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The commencement ceremony will take place on Sunday, June 2, at the Fowlerville High School.

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Isaiah Beach

Parents: Larry and Julie Beach Academic Achievements & Honors: Valedictorian with 4.1071 GPA

Extracurricular Activities: Brighton Mountain Biking Team

Future plans: Attend Hope College and study Mechanical Engineering and Business

Alexandra McKee

Parents: Robert & Elizabeth McKee

Academic Achievements & Honors: Salutatorian with 4.0745 GPA. Score 5 on AP Calculus. Letter in academics all four years. Score 4 on AP Chemistry.

Extracurricular Activities: Band, Soccer, Dance, Tech Club, treasurer of Class Council, Spanish Club, and French Club

Future plans: Attend Central Michigan University to study French and Spanish

Halli Jorgensen

Parents: Jen & Troy Jorgensen

Academic Achievements & Honors: 4.067 GPA. Dual enrollment

Extracurricular Activities: Volleyball, Barista, Volunteering

Future plans: Undecided on college, but plans to study Cell and Molecular Biology

Ava Neirynck

Parents: Jason and Kellie Neirynck

Academic Achievements & Honors: 4.0555 GPA. Fowlerville FFA Chapter President, State Vet Skills Contest Silver winner and Arthur Berkey Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources State Science Fair Silver winner

Extracurricular Activities: Equestrian Team and FFA

Future plans: Attend Michigan State University to study Veterinary Medicine

Molly Kilpela

Parents: Brent & Jessica Kilpela Academic Achievements & Honors: 4.0465 GPA.



Academic Letter for four years and CAAC All-Academic Awards for Cross Country and Soccer

Extracurricular Activities: Band, Cross Country, and Soccer

Future plans: Attend Oakland University to study Accounting

Kyla Durbin

Parents: Elizabeth & Gary Durbin

Academic Achievements & Honors: 4.0272 GPA. Academic Excellence four years and CAAC All-Academic Award

Extracurricular Activities: Soccer, Lit Club, Umbrella Club, German Club, Be the Change, and Linsey's Llama Promise

Future plans: Attend Central Michigan University to study English and German

Avery Challiss

Parents: Robert and Danielle Challiss

Academic Achievements & Honors: 4.0244 GPA. Fouryear Honor Roll, CAAC All-Academic Award, and Michigan Tech Women's STEM Award

Extracurricular Activities: Soccer

Future plans: Attend Grand Valley State University to study Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Morgan Challiss

Parents: Robert and Danielle Challiss

Academic Achievements & Honors: 4.0205 GPA. Fouryear Honor Roll, CAAC All-Academic Award, and Academic Varsity Letter/Pin

Extracurricular Activities: Soccer

Future plans: Attend Grand Valley State University to study Radiology

Richard Davis

Parents: Aaron and Anne Davis

Academic Achievements & Honors: 4.0002 GPA. Academic All-State Football two times and Academic All-State Wrestling two times

Extracurricular Activities: Band, Football, Wrestling, and Track

Future plans: Attend the University of Olivet to study Exercise Science

Alexis Young

Parents: Janine & Sean Young

Academic Achievements & Honors: 3.9921 GPA. Wilson Talent Center Cosmetology and 4.0 Honor Roll

Extracurricular Activities: Band and Tech Club Future plans: Pursue a career in Cosmetology

Other Summa Cum Laude Students

The following seniors will also graduate with Summa Cum Laude Honors, having obtained a grade-point-average of 3.90 or above for four years of high school.

They are: Tara Peterson, Travis Saint Martin, Mackenzie Kelly, Ashley Johnson, and Victoria Briggs.



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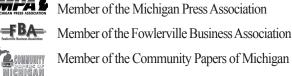
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New furniture, TV and computer & monitor were provided to the Fowlerville Senior Center by the Livingston County Catholic Charities.

Fowlerville Senior Center working with Livingston Catholic Charities on enhancing, adding to existing programs

In March, a coordination meeting was held between the Directors of the Fowlerville Senior Center and the Executive Director, Senior Services Director, and Outreach Coordinator of Livingston County Catholic Charities to discuss programs and options which would benefit the Fowlerville Senior Center and its members.

In 2023 Catholic Charities assisted the senior center by providing a part-time person to assist with program development and administration duties. They also assisted with obtaining new furniture and TV for a members meeting room and a new computer and monitor to assist Senior Center staff in upgrading their outreach to the senior community



and provide timely program updates and offerings via our Facebook page and email.

Fowlerville Senior Center President Edie Bajema said that "The part-time assistant person provided helpful insight and direction options for senior center programs and operations."

A number of suggestions were utilized. Programs such as health and wellness, entertainment, crafting, building improvements, and programs to address social isolation and loneliness were added to the already successful programs of Bingo and Euchre.

The Senior Center's Board of Directors remains in control of all Senior Center operations and programs. The Board appreciates the ability and opportunity to work with Catholic Charities for additional program suggestions, travel options, and building assistance.

Cinderella's Closet Prom Boutique opens April 8 at LACASA Collection

Cinderella's Closet Prom Boutique, where high school students can shop from a wide variety of beautiful formalwear at vintage prices, opens April 8 and runs for a week at the LACASA Collection, LACASA Center's charity resale store in Howell.

LACASA Collection hosts this eco-friendly event semiannually for high school teens during prom and homecoming seasons. Brand-new and gently-loved gowns, dresses and suits are offered in a variety of sizes and styles, all for just \$25. All proceeds from this event benefit programs for teens at LACASA.

The formalwear featured during this boutique is donated by individuals and retail businesses from the community in support of providing special occasion attire for teens at an affordable price.

Cinderella's Closet provides teens with a unique shopping experience and includes awareness information about issues that affect teens. Guests receive self-esteem and selfempowerment messaging about how to enjoy their special night.

Those who would benefit from a less sensory stimulating shopping experience will have the opportunity to shop in a quiet and calmer space. Sensory safe shopping will be held on Sunday, April 7 from 2 - 4 p.m. prior to the official launch of Cinderella's Closet.

LACASA Center provides educational programs throughout Livingston County high schools to raise awareness about issues affecting teens, including identifying controlling behaviors and establishing healthy relationships.

Cinderella's Closet opens at the LACASA Collection on Monday, April 8 and runs through Sunday, April 14. Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LACASA

The LACASA Collection is located at 120 W. Highland Road, Howell, in the Crossroads/Kroger Plaza.

People who are interested in donating formalwear for Cinderella's Closet-now or throughout the year-can contact Snedicor's Green Earth Cleaners at www. snedicors.com/donations/. Snedicor's generously provides donation pickups and cleaning of formalwear for LACASA's prom and homecoming boutiques.

Cinderella's Closet is for high school teens only, and shoppers will be asked to show student IDs upon purchase. For more information about this event, visit https:// lacasacollection.org/ cinderellas-closet-prom/.



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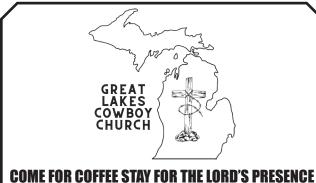
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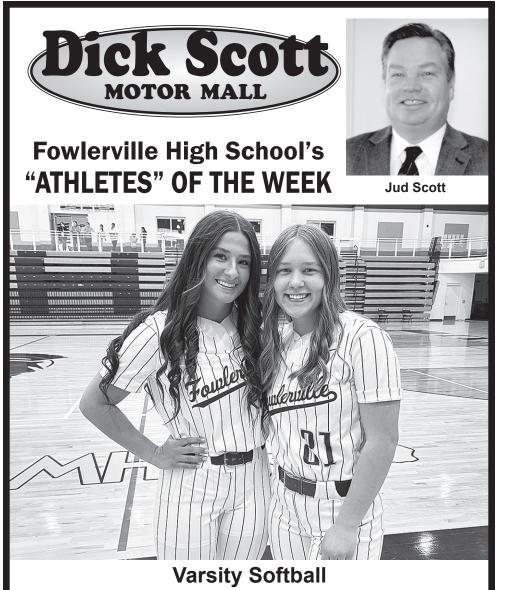
Caleb Jenkins Column



Expertise: The Academic and the Practitioner

Last week, we identified a couple pitfalls of endorsements by self-proclaimed experts. An expert in one thing cannot necessarily provide expertise in another area, and not everyone endorsing a product or promoting an ideology is an expert at all. In fact, when it comes to social media content and news commentary, most of those spouting opinions are far from experts. They were simply handed a microphone, metaphorically speaking, and they ran with it. We must proceed wisely when considering whose opinions or assessments to trust.

Despite this word of caution, the takeaway is not that we should abandon the pursuit of well-informed analysis or disparage the insight of experts. We live in a world of seemingly



Tori Briggs is in her fourth year as a starter on the Varsity Softball team. She has been an exemplary student athlete, and a great role model for the younger children in the community. She will leave the Fowlerville softball program holding many individual season and career records, to go along with being in the MHSAA record book multiple times. It has been a pleasure watching Tori grow as a person, and our entire program is excited to watch her continue to mature as she heads to CMU to continue her scholastic and athletic career. Coach Amy Jarvis adds, "Despite Tori's athletic success, she remains humble and motivated. She is not only a top notch athlete, she is an even better person."

infinite knowledge and maddeningly contradictory information, and we cannot come close to fully grasping it all as individuals. If we hope to perceive reality and understand events beyond our front door, then we need to lean on the expertise of others.

To do that, we need to develop at least a basic ability to identify expertise in the right context. As a start, we should consider what makes an expert. An expert is someone who has invested a tremendous amount of time and effort research. study, into experience, and careful thought on a particular topic and has arrived at some well-founded conclusions.

This definition alone already reveals a dispute because it insinuates that someone can build expertise through experience or study. Is research and one more valid than the other? Are both required? Certainly, there are sincere people who would argue for each position, so let us take a closer look.

A common caricature of an expert is a stuffy academic who has spent his or her entire life in the ivory tower. This scholar claims expertise not through direct exposure but via the tremendous amount of knowledge and deep thought cultivated on the issue at hand. No one, not even those experientially involved, can address the topic with the same depth and breadth.

This academic-expert, the caricature of which is usually inaccurate or incomplete, garners a lot of criticism today. Those critical would say that the supposed expert is book smart but not street smart. What good is this vastness of knowledge if it has never been applied? From this perspective, an ounce of experience is worth a pound of research. The people with direct experience in the topic are the true experts because they have acted it out in the real world, or what they call the real world. Furthermore, if the practitioner-expert lacks any depth or breadth in the topic, then those missing facts are probably superfluous. If they were important, then why has the practitioner-expert never used them? Those details appear to be wholly theoretical.

So, which is the true form of expertise? The answer, as unsatisfying as it may seem, is that it depends on the circumstances. My definition of expert included both categories because each is relevant for different circumstances. Meaning, I count on a botanist to understand contributing factors to healthy wheat crops; a farmer to cultivate such crops; and a chef to form tremendous sourdough bread. Each can be an expert in her or his own contribution to the process.

That is not to say that every botanist, farmer, or chef is an expert by nature of occupation alone. Whether through experience or research and study, careful thought and wellfounded conclusions are the underlying requirements for developing expertise. Without deeper contemplation and broader application, a chef can make the same sandwich for twenty years yet be able to provide no greater insight than the proper stacking of ingredients. One can call this expertise if so desired, but it is expertise only in the rote mechanics of a task.

Unfortunately, true experts who have invested careful consideration are difficult to find. Most of the talking heads popping up in our social media feeds or in the news have given the topic on which they are opining very little if any thought. They are simply reacting, sharing nothing more than their gut instincts or surface understanding in order to keep up with the tyrannical pace of information. They masquerade, whether outrightly or subtly, as a form of expert, someone whose opinion should be given weight.

Sadly, their efforts are often successful. These faux experts are numerous, and they are unlikely to disappear from our phones, televisions, and radios anytime soon. It is up to us to exercise discernment between true experts with beneficial insight and those simply trying to sway us to their opinions.

Fowlerville Varsity Softball Team wins opener last Tuesday, 12-1

The Fowlerville Varsity Softball Team won its opener at West Bloomfield last Tuesday (April 2), 12-1. McKenna Maybee led the way, going 4-4 with a triple and 3 singles, scoring 3 runs and driving in 1.

The Glads broke open a 3-1 game with five runs in the sixth and four more in the seventh. Tori Briggs picked up the win in the circle, throwing 5.2 innings, giving up 2 hits and striking out 10 in relief of Meadow Browne. Briggs reached base four times with two BB's and two singles. Browne picked up 3 RBI's with a bases-loaded single. Tommi Kleinschmidt, McKayla Fletcher and Briggs all stole a base and Maybee swiped three.

