and appointed officers of the townships shared the same opinion. Townships wisely included public input to form a unified and effective response. They are still working to maintain as many local controls as possible so as to minimize the negative impacts allowed by state law, attempting to override any common sense local control. Consider the difference between solar and data centers. Most still drive gas/diesel cars/trucks. Almost nobody has solar panels on their houses. Data Centers on the other hand are needed to support cell phones, computers, the cloud, social media, and companies like Amazon. Unlike solar, most of the people over 10 years old have a cell phone and most know how to use a computer. The advances in AI and our growing dependence on it confirms the near universal public support for Data Centers.... **but not in my backyard**. Solar projects would not happen without many special considerations and huge subsidies taken in the form of taxes without our

direct consent. Data Centers, on the other hand, generate so much income for their owners that, in reality, they need no special deals to have a reasonable profit. Yes, they will be wealthy beyond imagination. The car industry or the phone companies, though with humble beginnings, brought wealth because millions of people needed and bought those products. We were one of the few families that moved to Handy Township before the expressway. Rural in 1953 meant that we had a pump on the front porch, an outhouse, and a party-line phone. The three miles to town had only 12 houses and two of these families had a single milk cow and one raised pigs. The residents for miles around Fowlerville supported the local business by buying over 90% of what they needed in the Village. Since then we have welcomed many new families and houses, as we were welcomed. I have supported the influx of business that also has come. Most houses and businesses were built on farmland. Farmers needed to get big or get out. The new people did not have the same necessity to be loyal to local businesses or to be friends with the banker to get a mortgage to buy a house.

The same three miles to town now have 60 houses plus two subdivisions with absolutely no farmers. I have no desire to return to the rural of 1953 and I realize that most of these changes were positive but with each step the ideal rural character will continue to slip away and “forward” has inevitable negatives. As an individual that believes in personal liberty and small government, I oppose Data Centers because, it is self-evident that AI will develop tools that create videos and content that look and sound real but are completely false. Those who write the algorithms that direct the computers will have tremendous power to control for good and evil. If Washington or Lansing steps in, as it did with solar, our local options to reject will be very limited. Public planners must look at least 50 years into the future. It is likely that this land someday will not be a farm. It can right now be solar. If turned to houses or an industrial park the negative effects could be worse than a Data Center.

About 35 years ago Handy Township rejected a trailer park on Van Buren Road. It was taken to court and the courts overruled the decision and decreed that the township also had to provide both water and sewer for the development which is now houses, not mobile homes. The courts could and probably will side with the land owner in this dispute as they did long ago in Handy Township. I think the best opinion given was to call for a moratorium on this project until the township can write an ordinance that addresses all of the concerns raised at the public hearing. In that way the township will have adequate tools to have meaningful controls. It will also give the community and the township time to study the facts and work toward a unified decision as happened in the townships with solar. As County Commissioner I must represent all in my district: Democrats, Independents, and Republicans. In like manner, I must represent those on both sides of this issue. My constituents include the Van Gilders who own the property in question, others who will benefit from a larger tax base, and those who oppose because of the potential harm and the inevitable changes it will bring to our area. I ask specifically that those with sources of information would send them to me to add to my personal effort to better understand this many faceted public question. dhelzerman@livgov.com

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Flat, reduced revenue sharing draws some disappointment from locals in wake of roads deal

By Nick Smith
Gongwer News Service

Local government groups had a mixed reaction to the Legislature’s moves in the new fiscal year budget to reduce or maintain flat levels of traditional revenue sharing as part

Kreeger Elementary
School News

CALENDAR OF KREEGER EVENTS

10-13-25	Kreeger Book Fair
10-14-25	Kreeger Book Fair
10-15-25	Kreeger Book Fair
10-15-25	Conferences 5:00pm-7:30pm
10-16-25	Kreeger Book Fair
10-17-25	Kreeger Book Fair
10-20-25	No School – PD day
10-23-25	Half Day, 12:02 dismissal; Conferences 12:45-3:15 & 5-7:30pm
10-30-25	Student Council Meeting 3:35-4:35pm
11-17-25	Hearing Screening
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of its plan to redirect sales tax money generated at the pump toward roads as part of a long-term road funding plan.

