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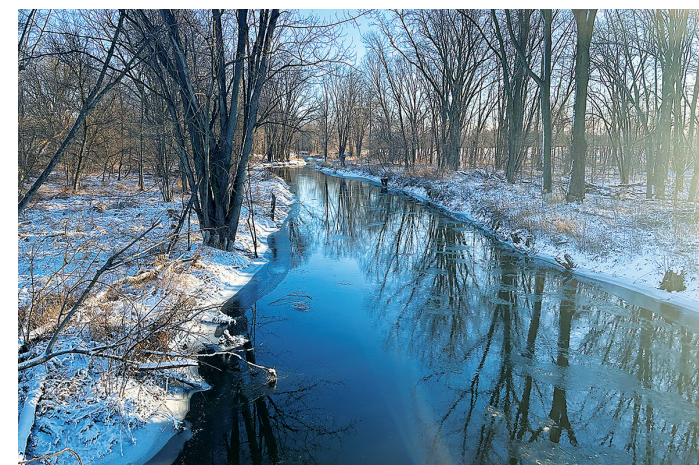
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Winter Scenes in the Country

Winter has been 'up and down' since the first snowfall arrived around Thanksgiving. Early last week spring-like temperatures melted the last remnants of snow from an earlier winter storm, only to be followed quickly by a new batch of snow and much colder temperatures. The fresh snow, while

making driving more difficult and requiring removal from roads, driveways, and sidewalks, does provide scenic views. That's particularly true in the country. Shown here is a farm in Conway Township, the Red Cedar River at the Gramer Road Bridge, and a rural driveway flanked by pine trees north of Webberville.





Student of the Week—Shyann Nogafsky
Shyann Nogafsky, a Fowlerville High School senior and Varsity Cheerleading Captain, is involved in Varsity Sideline and Competitive Cheer, Varsity Track, and also coaches gymnastics at Livingston County Gymnastics. She consistently demonstrates kindness, care, and humility in everything she does, always making an intentional effort to ensure that all students feel included and valued in the classroom and beyond. Shyann is a role model for younger students, leading by example through her strong work ethic, willingness to put in extra effort, and commitment to helping others succeed. Her character, leadership, and dedication make her a true example of what it means to be a Gladiator.

Kreeger Elementary School News

CALENDAR OF KREEGER EVENTS

1-19-26	NO SCHOOL
1-21-26	Music Club Meeting 3:40-4:40pm
1-22-26	Kindness Club Meeting 3:40 – 4:40pm
1-28-26	Music Club Meeting 3:40-4:40pm
2-05-26	Student Council Meeting 3:40-4:40pm
2-11-26	Spring Count Day
2-11-26	KPTN Meeting 3:40pm
2-12-26	Super U Assembly
2-16-26	No School
2-17-26	No School
2-19-26	Student Council Meeting 3:40-4:40pm

Fowlerville High School News

OFFICE HOURS

Administration Offices	7:00 a.m.– 2:30 p.m.
The building opens	6:45 a.m.

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES TO NOTE:

Jan. 19 - Holiday Break (Martin Luther King Day)

Doors at FHS will be open at 6:45 a.m. on school days. After school hours if your student is not participating in a sport, club or meeting with a teacher they should make arrangements to leave the building by 2:30 p.m.

Fowlerville High School Local Scholarships

Happy New Year from the counseling department at Fowlerville High School. We would like to thank the community for their continued generosity and support of our senior class. Each year businesses and community members support our senior class with approximately 50 scholarships totaling \$30,000: a true testament to the commitment of a small town and their high school.

FHS Class of 2026 Local Scholarship Presentations:

Fowlerville High School will present community scholarships to the class of 2026 in their ELA courses during the week of 1/19. All presentations, applications, and scholarship information is also posted in the Class of 2026 Google Classroom. All completed applications are due to the counseling office no later than Friday, February 27th at the end of the school day. In addition to the application requirements, students that wish to be considered for a local scholarship must also have completed FAFSA on file by the deadline.

FHS Class of 2025 Local Scholarship Winners:

Congratulations once again on your scholarship award. The deadline to request your scholarship is March 1, 2026. Please submit your semester 1 transcript, semester 2 course

schedule and the completed Scholarship Request Form to Mr. Hardenbrook: hardenbrookj@fowlervilleschools.org.
OR NEW OPTION: Through the Fowlerville High School Website-Counseling Page-Class of 2025 Scholarship Winner Funds Request. You will need: Your name/address, the name of the scholarship(s) you were awarded and upload your semester 1 transcript and proof of semester 2 enrollment.

Senior parents – Graduation is around the corner! Cap and gown ordering has begun. Order online at Jostens.com then choose the graduation tab, order now, enter school and state, then start your order. The basic cap and gown unit is under Cap & Gown section and shop all.

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What Documents You Need to Get Your Affairs in Order
By Aaron Franks,
“Aaron the Funeral Guy”

Over the past several weeks, we’ve talked a lot about the different choices families have when it comes to cremation and burial.

This week, I want to step away from service options and shine a light on something equally important: getting your personal affairs in order before your family is ever forced to make decisions on your behalf.

This isn’t the most comfortable topic to think about, but it may be one of the most meaningful gifts you leave behind. When arrangements, documents, and decisions are clear, families are able to grieve with fewer burdens. When they’re not, grief often comes with stress, confusion, and sometimes conflict, and I’ve seen every version of that unfold.

So let’s walk through the documents that really matter, and why putting them in place now can make life easier for the people you love.

A Last Will and Testament might be the first document that comes to mind. This is the legal paperwork that spells out who receives your belongings and who should handle your estate when you’re gone. If there’s no will, the state makes those decisions based on law, and that process can take a long time and cost more than it needs to. Having a will doesn’t require fancy language or a complicated setup; it’s simply a roadmap that makes sure your wishes are honored instead of interpreted.

Now let’s touch on something that often gets confused with funeral decision-making, the Power of Attorney. I’ll be covering this more fully in a future article, but here’s the most important point for today:

A power of attorney ends the moment you pass away. It’s only valid while you’re still living. That means the person you assign can make decisions on your behalf if you’re alive but unable to communicate; but once death occurs, that authority is gone and your will takes over. It’s a good reminder of why you need both a POA and a will; they each serve a very different purpose.

Now let’s talk specifically about funeral planning, because this is the part most people assume falls under the will, but usually comes too late. Wills are often read after funeral arrangements are complete. In Michigan, we have a tool that helps bridge that gap: the Michigan Funeral Representative Designation Form, created by the Michigan Funeral Directors Association (MFDA). This form allows you to name exactly who is legally responsible for making your final arrangements; whether that’s a spouse, a child, a friend, or someone outside the family altogether. Families can be complicated, and this single sheet of paper prevents disagreements and ensures

your decisions, not someone else’s, take center stage.