Tara Peterson is in her second year on the Varsity Softball team, and her fourth with the program. Tara has excelled as a student athlete maintaining a 3.98 GPA during her high school career. Tara will be asked to play many roles for us this year, but none will be more important than being a leader on, and off, the field. She is a very genuine person with a great personality. When asked about Tara, Coach Jarvis had this to say, "Tara is a coach's dream. She is dedicated, hard-working, and determined. She is a great teammate to everyone in the program." We wish Tara the best as she decides what her future plans are.

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



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One and Done

By Susan Kretchman

What are some things that only happen one time? I'm listing a few, however, I realize there are many things that could make the grouping exhaustive.

- Being born
- Dying
- A first job
- Purchase first car
- Birth of first child
- Breaking that first bone
- Loss of a loved one
- Viewing a newly released movie hit
- Losing a first tooth
- Falling in love

Easter 2024 has come and gone. This sacred day has been celebrated in Christian churches for over 2,000 years, a repetition I pray we never grow weary or apathetic in our hearts and minds as we remember Friday's death that was overcome with Sunday's resurrection! Jesus' "one time death and one time resurrection" sealed God's plan for the salvation of mankind. Romans 6:10 says: *"For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God".*

In our list of "one time events" we can add in the events of Holy Week. On Good Friday the words "it is finished" echoed in church services worldwide. What did Jesus mean when He spoke those words as His spirit left His body?

"It is finished" indicates Christ had finished the redemptive work he set out to do since the first prophecy in Genesis 3 (and likely much before then). Because sin had entered the world, a cup of wrath existed. Either man or God had to drink it. So Jesus set out to fulfill the 300+ prophecies found in the Old Testament, telling how God would come to earth and take our place on the cross. *(source: biblestudytools.com)*

Another item we can add to the list is our individual attendance of services offered during Holy Week? As I reflect over the past 40 years of my journey of faith, I have clear memories of sanctuaries overflowing with people coming to Easter service. In the church I grew up in, our sanctuary could easily seat over 750 people. Often, the balcony was used for overflow. With each passing year attendance slowly dropped. By the time we left to move from Saginaw, average attendance was well below 100. Although various factors are the cause of great decline, one thing stands out–Easter drew in people who often did not attend church the other 51 weeks of the year. And, today, from my current observations, this remains true.

• Go to church on Easter and/or Christmas

If we only did some things one time, we'd fail miserably: drive a car one time and expect to be excellent, practice a sport and anticipate to be an all-star player, tell our child "I love you" and trust they'll remember it for life, eat healthy for one day, train one day to run a marathon...I think you get the idea.

The only decision we need to make "one time" is how to respond to God's gift of salvation through His Son Jesus Christ. His sacrifice will not be repeated again–remember, that was taken care of over 2,000 years ago. However, since that event, we continue to have the opportunity to respond to the gift placed in front of us when the message of the gospel is preached. It is God's heart that "no one perish", that you not be separated from Him for all of eternity when you take your last breath.

A beautiful trait of God is that He is patient. He is loving. He is merciful. He also is waiting for each person to respond to Him with the decision of "*Lord, I believe*...." and IF those words are muttered in death's last breath, you become His child and will be with Him forever. How do I know this to be true?

My father's oldest brother chose to live his life not being part of God's family by attending church or embracing a rela-

LACASA hosting events to raise awareness of sexual violence

LACASA Center invites the community to participate in a series of special events and initiatives to show support for sexual assault victims and survivors in April, which is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Over 50% of women and about 30% of men have experienced physical or sexual violence, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but despite those numbers, the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics finds that sexual assault remains the most underreported crime in America.

"There is a survivor in your life, whether they've disclosed to you or not," said LACASA President and CEO Bobette Schrandt, "It is critical for our community to take action so that victims and survivors know we believe them and support them. We also want to raise awareness about the free programs and services that are available at LACASA for survivors, their families and friends."

LACASA is teaming up with Cleary University to host the Clothesline Project April 5-18, a free exhibit featuring T-shirts created by sexual violence victims, survivors and their supporters. The exhibit is open to the public from 10:30am-3pm excluding Sundays, and on April 9 from 12-2pm will include the opportunity to hear from a survivor and to make a T-shirt as a sign of support.

Later this month, advocating for sexual assault survivors is as easy as putting on a pair of jeans. LACASA encourages all Livingston County residents, businesses and organizations to participate in Denim Day on April 24. Denim Day was sparked by a 1999 court case when the Italian Supreme Court overturned a rape conviction. Their reasoning was that because the victim wore tight jeans, she must have helped the assailant remove them, thereby implying consent. This decision triggered worldwide outrage, and Denim Day emerged as a way to raise awareness about consent and victim blaming.

Finally, LACASA will host an afternoon of self-care called "Journey to Healing" on April 27 where attendees can learn about sexual assault prevention and enjoy restorative health practices. This free event is open to all.

For information about LACASA's sexual assault awareness programs or events, visit <u>lacasacenter.org</u>.

tionship with Him. As he lay in a hospital bed dying various family members visited and prayed "for" him. Before he left this world, he surrendered and said "*yes, Lord, I believe.*" He had one last chance and he took it. In his last breath of life in the flesh, God breathed new life into his spirit.

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE TO ALL PURCHASERS -

A lien has been recorded on behalf of Hay Creek Meadows Association. The lien was executed on September 11, 2023 and recorded on September 12, 2023, as Instrument 2023R-017077, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Twelve Thousand and Eighty Five Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$12,085.28). 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, April 17, 2024, at 10:00 am, Eastern Standard Time. The amount due on the lien may increase between the date of this notice and the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

The name of the record property owner is William R. Butler, and is situated in the Township of Hamburg, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 10, of Hay Creek Meadows, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 4055, Page 904 et seq., Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 281. Sidwell No. 15-19-105-010 Commonly known as: 8835 Redstone Dr., 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.

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 April 24, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Robert McMacken, a single man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

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

Date of Mortgage: August 4, 2003

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 7, 2003

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$108,413.38 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Putnam, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 147, 148, 149, 150 and 151 of Patterson Lakewoods Subdivision No.1, as recorded in Liber 2, Page 45 of Plats, Livingston County Records.

Common street address (if any): 11669 Patterson Lake Dr, Pinckney, MI 48169-9750

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: March 24, 2024 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Revocable Trust Richard A. Christie Revocable Trust under agreement dated May 24, 1974, as amended and restated Date of Birth: November 10, 1929

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent and settlor, Richard A. Christie, who lived at 200 E. Debbie Ln., Apt. 285, Mansfield, TX 76063,

Dated: March 1, 2024

Hay Creek Meadows Association

c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC

Jeffrey L. Vollmer

23201 Jefferson Avenue

St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 586 218 6805

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died March 2, 2024.

There is no Personal Representative of the decedent's estate to whom letters of administration have been issued and this notice is given by the Trustee of the decedent's Revocable Trust pursuant to MCL 700.7608. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Christine McCall, Trustee, or by commencing a proceeding in the Livingston County Probate Court, 204 S Highlander Way #2, Howell, Michigan 48843 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: March 27, 2024

Juliet R. Boyd, Esq. P81028 2600 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 300 Troy, MI 48084-3312 (248) 433-7200

Christine McCall, Trustee 210 Shorewood Lane Howell, MI 48843 (248) 433-7200

(4-7-24 FNV)

LEGAL NOTICES

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE -LIVINGSTON COUNTY

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 April 24, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Ronald Dolzani and Patricia A. Atkins, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns

Date of mortgage: August 14, 2020

Recorded on August 20, 2020, in Document No. 2020R-028114,

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC

Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Four Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three and 52/100 Dollars (\$424,333.52)

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Livingston County, and described as: PARCEL NO. 12 - PART OF THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST, AND PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 7; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 03 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 7, 165.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DE-GREES 30 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 08 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST 1499.99 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 400.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 15 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST 1541.01 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BE-GINNING. SUBJECT TO AND INCLUDING A 66 FOOT WIDE PRIVATE ROAD EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS AND FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES, THE CENTER-LINE OF WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COM-MENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SEC-TION 12, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, MICHIGAN; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 03 SEC-ONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 12, 1323.38 FEET TO THE NORTH EIGHTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 12; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST 331.28 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID CENTERLINE DE-SCRIPTION; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 43 MIN-UTES 42 SECONDS EAST 1316.19 FEET TO POINT "A"; THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST; 244.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 76 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST 109.05 FEET TO A 75 FOOT TURNING RADIUS POINT AND POINT OF ENDING OF SAID CENTERLINE DESCRIP-TION; ALSO FROM SAID POINT "A" ABOVE; NORTH 80 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST 318.55 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST 362.35 FEET; THENCE NORTH 68 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST 330.02 FEET; THENCE NORTH 73 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST 185.25 FEET TO A 75 FOOT TURN

248.539.7400

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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 5/8/2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Names of Mortgagor(s): Gary Stobbe.

Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Nexera Holding, LLC dba Newfi Lending.

Date of mortgage: 7/29/2022.

Mortgage recorded on 8/12/2022 as Document No. 2022R-022010.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee of PRPM 2023-NQM2.

Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: \$318,756.71. Mortgaged premises: Situated in Livingston County, and described as: LAND SITUATED IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BRIGHTON, COUNTY OF LIVING-STON, STATE OF MI, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST, BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICH-IGAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 26; THENCE DUE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION AND THE CENTERLINE OF KENSING-TON ROAD, 463.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGIN-NING OF THE PARCEL TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES, 37 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST 423.23 FEET; THENCE DUE NORTH 206.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST 423.23 FEET; THENCE DUE SOUTH ALONG SAID CENTERLINE AND SAID SECTION LINE, 206.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 4398 Kensington Road, Milford, MI 48380.

The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after the statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241, the redemption period will be 1 month from the date of such sale. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes pursuant to MCL 600.3240(16), the redemption period is 1 year from the date of such sale. The redemption period may be extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Date of Notice: 04/07/2024. Codilis & Moody, P.C. 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (313) 536-2500. This law firm is a debt collector. C&M File 23-24-00005

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 LIVING-STON County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on April 24, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Christine Marie Peterson, a single woman, whose address is 1663 Welland Street Unit # 20, Howell, MI 48855, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc, as nominee for Stearns Lending, LLC, being a mortgage dated August 2, 2018, and recorded on August 9, 2018 with Document Number 2018R-021303, Livingston County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated August 10, 2021 and recorded on August 11, 2021 and given document number 2021R-033555 in Livingston County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED ONE AND 80/100 DOLLARS (\$71,601.80).

Said premises are situated in the City of Howell, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and are described as: UNIT(S) 20, GALLERY PARK CONDOMINIUM, AC-CORDING TO THE MASTER DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 4077, PAGE 945, LIVINGSTON COUNTY RE-CORDS, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND DESIGNATED AS LIVINGSTON COUNTY CONDO-MINIUM SUBDIVISION PLAN NO. 283, 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 AMEND-ED.

Street Address: 1663 Welland Street Unit # 20, Howell, MI 48855

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 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. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OB-TAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERI-OD 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. Dated: March 24, 2024

For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing:

Kenneth J. Johnson,

Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18, Kalamazoo, MI 49009 Telephone: (312) 541-9710 File No.: MI 24 5673

ING RADIUS POINT AND POINT OF ENDING OF SAID CENTERLINE DESCRIPTION.

Commonly known as 8035 Hidden Shores Dr, Fenton, MI 48430 $\,$

The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 (04-07)(04-28)

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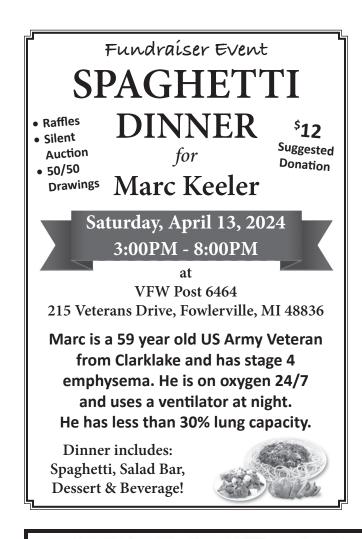
Oak Grove United Methodist Women holding Beef Pasty Sale

Oak Grove Women United in Faith are still taking orders for their delicious beef pasties. Place your order by calling/ texting 810-923-8546. Please leave your name, phone # & quantity you would like. Cost: \$6 each. Proceeds go to support mission work.

Pick up date is Thursday, April 18, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. at the Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 6686 Oak Grove

Road, Howell (5 miles north of M-59). If you can't come that day, please make arrangements for someone to pick up your order.





What's wrong with your brain?