Although the road funding plan will provide additional funding to communities and local road departments to upgrade infrastructure, the resulting flat or slightly reduced revenue sharing prompted a negative to wait-and-see attitude from local government organizations.

Judy Allen, government relations director with the Michigan Townships Association, in a statement, said the changes made to the sales tax revenue at the gas pump to attain a road funding deal and the effect on revenue sharing is a negative for townships.

“MTA is greatly disappointed that townships and other local units of government were not held harmless for the loss of sales tax revenue due to the redirect at the pump given the previous commitment of House and the governor to do so,” Allen said. “The resulting constitutional revenue sharing cuts mean some communities may be forced to reduce programs and services or ask their residents for local tax increases.”

On Friday, Oct 3, final votes were taken on a budget totaling \$75.9 billion with another \$9.3 billion in contingency funds.

Among the many moving parts to combine a road funding plan with the fiscal year 2025-26 budget was HB 4951, which will enact a 24% wholesale tax on cannabis.

Additional legislation, HB 4180, HB 4181, HB 4182 and HB 4183, will implement a fuel tax swap, redirecting all revenues generated at the pump to roads while seeking to backfill the money historically provided to other areas, most notably schools.

The changes collectively redirect funding to roads, leaving locals to take a slight hit elsewhere through traditional revenue sharing.

Constitutional revenue sharing, as a result, is set at \$1.01 billion for the new fiscal year. That’s a reduction of \$63.6 million from the previous fiscal year.

Statutory revenue sharing to cities, villages and townships will remain at the same level as the previous fiscal year (\$333.5 million), as will revenue sharing to counties (\$291.1 million).

The passed budget also included \$50 million in public safety revenue sharing grants and an additional \$20 million in one-time grants for public safety.

John LaMacchia, director of state and federal affairs for the Michigan Municipal League, said on Oct. 3rd the group was still reviewing the budget to determine the potential effects the revenue sharing portion will have on local governments. He took a more reserved stance on what the Legislature achieved.

“When you intertwine roads and revenue sharing and public safety, every one of our members is going to see a different effect,” LaMacchia said.

While cities get money directly from the state for roads, townships do not. Counties handle roads within townships.

LaMacchia said there is no doubt communities are going to see a noticeable increase in

road funding, but the net effect may be less money overall. “It’s not one-for-one,” LaMacchia said.

He said MML is grateful that the state was able to tackle a problem that has plagued it for a long time. Now it is a matter of continuing the partner with the state to work on policy and funding that will help grow and improve communities.

“Communities have such a role in bettering our state,” LaMacchia said.

Deena Bosworth, director of governmental affairs for the Michigan Association of Counties, said in a statement the revenue sharing is straightforward for counties.

“For counties it’s flat funding from FY 25 – no cuts, no increase,” Bosworth said. “There are other line items in the budget that benefit all and some counties through public safety dollars and prosecutor supplemental funding.”



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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 certain mortgage made by Kevin M. Cook and Amanda M. Cook, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for American Financial Resources, Inc., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 26, 2018, and recorded on November 1, 2018, as Document Number: 2018R-029362, Livingston County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 18, 2022 and recorded February 22, 2022 by Document Number: 2022R-005443, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Two and 06/100 (\$357,192.06) including interest at the rate of 6.37500% per annum.*