Gathering supporting documents also makes a world of difference: Social Security information, marriage or divorce records, veteran discharge papers, cemetery deeds, and any prepaid funeral contracts. Even a simple list of accounts, passwords, or instructions can save your family countless hours of stress when all they really want to do is honor your memory and take care of one another.

And here’s the truth I share often: planning documents are not just for older adults. Life happens at every age, whether we’re prepared or not. Having your wishes written down is one of the most loving acts you’ll ever leave behind; a roadmap that clears the path for the people you care about most.

If you’re thinking about getting started, need help understanding the Funeral Representative Form, or just want to explore your options, feel free to reach out anytime. I’m here to guide you, answer questions, and support you; never to pressure or sell you anything. You can reach out any time at aaronthefuneralguy@gmail.com

Aaron Franks is a Funeral Director at Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes

Livingston Link-Up invites professionals to meet their fellow public service providers

Livingston Link-Up invites business professionals, medical personnel, care providers, and those that assist community residents in need to a free networking event. Livingston Link-Up will be held on Friday, February 6, 2026 from 4:00pm-6:00pm at 2142 Community Church in Brighton (7526 Grand River Ave.).

This networking opportunity provides professionals in the private and public sector to meet, connect, and share insights with one another. Referrals, insights, volunteerism, and financial support could be the missing link in solving some of our shared community challenges.

Last year, 151 guests attended the event representing 92 different organizations. This year, the Livingston Link-Up Planning Committee hopes to increase guest and agency participation and representation.

“We are excited to host another year of Livingston Link-Up! This event has the power for agencies and organizations to build long lasting relationships and lead to cross sector coordination and collaboration to support our community residents in need.” said Grace Dennis, Community Collaborative Planner for the Human Services Collaborative Body.

There is no registration needed! Simply stop by and get to know other local professionals.

This event is sponsored by the Bank of Ann Arbor Livingston, Brighton Masonic Lodge, Livingston Sunrise Rotary, and Livingston County United Way.

Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team earns 49-39 victory at Grass Lake

The Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team traveled to Grass Lake in a non-league game last Monday, Jan. 12, and earned a 49 to 39 victory. Dylan Soli led the Glads with 17 points. Sam Shrader added 13 and Grant Wilkinson had 9.



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Fowlerville High School’s “ATHLETES” OF THE WEEK

JV Girls Basketball

Brynn Rudnicki - Brynn is one of the freshman leaders for the JV girls basketball team. She can shoot the long ball consistently as well as driving the basket among taller and stronger opponents. Her offensive abilities are complimented by her tenacious defense, often creating turnovers and frustrating her opponents. Brynn has a very bright future in the program.

CJ Checchi - CJ is a true post player for the JV team this year. As a sophomore she brings experience and skill to the floor, whether scoring, blocking shots or dishing the ball out to teammates when double teamed in the key. She has worked hard to become more disciplined defensively and has grown significantly in her role in the program. She is certainly someone to watch in the future.

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Are You an Encourager?

By Susan Kretchman

“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”

(Leo Buscaglia)

Leo was an American author and motivational speaker and a professor known as “Dr. Love” based on his teachings about love, human connection and personal growth. When I thought about what to write this week, the concept of being kind and an encourager crossed my mind as I finished my last cup of coffee, gazing out my window as snowflakes debated whether to continue falling from gray clouds or retreat for a while. Kindness and encouragement have always been important to me—though admittedly I certainly have my share of awful behavior—yet, at the core of my being is a desire to love well, compliment and acknowledge the goodness of people I meet, to cheer on family members who, like me, are doing their best every day to achieve dreams, goals, live life through its ups and downs.

Looking back on the last few months, I’m able to see that I’ve got friends who are going through some very hard stuff such as grief from the loss of a child, another with a spouse experiencing unexpected physical ailments which required a few days in a hospital as well as those eking out a living to care for growing children, making ends meet with the resources available to them.

As always—even though I like what Mr. Buscaglia said—I ask myself “what does the Bible have to say about...fill in the blank. So, what does the Bible have to say about being an encourager. Thankfully, a lot.

In 1 Thessalonians 5: 11: *“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”*

Proverbs 16: 24 *“Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.”*

“Let your speech be helpful, building others up as needed.” (Ephesians 4:29).

Those are but three scriptures to describe how we should conduct ourselves regarding kindness, encouragement, and love. There’s plenty more, which makes me believe that God wanted us to know His heart through these words.

Does it take a lot of time or energy to be kind? Goodness, no. But it does take intentionality, even humility. Do you thank the person who bagged your large grocery order? Do you say “thank you” to someone who held a door open for you? (which by the way is a great gesture to teach young children) If you’re a man, do you open the car door for your wife? (mine does) and he still insists on walking by the curbside of the sidewalk, a form of protection gentlemen assumed years ago when escorting a woman on dirty and dangerous streets.

I could write a lot about encouragement and kindness. Lord, knows many of us need a review—even lessons—on what I assume to be common sense. Sadly, common sense is sometimes a rarity in our current culture no matter a person’s standing in society. Proof of the matter is found in countless social media posts and reels, media headlines, commentaries from the very people we rely upon for local, national, and world news. Yet, much of the rhetoric we are bombarded with on a daily basis is out of our control, for in reality none of us can truly change the persona or actions of another person, but we CAN change our own attitudes, choice of language whether spoken or written, and above all—how we treat other people regardless of their role in workplaces, our churches, the places we shop or go for entertainment, and most crucially— in the center of our family homes.

I “encourage” you this week—and in weeks ahead—to find ways to compliment someone, to say “thank you” for what may appear as merely being a common small task, to offer a smile to a stranger sitting across from you in a waiting room. Look for a child who needs an extra bit of courage, catch a kid doing something kind and tell them “way to go!”

What will happen? You’ll feel like you’re a better person from a small moment of kindness that brought light into someone’s dark day. Like Leo said, you “may turn a life around”....you’ll become more and more like Jesus who is the author of perfect love, kindness, and encouragement in its purest form!



U.S. Congress Report

By Tom Barrett,
7th District, U.S. House
of Representatives

Announces Bold Reform Agenda to Restore Trust in Government, Challenge the Status Quo in Congress

Congressman Tom Barrett (MI-07) has unveiled a bold policy framework designed to find common ground and address the mounting challenges facing working families across mid-Michigan, from skyrocketing health care premiums and housing costs to a political system that puts serving insiders over the needs of everyday Americans.

Barrett’s **Blueprint for a Better America** focuses on the root causes of declining trust in government, including politicians profiting from their positions; health care laws that encourage insurance companies denying claims while raising premiums; the average age of first-time home buyers reaching 40 and continuing to climb as corporate investors buy up homes and red tape drives up prices; costly foreign entanglements; and a campaign finance system that forces elected officials to spend more time fundraising than legislating.