By Jace Arledge What's wrong with your brain?

That is a loaded question, wouldn't you say? I remember in my younger years, I would do something that was "off" and my mother would look at me with her "Italian Mom Stare," holding up her hands and yelling "What is wrong with you?"

Now let me make this clear, I was a very risk taking, rambunctious and adventurous child, so climbing trees, making bike ramps and using them for jumps, getting muddy, catching frogs and crawdads, wading in the water to get tadpoles only to come out of the water with leeches stuck to you.. you name it, I did it. Even had fist fights with my neighbor friend, my longest friend to this day... 53 years!!

However, my mother expected me to be different. She would have to get me dressed at the last minute for holiday pictures, dinner or special occasions for the simple fact I would be filthy by the time we were ready to walk out the door.

So, what was wrong with my brain? Many will say "you were just being a kid," "harmless fun"... perhaps. The difference, though, I was not like those like me. I knew I was different. I didn't have the same desires for fun as others who looked like me. Dolls, dress up, cheerleader stuff, gymnastics were not my idea of fun. The messier and more physical the activity, then the more at home I felt.

So I ask again, "What was wrong with my brain?" NOTHING, simply put, straight forward, NOTHING. Then



my question is why do some believe those like me as well as me have a mental illness?

Well let's look at what constitutes a mental illness:

According to the American Psychiatric Association "Mental illnesses are health conditions involving changes in emotion, thinking or behavior (or a combination of these). Mental illnesses can be associated with distress and/or problems functioning in social, work or family activities."

The Mayo Clinic says: Many people have mental health concerns from time to time. But a mental health concern becomes a mental illness when ongoing signs and symptoms cause frequent stress and affect your ability to function.

According to the Mayo Clinic, mental illness will cause "frequent stress and affect your ability to function."

Reading the description above of what my childhood was like, there is no function issues. I played and laughed like everyone else. That leads me to the question of 'why' do others feel they have the right to say we are mentally ill?

I mean, if we closely look at the signs and symptoms of mental illness, we ALL have underlying issues. There isn't anyone in this world who hasn't experienced some form of stress, anxiety, changes in eating habits, excessive anger, violence, excessive fears, worries, guilt, the list goes on. Plus, as I always say, you can't speak about someone else's life or experiences if you haven't experienced it yourself.

Before I lost my father two years ago, I didn't know what it was like to lose a close family member outside of grandparents. So when friends' parents would pass, I never would say "I know how you feel" or if a friend lost a child, I would never say "I get it. I know what you are going through."

WHY??? BECAUSE I DON'T. I have no clue, but one thing I do know is that I will be there in whatever capacity I am needed.

So for those who know who I am, I have mental issues, but not what I get accused of. They are those that come with being human and dealing with the daily challenges.

Wouldn't it be great if we could just stop making fun, calling names and accusing each other of whatever makes one feel authoritative to another, and instead use our ears to listen and our brain to comprehend the situation? See it from someone else's point of view. We don't always have to be right.

And yes, boys as well as men cry and it's ok. Stop making it a problem. Girls are stronger than you think, let them do what fills their hearts. Adults/parents, you don't always have to have the answers, and no one has the right to judge you. Take each other's hands and provide needed support. Doing that just may "FIX" our brains.

As Michael Stipe sang:

Cause everybody hurts Take comfort in your friends Everybody hurts Well, everybody hurts sometimes Everybody cries Everybody hurts, sometimes Stay kind and LOVE unconditionally!

Til Next Time. . .

Songwriters: Peter Lawrence Buck / Michael E. Mills / William Thomas Berry / John Michael Stipe

Everybody Hurts lyrics © Night Garden Mus

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MARCH 28, 2024

The regular meeting of the Marion Township Board was held on Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 7:30 pm. Members Present: Hanvey, Andersen, Durbin, Donovan, Lowe, Lloyd, and Beal. Members Absent: None. The following action was taken: 1) Call to Order. 2) Call to the Public. 3) Motion carried to approve agenda as amended; motion carried to approve consent agenda. 4) Motion carried to accept quote from Chloride Solutions for 2024 dust control. 5) Motion carried to have Dan Lowe contact LCRC District 4 foreman regarding Davis Road. 6) Motion carried to adopt resolution to approve proposed budget amendments for FY ending 6/30/24. 7) Correspondence & Updates. 8) Call to the Public. 9) Motion to adjourn at 7:54 pm.

> Tammy L. Beal, MMC Township Clerk

Robert W. Hanvey Township Supervisor (4-7-24 FNV)

Improvement project at Fowlerville Community Park being held back a year By Steve Horton

A \$2.5 million improvement project at the Fowlerville Community Park, originally anticipated to start this year, is being held back a year.

Village manager Kathryn Rajala-Gutzki said that a couple of factors are motivating this decision.

"We're still working on the design of the park and the reason for this is that the costs are higher than we'd estimated," she said. "The committee has been making decisions on what to include. We want to do as much as possible with the grant funds we have available, prioritize what we want now and what could wait until a later date."

The Village was awarded a \$2 million grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Open Spaces Program last year, based on several proposed improvements and enhancements at the park that were submitted in an application.

"There was a 10 percent local match requirement of \$200,000, but we actually had budgeted \$500,000, so we felt we had plenty of money to work with," said Rajala-Gutzki.

In the grant application, Village officials had listed the improvements and had gathered some estimated costs to go with them. They included replacing the existing playground equipment in the front of the park with newer pieces and moving that equipment to an area near the ballfields, building a new pavilion with a concession stand and bathrooms, installing a splash pad, creating pickleball courts, an ice skating rink, and basketball courts, adding additional paved parking lots, paving the main drive, installing sidewalks to connect different areas of the park, and having lighting throughout the park. As an overall feature, everything would be handicap accessible.

There was a quiet area that would be located in the front of the park for special-needs kids who do not interact well in more crowded conditions. Also proposed in the application were exercise equipment along the existing walking path and an area for dogs.

After being notified of the application's acceptance late last year, Village officials decided to commission a survey to gauge the preferences of residents.

"We wanted to see what improvements they felt were

11 am

Noon-2pm

important and those they might put less priority on," said Rajala-Gutzki.

Based on those results, officials learned that the splash pad was favored as were having more bathroom stalls at the new pavilion, but people weren't that excited about the exercise equipment and having a dog park near where children were playing was not seen as a good fit.

"In the initial plan we were going to offer one stall for the men's bathroom and one stall for the women's bathroom, but based on the survey we're now planning to have three each in both bathrooms," the manager said. "We're also cutting back on the exercise equipment and we asked MEDC if we could eliminate the dog park, which they accepted."

With this information in hand, officials began fine-tuning the design and also getting better cost estimates. The next step, once this was finalized, would be to put the different parts of the project out for bid.

It was the cost estimates, said Rajala-Gutzki, that are causing the delay because there were resulting in the committee having to decide what could be done with the available money and what couldn't. Also, what was a priority and what might wait until a later date.

"Once we researched it and started getting a better idea of what needed to be done, the expenses were a lot more than we thought," she said. "It's a bigger project than we had initially anticipated."

By way of example, she noted that the Village had hired a traffic engineer to advise them on how much parking would be needed next to the pickleball courts and the splash pad.

"Based on our plan of having eight courts, he said the recommendation was 56 parking spaces," she said. "We don't have a number for the pavilion and splash pad yet, but we'd probably want to put parking spaces there. We were already planning on paving the parking area near the ball fields and upgrading the parking by the playground. We had thought of having around 110 paved parking spots for the entire park, but given the recommendation, the number would be higher than that. Also, the committee would like to pave the main drive that goes through the park. However, this is a recommendation and part of our wish list, not a mandated requirement. So deciding what to do in this regard is part of the current discussion.

"The cost estimate for the paved parking lots, drive and

Tuesday, April 16- Dice Noon-2pm Wednesday, April 17- Potluck (dish to pass) 11am-Noon & Penny BINGO Noon-2pm Thursday, April 18- Scrabble Noon-2pm Friday, April 19- Penny BINGO Noon-2pm P.O. Box 598 * 203 N Collins St. Saturday, April 20- Euchre Tournament-Third Saturday Hours of operation are Monday-Friday 8:30am-2:00pm of Month. Cash prizes, 50/50 drawing. There is no age limit Phone Number: 517-223-3929 for the tournament and drop ins are welcome. **DROP IN EUCHRE - EVERY MORNING - 8:30 am to** Tuesday, April 23- Dice Noon-2pm noon. Coffee and conversation are always free. Wednesday, April 24- Penny BINGO Noon-2pm DROP IN EXERCISE - EVERY MORNING - 10 am -Thursday, April 25- Meijer Gardens Trip 'All Day' Friday, April 26- Penny BINGO Noon-2pm Monday, April 8- Blood Pressure Test 9:30-10:30am Tuesday, April 30- Dice Noon-2pm Tuesday, April 9- Dice Noon-2pm We rent our meeting Wednesday, April 10- Penny BINGO Noon-2pm room for special occasions. Thursday, April 11- Board Meeting 10-11am & Scrabble Friday- April 12- Penny BINGO Noon-2pm Monday, April 15- Community Meeting 11am 211 N. Grand, Fowlerville **Guaranteed Installation** 1 block north of Grand River by Local Certified Installers Across from the fire station

517-223-9231

adding sidewalks is around \$776,000," Rajala-Gutzki said. "The slash pad is \$350,000, it's \$100,000 for the pickleball courts and another \$60,000 for a shaded structure next to it, and the lighting for the courts and new pavilion and elsewhere is around \$100,000. There's also the costs of building the pavilion with the bathrooms and purchasing the new playground equipment, plus the expense of moving the existing playground structure to the new location by the ball fields."

The manager said that the most recent proposed design, given these expenses, put the price tag at around \$2.7 million--\$200,000 above the grant amount.

"The Village hadn't budgeted for this much extra cost and, even if we wanted to spend more, we can't exceed the \$2.5 million grant," she said. "Anything extra we want to do will have to wait until the improvement project, as spelled out in the grant, is completed and the grant is closed out."

Rather than rush the project, the design committee decided to wait until next year to start the work.

"We understand that it's disappointing to have to wait another year, but we want to make sure we get this right for the community," said Rajala-Gutzki. "We want to get the most we can for the money that's available and this means deciding what to do now and what to wait on. We want the design to reflect what will be done under the grant project, but also takes into account future improvements."







NEW HOURS: Monday - Friday • 8am - 5pm Saturday • 8am - 1pm

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"Story Stretch" for Kids

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Trinity United Methodist Church holding Tractor Blessing on April 14th

Trinity United Methodist Church is holding its annual Tractor Blessing on Sunday, April 14, at 2 pm.

Come out and see the tractors-big & small, old and new. There will also be miniature farm displays set up inside, plus grilled hot dogs for a free will donation. The Michigan Pedal Pullers will be hosting a Pedal Pull for all ages as well.

Anyone is invited to bring their tractor, lawn tractor, etc if they would like it blessed for the coming year by Pastor Missy Noll. The church is located at 8201 Iosco Rd, Fowlerville, south of Mason Rd, at the corner of Bull Run & Iosco.

Questions contact the church office at 517-223-9601 and leave a message for Andy Herald. Join us for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship. Talk to the farmers and tractor owners, enjoy their stories and fellowship. This is a great family event.

Michigan DNR Fishing Tip— April a perfect time

to fish for steelhead

April is often a perfect time to fish for steelhead in Michigan's rivers. Did you know our state is thought to offer some of the best steelhead fishing in the country?

A variety of techniques can be used to fish for this aggressive species, including live bait, artificial lures and flies. Rivers all across Michigan provide access for steelhead fishing. Some better-known rivers include the Betsie, Grand, Little Manistee, Manistique, Pere Marquette and St. Joseph rivers in the Lake Michigan watershed, the Au Sable River in the Lake Huron watershed, the Huron River in the Lake Erie watershed, and the Huron and Two Hearted rivers in the Lake Superior watershed.

Want more information on spring fishing in Michigan? Visit Michigan.gov/Fishing!