Said premises are situated in the Township of Unadilla, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Being a part of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 27, Town 1 North, Range 3 East, Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 27; Thence South 86 degrees 18 minutes 00 seconds East, 36.33 feet to a point on the centerline of a 66 foot wide private road easement for use together with adjacent property owners for ingress and egress; Thence along the centerline of said 66 foot wide private road easement described as follows: South 19 degrees 09 minutes 24 seconds East, 89.19 feet to a point of curvature; Thence Southeasterly 349.82 feet along the arc of a curve left, with a central angle of 66 degrees 48 minutes 43 seconds and a radius of 300.00 feet, the long chord of which bears South 52 degrees 33 minutes 46 seconds East, 330.34 feet to a point of tangency; Thence Southeasterly 436.11 feet along the arc of a curve right, with a central angle of 83 degrees 17 minutes 30 seconds and a radius of 300.00 feet, the long chord of which bears South 44 degrees 19 minutes 22 seconds East, 398.71 feet to a point of tangency; Thence South 02 degrees 40 minutes 38 seconds East, 278.74 feet to a point of curvature; Thence Southwesterly 28.67 feet along the arc of a curve right, with a central angle of 05 degrees 28 minutes 33 seconds and a radius of 300.00 feet, the long chord of which bears South 00 degrees 03 minutes 39 seconds West, 28.66 feet to the point of beginning of the land described; running Thence Southwesterly 187.17 feet along the arc of a curve right and centerline of said 66 foot wide private road easement, with a central angle of 35 degrees 44 minutes 46 seconds and a radius of 300.00 feet, the long chord of which bears South 20 degrees 40 minutes 18 seconds West, 184.17 feet; Thence South 20 degrees 34 minutes 20 seconds East, 1772.52 feet to a point on the South Section line; Thence South 85 degrees 98 minutes 26 seconds East, 118.00 feet along the South Section line; Thence North 00 degrees 32 minutes 06 seconds East, 842.72 feet; Thence North 34 degrees 24 minutes 35 seconds West, 1209.38 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to and including the use of the above 66 foot wide private road easement. Commonly known as: 18975 DOYLE CT, GREGORY, MI 48137

If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 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.

*Modified by a loan modification dated May 10, 2019 and recorded June 24, 2019 as Instrument Number 2019R-015469, Livingston County Records. *Modified by a loan modification dated July 31, 2019 and recorded August 20, 2019 as Instrument Number 2019R-021821, Livingston County Records. *Modified by a loan modification dated December 23, 2021 and recorded January 19, 2022 as Instrument Number 2022R-002203, Livingston County Records. *Modified by a loan modification dated June 21, 2023 and recorded August 16, 2023 as Instrument Number 2023R-015355, Livingston County Records.

Dated: October 5, 2025

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.

Attorneys for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 25MI00697-1

(10-05)(10-26)

(10-5, 10-12, 10-19 & 10-26-25 FNV)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE

TO ALL PURCHASERS - A lien has been recorded on behalf of Fairways of Whispering Pines Condominium Association. The lien was executed on May 29, 2025 and recorded on June 18, 2025, as Instrument No. 2025R-011643, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Four Thousand Three Hundred and Six Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$4,306.28). 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 judicature 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, October 22, 2025, 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 Ronald D. Pezzoni and Kimberly Liepold as Trustees of the Georgiann Pezzoni Family Trust u/a/d August 31, 2007 and restated in its entirety on December 18, 2018, and is situated in the Township of Hamburg, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 154, of Fairways of Whispering Pines Condominium, a Condominium according to the Amended and Restated Master Deed recorded in Instrument No. 2016R-025532, Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 154. Sidwell No. 15-19-303-154

Commonly known as: 9993 Tioga Trail, Pinckney, Michigan 48169

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: September 8, 2025

Fairways of Whispering Pines Condominium Association
c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC

John L. Finkelmann

23201 Jefferson Avenue

St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

586 218 6805

(09-14)(10-12)

(9-14, 9-21, 9-28, 10-5 & 10-12-25 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 October 29, 2025. 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): Kristy A Baughn, an unmarried 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): PHH Asset Services LLC
Date of Mortgage: September 15, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 23, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$188,691.39

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Fowlerville, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 6 of Addison Heights, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 7 of Plats, Page(s) 36, Livingston County Records.