“Working families in mid-Michigan are tired of our government working for everyone except them,” said Barrett. “From health care costs that keep rising to homes that are increasingly out of reach, Washington has lost sight of its core purpose. This Blueprint for a Better America is about getting back to basics, up-ending the status quo, and tackling the structural problems that allow dysfunction to thrive in our federal government. After a year of seeing Washington’s dysfunction firsthand, I’m proposing creative yet straightforward ideas that can actually build consensus and restore trust in our government. It’s the first step on a long road to getting Congress — and our country — back on track. Let’s get to work.”

About Barrett’s Blueprint for a Better America

Barrett will unveil individual proposals and introduce legislation in the coming weeks to specifically address the five key policy areas this agenda is built on:

- **Restoring Trust in Government:** Making Government Serve the People, Not Special Interests
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9:28 a.m.--Medical response on Bettys Blvd in Handy Township.
8:53 p.m.--Medical response on Marsh Rd in Conway Township.
9:38 p.m.--Medical response on S Grand Ave in the Village.

January 9
1:46 p.m.--Electrical hazard on Dutcher Rd in Iosco Township.

January 10
12:17 a.m.--Medical response on N Gregory Rd in Conway Township.
1:38 p.m.--Medical response on Bull Run Rd in Iosco Township.

January 11
6:02 a.m.--Medical response on Mason Rd in Iosco Township.

January 12
10:28 a.m.--Medical response on Crofoot Rd in Iosco Township.
6:59 p.m.--Outdoor fire on Sargent Rd in Handy Township.

January 13
9:22 a.m.--Assist Livingston County EMS on Little Rascal Dr in Handy Township.

January 14
2:15 a.m.--Medical response on W Allen Rd in Conway Township.
2:26 p.m.--Medical response on Sargent Rd in Handy Township.
3:37 p.m.--Personal injury accident on W I-96 in Handy Township.

9:25 p.m.--Mutual aid to Howell for structure fire on Burkhart Rd.

Fowlerville JV Girls Basketball Team loses to Okemos in non-league game

The Fowlerville Junior Varsity Basketball Team lost to Okemos in a non-league game play last Tuesday, Jan. 13. The final score was 49-31.
“The Lady Glads fell short in the game where physicality and missed free throws were contributing factors,” said Coach Michelle Quigley.
Edie Stephenson led the offense with 14 points, while Brynn Rudnicki added 8. Savannah McClanahan chipped in 4 points and Elly Morales scored 2. Aubree Knurick, Alexis Nichols, and Kendra Peterson all added 1 point each to complete the scoring.

LEGAL NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES)

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE.

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement –
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM a.m./p.m. on February 04, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Dale W. Woods and Debra L. Woods of Livingston County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Fifth Third Home Equity, Inc. FKA Home Equity of America dated the 14th day of November, 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Livingston and State of Michigan, on the 1st day of December, 2005, Liber 4984, Page 0396, of the Livingston County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$47,481.35 plus accrued interest at 9.00000% percent per annum.

Which said premises are described as follows:
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MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Karin M Siwicki and Eugene L Siwicki, the Mortgagor(s), and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as nominee for Legacy Mortgage, the original Mortgagee, dated December 11, 2024, and recorded on December 23, 2024, as Instrument No. 2024R-023497, in Livingston County Records, Michigan, and last assigned to Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., the Foreclosing Assignee, as documented by an Assignment of Mortgage dated November 5, 2025, and recorded on November 12, 2025, as Instrument No. 2025R-022853, in Livingston County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and owing as of the date of this Notice, the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Six Hundred Fourteen and 92/100 U.S. Dollars (\$280,614.92).

Said premise is situated at 9465 Englishman Dr, Fenton, MI 48430, in the Township of Tyrone, Livingston County, Michigan, and is described as: LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TYRONE, COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: LOT 98, OF "SILVER LAKE ESTATES NO. 2", ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 15, PAGES 26 THROUGH 28 OF PLATS, LIVINGSTON COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Pursuant to Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, if the property is sold at foreclosure sale the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder under MCLA 600.3278 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.
Dated: 12/18/2025
For More Information, please call:
Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A.
Attorneys for Servicer
255 South Orange Avenue, Suite 900
Orlando, Florida 32801
(855) 287-0240
Matter No. MI-010413-25

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Michael R Fluhart and Kristina Fluhart, Husband and Wife
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns
Foreclosing Assignee: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
Date of Mortgage: July 30, 2016
Date of Mortgage Recording: August 12, 2016
Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$348,605.78

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Hartland, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: A part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 19, Town 3 North, Range 6 East, described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 19, Town 3 North, Range 6 East, thence South 01 degrees 00 minutes 20 seconds East 165.05 feet along the West line of Section 19 and the centerline of Hacker Road to the East 1/4 corner of Section 24, Town 3 North, Range 5 East, Oceloa Township, Livingston County, Michigan, thence continuing South 01 degrees 00 minutes 20 seconds East 451.08 feet along said Section line and Centerline for a Place of Beginning; thence North 88 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds East 468.60 feet; thence South 01 degrees 00 minutes 20 seconds East 200.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds West 468.60 feet; thence North 01 degrees 00 minutes 20 seconds West 200.00 feet along said Section line and Centerline to the Place of Beginning. Commonly Known as: 2362 N Hacker Rd., Howell, MI 48855

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act 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 Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. 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 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: 01/18/2026
Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
251 Diversion Street, Rochester, MI 48307
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Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency reports that thousands of veterans assisted, millions in grants provided

By Nick Smith
Gongwer News Service

The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency worked to address tens of thousands of cases for veterans across the state over the past year and provided millions of dollars in grants to organizations to further provide services and assistance to veterans and their families.

In its 2025 fiscal year report, released last Tuesday (Jan. 6), the agency reported that its Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center handled 24,152 cases during the last fiscal year.

The agency also reported that it secured more than \$100 million in recoveries for veterans and their families, administered \$18.7 million in grant funding to groups to help provide services to veterans and distributed more than \$2 million in Michigan Veterans Trust Fund monies to eligible members for the first time in more than a decade.

“AtMVAA, we recognize that every partnership strengthens the network of care and opportunity that surrounds our veteran community,” MVAA Director Brian Love said in a statement. “Partnerships with county veteran service offices, suicide prevention and mental health organizations, veteran service organizations and countless others have expanded our reach, enhanced our capabilities and deepened our understanding of the evolving needs of Michigan’s veterans.”

Of the 24,152 requests handled by the agency’s Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center, 8,244 cases were requests for assistance obtaining military discharge documents, which provides proof of a person’s military service and enables those who served to obtain benefits.