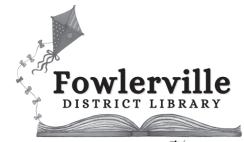
IOSCO TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED **BUDGET MINUTES MARCH 28th, 2024**

The Annual Budget meeting of the losco Township Board was held on Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 7:00pm. Members Present: Alderson, Bonnville, Dailey, Hardies, & Parker. The following ac-

9:45 a.m. More information available: www.stjohnsfowlerville.org All are welcome here in Jesus Christ!	(517)223-3660 Psalm 46:1 <i>"God is our refuge and strength."</i> www.psalms461.com	9:00am & 10:45am Infant,Toddler, and K-5th grade programming at 9:00 am & 10:45am	9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Church: 521-3631 www.webbervilleumc.church	 tion was taken: 1) Motion to approve the agenda 2) Call to the Public: No response. 3) Motion to approve the amended 2023-2024 Budget. 4) Motion to adopted Resolution 2024-06 a resolution establishing the salary for the losco Township Su
Place Your Listing Here To Advertise	GREAT LAKES COWBOY CHURCH	First Baptist Church of Fowlerville 214 S. Grand,	Oak Grove United Methodist Church Pastor Doug and Marianne McMunn	pervisor at \$22,250.00 for the 2024-2025 fisc year. 5) Motion to adopted Resolution 2024-0 a resolution establishing the salary for the los co Township Clerk at \$33,100.00 for the 2024 2025 fiscal year. 6) Motion to adopted Resolutio 2024-08 a resolution establishing the salary for the losco Township Treasurer at \$28,700.00 for
Call 517-223-8760	COME FOR COFFEE STAY FOR THE LORD'S PRESENCE 134 Free St • Fowlerville 10:30am Sunday Church For Everyone Communion & Healing Service Every Sunday Chuck Wagon (pass a dish) Lunch the last Sunday Inner Healing by appointment info@roacrm.org	Fowlerville 517-223-9084 Pastor Mark Jones www.fowlervillebaptist.org All ages Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am (nursery provided) Youth Group (6-12th grade)	Sunday Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:15am 6686 Oak Grove Howell • 48855 517-546-3942	the 2024-2025 fiscal year. 7) Motion to adopted Resolution 2024-09 a resolution establishing the salary for an losco Township Trustee at \$4,200.0 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. 8) Motion to ado the proposed losco Township 2024-2025 Budge 9) 2nd Call to the Public: The public was hear from. 10) Motion to adjourn at 8:28 pm. Respectfully submitted Julie Dailed losco Township Cle (4-7-24 FN

Sundays

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Upcoming Events

Monday – Wednesday: 9:30 am to 7:00 pm Thursday: 9:30 am to 8:00 pm Friday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm Saturday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday: Closed

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

STORYTIMES

Family Storytime (Ages 1-5) Have fun singing songs, reading stories, dancing, and playing! Tuesdays & Wednesdays • 10am

PJ Storytime (Ages 1-5)

Wear your pjs for an evening storytime. We will have snacks & crafts. Bring a blanket and stuffie to be extra cozy. Mon, Apr 8 • 6pm

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KIDS & FAMILY

First Friday Performance (All Ages)

Join us for a live performance by guitarist Robin Marriott on May 3 between 5 & 6 pm to get your weekend off to a great start.

Life sized Candy Land

Drop in to make your way to the Candy Castle for a sweet treat as we enlarge our favorite board game. Fri, Apr 26 • 3-5:30pm

Join Storm to make your own Perler Bead creation. Friday, Apr $12 \bullet 4 - 5$ pm

Chess Club

Join the Chess Club! The Mid-Michigan Jr. Chess Club will meet. All levels are welcome from beginner to advanced!See you next on April 20, Saturdays • 1-3:30pm

Kids Krafternoons (Ages 7-12)

Drop in and get crafty with a new and exciting craft each month! Supplies provided. Monday, Apr 8 • 4-5pm

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Lego Club (Ages 7-12)

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

Crochet Kits

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

Cozy Crafting by the Fireplace

Join Mary to work on your craft or learn to knit and start a beginner project. We will take a break for the Summer. Last gathering Monday, April 15 • 3-5pm

Homeschool Social

Meet for learning, fun and snacks. Mondays, thru May 20 • 12-1:30 pm

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New Graphic Novel Club (Ages 7-12)

Join Storm for a discussion on Cat Kid Comic Club by Dave Pilkey, Monday, Apr 22 • 4-5pm

Book Boxes (All ages)

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

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TEENS

Teen Crafting (Teens)

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

Twitch Streaming (All Ages)

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

Board Games with Connor (Age 10+)

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

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Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 12-18)

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

Switch Free Play (Ages 10-18) Open gaming time with the library's Switch. Fridays • 2:30-5 pm

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ADULTS

Tote Bag Craft (Adults)

Join Jackie and Cindy to personalize a tote bag for Summer. Supplies are limited. Registration Required. Thurs May 2 • 6:30pm

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Yoga with Vanessa (Adults)

Join Vanessa Duke for yoga class, no cost, just bring your mat or use one of ours. Program runs thru April 24. Wednesdays • 5pm

Join Mr. Damerow for some musical collaboration. Bring your horn, keyboard, harmonica, or whatever you have and join the fun. Tues. Apr $16 \bullet 5:00 - 7:30$ pm

Cardmaking

Jam Session

Join Mary to make 4 greeting cards with the theme of "Spring". Registration is required. Thurs, Apr 25 • 6:30 pm & Fri, Apr 26 • 11am

Scrapbooking (Adults) Join Mary to scrapbook your favorite photos. Stay the whole time or for just a few hours. Everyone gets their own table. Registration is

required. Sat, Apr 20 • 10:30 – 3:30 * * *

Shelf-Indulgence Book Group (Adults)

This is a traditional book discussion group. You can get a copy of the book at the front desk. Next meeting, we will discuss WAGER by David Grann, Thurs, Apr 25 • 2 pm

Beyond the Book Discussion Group (Adults)

Book discussion plus movie or documentary. Books are available at the front desk. Next meeting, we will discuss MRS. HARRIS GOES TO PARIS by Paul Gallico Fri, Apr 12 • 6:00 pm

Sewing with Patty (Adults)

Bring your sewing machine and learn from a pro. Registration is required. Fri, Apr 12 • 10 am & Apr 17 • 6:00 pm

Gardening Class (Adults)

Join Nan-Marie for this informative series to prepare for Spring planting.

Thursday, April 18 • 3pm

FDL Oral History Project

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

Recordings will become part of the FDL historical collection.

Deadline for applying for FEMA assistance extended to May 8th

The deadline to apply for FEMA assistance has been extended to May 8th for area residents affected by last year's severe weather that occurred in August.

The FEMA declaration includes Ingham and Livingston, and Oakland counties. Eligible participants can start the application process either by logging on to www. disasterassistance.gov, by downloading the FEMA app, or calling the FEMA Helpline at (800) 621-3362.





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Perler Bead Party (Ages 7-12)



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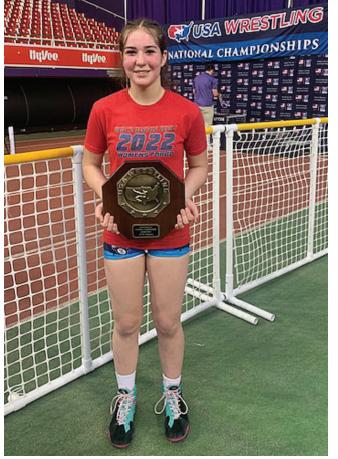
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Maggie Buurma, a Fowlerville High School athlete, won the USAW Folkstyle Nationals in the 135-pound weight class.

Fowlerville High Schooler wins National Wrestling Championship

Fowlerville High School junior Maggie Buurma, fresh off winning her third MHSAA State Wrestling Championship, traveled to Cedar Falls, Iowa to compete in the USAW Folkstyle Nationals on March 15-16. There were over 200 high school girls at the meet. Maggie won the 135-pound weight class with a victory over the Wisconsin state champion, Lillian Banks. Buurma defeated top girls from Ohio, Idaho and Arizona before reaching the finals.

How We Protect You from Misleading **Advertising & Communications** By Hillary Hatch,

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

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- · Sells Social Security's free forms, applications, and publications without our written approval.
- Charges a fee for a service that Social Security provides free of charge without providing a clearly visible notice that Social Security provides the service for free.

Fowlerville Fire Department Report March 28

2:54 p.m. Grass fire on Owosso Rd in Handy Township. 3:08 p.m. Medical response on E Grand River in the Village.

March 29 - 1:14 a.m. Medical response on W Fork River Dr in Handy Township.

7:39 a.m. Reported structure fire on E I-96 in Handy Township.

9:19 p.m. Medical response on N Ann St in the Village. March 30 - 1:47 p.m. Medical response on Converse Rd in Handy Township.

2:20 p.m. Medical response on Crofoot Rd in Iosco Township.

7:25 p.m. Assist police on Carr St in the Village.

March 31 - NO CALLS

April 1 - 3:58 p.m. Medical response on Crofoot Rd in Iosco

Township.

8:54 p.m. Mutual aid to Howell for structure fire on Bruff Rd.

8:58 p.m. Medical response on W Fork River Dr in Handy Township.

April 2 - 6:34 p.m. Medical response on Moyer Rd in Conway Township.

10:38 p.m. Medical response on Garden Ln in the Village. April 3 - 8:10 a.m. Medical response on Wheeler Rd in Handy Township.

8:29 a.m. Medical response on N Collins St in the Village. 8:49 a.m. Medical response on Chestnut St in the Village.

11:19 a.m. Medical response on Chestnut St in the Village. 3:13 p.m. Personal injury accident on Sherwood in Conway Township.

8:01 p.m. Medical response on Bradley Rd in Iosco Township.



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Fowlerville High School News

OFFICE HOURS	
Administration Offices	7:00 a.
Building opens	6:45 a.

7:00 a.m.– 2:30 p.m. 6:45 a.m.

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES TO NOTE:

April 10, 11, 12	11 th grade testing
April 16	10 th grade testing
April 18	9 th grade testing
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Fowlerville High School Class of 2025 presents Light Up the Night at Prom on Saturday, April 27th. Prom will take place at Crystal Gardens in Howell. Tickets will be sold from April 2nd through April 12th at all lunches for \$75. The prom will include dinner, a dessert bar, assorted beverages, and a formal picture. Prom begins at 6:00pm and ends at 11:00pm. All guests must arrive by 8:00 pm.

Fowlerville High School Spring Testing Schedule 2024!

As we welcome spring to Michigan it is also time to look at our high school testing schedule. State law requires students to participate in The Michigan Merit Exam (MME) summative assessments. Summative assessments measure what students are expected to know and be able to do at specific grade levels and in specific content areas. It provides 9-10 grade students the chance to practice their skills for their 11th grade SAT and gives all students the chance to take these assessments free of charge and in a familiar location. Attendance is very important on these days. Please get a good night's rest and start your day with something to eat.

This year testing has moved to a digital platform- they will take their test on their school provided chrome books. Please make sure your student brings their FULLY CHARGED chrome book on their day of testing.

Please see below for a detailed schedule for your student/ test.

All testing will take place in the Competition Gym unless your student receives testing accommodations. Accommodated locations will be shared with those students individually.

Seniors: No school on Wednesday, April 10th. Attend WTC or Liv/CTE as normal. Return to normal schedule all other days.

Juniors: Excused from WTC or Liv/CTE during all testing days.

Wednesday, April 10th:

SAT -(7:30-12:30- NO LUNCH- Light snack during mid-morning break. 11th grade students are dismissed from school after testing). Digital Test- bring fully charged chrome book.

Thursday, April 11th:

ACT WorkKeys- (7:30-11:30-"C" Lunch. Return to 5-6 hours as normal). Paper/pencil test- bring #2 pencils/



calculator.

Friday, April 12th:

M-Step- (7:30-9:30-Extra time for those that need it. Return to normal school day). Digital Test- bring fully charged chrome book.

Sophomores:

Tuesday, April 16th:

PSAT/10- (7:30-10:30. Return to 4th-6th hours as normal). Digital Test- bring fully charged chrome book.

Normal schedule all other days.

Freshman:

Thursday, April 18th-

PSAT/9- (7:30-10:30. Return to 4th-6th hours as normal). Digital Test- bring fully charged chrome book.

Normal schedule all other days.

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The Class of 2024 is looking forward to making their Senior year one full of memories that will last a lifetime! The seniors have created an Amazon wishlist that is full of practical items that will be raffled off during the Senior Lock-In. Any donations from the Amazon Wishlist below will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support of our Seniors! See News & Views on the Fowlerville HS page for qr code.

https://www.amazon. com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/ bfNkDND?ref_=wl_shar * * *

Anyone wishing to donate

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

Kreeger Elementary School News

CALENDAR OF KREEGER EVENTS

4/9/24	Spring Picture Day	
4/10/24	Yearbook Club 3:35-4:35	
4/17/24	Yearbook Club 3:35-4:35	
4/18/24	Student Council 3:40-4:40	
5/2/24	Student Council 3:40-4:40	
5/13/24	Flower Pick Up Day 11-4	
5/27/24	No School – Memorial Day	
5/31/24	Field Day	
6/3/24	¹ / ₂ Day 12:02 dismissal	
6/4/24	Last Day of School – ½ Day 12:02	
	Dismissal	
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SPRING PICTURE REGISTRATION: If you would like your child's picture taken for Spring Picture Day you will need to pre register at:

http://store.geskusphoto.com/search/NatalieKreegerSpring24 Or scan this QR code:





Michigan Governor's Report

By Gretchen Whitmer

A few months ago, I pitched what I'm calling the "Michigan Guarantee." It's a simple promise with huge implications: Every child in Michigan deserves a free public education from pre-K through community college.