Common street address (if any): 225 Addison Dr, Fowlerville, MI 48836-9787

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: September 28, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(09-28)(10-19)

(9-28, 10-5, 10-12 & 10-19-25 FNV)

PUBLICATION NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST ESTATE STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON

Mary L. Geroux, Deceased

Date of Birth: August 22, 1931

Name of Trust: Geroux Living Trust dated January 19, 2004, as amended

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Decedent, Mary L. Geroux died August 24, 2025. There is no probate estate. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust estate will be forever barred unless presented to Vicki Lee Schiesel, Kathleen R. Jones-Cutler, Robert W. Geroux, Jr. and Kimberly Geroux-Lenga, Co-Trustees, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Attorney

Couzens, Lansky, Fealk, Ellis, Roeder & Lazar, P.C.

Alan C. Roeder (P23140)

39395 West Twelve Mile Rd, Suite 200

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48331

248-489-8600

Trustee

Vicki Lee Schiesel, Kathleen R. Jones-Cutler,

Robert W. Geroux, Jr. and Kimberly Geroux-Lenga,

Co-Trustee

c/o 39395 West Twelve Mile Road, Suite 200

Farmington Hills, MI 48331

(10-12-25 FNV)

October is being celebrated as Michigan Agritourism Month

Governor Gretchen Whitmer has proclaimed October as Michigan Agritourism Month – the perfect time for family-friendly fun at any of the hundreds of agritourism farms and orchards across Michigan. The month-long celebration recognizes the economic and social benefits of agritourism to our state’s farms and communities and provides an opportunity to celebrate Michigan’s thriving food and agriculture industry.

“Agritourism connects Michigan families to locally grown food and beverages while enabling farmers to diversify and build resiliency into their businesses,” said Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) Director Tim Boring. “MDARD is proud to support Michigan agritourism operators that strengthen our food and agriculture industry, boost agricultural education and improve quality of life for Michiganders.” Agritourism supports Michigan’s nearly \$126 billion food and agriculture industry and \$54.8 billion tourism industry. It offers farmers the opportunity to diversify their businesses,

which can help them stay viable during adverse weather conditions and market fluctuations.

Michigan’s agritourism destinations include:

- U-Pick apple orchards,
- Pumpkin patches,
- Corn mazes,
- Farmers markets,
- On-farm markets,
- Roadside produce stands,
- Wineries, and
- On-farm celebrations and events.

Many Michigan farms offer agritourism opportunities year-round, but Agritourism Month is celebrated in October at the peak of harvest and during a time when people traditionally visit farms, pumpkin patches and cider mills. Michigan Agritourism Month is a special time to acknowledge and experience the vast, integrated network of family farmers, processors, wholesalers and retailers who produce a safe and nutritious food supply, as well as provide fun and unique farm experiences.

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LEGAL NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE TO ALL PURCHASERS -

A lien has been recorded on behalf of Hometown Village of Marion Association. The lien was executed on April 26, 2024 and recorded on May 3, 2024, as Instrument No. 2024R-007580, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Two Dollars and Seventy-Seven Cents (\$7,342.77).

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 judicature 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, November 12, 2025, 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 Paul Lewis and Hannah Lewis, and is situated in the Township of Marion, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 4, of Hometown Village of Marion, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2812, Page 215 et seq., Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 198. Sidwell No. 10-11-201-004

Commonly known as: 88 Champlain Blvd., Howell, Michigan 48843

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: September 24, 2025
Hometown Village of Marion Association
c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC
Sarah R. Karl
30140 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
248 671 0140

(10-05)(11-02)

(10-5, 10-12, 10-19, 10-26 & 11-2-25 FNV)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE TO ALL PURCHASERS -

A lien has been recorded on behalf of Marion Creek Condominium Association. The lien was executed on July 17, 2025 and recorded on July 18, 2025, as Instrument No. 2025R-013957, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Five Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$2,855.25).