More than 3,000 requests were regarding U.S. Department

of Veterans Affairs and Veterans Service Organization assistance, more than half of which dealt with claims.

A total of 1,327 requests for housing support were also received, along with 1,245 requests for utility assistance as well as 771 requests for home maintenance.

For grant funding, the agency administered \$4.2 million in County Veteran Service Fund Grant dollars, \$4 million in Statewide Veteran Service Provision Grant monies and \$1.5 million in Michigan Veteran Homelessness Prevention Grant program funds.

The report stated that for the first time since 2014, more than \$2 million had also been provided through the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund, which are grants provided to wartime and peacetime veterans aged 65 and older. A total of 1,171 veterans and dependents were provided with assistance through the grants from the fund.

Bridge the Political Divide: Learn Skills to “Disagree Better” at Howell Library

Worried about the growing political divide in our families, community and nation? Hoping to do something about it in 2026?

LWV of Livingston County and Braver Angels will host a 1.5-hour, in-person workshop called “Skills for Disagreeing Better” on Saturday, Jan. 24 from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Howell Carnegie Library Meabon Room (please use back door).

The program is free and open to the public. Advanced registration is required, and limited to 40 participants. Your can sign up at: <https://forms.gle/3FYpEdU19DiYZ3fw8> or you can register by sending your full name and e-mail address to: (programs@lwvlivingstonco.org).

In this workshop, participants will:
--Gain a greater understanding of the values and concerns of people who differ from them politically.

--Gain better skills for listening in a way the other person feels heard.

--Gain better skills for sharing their perspective in a way the other person might hear, even if they disagree.

Emily Twanmo and Bonita Singal, two volunteer presenters from Braver Angels Washtenaw County, will lead the workshop. They are both co-chairpersons of the Alliance of Washtenaw County, the first official Braver Angels Alliance in Michigan. They are both trained facilitators and hold differing viewpoints on various political topics.

Braver Angels (www.braverangels.org) is a nonprofit group that is leading the nation’s largest cross-partisan, volunteer-led movement to bridge the partisan divide and strengthen our democratic republic.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, grassroots organization working to protect and expand voting rights and ensure everyone is represented in our democracy. We empower voters and defend democracy through advocacy, education, and litigation, at the local, state, and national levels.

LEGAL NOTICES

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - LIVINGSTON COUNTY
Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement.

Notice is given under section 49c of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1449c, 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 February 18, 2026. 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): Jessica Arkwright, a single woman

Original Mortgagee: Flagstar Bank, FSB

Date of mortgage: February 26, 2019

Recorded on March 13, 2019, in Document No. 2019R-005654, and re-recorded via Loan Modification recorded on September 29, 2022 in Document No. 2022R-025947 Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Michigan State Housing Development Authority

Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-One and 31/100 Dollars (\$181,831.31)

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Livingston County, and described as: LOT 6 OF NEWMAN'S POST LANE FARMS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN LIBER 8 OF PLATS, PAGE(S) 42, LIVINGSTON COUNTY RECORDS. Commonly known as 11915 Post Ln, South Lyon, MI 48178

The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 125.1449v, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 125.1449v(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.

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.

Michigan State Housing Development Authority
Mortgagee/Assignee
Schneiderman & Sherman P.C.
23938 Research Dr, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
248.539.7400

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

MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Brian Karl Lahaie and Christine Nicole Lahaie, 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: February 9, 2021

Recorded on February 17, 2021, in Document No. 2021R-007425, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Union Home Mortgage Corp.

Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Fifty Thousand Two and 43/100 Dollars (\$150,002.43)

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Livingston County, and described as: Lot 12 of Birkwood Hills, as recorded in Liber 8 of Plats, Pages 49 and 50, Livingston County Records. Commonly known as 2862 Stanwood Pl, Brighton, MI 48114

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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale will be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. 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.

Union Home Mortgage Corp. Mortgagee/Assignee
Schneiderman & Sherman P.C.
23938 Research Dr, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
248.539.7400

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Melinda S. Mack and Jordan D. Mack, wife and husband, joint tenants

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PHH Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: April 9, 2020

Date of Mortgage Recording: April 22, 2020

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$231,109.41

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Handy, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Unit No. 73, Red Cedar Crossing, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 4533, Page 924, as amended, and designated as Livingston Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 311, together with rights in the general common elements and the limited common elements as shown on the Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Common street address (if any): 8626 Rifle River Dr, Fowlerville, MI 48836-8295

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

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

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Date of notice: January 18, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.

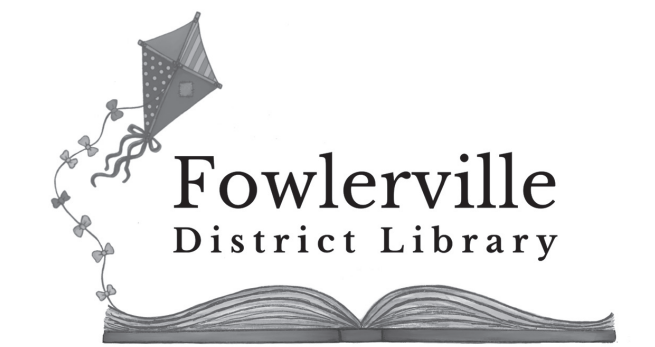
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515

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Martinez will be appearing at upcoming events with the Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce, where she will discuss the book's core ideas and their relevance for local businesses and communities.



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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

KIDS & FAMILY

Homeschool Hangout - This is a fun drop-in program for homeschoolers to connect with one another over games and activities. Each session includes a STEAM activity. Wed, Jan 21 • 1-2pm

Family Storytime (Ages 1-5) - For families with “littles” to learn, play and grow through a variety of stories, songs, rhymes, movements, and activities. Playtime and crafts included! Tues • 10-11am

Toddler Storytime (Ages 0-3) - A storytime for the “littlest littles” to learn, play, and grow through a variety of stories, songs, rhymes and movements that appeal to short attention spans. Wed • 10-11am

Kids Club (Ages 6-12) - All the fun of Lego Club, but with more! Now you can play a game, complete a craft or activity, and still build with your favorite bricks. Thurs. • 4pm

Graphic Novel Book Club - Read the book and then come to discuss it. Snacks provided. Books are available at the front desk and are yours to keep. We will be discussing DETECTIVE BEANS ADVENTURES IN CAT TOWN. Mon, Jan 26 • 4pm

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

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

Live Homework Help - Free with your library card! Log on to HelpNow, click “Live Help”, Enter subject and grade level and enter the online classroom for expert assistance. You can find a link on our homepage.