Let's talk about the second part of the "Michigan Guarantee": free community college.

Far too often, the cost of college holds students back from pursuing a higher education. In Michigan, every student deserves a chance to pursue their passion, so they can build a good life in our state.

When we invest in Michiganders, we're investing in our future. Michigan's growing economy must be driven by a growing base of skilled talent. As we bring more supply chains home and advanced manufacturing businesses expand, these companies will need a qualified, talented workforce to meet their needs. In demand, high-skill jobs of the future will require some form of higher education, and together, we can ensure any Michigander who wants to get those skills can do so at low or no cost.

Let's make the first 2 years of community college tuitionfree for every high school graduate. This transformational opportunity will save students over \$4,000 a year and give them a path to a better-paying, high-skill job in a career they love. We know that students who get an associate degree or certificate from a community college earn \$23,000 a year more than high school graduates.

Getting this done will pave the way to a brighter future for countless students in our state and help meet our Sixty by 30 goal to have 60% of working adults earn a postsecondary education or skills training by 2030. When I took office, we were at 45%. Today, we're above 51%. Let's keep climbing.

We're working to get Michigan Guarantee done without raising taxes on Michiganders by a dime. By paying down certain debts ahead of schedule, just like paying off a mortgage early, our state has freed up \$670 million to use this year and for the future. These extra resources will be used to deliver another fiscally responsible, balanced budget that makes a deposit into the state's rainy-day fund—bringing it to \$2.2 billion—while investing in efforts like lowering costs for Michigan students without raising taxes.

We have already made progress to lower costs for Michiganders pursuing a higher education. We temporarily lowered the age of the bipartisan Michigan Reconnect program to 21 to offer more students tuition-free community college and large tuition discounts. Additionally, we established the Michigan Achievement Scholarship, lowering the cost of community, private, or public college by thousands for most high school graduates. But we want to do more.

We will work to guarantee the class of 2024 and beyond a tuition-free skill certificate or associate degree at a local community college. With this work, we could potentially be the first state to offer two years of community college for free. After you graduate with a degree or certificate, we will make sure you can land a good-paying, in-demand job to sustain yourself and your family.



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SPRING FLOWER SALE:

Flower Pick Up Date:

Monday, May 13th–Your flowers arrive at Kreeger Elementary, pick up time is from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Please note: If you are unable to pick up your plants on this date and time, please make arrangements with friends or family to have them picked up. We are NOT responsible for any plants not picked up.

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ATTENTION NEW STUDENTS:

All pre-enrollments can be done online <u>www.</u> <u>fowlervilleschools.org.</u>

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

the enrollment.

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Does your child know what to do at dismissal time?

*Will your child be riding the bus home?

*Will your child be going to Little Glads?

*Will your child be getting picked up?

If you need to call the office for a "reminder note" for your student, please call before 3:00.

517-223-6340 or 517-223-6330

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ADDITIONAL $4^{\rm TH}$ GRADE HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

The following students were late additions to the Kreeger Honor Roll—Second Trimester, and were not included in last week's list published in the newspaper.

*Donote All 'A's'

Rianna Ampurero*, Adam Brideau*, Makenzy Chapman*, Tremaine Fletter*, Luke Grundman*, Oliver Pietila*, Bretton Van Guilder*, Kamber Coselman, Savannah Duggan, Audrey Mason, Clara Mills, Wyatt Potchynok, and Maddisyn Tsosi.

-Area Deaths-



Patsy Dung

One-time Fowlerville teacher remembered for contributions to Hawaii women's basketball

Patsy Dung, a one-time teacher at Fowlerville High School who later served as the first head coach of the University of Hawaii women's basketball program, passed away on March 4th at the age of 87. Her passing was marked by a number of tributes in her home state of Hawaii where she was born on Jan. 28, 1932 and spent most of her life.

She was remembered "as a teacher, coach, mentor, and trailblazer," including her five years of guiding the newly formed women's basketball program at the University of Hawaii, starting in 1974. She also founded the Kalihi Jets, a grassroots organization that offered softball, basketball, and volleyball opportunities for female athletes at a time before Title IX where similar programs were limited.

Among those who helped eulogize her was Judy Recker, one of her students at Fowlerville.

"Patsy Dung came to Fowlerville High School in the Fall of 1959 from nearby East Lansing and Michigan State University (where she had earned her bachelor's and teaching degree)," Recker said. "As a sophomore in high school, I was excited for our new gym teacher and a lady from Hawaii, no less. Patsy immediately took over the Girls' Athletic Association (GAA), an organization where girls met every Monday night for two hours to learn new sport skills and play organized games. Nearly every girl in the school was a member.

"According to the Fowlerville High School 1960 yearbook, Miss Dung introduced the game of Speedball to both the GAA and physical education classes. Ironically, some years later when I became a PE teacher, I taught the game to my gym classes.

"Patsy spent only one year at FHS before accepting a teaching position with the Okemos Schools near East Lansing and MSU where she earned her Master's degree. After earning her degree she returned to Hawaii where she continued to champion for girls in competitive sports, a true pioneer in the field. One highlight of Patsy's year at FHS was a basketball shoot off between Patsy and the boys' basketball coach and PE teacher! She won! It was quite a remarkable feat in those days. Obviously her basketball skills and knowledge aided her future successes in the sport.

"I do not recall how I happened to stay in touch with



Keith Russell Geer

It is with much sorrow and sadness that we announce the passing of Keith Russell Geer, age 62, of Fowlerville, Mi. on Good Friday March 29, 2024. Keith was born in Lansing, Mi. on September 23, 1961. He was a lifelong resident of Fowlerville.

He is preceded in death by his parents Victor and Morna (Phillips) Geer and an older brother Charles. He is survived by an older brother Michael and two younger sisters Susan Ogden and Patricia Rife, along with several nieces and nephews.

Keith has been a fighter since age 12 of a lifelong debilitating disease called Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva, commonly known as FOP.

Keith lived on Collins Street and was often seen tooling around town in his wheelchair. He seldom complained of his condition.

We the family take great comfort in knowing that it is truly a blessing that Keith now can escape the entrapment of his body and his suffering and is in the loving arms of his Lord Jesus. He is at peace. He was known and loved by many and we will miss him.

A Celebration of Life service was being held at the First Baptist Church of Fowlerville on April 6, 2024, with visitation from 11:00am to 1:00pm and the service at 1:00pm. A luncheon was to follow at the church.

Arrangements entrusted to Herrmann Funeral Home. Online condolences may be expressed at <u>pjherrmannfuneralhome</u>. <u>com</u>

NIESA Fire Report (Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority)

On Wednesday March 27, 2024 NIESA responded to three calls. One call in Williamstown Township was for a citizen assist. One call in the City of Williamston was for a medical response. One call was in Leroy Township for a vehicle accident.

On Thursday March 28, 2024 NIESA responded to four calls. Three responses were medical calls, with one in Williamstown Township, one in the City of Williamston, and another in Locke Township. NIESA also responded to a brush

Williamston Area Senior Center

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April 2024 Events

Monday, April 8th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Craft with Nikki at 12:30pm

Tuesday, April 9th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Chair Volleyball at 12:30pm

Wednesday, April 10th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 11am, Field Trip to the Marquette of E. Lansing (details to come), Needle Work Group 1-3pm

Thursday, April 11th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Drum Circle with Ian at 12:30pm

Monday, April 15th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Chair Massage at 10am, Brandy from Independence Village of E. Lansing presents at 12:30pm

Tuesday, April 16th - Euchre 9am -11:45am, Pictionary at 12:30pm

Wednesday, April 17th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 11am, Quarter Bingo at 12:30pm, Senior Benefit Fund Meeting 1pm, Needle Work Group 1-3pm

Thursday, April 18th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, NATIONAL EXERCISE DAY, Tech with Drew at noon, WASC Board Meeting at 1pm

Monday, April 22nd - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Dr. Carol Munson D.O. presents her book 'Aging Optimally' at 12:30pm

Tuesday, April 23rd - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Mind Benders with Jackie from Williamston CADL at 12:30pm

Wednesday, April 24th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, SHIRLEY TEMPLE'S BIRTHDAY, Chair Exercise at 11am, 'Poor Little Rich Girl' movie and popcorn, Needle Work Group 1-3pm

Thursday, April 25th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Card Making with Sandra at 12:30pm

Monday, April 29th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Craft with Pat and Nikki at 12:30pm

Tuesday, April 30th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Nancy from MSU Extension presents 'Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?' at 12:30pm

fire in Leroy Township

On Friday March 29, 2024 NIESA responded to five calls. Three were emergency medical calls. One occurred in Locke Township, a second in the Village of Webberville, and the third in the City of Williamston. NIESA also had two fire responses. One was a mutual aid response to Fowlerville for a structure fire, and the second was for a structure fire in Wheatfield Township.

On Saturday March 30, 2024 NIESA responded to three calls. All of the responses were emergency medical calls. One was in Locke Township, another in the City of Williamston, and the third in Wheatfield Township.

On Sunday March 31, 2024 NIESA responded to two calls. One was a medical response in Leroy Township, and the second was a fire response in Wheatfield Township for a chimney fire.

On Monday April 1, 2024 NIESA responded to two calls. Both were emergency medical responses, with one occurring in the Village of Webberville and the second in Locke Township.

On Tuesday April 2, 2024 NIESA responded to four calls. All of the responses were for emergency medical calls. Three of them occurred in the City of Williamston, and the fourth was in the Village of Webberville.

Patsy," Recker continued. "However, she did visit Michigan years later and stopped in to visit me at FHS where I was teaching. Patsy and I exchanged Christmas cards and occasional notes over the years. In 2007, I visited Hawaii and we spent an afternoon together. Patsy truly was an influence to "us farm girls" in 1959-1960. Truly, she was a remarkable woman, someone that I will never forget. We mourn her loss but acknowledge her beautiful contributions to the world of women's athletics, at all levels."

An excerpt of Recker's remembrance was used by the University of Hawaii, along with those submitted by others, in that institution's tribute to their former coach.

Howell United Methodist Women spring rummage sale planned April 26-27

The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church of Howell will have their spring rummage sale at the church on Friday, April 26 from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Clothing sold by the bag. All priced items half off on Saturday. The church is located at 1230 Bower Street in Howell, across from Northwest Elementary School.

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Webberville Report



Senior Spotlight—Eleanor Snyder By Valerie Grosser

Eleanor Marie Snyder became a Webberville Spartan two years ago and has thoroughly enjoyed her time here. After many experiences and making high school memories, she is ready to let loose and go forward with her future.

Eleanor is the daughter of Paul Snyder and Christina Murray (Sean Murray). Christina, her mother, is who she believes to be an admirable person. "She's very hard working and will do anything for her family." Eleanor is grateful for her household and is happy to have people there to support her. When they spend time together as a family they sometimes go see a movie or have a nice dinner.

When it comes to class, Eleanor is biased to her Drawing and Painting class taught by Mr. Wilson. She enjoys anything involving the arts. Naturally she's drawn to the stress reducing, colorful, and laid back atmosphere set by Mr. Wilson and his fun projects. "He has such a fun personality and is very kind. He taught me a lot, and has pushed me to be a better artist," Eleanor says. She likes his free-spirited disposition and looks up to him. "Ellie may seem very serious, but she actually has a great sense of humor," says Mr. Wilson. "She likes to try out new projects that push her skills, and is a very good student." He appreciates her willingness to rise to a challenge.

One of Eleanor's favorite memories at Webberville is when she was at the last 2023 season football game and her final performance with the marching band. Eleanor was able to live in the moment, being with her friends and having fun. "In my opinion, I prefer having a smaller group of friends," Eleanor states, as her friends have supported her along the way.

Eleanor's journey in band was more than just playing music; it was a profound connection with her mentor, Mr. Franks, whom she regards as a role model. Within the harmonies of the band, Eleanor found friendship and belonging. "Everyone is like a family to me, I'll really miss it." Her passion extended beyond the music itself, she relished in the opportunity to guide and teach the incoming freshmen. Although she can't help but feel a pang of sadness having to leave her fellow musicians, she is excited for what's to come.