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 judicature 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, November 5, 2025, 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 Steven Pryde and Hannah Pryde, and is situated in the Township of Marion, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 42, of Marion Creek, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Instrument No. 2017R-031835, et seq., Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 418. Sidwell No. 4710-02-103-042

Commonly known as: 1031 Kemperwood Ct., Howell, Michigan 48843

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: September 22, 2025
Marion Creek Condominium Association
c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC
Kellie McGuire
30140 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
248 671 0140

(09-28)(10-26)

(9-28, 10-5, 10-12, 10-19 & 10-26-25 FNV)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE TO ALL PURCHASERS -

A lien has been recorded on behalf of Rolling Ridge I Association. The lien was executed on April 29, 2025 and recorded on May 13, 2025, as Instrument 2025R-009080, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Three Thousand One Hundred and Seven Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$3,107.25).

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 judicature 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, November 19, 2025, 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 Andrew T. Thompson and Nicole King-Thompson, and is situated in the Township of Genoa, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 80, of Rolling Ridge I, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2285, Page 437 et seq., Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 134. Sidwell No. 11-05-201-080

Commonly known as: 3873 Snowden Ln., Howell, Michigan 48843

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: October 1, 2025
Rolling Ridge I Association
c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC
Sarah R. Karl
30140 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
248 671 0140

(10-12)(11-09)

(10-12, 10-19, 10-26 & 11-2 & 11-9-25 FNV)

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Fowlerville Huge Yard Sale

20+ families, lots of antiques, tools, furniture, toys, clothes, household, holiday decor. 1000’s of items. Oct. 16 thru Oct. 19, 9:00-5:00, 9585 West Grand River, Fowlerville. Rain or Shine.

FOR SALE

The Village is accepting sealed bids for a 1992 Ford L8000 Diesel truck featuring a 7.8L L6 Turbo Diesel engine, 48,113.1 miles, newer hydraulics, and fully operational salter and plow.
To hear the vehicle run or ask questions, please call (517) 749-2506, Monday through Thursday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The minimum bid is \$7,000.00.

Minimum bid \$7,000.00

To submit a bid, include your name, address, phone number, and bid amount in a sealed envelope and deliver it to the Village of Fowler-ville, 213 S. Grand Avenue, during regular busi-ness hours (Monday–Thursday, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.). Bids will be accepted until 9:59 a.m. on October 20, 2025, and will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on the same day.
The vehicle will be awarded to the highest bidder who meets or exceeds the minimum bid of \$7,000.00.

Jamie Hartman
Village Clerk
(10-5, 10-12 & 10-19-25 FNV)

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Gov. Whitmer signs general fund & school aid budget bills last week

By Lily Guiney
Gongwer News Services
Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed both the general and school aid omnibus budget bills into law last Tuesday afternoon (Oct. 7), her office announced.

In a Lansing event closed to the press and the public, the governor was joined by legislative leadership and others to officially close the lid on the 2025-26 fiscal year budget, which ultimately totaled more than \$81 billion. SB 166, the education omnibus, became PA 15, and HB 4706, for state departments and agencies, became PA 22.

Whitmer emphasized the budget’s bipartisan nature and the work it took to achieve a deal under extenuating circumstances at the state and federal level but did not mention its lateness in her statement announcing the signing.

“Our budget fixes the damn roads, cuts taxes for seniors and working families, funds first responders, secures core health care services that millions of Michiganders rely on, protects our air, lakes and land and increases government efficiency to save taxpayers time and money,” Whitmer said. “I’m so grateful to legislators on both sides of the aisle for coming together to get this done. Amidst so much uncertainty

caused by a chaotic tariff strategy and a national government shutdown, Michigan is showing everyone how to get things done. In the weeks and months ahead, we will build on this momentum and come together on commonsense tools to create and retain good-paying jobs.”

Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks, D-Grand Rapids, and House Speaker Matt Hall, R-Richland Township, similarly trumpeted the budget’s affordability and road funding aspects in their statements and shied away from explicitly referencing the months of chaos and gridlock which made it late to both statutory and constitutional deadlines.