Sensory Playtime (Ages 2-5) - This is a drop-in playtime filled with unstructured, sensory fun! Watch your littles use their imaginations to turn everyday things into toys. Caregiver supervision is required. Friday, Feb 20 • 10-11am

Spark Club (Ages 10-13) - Find your spark in a variety of

creative ways at one of these programs, just for pre-teens (sorry, no younger siblings). Come to give squeegee painting a try. Sat, Jan 24 • 1-2pm

TEENS

Origami (Teens Age 13+) - Learn or practice origami skills. Instructions are provided for those without prior experience or who need a refresher. Thurs, Feb 5 • 3-4pm

Button Making (Teens Age 13+) - Create your own unique pinback buttons, or build one from an existing design. Thurs, Feb 12 • 3-4pm

Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 12-18) - Come play D&D 5th Edition! No prior experience needed. Wed • 2:30-5pm

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

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

Murder Mystery Puzzle Boxes (Ages 14+) - Immerse yourself in the mystery as you try to solve one of these puzzle boxes. Handle clues, profile suspects, and find the killer with your deductive reasoning. Thurs, 1/22 & 2/19 • 3-4 pm

Make Your Own Bookmarks (Age 13+) - Make a bookmark of your own design, whether to use for yourself or to donate to others. Tues, 1/20, 1/27 • 3-4 pm

Investing 101 for Teens (Ages 13+) - You’re a teen; you have a job, and you work hard for your money. Come and learn the basics of investing to make your money work for you. Presented by Steve MacDermaid from Edward Jones. Thurs, Jan 29 • 3-4pm

ADULTS

Find Your People at the Library (Adults) - We are thrilled to continue this popular working group to explore the Ancestry Library Edition and other valuable genealogy resources. Bring your laptop or use one of our computers. Wed, Jan 21 • 2-3 pm

Cardmaking (Adults) - Enjoy camaraderie and cards at this popular program. You will make four different cards to take home. All supplies included. Registration is required. Thurs, Jan 22 • 6:00 pm & Fri, Jan 23 • 11am

Scrapbooking (Adults) -Make the most of your memories and join us for a fun day of scrapbooking your favorite photos. Stay the whole time or for just a few hours. Everyone gets their own table. Light refreshments will be provided. Registration is required. Sat. Feb 21 • 10:30 – 3:30pm

Shelf Indulgence Book Club (Adults) - Members take turns facilitating the discussions. Come and enjoy some literary camaraderie! Register to get a free copy of the book, while supplies last. Registration begins one month before each scheduled meeting. Next up we will discuss THE BANNED BOOKSHOP OF MAGGIE BANKS by Shauna Robinson. Thurs, Feb 19 • 2-3pm

Sewing (Adults) - Bring your sewing machine and learn from a master seamstress. All levels of skill are welcome. Registration is required. Wed, Feb 18 • 5:30pm & Fri, Feb 13 • 10-2 pm

Holistic Wellness (Adults) - Lyndsey Johnson from Natural Roots and Wellness presents workshops for promoting health

and vitality through holistic practice. She will be discussing hormones. Mon, Feb 2 • 5 pm

The Library Lounge (Adults) - Bring your own book, or read one of ours, and come to our monthly after-hours silent reading ungroup for adults 18+. Enjoy a “mocktail”, pub snacks and find a comfy chair for uninterrupted, delicious silence for an hour. We will have a book discussion area for those who want to talk about what they are reading, but the rest of the library is for those who want to read in peace. Registration is required. Adults only. Tues. Feb 10 • 7-8:30 pm

Senior “Appy Hours” - Learn how to use that app, cancel subscriptions, register for telehealth, or anything else tech related on your phone or computer. Sign up for a 30-minute one-on-one help with an expert. Call the front desk at (517) 223-9089 to reserve a spot. Wed Feb 11 • 2-4pm

Talking Cars with Automotive Journalist Robin Warner Robin Warner, from CAR AND DRIVER, talks cars. What’s it like to drive a super car from McClaren or the new minivan from Kia, Chevy Silverado, Corvette, or anything in between? As a 20-year veteran journalist, Robin Warner has reviewed them all and looks forward to answering your questions about the cars of today. He will be here right after attending the North American Auto Show with the latest scoop. Thurs, Jan 29 • 6pm

Peace Corps: “Make the World Your Classroom”

Discover how the Peace Corps sends young people around the globe to teach, support communities, and learn new cultures from the inside out. Learn how the Peace Corps can turn those dreams into reality. Tues, Jan 27 • 6pm

So You Think You Can Puzzle! Puzzle Challenge

Register your team of up to 4 people to compete to complete an identical puzzle in the fastest time. Single registrants will be paired with other singles. Prizes will be awarded, and refreshments will be served. This month’s puzzle features a Valentine theme. Thurs, Feb 12 • 6pm

Wreak of the Edmund Fitzgerald 50th Anniversary

Shipwreck historian, Ric Mixer, is one of only a handful of people who have visited the wreck personally. He explored the site for over an hour at a depth of 550 feet. It was the beginning of over 20 years of research for Mixer. Join us to mark this grim anniversary. Registration is required. Thurs, Feb 19 • 6 pm

Repair Cafe

Don’t throw it away! Bring your broken items here for repair and advice from handymen. Sat, Feb 28 • 10-12pm

Holiday Closure

The library will be closed on Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Did You Know?

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

A Friendly Reminder

We are happy to be fine-free, however after a book is 8 weeks overdue the item will be withdrawn from our system and can no longer be returned. A library lost/replacement fee will be applied to the account. Please return your items on time so that others can enjoy them too.



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More Clients, More Calls, More Survivors Reaching Out for Help

LACASA Reflects on Community Needs in 2025 and beyond

In 2025, more individuals and families turned to LACASA for help, reflecting an ever-growing need for shelter, advocacy, counseling, and prevention services for victims and survivors of child abuse, domestic violence, and sexual violence across Livingston County.

LACASA's Crisis Shelter operated at full capacity throughout the year, with an increased average length of stay for survivors working toward stability amid an increasingly dire shortage of affordable housing. The agency also

responded to a higher volume of crisis calls, with staff and on-call volunteers providing around-the-clock support.

A notable shift in 2025 was a marked increase in sexual assault survivors seeking emergency shelter, underscoring the evolving and complex needs of survivors and the importance of having the full spectrum of interpersonal violence services under one roof.

Children remained central to LACASA's work in 2025. More children received forensic interviews and counseling this year, helping them begin the healing process while minimizing additional trauma. Clinical services continued for survivors of all ages, genders, and sexual orientations, with an increase in the number of male survivors in counseling, reinforcing LACASA's commitment to inclusive, trauma-informed care.

"Behind every statistic is a real person who reached out in need of help," said LACASA President & CEO Bobette Schrandt. "As demand increases, it's critical these services remain available to every survivor who needs them."