Cosmetology encompasses a wide range of skills and services. It's the practice and study aimed at enhancing the appearance of individuals. "I can see myself as a cosmetologist because I really like art and can be creative while on the job," says Eleanor. Cosmetology and art are deeply intertwined, both involve expression and skillful technique. With unwavering confidence in her work ethic, she approaches each day with determination and passion. Eleanor thrives on the creative challenge and in her journey towards her career she embraces every opportunity to learn and grow. Her dedication will pave the way for her success in the world of cosmetology.

"While attending Webberville, I've learned to get my work done and turned in." From the creative outlets of art and band to the simple joys of sitting with her peers at lunch, each moment has woven itself into the tapestry of her high school experience. While Eleanor may miss the familiar faces and routines, she knows that the bonds forged during these years will remain steadfast, serving as a source of comfort and inspiration wherever life may lead her. With gratitude in her heart and excitement for the future, Eleanor bids farewell to this chapter, ready to embrace the adventures that lie ahead.

Webberville Schools to hold annual Spring Carnival and Auction April 19

All are welcome to attend the Webberville Spring Carnival on April 19th from 5:30pm -7:30pm, featuring fun for the whole family. This annual tradition offers fun carnival activities such as games, prizes,



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Back by popular demand is the dunk tank, featuring appearances by favorite Webberville staff and coaches. There will be plenty of splashes to go around! Also in attendance will be Frozen Jr.

stars Anna and Elsa, available for photos and autographs.

Capping it off is the silent auction with themed baskets and items donated by area businesses. Any businesses interested in donating an item to the auction may contact Kelly at kgillespie@webbervilleschools.org.

All proceeds raised from the carnival and auction go directly back to support Webberville students and school programs. Entry is FREE! Don't miss it!

Williamston Eagles Club hosting Euchre Night on April 19th

Join us for Euchre again on Friday, April 19, at the Williamston Eagles Club. Registration is at 6-630pm and play begins at 7pm. Cost is \$10 per person, you do not need a partner, we draw for partners and switch every game. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, along with last place booby prize. Food is available for purchase from 5-8pm. Come

down and show us your skills, or pick up some pointers! Everyone is welcome.

The club is located at the end of the road, 835 High Street in Williamston. Call the club at 517-655-6510 for more information.



Webberville Schools holding Preschool and Kindergarten Round Up on April 11th

Preschool and Kindergarten "Roaring Round Up" is coming up on April 11th from 5:30-7:30 at Webberville Elementary. Children will have a chance to create their own dino friend to take home and visit with a friendly T-Rex! This will be a great opportunity to meet new faces and check out the Webberville preschool and kindergarten classrooms. Call 517-521-3071 to register or for more information. It's sure to be DINO-MITE!



Williamston Theatre presents moving love story with a twist

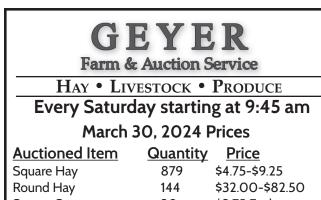
Williamston Theatre continues its 2023-2024 season with *Bright Half Life* by Tanya Barfield, a moving love story with a twist. Performances begin Thursday, April 11 and run through Sunday, May 19. Tickets are now on sale.

Bright Half Life shares the four-and-a-half-decade love story of Vicky and Erica, who meet, fall in love, and go through all the trials and tribulations of marriage and building a family. It's a conventional love story told in an unconventional way – it unfolds through yesterday, today, and tomorrow . . . just not in that order. Pulitzer Prize finalist Tanya Barfield has created a theatrical, time-bending play about love, heartbreak, and the infinite moments that make a relationship. Contains mature content and language.

Tickets are available online at www.williamstontheatre. org or by calling (517) 655-SHOW (7469). The theatre is located at 122 S. Putnam Street in downtown Williamston,

Bright Half Life Performance Schedule

Thursday, April 11	8PM	Pay-What-You-Wish
Preview		
Friday, April 12	8PM	\$22.00
Preview		
Saturday, April 13	8PM	\$22.00
Preview		
Sunday, April 14	2PM	\$22.00
Preview		



Thursday, April 18	8PM	\$44.00
Friday, April 19	8PM	\$44.00
Opening Night/Pres	s Night	
Saturday, April 20	2PM	\$44.00
Military Matinee		
Saturday, April 20	8PM	\$44.00
Sunday, April 21	2PM	\$44.00
Thursday, April 25	8PM	\$44.00
Friday, April 26	8PM	\$44.00
Saturday, April 27	2PM	\$44.00
Saturday, April 27	8PM	\$44.00
Sunday, April 28	2PM	\$44.00
Thursday, May 2	8PM	\$44.00
Friday, May 3	8PM	\$44.00
Saturday, May 4	2PM	\$44.00
Saturday, May 4	8PM	\$44.00
Sunday, May 5	2PM	\$44.00
Wednesday, May 8	2PM	\$44.00
Thursday, May 9	8PM	\$44.00
Friday, May 10	8PM	\$44.00
Saturday, May 11	2PM	\$44.00
Saturday, May 11	8PM	\$44.00
Sunday, May 12	2PM	\$44.00
Conversation Sunda	ay	
Wednesday, May 15	2PM	\$44.00
Thursday, May 16	8PM	\$44.00
Friday, May 17	8PM	\$44.00
Saturday, May 18	2PM	\$44.00
Saturday, May 18	8PM	\$44.00
Sunday, May 19	2PM	\$44.00
Closing Night		

Webberville United Methodist Church to offer Chicken Dinner on April 20th

Webberville United Methodist Church, located at 4215 E. Holt Rd., is offering a 'drive through' chicken dinner on Saturday, April 20. The dinner includes two pieces oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, green beans, corn casserole, coleslaw, roll and cookies. All for \$10. The dinner will be served 5 to 7 pm or until we run out.



Williamston Police Chief calls bingo at Senior Center

When your awesome police chief says yes to calling bingo... again... we can't get enough! Thank you to Williamston Police Chief Jeff Weiss for spending time with us, with lots of fun and laughter. We appreciate all you do for the Williamston Area Senior Center, our members and for our community! And, the bingo prizes you brought (homemade honey), they were the first off the prize table.

Williamston Farmer's Market collecting bottles & cans on Sunday, April 7th

The Eastern Ingham Farmers Market in Williamston is holding its next bottle and can fundraiser on Sunday, April 7th. Simply bring your Michigan-returnable bottles and cans to the large parking lot of McCormick Park at 123 High Street anytime between 11am and 1pm. Stay warm in your car, pop the trunk and volunteers will cheerfully collect your generous donation.

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

Market volunteers are always welcome and needed to work two-hour shifts for the bottle collections on those Sundays during the off-season. Just contact Jane Reagan (517-525-4177)

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

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

	Square Straw	30	\$3.75 Each
	Round Straw	4	\$22.50 Each
	Wood	5	\$52.50-\$70.00
	Dozen Eggs	76	\$2.10-\$2.50
	Chickens	70	\$2.00-\$52.00
	Ducks	6	\$8.00-\$20.00
	Pigeons	23	\$5.00-\$8.00
	Guinea Hens	16	\$8.00-\$16.00
	Quail	3	\$12.00 Each
	Pheasant	1	\$30.00
	Rabbits	23	\$2.00-\$20.00
	Goat	8	\$70.00-\$110.00
	Sheep	5	\$95.00-\$125.00
	Cattle	6	\$350.00-\$1050.0
	Feeder Pigs	2	\$120.00 Each
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Village of Fowlerville 213 South Grand Avenue Fowlerville, MI 48836 517-223-3771 Village Council Public Hearing Meeting Minutes *Synopsis Monday March 18, 2024

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

The Public Hearing was called to order by President Hill at 6:30 pm, in the Village Council Chambers.

Trustees Present: Curtis, Hardenbrook, Heath, Helfmann, Hernden, Mayhew, and Hill.

Absent: None.

MOTION CURTIS, SECOND HEATH, TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:32 P.M., VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

Village of Fowlerville 213 South Grand Avenue Fowlerville, MI 48836 517-223-3771 Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes*Synopsis Monday March 18, 2024

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

The Regular Village Council Meeting was called to order by President Hill at 6:33 pm, in the Village Council Chambers.

Trustees Present: Curtis, Hardenbrook, Heath, Helfmann, Hernden, Mayhew, and Hill.

Absent: None.

MOTION HEATH, SECOND MAYHEW, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION BY TRUSTEE HELFMANN, SECOND BY TRUSTEE HEATH, TO APPROVE THE INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE AND TOTAL SECURITY SOLUTIONS, INC. 935 GARDEN LANE. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: HELFMANN, HEATH, MAYHEW, HERNDEN, HARDENBROOK, CURTIS AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE HEATH, SECOND BY HELFMANN, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 24-04, A RESOLUTON APPROVING THE APPLICATION FROM TOTAL SECURITIES SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR NEW MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT AND AN ADDITION FOR A PERIOD OF 12 YEARS. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: HEATH, HELFMANN, MAYHEW. HARDENBROOK. HERNDEN, CURTIS AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED. MOTION CURTIS, SECOND HEATH, TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED INFORMATION. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: CURTIS, HEATH, MAYHEW, HERNDEN, HELFMANN, HARDENBROOK AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED. MOTION CURTIS, SECOND MAYHEW, TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 7:22 P.M., VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED. Respectfully Submitted, Jamie Hartman Village Deputy Clerk (4-7-24 FNV)

Michigan's new fishing licenses now available for purchase

Michigan's new fishing license and regulation season kicked off this past April 1st, so anglers need to be sure they have purchased a new license for this fishing season in order to enjoy some great fishing opportunities. The 2024 fishing licenses are valid through March 31, 2025.

Fishing licenses can be purchased at <u>Michigan.gov/DN-</u><u>RLicenses</u> or by downloading the Michigan DNR Hunt Fish app and purchasing your license through the app.

Michigan DNR Hunt Fish, an official app of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, gives you a mobile path to buy and store hunting, fishing, ORV and snowmobile licenses and permits, report harvests, access guides and digests, and get the latest outdoor recreation updates.

Make future online fishing license purchases even quicker by selecting auto-renew at checkout to automatically receive licenses in the future.

Licenses are also available at a number of retail outlets. **2024 fishing seasons**

- The statewide trout opener and the Lower Peninsula inland walleye and northern pike seasons all open Saturday, April 27.
- In Upper Peninsula waters, the walleye and northern pike seasons open Monday, May 15.

- Michigan's muskellunge possession season on all Great Lakes, inland waters, the St. Marys River, Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair and Detroit rivers opens Saturday, June 1. (Remember that catch-and-release fishing for muskellunge is open all year.)
- The catch-and-immediate-release season for largemouth and smallmouth bass is open all year on nearly all waters (unless otherwise closed to fishing – check the current Michigan Fishing Regulations for specifics).
- The possession season for bass opens statewide Saturday, May 25, except for Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair and Detroit rivers which open Saturday, June 15.

The 2024 Michigan Fishing Regulations and Inland Trout & Salmon Maps are available online along with a lot of other helpful fishing information. Visit the DNR website at <u>Michigan.gov/Fishing</u> for the most up-to-date information. For fishing license questions, contact DNR eLicense at <u>MDNR-E-License@Michigan.gov</u> or call 517-284-6057.

Help protect Michigan's waters

Remember to start and end each fishing adventure by doing your part to prevent the spread of invasive species. Start with a clean boat and clean gear. End by cleaning debris and plant material from boats and trailers and draining live wells and bilges. Decontaminate waders and gear by applying a chemical disinfectant such as Formula 409® Antibacterial All-Purpose Cleaner after each use, and prevent the spread of fish diseases by disposing of leftover bait in the trash.

LEGAL NOTICES

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 May 1, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Name}}(s)$ of the mortgagor(s): Alexander J Sugar and Leanne E Sugar, husband and wife

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Date of Mortgage: May 28, 2015

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 10, 2015

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$206,204.92

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Green Oak, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 15, Silver Pines, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 26 of Plats, Pages 36 through 38, Livingston County Records

Common street address (if any): 9109 Ravinewood Ln, South Lyon, MI 48178-9373

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).

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS (TRUST)

TO:

ALL CREDITORS:

The Settlor, MARIA TOCCO (A/K/A MARY TOCCO), who lived at 9138 Ridgefield Drive, Brighton Township, Michigan 48114, died January 21, 2023.