“While this budget cycle featured unprecedented challenges, it also provided us the opportunity to show the rest of the country what leadership can look like in divisive political times,” Brinks said. “The result: a bipartisan budget that fixes our roads, strengthens public schools, protects health care access and insulates us from some of the toughest federal cuts. Michiganders and their communities stand to benefit both immediately and into the future because of groundwork we are laying today.”

Hall, a minority in the negotiations, continued to highlight the areas within the bills that Republicans were able to win by keeping from their own proposals much of which were left on the cutting room floor like certain state staffing and spending reductions and ending taxes on tips and overtime pay.

“People are frustrated when they struggle to pay their bills while the government burns through billions of dollars of their money like it’s nothing. Our state government spending has grown way beyond its means, and it’s time to rein it in,” Hall said in his statement. “This budget makes a significant difference in eliminating waste, fraud and abuse to lower state spending and give the taxpayers better value for their dollars. That’s how we were finally able to get our local roads fixed and pass the public safety trust fund, all while eliminating taxes on tips, overtime and social security. You can do a lot when you take the time to evaluate state spending and set better priorities.”

State Budget Director Jen Flood said in a statement that securing a balanced and fiscally responsible budget under divided government is something lawmakers can be proud of.

“In Michigan, we’re proving that both sides can come together to do hard things, and I’m proud of the budget. It fixes the damn roads, protects Medicaid coverage for more than 2 million Michiganders, and invests in our kids from pre-k through college,” Flood said. “At a time when families are dealing with higher costs, this budget builds on our record of fiscal responsibility by paying down debt and cutting taxes for seniors and working families.”

Whitmer also signed key revenue bills, which accompanied the budget on Tuesday, including those related to provider, marijuana and fuel taxes and decoupling state and federal business taxes.

Whitmer’s office sent separate press releases announcing

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Gov. Whitmer signs general fund & school aid budget bills, continued

the signings, both of which included comments from stakeholders praising the Legislature and governor and noting highlights of the appropriations for the upcoming fiscal year. Supporters quoted in the PA 22 announcement included the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association, Michigan Laborers District Council, Michigan Health and Hospital Association, Michigan League for Public Policy, Rx Kids and Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health.

“We’re relieved that state lawmakers were finally able to

come to the table and reach a budget agreement, and that they and the governor were committed to doing what they could to protect Medicaid and SNAP for Michiganders,” MLPP President and CEO Monique Stanton said in a statement. “Over 2.6 million Michiganders rely on Medicaid for health care, and 1.4 million count on SNAP to put food on the table, and in these uncertain times, it was crucial for our leaders to prioritize their well-being.”

Within the release specific to the school aid budget were statements from the Michigan Association of State Universities, Michigan Community College Association, Michigan PTA, Michigan After School Partnership and a Rochester Hills parent who is a member of the Michigan Parent Alliance for Safe Schools.

The two higher education groups had positive comments about the budget, noting its increases in operational funding

for the state’s public universities and continued support for scholarships like the Community College Guarantee, Michigan Achievement Scholarship and Michigan Reconnect program.

“MASU commends Governor Whitmer and state lawmakers for coming together across party lines to champion higher education in Michigan,” MASU CEO Daniel Hurley said in his statement. “The budget invests directly in student success and strengthens the essential role our 15 public universities play in fueling innovation, driving economic growth, and preparing the workforce of tomorrow. It represents meaningful progress toward more stable, sustained funding for higher education and a stronger, more prosperous future for Michigan.”

Notably absent from the group of supporters quoted celebrating the governor’s signature on PA 14, though, were any of the organizations or labor unions representing educators, administrators and school staff or the state’s school boards, many of which issued statements following the budget’s passage saying its positive contents were far outweighed by it arriving three months later than the beginning of the fiscal year for Michigan’s public schools.