Prevention efforts also expanded in 2025. LACASA served more families through its Healthy Families Livingston home visiting program, which supports parents during their child's earliest years and helps prevent abuse before it begins. This increase stands in sharp contrast to the Michigan legislature's recent decision to strip all funding for the nationally accredited program.

"Community support remains essential to ensuring survivors can access help when they need it most," Schrandt said, adding that while government funding levels may fluctuate, the need for LACASA's services does not.

Community engagement grew as well in 2025. More volunteers supported crisis response, advocacy, prevention education, and court-based services for children, bolstered by expanded hours at the LACASA Collection charity resale boutique and continued growth of the LACASA Garden Tour and LACASA Gala.


LACASA will mark 45 years of serving the community in 2026. Look for more information to come. To donate, visit www.lacasacenter.org/emberofhope. To learn more about volunteering, email Volunteering@lacasacenter.org.



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By the Numbers 2025*
Key services increased compared to 2024


11,546 Nights
of emergency shelter
↑ 7.25% from 2024


2,678 Calls
to our 24/7 Helpline
↑ 20% from 2024


43% Increase
in sexual violence
survivors seeking shelter


163
Child Abuse Response
Effort forensic interviews
↑ 5% from 2024


86
Clients served through
Healthy Families
Livingston
↑ 26% despite loss
of state funding


120+
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↑ 26% Court Appointed
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*Fiscal Year 2025 ranges from Oct. 2024 - Oct. 2025



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We will be going to Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek. The cost is \$50 and includes round trip bus transportation, \$20 in free slot and \$5 to use toward dining, slot play or in the gift shop. Returning guests who bring their Red Hot Rewards Club card will

get credits and points added to their existing card. Guests need to bring a valid ID to receive the group package. Those without Red Hot Rewards Cards will be issued them prior to entering casino.

A Blue Lake Charter bus will leave the St. Agnes Church parking lot at 10:00 am. Anticipated arrival time back in Fowlerville is 5:30pm. Please call the office at 517-223-8684 to pre-register or email Lisa at stagnesfowlerville@gmail.com.

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Special thanks to Brian Frazzini for capturing this team photo.

Fowlerville High School Unified Basketball 2025–2026 brings Inclusion, Teamwork & Belonging

Fowlerville High School’s Unified Basketball team brings inclusion, teamwork, and belonging to the court by bringing students of all ability levels together to play as one team. Players compete, support one another, and celebrate each other’s successes.

This season also celebrates our seniors: Jason Botruff, Spencer Drummond, Daymian Fraser, Shyann Guldi, Troy Lockwood, Grace Miller, and Noah Sparks.

Check out the schedule, mark your calendars, and come support our athletes.

Be there!

Date	Time	Location	Opponent
1-23-26	5:30 PM	Home (Senior Night)	Hartland
1-29-26	7:00 PM	Away - Howell High School Field House	Howell
2-6-26	6:00 PM	Home (between varsity games)	Mason
3-23-26	1:00 PM	Away - Little Caesars Arena	Stockbridge

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Ingham County Comments

By: Monica Schafer,
District 15
Commissioner

A heartfelt ‘thank you’ to the Boards of Leroy Township, Locke Township, and Williamstown Township for their proactive leadership and dedication in addressing the concerns of residents impacted by the proposed Long-Range Transmission Lines within District 15. Each Township Supervisor invited ITC Area Manager Ben Tirrell to present at their township meetings last week, ensuring that residents received firsthand information about the project’s current status and potential impacts.

Communication, advocacy, and shared knowledge are essential as the community moves forward—especially for property owners who may be directly affected by the Long-Range Transmission plans. Residents are encouraged to stay informed and seek answers to questions ahead of the upcoming community listening sessions, which will take place from **Monday, January 26, through Wednesday, February 4**, at seven different locations along the proposed Oneida–Sabine Lake Transmission Line route.

For additional information, maps, and project updates, community members can visit the project website at: www.mifuturegrid.com/onida-sabine-lake/.

Williamston Farm & Artisan Market Bottle-Can Fundraiser on Jan. 18th

The Williamston Farm & Artisan Market holds twice-monthly bottle and can collection fundraisers, located in the large parking lot of McCormick Park, 123 High Street in Williamston, from 11am to 1pm, no matter the weather. The next one is on Sunday, Jan. 18th.

Load up the car, pull up to the *Can Van*, pop the trunk, and volunteers will cheerfully accept your generous donation. It’s that easy, and every dime helps defray the costs of running the Market.

Upcoming collection dates are: February 1 & 15; March 1 & 15; April 5 & 19 and May 3rd. The 2026 Market Opening Day is Sunday, May 10th, Mother’s Day.

Vendors are invited to follow the Market on Facebook and get on the mailing list for the 2026 season: Williamston Farm & Artisan Market-Vendor Info. Look for postings on Facebook and emails in late January or February 2026, with info about vendor applications for the 2026 Market season!

If your business collects bottles and cans, consider donating them as well. Special collections can be made directly at business addresses during the week. Just call Jane Reagan (517-525-4177) to make arrangements for special pick-ups.

Interested in becoming a *Market Day Supporter*? For any individual, business or friend of the Market, a \$100 contribution funds expenses unique to a Market day theme. The 2026 Market Opening Day is Sunday, May 10th, *Mother’s Day* providing 23 Sundays available for your support.

For more information about Sowing Growth, the non-profit organization that operates the Williamston Farm and Artisan Market, to apply to become a vendor, to become a Market Day Supporter, to become a yearly Market Sponsor, to be added to the newsletter email list, to volunteer or to donate to the Market, contact MarketManager@SowingGrowth.org.

Williamston REPORT

Williamston Theatre starts off 2026 with ‘Dial M for Murder’

Williamston Theatre starts off 2026 with *Dial M for Murder*, adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher from the original by Frederick Knott. Performances for this classic suspense thriller begin Thursday, February 5 and run through Sunday, March 8. Tickets are now on sale.

The Theatre is located at 122 S. Putnam St. in downtown Williamston,

Do you believe in the perfect murder? When Tony Wendice discovers a love letter meant for his wife, a vengeful obsession takes over. He plots revenge, hires an old friend to do the unthinkable, and sets a meticulous plan in motion — until one mistake sends everything into a spiral. *Dial M for Murder* is Jeffrey Hatcher’s sharp adaptation of a classic suspense thriller that gives the iconic story new life. You may know the story; but seeing it live, just feet from the performers, is a whole new experience. Catch every glance. Every twist. Every gasp. Contains mature content.