There is no personal representative of the Settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the MARY TOCCO LIVING TRUST, dated October 31, 1996, as amended, will be forever banned unless presented to EMMA L. TOCCO-KETTENUN, Trustee, within four months after the date of publication. Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Date: March 27, 2024

Attorney for Successor Trustee Jared M. Trust, Esq. Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton, P.C 101 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1000 Troy, MI 48084 (248) 457-7049

Successor Trustee Emma L. Tocco-Kettunen 9026 Ridgefield Drive Brighton, MI 48114

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(4-7-24 FNV)

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Trust

In the Matter of Trust Administration of the Elizabeth L. Spitler Revocable Living Trust dated January 9, 1986,

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: March 31, 2024 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515

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as amended and restated Date of birth: September 9, 1930

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Elizabeth Louise Spitler, who lived at 2016 Pine Hollow Trail, Brighton Township, MI 48114 died March 10, 2024.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Kathleen Elizabeth Kramer, named Successor Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Attorney:

Lipson Neilson P.C. Kevin Bernys (P34085) 3910 Telegraph Rd., Ste 200 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (248) 593-5000

Trustee:

Kathleen Elizabeth Kramer 2321 Pine Hollow Trail Brighton, MI 48114

(4-7-24 FNV)





Interior of a planter tractor.

Photo by Jeff Sandborn

High tech, AI, boost farm productivity, earnings By Anish Topiwala

Capital News Service

Precision agriculture technology has been evolving over the past decades, and farming has become more productive and efficient with the further implementation of artificial intelligence.

A 2023 study by the U.S. Department of Agriculture found only 27% of farms and ranches nationally used such precision agriculture practices, but the rate was around 40% in Michigan.

Such practices involve the use of technology like GPS for yield monitoring and soil sampling, automation of steering equipment and - more recently - artificial intelligence to interpret data and monitor livestock and crops.

Jeff Sandborn, a Portland farmer and member of the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors, says that every farmer uses precision agriculture practices in some way today.

"Farming's unique," said Sandborn, who represents Ionia, Barry, Kent, Ottawa and Allegan counties on the organization's board. "Everybody does things a little differently."

One thing common among many farmers, according to Sandborn, is the struggle to find employees, "especially with this technology. It takes a certain level of knowledge to be able to run this equipment."

One essential piece of technology Sandborn uses are tractors equipped with autonomy-based technology like sensors, radar and cameras. "Autonomy is the big thing," he said

Robotics also play a significant role when it comes to specialty crops and sorting through produce.

Autonomous technologies save labor as well as enabling farms to more efficiently perform daily tasks like tilling, spraying fields with herbicides and fertilizing with drones, according to Sandborn.

"Any operation with crops is very time-sensitive," Sandborn said. "Mother Nature gives us a window - in the spring to plant and the fall to harvest – and it seems like those windows can be getting narrower."

"The goal is to maximize everything as much as you can," he said.

Usually these practices are also the best way to protect the environment, Sandborn said.

He said a major gap with these technologies is lack of data standards which creates problems when working with multiple types of software or equipment.

"It used to be that everybody had their own unique file format or was protecting the data, even though the farmer owned it," Sandborn said. "It wouldn't get released in a way that was usable on another software platform."

In his view, technology not only benefits producers but consumers as well.

"Farms have gotten bigger and it's harder to find labor, so the best thing we can do is to have a stable food system to keep everybody fed," Sandborn said.

Timothy Boring, the director of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, emphasizes the importance of agriculture precision technologies.

"We're lowering costs a bit on what production looks like on a field-by-field basis, and we have a better sense of what it takes to grow a crop," Boring said.

Boring pointed to the cost of replacing older equipment with newer technology or retrofitting existing equipment with updated systems.

Agriculture precision practices are constantly innovating. Artificial intelligence is one of the main areas that farmers and engineers use to improve farming.

"We generate a lot of yield maps that, frankly, just aren't utilized to their fullest potential today," Boring said. "We increasingly have better access to remote sensing data, whether that's through drones, satellite imagery."

Daniel Uyeh, an assistant professor of biosystems and

home on March 15 and postcards were sent home in Friday folders on April 5th.

Kindergarten Round Up- April 17 & 18, 2024 1:30pm-3:30pm or 4:00pm-7:00pm Fowlerville Elementary School 440 North Hibbard 517-223-6430 What do I need to bring?

Monthly Mental Health Series- Fowlerville Community Schools, in a joint effort with all Livingston County Schools, would like to invite all families to the final session of our monthly mental health series for parents designed by the Cook Center. The series has covered several topics that parents and children are battling. In each meeting, parents have learned simple strategies to help you respond to your child when they are facing these challenges or learn more about each one if it is ever needed. The cost is completely free to all families and is a valuable resource.

Smith Elementary School News

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

April 9-McTeacher Night at Fowlerville McDonalds 5-7 April 10-Spring Picture Day

agricultural engineering at Michigan State University, is working with artificial intelligence to improve farming.

"Everyone is waiting for the growing season to do experiments because the winter is just too cold and nobody is growing anything," Uyeh said.

Uyeh said he and a few colleagues began a project to develop a digital environment, powered by artificial intelligence, to conduct experiments year-round and then use the best results during the growing season.

"It's a very ambitious dream, but we're hoping that we'll get there because our primary results have shown really good promises," Uyeh said.

"The question is usability," Uyeh said. "We don't know how useful it will be for growers at this point in time, but definitely for researchers working in this area. That would translate to the growers too."

Uyeh said the goal is to put tangible results in the hands of researchers in three years.

Daniel Morris, another MSU professor, also employs artificial intelligence to develop new technology.

Morris works in the area of precision livestock farming with his focus on monitoring the animals.

Morris said, "How can we put eyes in a farm that provides real-time insights for a farmer to see if one of the animals is lame or isn't eating or has other problems?"

Morris works with artificial intelligence to create this technology to assist farmers in monitoring the health of their livestock.

That's through specialized cameras with automated tracking of livestock, according to Morris.

Morris and his peers have created a start-up company around the device called Motion Grazer AI and want a working prototype ready for use in the coming months.

Uyeh stressed the importance of innovation in farming and how it is an unappealing career for many young people.

"What would be the future of agriculture in this country if young people are not attracted to this area? The goal here is to make agriculture really attractive," he said.

April 11 @ 6:30 pm - Monthly Mental Health Series: Substance abuse and vaping

April 17 & 18 - Kindergarten Round Up 1:30-3:30 & 4-7 April 17- Pod A Field Trip April 18-Pod B Field Trip April 22- Pod D Walking Field Trip April 24- PTC Meeting 4:00 April 26- PTC Popcorn May 1- ACES Day 10:00 May 27 - NO SCHOOL- MEMORIAL DAY RECESS June $3 - \frac{1}{2}$ Day of School (Dismissal 12:02) June $4 - \frac{1}{2}$ Day of School (Dismissal 12:02)

McTeacher Night- April 9th 5:00-7:00pm: The Fall event was so much fun, we partnered with the Fowlerville McDonalds for another fun night. We hope you can join us there between 5:00-7:00 to visit with various members of our school staff. The PTC earns 18% of all sales made during those times- including drive through!

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The final upcoming topic is: April 11 @ 6:30 pm -Substance Abuse and Vaping.

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By Jim Miller

Who Should Be Screened for Lung Cancer? *Dear Savvy Senior*,

Who should be screened for lung cancer and how it's covered by Medicare? I used to smoke but quit many years ago and am wondering if I need to be tested.

Just Turned 65

Dear Just Turned,

Even if you haven't touched a cigarette in decades, you could still be due for an annual lung cancer screening, based on new recommendations from the American Cancer Society (ACS).

The new guidelines state that adults ages 50 to 80 who currently smoke or used to smoke the equivalent of one pack a day for 20 years should get an annual low-dose computed tomography scan (also called a CT scan), no matter how long ago you quit.

ACS guidelines previously said that those who quit 15 or more years ago were in the clear. But new studies have shown that expanding screening eligibility saves lives, even among people who quit smoking years earlier.

Early Detection Saves Lives

Lung cancer is the deadliest cancer in the United States. According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 234,580 new cases are expected to be diagnosed in 2024, and about 125,070 Americans will die from the disease.

While lung cancer can occur in anyone at any age, cigarette smoking is the top risk factor and is linked to about 80 to 90 percent of lung cancer deaths, and most people diagnosed with the disease are age 65 or older.

What makes lung cancer especially tricky is that it's often symptomless until it's at an advanced stage, when it's harder to treat. Early detection can lead to a 20 to 25 percent improvement in survival rates, resulting in fewer deaths from lung cancer.

But a 2022 report from the American Lung Association found that only 5.8 percent of people eligible for lung cancer screening in the U.S. get screened, and the screening rate is as low as 1 percent in some states.

Screening & Coverage

If you fall into the population eligible for a lung cancer screening, start by speaking with your doctor, even if it's been a long time since you smoked.

Medicare Part B will cover lung cancer screenings with a low-dose CT scan once a year for people ages 50 to 77 who are current smokers or quit in the last 15 years and have a 20-pack-year history. Patients must have an order from their doctor or health care provider and should not have symptoms of lung cancer.

A low-dose CT scan is a noninvasive test where you lie down and hold your breath while being moved through a doughnut-shaped X-ray machine. The scan takes several X-ray images of the lungs and can help to identify possible abnormalities in the lung tissue.

There are some potential risks with this screening, including the possibility of false positives, which can lead to more scans or invasive procedures. According to the American Lung Association about 12 to 14 percent of lung cancer screening scans will have a false positive, which is about the same rate as with mammograms. Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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Affected trees will suddenly begin to wilt from the top down, rapidly dropping leaves, which can be green, brown or a combination of both colors.

To keep oak trees healthy, delay pruning until mid-July

Spring is pruning season for many tree species, but if you have an oak tree, put down your saw by mid-April.

To stop the spread of oak wilt, a fungal disease that can kill red oak trees within weeks, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is urging homeowners not to prune any oak trees from April 15 to July 15.

Despite warm days in late winter, the risk of infection through sap-feeding beetles is still very low through April 15. Risk is highest from mid-April to mid-July, and recent research at Michigan State University indicates that in Michigan, oak infection risk peaks in May and June.

Oak wilt infection can occur when sap-feeding nitidulid beetles become contaminated with viable oak wilt spores and carry them to fresh wounds on other vulnerable oaks. Before April 15, this is unlikely to occur even if the beetles are active on warm days.

Oak wilt also can be spread by moving firewood cut from infected trees. It also spreads from tree to tree through connected, or grafted, root systems.

"After a tree is infected, there is no cure for oak wilt, so it is important to prevent infection in the first place," said Simeon Wright, forest health resource analyst with the DNR's Forest Resources Division.

Help slow the spread of oak wilt

Trees killed by oak wilt require special management. If you suspect a tree has succumbed to oak wilt, you can help slow the spread by burning it on-site, chipping it or debarking it before April 15. Once the wood has been dried for longer than a year and/or all the bark loosens, the firewood can no longer spread oak wilt.

If an oak tree is damaged during the high-risk period from April 15 to July 15, landowners can immediately cover all wounds with tree-wound paint or latex-based paint. Painting tree wounds is not recommended for other trees species as it can reduce the effectiveness of the heal-



The nitidulid beetle can carry oak wilt spores from tree to tree during the period between April 15 and July 15, so don't prune oaks during this time.

until September. Affected trees will suddenly begin to wilt from the top down, rapidly dropping leaves, which can be green, brown or a combination of both colors. Left untreated, oak wilt will continue to move from tree to tree through grafted root systems, killing more red oak over an increasingly large area when oak trees grow close together.

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ing process.

First identified in the Midwest during the 1940s, oak wilt was confirmed in Michigan and management techniques were in trial phases by 1951. It now is common in the Lower Peninsula. It also has been identified in Dickinson, Iron and Menominee counties in the Upper Peninsula.

Trees in the red oak family are most susceptible to the disease. These include black oak, northern red oak and northern pin oak – all have leaves with pointed tips. Trees in the white oak group have rounded leaf edges and include white oak, swamp white oak and bur oak. These trees are better able to block spread of the disease through the entire tree, preventing rapid death.

Watch for symptoms over summer

Symptoms of oak wilt most often appear from late June

logging damage, the DNR restricts cutting of red oak trees on state-managed land between April 15 and July 15. The DNR recommends private forest landowners exercise caution during this period and, whenever possible, delay harvests in oak forests until after July 15.

What to do if you suspect oak wilt

--Contact a local DNR forest health specialist by email at DNR-FRD-Forest-Health@Michigan.gov for more information or to ask a question.

--Michigan State University's Diagnostic Clinic also can verify oak wilt infection. Find instructions online or call 517-355-4536.

--Get help from an oak-wilt qualified specialist. Visit MichiganOakWilt.org for a listing and more information.





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Michigan House Report

By Bob Bezotte, 50th District

In last week's column, I criticized Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's proposal to cut the office of the Auditor General budget by 28 percent. The reason I took issue with the proposed cut is because the auditor general actually saves taxpayers money by making sure that government programs are operating as intended.