“It’s frustrating for every parent, student and educator across Michigan to know that lawmakers delayed the school budget for months, forcing schools to reopen their doors this year without any funding certainty whatsoever, to keep a road funding deal alive that diverts \$1.35 billion from the School Aid Fund, a \$400 million increase over last year’s diversion,” K-12 Alliance of Michigan Executive Director Robert McCann said in a statement issued in response to Whitmer’s signings on Tuesday. “This not only isn’t what the public is asking for, it further sets Michigan’s school funding system on a path for disaster in the years to come.”

McCann went on to say this year’s school aid budget sends education funding “toward a fiscal cliff” and that lawmakers are failing to be honest with taxpayers about how dollars intended for education are actually being spent.

“Michiganders were shut out of this process as lawmakers negotiated sweeping changes to school funding in the dark, changes that will affect every student, teacher, and district in the state with little accountability,” McCann said. “It’s clear Michigan faces some perilous fiscal constraints in the coming years, and Lansing owes it to taxpayers, educators and students to do their jobs on time and transparently, not in secret months too late to make a difference in student achievement.”

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Trust of: CORA G. OESTERLE, Deceased
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Cora G. Oesterle, Settlor of the Paul and Cora Oesterle Trust dated July 2, 1999, as amended, whose address was 1500 Byron Road, Howell, Michigan 48855, died August 18, 2025. There is no personal representative of the decedent’s estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Diana K. Warner, Co-Trustee of the Paul and Cora Oesterle Trust at 4541 N. Valley Drive, N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Date: October 2, 2025

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Date of Mortgage: June 28, 2024
Date of Mortgage Recording: July 2, 2024
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$190,657.36
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‘Chainsaw Art in the Park Encore’ provided lots of entertainment at McCormick Park

‘Chainsaw Art in the Park Encore!’ provided lots of entertainment at Williamston’s McCormick Park last Saturday, Oct. 4th. The stars of the event were the regional chainsaw artists who did live carvings, including a couple of commissioned pieces that will remain at the park and other works that were auctioned off at the end of the day. The event also featured music, food trucks, kids’ activities, wood art vendors, a portable sawmill, and a euchre tournament. Proceeds go towards local park improvements.

Several regional artists were carving throughout the day, creating works to be auctioned off at 4 p.m. A highlight was the quick carve event, in which each carver had 60 minutes to complete a carving from a 4-foot section of white pine.

Emil Skzipala of Sterling Heights and James Denkins of Cooks each carved a 10-foot sculpture which they began on Thursday and completed during the Encore! Event and permanently installed in McCormick Park. One was created in honor of the Friends of Williamston Parks’ 10th anniversary, and the other was done to celebrate the Williamston Area Beautification Fund’s positive impact on the community.



This Williamston family was enjoying the various activities at the event, including cornhole. They are, from left, in front, Casper Roth (5) and Evie Roth (4) and in back, Leslie Nalepa and Jenny Roth.



Thomas Naegele and Jodi Robbins of Quincy were working on this sculpture which they intended to sell at the auction later that day. The two are engaged. Thomas has been carving for five years and Jodi has been at it less than a year. They call their business ‘Lucky Love Artistry’.



Jon Boza of Williamston was selling his assortment of wood-carved items that he repurposes from broken pianos. They include cutting boards, peg board games, and coasters. Jon, who calls his business ‘Broken Brain Woodworks’, said he started carving as a therapy after suffering a stroke.



Emil Skzipala of Sterling Heights was putting the finishing touches on this frog playing a guitar during the ‘Chainsaw Art in the Park Encore’ held last Saturday, Oct. 4th. The sculpture will remain in the park, having been commissioned. Last year he did the ‘Three Sisters’ sculpture. Emil said he’s been a chainsaw artist for 35 years and competes in international competitions. He was recently in Germany and was heading to Austria in the near future.

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Susan Merewitz, left, and Lisa Bowen were operating the Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club’s booth at the event. The club is currently taking orders for wreaths, garland, and door charms for the upcoming holiday season. The sale is a major fundraiser for the club.