Dial M for Murder runs for five weeks only - February 5 through March 8th. The first four performances are Preview performances - Thursday and Friday at 7:30PM, Saturday and Sunday at 2:00PM. The schedule for the remaining four weeks - Thursday at 2:00PM, Friday at 7:30PM, Saturday at 2:00PM and 7:30PM, Sunday at 2:00PM. The Official Opening Night for *Dial M for Murder* is Friday, February 13. Conversation Sunday is Sunday, March 1 immediately following the 2:00PM performance. Visit our website for more information about Previews and Conversation Sunday.

For information on ticket prices, discounts and ticket policies please visit our Ticket Information page on our website: williamstontheatre.org

For more information about the company and the rest of our 2025-2026 Season please visit our website at williamstontheatre.org or call (517) 655-SHOW (7469).

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January 2026 Events

Monday, Jan. 19th - Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Massage 9am, Exercise 10:30am, Lunch 11:45am, Cards & Games w/H.S. Girls Basketball team 12:30pm

Tuesday, Jan. 20th - Cards 9am - 11:45am, Lunch 11:45am, Mind Benders with CADL/Jackie 12:30pm

Wednesday, Jan. 21st - Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise 9:30am, Exercise 10:30am, Lunch 11:45am, Yoga for All 12:30pm, Needle Work Group 1-3pm

Thursday, Jan. 22nd - Cards 9am - 11:45am, Exercise 10:30am, Lunch 11:45am, Book Club 12:30pm, Needle Work Group 1-3pm

Monday, Jan. 26th - Cards 9am - 11:45am, Exercise 10:30am, CADL Tech Help 10:45am, Lunch 11:45am

Tuesday, Jan. 27th - Cards 9am - 11:45am, Lunch 11:45am, Cards & Games

Wednesday, Jan. 28th - Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise 9:30am, Exercise 10:30am, Lunch 11:45am, Nurse Chat w/Michelle, Needle Work Group 1-3pm

Thursday, Jan. 29th - Cards 9am - 11:45am, Exercise 10:30am, Lunch 11:45am, Bingo 12:30pm

NIESA Fire Report (Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority)

On Wednesday January 7, 2026 NIESA responded to five calls. One call was in the City of Williamston for a fire response. Two calls were in Locke Township with one a vehicle accident and one a medical response. Two calls were in Wheatfield Township with one a medical response and one a vehicle accident.

On Thursday January 8, 2026 NIESA responded to ten calls. One call was in the City of Williamston for a medical response. Three calls were in Leroy Township with one a vehicle accident and two of them medical responses. One call was Locke Township for a medical response. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a vehicle accident. Three calls were in Williamstown Township with one call a vehicle accident, one call a medical accident and one call a citizen assist. One call was a mutual aid to White Oak Township for a confined space rescue.

On Friday January 9, 2026 NIESA responded to four calls. One call was in the City of Williamston for a medical response. One call was in Leroy Township for a utility response. One call was in Wheatfield Township also for a utility response. One call was in the Village of Webberville for a fire response.

On Saturday January 10, 2026 NIESA responded to six calls. Four calls were in the City of Williamston with one a fire response, two of them medical responses, and one a citizen assist. One call was in Leroy Township for a medical response. One call was in Locke Township also for a medical response.

On Sunday January 11, 2026 NIESA responded to five calls. Two calls were in Wheatfield Township with one a utility call and one a medical response. One call was in Williamstown Township for a citizen assist. One call was in the Village of Webberville for a medical response. One call was a mutual aid call to Stockbridge for a medical response.

On Monday January 12, 2026 NIESA responded to three calls. Two calls were in the City of Williamston with both being medical responses. One was in the Village of Webberville also for a medical response.

On Tuesday January 13, 2026 NIESA responded to seven calls. Two calls were in the City of Williamston with both being medical responses. One call was in Leroy Township for a utility response. One call was in Locke Township for a medical response. Two calls were in Williamstown Township with one a medical response and one a fire response. Two calls were in the Village of Webberville with both being medical responses.

Michigan DNR Fishing Tip—

Attracting sluggish fish

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Euchre Fun Night being held at the Webberville Library on Jan. 24th

Friends of the Webberville Library is sponsoring a Euchre Fun Night fund-raiser on Saturday, January 24. Registration at 5:30 pm and playing begins 6:00 pm at the Webberville Cultural Center. The entry fee is \$10 per person to play. Prizes will be awarded and there will be a 50/50 drawing. Snacks and beverages will be provided. You are welcome to bring your own snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Please join us for our Webberville Library Euchre fund raiser.



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Webberville Report

Senior Spotlight—Valerie Grosser
"Carpe Diem. Seize the day!"

Valerie Grosser is the daughter of Christopher Grosser and Evelyn Grosser. She's the sister of Nicholas Grosser, CJ Grosser, Adam Grosser, and Elaine Calipes. Something fundamental her family has taught her is the value of community and embracing your culture. From a young age she has frequently visited her family in the Philippines, where she learned to appreciate the beauty of diverse traditions and ways of life.

Having been a student at Webberville Schools for 12 years, it's here Valerie developed an interest in English and History. Through these subjects, she found a desire to

continue exploring the world through the power of words and literature. "I've always been pretty bad at math," she says, "I guess that's why I like English so much."

Valerie remains an active member of Webberville's chapter of the National Honor Society. She is also a part of the National Technical Honor Society at Wilson Talent Center. These organizations have helped Valerie gain over 100 service hours by encouraging her to give back to her community.

Softball has always been a big part of Valerie's life. "It has been a pleasure to coach Valerie the past three years," reminisces Courtney Pierce, coach of Webberville's softball program. "Not only is she an exceptional catcher, but she is also extremely hardworking and a good teammate. I have no doubt that Valerie will accomplish anything she sets her mind to. I wish her well in chasing all her dreams."

One of her favorite memories about high school softball is the batch of M&M cookies waiting for her between each game. Whether it's high school, or throughout summer playing for Krash (the club organization she's been with for five years), Valerie has enjoyed the memories she made on the diamond.

In addition to softball, Valerie has also been a part of volleyball, basketball, and track. This year she gave golf and drama a try, deciding that it would be fun to do something new for her last year.

Valerie's hobbies include art, watching movies, reading, listening to music, and hanging out with her friends. "Val has been one of my best friends for as long as I can remember," explains Makayla Culver, her neighbor and friend for 12 years, who was one of the first people she met before starting school. "She is one of the sweetest and down-to-earth people I have ever met."

Valerie knows it'll be a bittersweet goodbye when the school year ends, and wants to thank those who have supported her. After graduation, Valerie plans on pursuing a degree in international business and marketing. Although that decision isn't set in stone, Valerie wants to look past Webberville's horizon toward new beginnings.