One example I gave is that the auditor general exposed billions lost due to fraud and improper unemployment payment during the pandemic.

Since writing that piece, the governor's administration has said that the figure in her proposed budget was only a placeholder, and that the final number will get worked out in negotiations. A reporter on WKAR's "Off The Record" called the proposed cut "a bargaining chip."

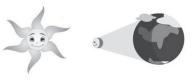
The \$8.3M cut would provide negligible savings to the state in comparison to the approximately \$80B budget. But it would seriously undermine the ability of the office to provide necessary oversight.

That's why it's important we air these kinds of differences. The governor's administration proposed a substantial cut to an office that provides crucial oversight of her administration. Now after public criticism, they seem to be walking that back. That's how it's supposed to work in a representative democracy.

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



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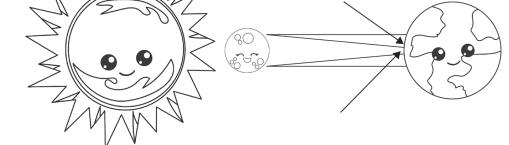
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Any other observations to note?

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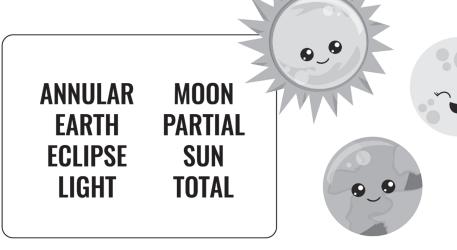
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LACASA and Great Start Livingston announce 2024 Champions for Children

LACASA Center's Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Council and Great Start Livingston formally recognized the three winners of the 2024 Champion for Children award on Wednesday, April 3 in a ceremony at the Howell Carnegie Library. This year's individual winners are Howell teacher Kristi Fowler and retired Livingston Educational Service Agency administrator Sean LaRosa, and the organizational award goes to the public libraries of Livingston County.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and the Champion for Children award and ceremony seek to uplift and spotlight those outstanding individuals and organizations who make a significant positive difference in the lives of children in Livingston County.

"We know there are many people tirelessly supporting children in our communities, and most of that work goes unrecognized," said LACASA's Director of Family Prevention and Education Holly Naylor. "The Champion for Children award is our way of shining a light on those who make our community a better place for kids, often without any expectation of recognition."

Those who nominated the winners were invited to take part in the award ceremony at the CAP Council's Plant a Pinwheel event marking the start of Child Abuse Prevention month.

Teacher Kristi Fowler of Northwest Elementary School in Howell was nominated by two parents whose children were in her class and described her as a true Champion for Children. Fowler has dedicated more than 20 years of her life to educating children in Howell, where, in addition to her teaching duties, she also leads the school's Student Council and the "Girls on the Run" program. Fowler is known for organizing and supporting numerous fundraisers in and out of school, and for inspiring and empowering students to maximize their potential and discover their passions.

The second individual winner, Sean LaRosa, is a former teacher and principal who served as Assistant Superintendent for Early Learning at the Livingston Educational Service Agency for nine years. LaRosa, who was not able to attend the ceremony, was nominated by her coworkers who cited her dedication and passion to increasing learning outcomes and forging relationships between early childhood programs and K-12 systems in Livingston County. As a result of her efforts, more than 4,000 at-risk 3 to 5-year-olds entered kindergarten prepared and with a foundation for future success, according to her colleagues.

Finally, representatives from each of Livingston County's six public libraries were on hand to receive the organizational Champion for Children award in honor of their dedication to ensuring all children are welcomed and encouraged to become lifelong learners. The libraries were saluted for their collective work teaching children valuable lessons in research and evaluation, promoting literacy and learning, and for being a critical community-supported asset.

The Champion for Children award presentation is held annually as part of Child Abuse Prevention Month in April.

Civics education should start in younger grades, educators say By Anish Topiwala



Representatives from Livingston County's six public libraries accept the 2024 Champion for Children organizational award.

Nominations for 2024 are closed, and more information for the 2025 Champion for Children nominations will be provided early next year.

Village of Fowlerville 213 South Grand Avenue Fowlerville, MI 48836 517-223-3771 Village Council Meeting Minutes*Synopsis Monday, March 4, 2024

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

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

Trustees Present: Curtis, Hardenbrook, Heath, Mayhew, and Hill.

Absent: Helfmann and Hernden

MOTION BY TRUSTEE CURTIS, SECOND BY TRUSTEE HEATH TO APPROVE THE MARCH 4, 2024 AGENDA AS AMENDED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION BY TRUSTEE HEATH, SECOND BY TRUSTEE MAYHEW TO APPROVE THE 3-YEAR CONTRACT WITH ANNA'S LAWN PREP FOR THE LAWN MOWING AND FALL CLEAN-UP AT GREENWOOD CEMETERY. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: HEATH, MAYHEW, CURTIS, HARDENBROOK, AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: HELFMANN AND HERNDEN. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE CURTIS, SECOND BY TRUSTEE MAYHEW TO APPROVE THE 3-YEAR CONTRACT WITH ANNA'S LAWN PREP FOR THE LAWN AND SNOW VIOLATIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: CURTIS, MAYHEW, HARDENBROOK, HEATH, AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: HELFMANN AND HERNDEN. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED. MOTION BY TRUSTEE CURTIS, SECOND BY TRUSTEE HARDENBROOK TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THE VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE FOR THE DONATION OF THE THERAPY DOG THAT WILL BE ASSIGNED TO OFFICER COLN. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: CURTIS, HARDENBROOK, HEATH, MAYHEW, AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: HELFMANN AND HERNDEN. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED. MOTION BY TRUSTEE MAYHEW, SECOND BY TRUSTEE HEATH TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING AT 6:49 P.M. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.



Northwest Elementary School Teacher Kristi Fowler (center) accepts the 2024 Champion for Children award, joined by the parents who nominated her.

ORDINANCE NO. 495 ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 346

The Village of Fowlerville ordains:

Section 1. The Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Fowlerville, Michigan, being Ordinance No. 346, as amended, is hereby amended to modify the Zoning Map of the Village of Fowlerville, as adopted in Section 603 thereof and as previously amended, as follows:

The property hereinafter described is rezoned from Public Land (PL) to General Business (GB):

SEC. 10 T3N, R3E, BEG. ON SEC. LINE 200 FT. N OF SE COR. OF NE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF SEC., N ALONG SEC. LINE 200 FT., N 87* 55' W 217.8 FT., S 200 FT., S 87* 55' E 217.8 FT. TO BEG. (Tax Description No. 4705-10-200-002)

AKA: 735 N. Grand Avenue; Fowlerville, Michigan

Section 2. <u>Repealer Clause</u>. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 3. Savings Clause. This Ordinance shall in no manner affect pending litigation, either civil or criminal, founded or growing out of any Ordinance, Resolution, Order or parts thereof, hereby repealed, and this Ordinance shall in no manner affect any rights, claims, privileges, immunities or causes of action of the Village, County or other person, either criminal or civil, that may have already occurred, accrued or grown out of any Ordinance, Resolution, Order or policy, or any part thereof, hereby repealed.

Section 4. Validity and Severability. Should any portion of this Ordinance be found invalid for any reason, such a holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

<u>Section 5.</u> <u>Effective Date.</u> This Ordinance shall be effective twenty (20) days from and after its publication.

Carol Hill, Village President Kathryn Rajala-Gutzki, Village Clerk/Manager **REVIEWED FOR FORM:** David G. Stoker, Village Attorney

Village Council Member Curtis offered the foregoing Ordinance, and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Village Council Member Mayhew, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Capital News Service

Social studies and civics educators across the state have been advocating greater engagement for students with civics in light of the upcoming election.

According to a study by *The Hill*, a Washington, D.C., newspaper that covers national politics, only half of 18-19-year-olds who voted in the 2020 presidential election say they'll vote in November.

And a 2023 American Bar Association study of civic literacy found that 53% of those surveyed are not well-informed about how government works.

Educators say the lack of understanding and engagement with government originates at an early age.

"It's never too early to start learning about this, and it starts really young with just talking to students about how people make decisions," said Annie Whitlock, a Grand Valley State University professor and president-elect of the Michigan Council for Social Studies.

"How people work together in a group. How all of us have a responsibility towards our community," she said.

Whitlock said that in this pre-election period, the Council

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Respectfully Submitted, Jamie Hartman Village Deputy Clerk (4-7-24 FNV)

Carol Hill, President	AYE
Kathryn Heath, President Pro Tem	AYE
Craig Curtis, Trustee	AYE
Jamey Hardenbrook, Trustee	AYE
Mary Helfmann, Trustee	ABSENT
Jamie Hernden, Trustee	AYE
Jim Mayhew, Trustee	AYE

The President there upon declared this Ordinance approved and adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Fowlerville this 1st day of April, 2024.

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. 495 adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Fowlerville, County of Livingston, Michigan, at a meeting held on April 1, 2024.

> Kathryn M. Rajala-Gutzki, Village Clerk/Manager (4-7-24 FNV)



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The Kreeger fifth grade participants and their instructors at the Reaching Higher Graduation Ceremony on April 2nd.

Kreeger 5th graders hold Reaching Higher Graduation this past Tuesday

Parents, family members and friends met this past Tuesday night (April 2) to celebrate the twenty-four 5th grade students who were graduating from Reaching Higher, an opportunity that was being offered at Kreeger Elementary.

Reaching Higher for Youth (RH4Youth) is the characterbuilding youth leadership program that inspires and prepares youth to succeed and set the course for their life ahead. Reaching Higher motivates individuals to discover the leader within.

Reaching Higher is a nonprofit dedicated to preparing individuals to live with purpose and confidence through personal leadership development and coaching.

Instructors of the program were Luanne Bibbee, and Rachel Anderson. Adult mentors included former Fowlerville teacher Vance DeCamp, Officer Tony Coln (and his newly assigned Fowlerville Schools therapy dog, Henry), Meghan Reckling, and Linda Hogbin. Jason Miller is the Principal of Kreeger Elementary.

Participants were Aiden Brooks, Ainsley Watson, Andi Simmons, Arria Ogden, Austin Szymczak, Caleb Gross, Carly McColl, Hailee Harmon, Izzie Barker, Jaxon Mayhew, Jonathon Osborne, Kaylee West, Keegan Hughes, Kenzie Walker, Kole Lovejoy, Michael Fournier-Munguia, Morgan Larson, Pierce Patrick-Kreeger, Sophia Crampton, Sophie Idoni-Stallcup, Tommy Smith, Victoria Juarez, Annie Young, and Molly Aldred.

For more information about Reaching Higher program offerings see reachinghigherinc.com.

Civics education, continued

for Social Studies is urging school administrators and the Legislature to increase their attention on social studies education at the elementary school level.

That's in response to a decline in social studies engagement among students and teachers.

"It's decreasing, particularly with young students, which certainly can be problematic if they get older and lack the kind of foundational knowledge in civics, among other social studies disciplines," Whitlock said.

Before becoming a professor of history and social studies at Grand Valley, Whitlock was a middle school teacher.

Whitlock uses her experience in middle school to identify gaps in early education regarding social studies and advocate for improvements.

"I saw firsthand how capable young students are at discussing important issues and learning complex social studies topics," Whitlock said. "We don't need to necessarily be afraid to talk about it with young kids."

The executive director of the Michigan Center for Civic Education, Ellen Zwarensteyn, also said that students are eager and ready to learn and engage in civics.

"The teachers, however, in this climate tend to be more fearful for their own livelihoods because they see what happens at school board meetings that become contentious, or they are concerned about being misconstrued in a classroom environment," Zwarensteyn said.

Zwarensteyn said administrators have similar fears, feeling both unequipped and not empowered to educate children about civics.

"It's not their fault," Zwarensteyn said. "There's been

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LICENSED & INSURED FOWLERVILLE & BEYOND systematic defunding of civics education for a while now."

The Center for Civic Education also educates students through its own programs. One is 'We the People,' which engages students in discussions about the Constitution and allows them to participate in simulated congressional hearings.

The program targets middle to high school students.

Zwarensteyn said the organization is bringing the program to more students in grades four through eight.

The center also helped to found another group working to improve civics education, the MiCivics Coalition.

The coalition collaborates with organizations across the state to further civics education through education, outreach and policy.

Whitlock said that "It's important to realize that our students are bringing in a lot of wealth of knowledge already."

"We have to go from the assumption that our students are probably willing to talk about it," she said. "We can help them figure out how to make sense of what they want and encourage them to think critically about what they're seeing."