James Denkins of Cooks, a town in the Upper Peninsula, carved this nature scene of a fawn next to a tree, along with a chipmunk, butterfly, cardinal, and flowers. It was a commissioned piece and will remain in the park. James takes part in competitions and exhibitions all over the country as well as internationally and had just returned from Switzerland where he took part in a symposium. He’s been a chainsaw artist for 40 years.

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Author shines a light on the importance of protecting Great Lakes’ lighthouses

By Joshua Kim
Capital News Service

The book “Mastering the Inland Seas” (University of Wisconsin Press, \$36.95) helps explain the history of Great Lakes lighthouses and navigational aids and the importance of protecting them.

Historically, lighthouses, powered by whale oil and

kerosene, helped large commercial vessels navigate the harsh environment of the Great Lakes. Due to the declining number of commercial vessels and advancements in navigation technology, though, these lighthouses have become a problem for the National Park Service.

Author Theodore Karamanski, a retired professor of public history at Loyola University Chicago, said, “They wanted to see what we need to know to evaluate any of them to be landmarks.”

While some of these lighthouses are on the National Register of Historic Places, that does not guarantee protection.

As a result, Karamanski was selected to work on a project to research and learn how these lighthouses fit into American history and determine if any warranted National Historic Landmark status.

Despite the shrinking numbers of commercial vessels and the advancement in GPS and satellite navigation, lighthouses still help recreational boaters, along with preserving a historical period of navigational aid development.

“Lighthouses are still important,” said Karamanski. “So, even though the commercial traffic on the lakes has really declined, there is a tremendous recreational traffic on the lakes now.”

“Almost all the lights on the Great Lakes – there’s a couple that have gone dark – but most still remain lit, but with solar panels,” he said.

Nathan Nietering, a project coordinator in the State Historic Preservation Office, a branch of the Michigan Economic



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Poverty Island Light on Lake Michigan is in poor shape.

Development Corp., agrees that lighthouses serve important purposes.

“Michigan has more lighthouses than any other state,” says Nietering. “So much of our culture revolves around the Great Lakes. It feels like there is always a lighthouse somewhere nearby, and many have absolutely fascinating histories.”

“If the lighthouse didn’t exist, you would lose that sense of place, and you would lose that part of the story.”

Nowadays, many lighthouses along the Great Lakes coastline are at risk of being unprotected due to the federal government’s initiatives to privatize and shift control of them to private citizens and organizations.

David Cooper, who retired from the National Park Service, says money is a reason that keeping the lighthouses in good condition has been difficult for the federal government.

“The government can’t afford to keep as many of these things in operation,” said Cooper.

“The Coast Guard mission has changed, and this has affected both aids to navigation and their search and rescue capabilities. They still do great work, but they don’t have all the money they need.”

“The Park Service doesn’t have a fraction of the money that it would need to accomplish its mission,” Cooper said.

This, according to Karamanski and Cooper, would mean the Midwest risks losing a symbol of the feat of human engineering tied to the growth of community along the Great Lakes.

Cooper says that the interior and exterior of few lighthouses are in good condition.

“Only a few of the lights are going to get tip-top care,” he said, “Many are in what I would call a three-star category where maybe the exterior of the building is well-cared for, but there is relatively little preservation work done on the inside.”

What really scares Cooper, though, is “one-star or below category” lighthouses where nothing is being done to the interior and exterior, such as Poverty Island Light on Lake Michigan.

Despite the difficulties of keeping them in good shape, Nietering says that’s a priority for the state.

Initiatives such as the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program and the Save Our Lights program have raised money for maintenance, and motorists can purchase a custom Save Our Lights license plate to help fund rehabilitation efforts.

Despite such efforts, Karamanski says more needs to be done to attract attention to the problem.

“In 20 years, they won’t be able to do that anymore,” said Karamanski. “It’s one thing to say, ‘Here is a group of people who will take care of it.’”

“I don’t think they fully appreciate that if we are going to try to keep these lighthouses in their current shape, it’s going to take a lot of money.”