Webberville Spartan Sports Update

Girls Basketball:
On January 13, the Lady Spartans suffered a heartbreaking 55–53 overtime loss to Stockbridge, falling on a buzzer-beater at the end of OT. Stat leaders included Makayla Culver with 17 points, Lexi Proctor (7 points, 17 rebounds), Jolie Bryan (9 points, 5 rebounds), Haley Proctor (9 points, 3 rebounds), and Jenna Lycos (8 points, 5 rebounds).

Boys Basketball:
Varsity boys faced a challenging Bath team on January 12, dropping a hard-fought game 70–60. Dominic Driver led the Spartans with 19 points, followed by Camdyn Bucchanon (16), Dylan Rhodes (13), Daxten Feguer (9), and Kyle Kubiak (3).

JV boys basketball also fell to Bath by a score of 40–36. Scoring leaders included Nathan West (14 points), Mathias Singh (8), Connor Acker (8), Cole Morris (4), and Levi Howard (2).

Varsity boys continued their strong season with a 69–8 victory over Ashley on January 14. Dominic Driver scored 17 points, Camdyn Bucchanon added 15, and Dylan Rhodes contributed 12. Additional scoring came from Karson Lycos (7), Kyle Kubiak (5), Keegan Branch (5), Noah St. Charles (4), Daxten Feguer (2), and Wyatt Storey (2). The Spartans remain on a roll during a very successful season.

JV boys basketball also earned a 40–21 win over Ashley, led by Cole Morris with 14 points. Levi Howard added 8, Connor Acker had 5, and Nathan West chipped in 4.

Cheer:
Varsity Cheer competed at Perry on Saturday, January 10, placing 4th in the Division 4 competition. The team posted steady scores in rounds one and two and made a strong push in round three, gaining 36 points. Overall, the Spartans improved their total score by 15 points from the previous meet after penalties were applied.

Then, at the district meet in Birch Run on January 14, the Spartans finished 5th overall. Despite learning new formations just hours before competition due to illness, the team delivered a strong performance, earning only one penalty for being below mandated numbers in round two. The squad continues to show significant growth and progress.

Wrestling:

Varsity wrestling traveled to Flint Southwestern on Saturday, January 10. Owen Derian and Josh Boschma each went 1–2, narrowly missing the podium. Michael Bialke had an outstanding day, finishing 3–1 and earning 2nd place.

Middle school wrestling also competed this week in Stockbridge. Sam Waggoner and Michael Chuba both went 1–1, finishing in 2nd place. Michaela Storey made an impressive debut, winning her first-ever meet by going 2–0 with a pin and a tech fall to take 1st place.



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Michigan may soon ban students from using smartphones after House approves bill last week

By Jordyn Hermani
Bridge Michigan

Michigan may soon ban students from using smartphones in traditional public and charter schools under a bill that passed the state House last Wednesday, Jan. 14, in a broad and bipartisan vote.

The approval marks a breakthrough on a drawn-out school cellphone policy debate. House lawmakers failed to pass an earlier version of the bill last year despite calls for action on both sides of the aisle.

Under the revised legislation, approved by the House in a 99-10 vote and now headed to the Senate, Michigan districts will be required to adopt policies banning cellphones during instruction time.

The proposal does not apply to private and parochial schools. And students will still be able to use "dumb phones," medically necessary devices and district-owned devices designated for instructional use.

The legislation stems from a growing body of research that indicates constant cellphone use impacts student learning, sponsoring Rep. Mark Tisdell, R-Rochester Hills, told reporters after the vote.

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Michigan may soon ban students from using smartphones, continued

The bill must still make it through the Democratic-led Senate, which is not expected to be in session this week.

But the upper chamber expects to take final votes on the legislation “soon,” according to a spokesperson for Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks, D-Grand Rapids, who called the revised plan a “good bipartisan step forward on an important issue.”

Tisdell said the goal is to have Gov. Gretchen Whitmer sign the bill into law before her 2026 State of the State address, which has not yet been announced but is expected by late February.

During last year’s address, Whitmer called on lawmakers to “pass bipartisan legislation to limit the use of phones in class.”

“Other states—red and blue—have taken action. So has most of Europe and Canada,” Whitmer said in prepared remarks. “I understand the need to be connected to your child. But we can do better.”

At the time of Whitmer’s speech, nine states had adopted

school cell phones bans. Now, about three dozen states have similar policies in place.

A previous iteration of Tisdell’s legislation would have allowed high school students to use smartphones during non-instructional time.

That flexibility was dropped from the bill midday Wednesday. Instead, under the revised plan, students may carry what Tisdell called a “basic” phone that would allow them to send texts or make calls but not access TikTok, Snapchat or other potential distractions.

If signed into law as written, the smartphone ban would take effect this fall for the start of the 2026-27 school year.

Many schools in the state have already adopted cellphone policies on their own. The legislation seeks to create baseline regulations for all districts in the state. But it does not propose penalties for schools that choose not to follow the law, and districts could enact stricter policies if desired.

House Speaker Matt Hall, R-Richland Township, criticized Democrats who voted against the prior version of the legislation but told reporters he put the revised bill up for a vote on Wednesday to start the legislative year off “on a fresh foot.”

“We see this as a growing problem in Michigan, where kids are having their cellphones in the classroom,” Hall said ahead of the vote. “They’re distracted, they’re not paying attention to their teachers and they’re not doing well in their scores in reading and math.”

As revised Wednesday, House lawmakers also voted to tie the phone ban to pending Senate legislation that would allow student cellphone use during school instructional time in cases of emergency, such as a fire or school shooting.

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Fowlerville Community Schools ban starts this week

The Fowlerville Board of Education voted to adopt a ban on Personal Communication Devices (PCDs) at its Jan. 6th meeting, with the new policy going into effect this Tuesday, Jan. 20, at the start of the second semester. It will prohibit the use of any PCD by students during the school day, from bell-to-bell.

Webberville Community Schools instituted a bell-to-bell ban on cell-phone use at the start of the school year.



Michigan Governor’s Report

By Gretchen Whitmer

Lowering the Cost of Online Tickets, Keeping Kids Safe, Lowering Costs for Military Families, and Cutting Red Tape

Last month, I signed several commonsense, bipartisan bills to lower costs, protect consumers, keep kids safe, and cut red tape.

We’ve already made historic investments in school safety, and our tax cuts for working families and seniors are putting more money back in Michiganders’ pockets. These commonsense bills will build on our progress and help more people, families, and small businesses ‘make it’ in Michigan.

Since I took office, I have now signed a record 1,575 bipartisan bills into law. Read below how these bills will make a difference for you.

Let’s keep getting things done.

Lowering the Cost of Online Tickets

I signed a series of bills that together establish the Event Online Ticket Sales Act (also known as the Taylor Swift bills) to prohibit bots from buying large quantities of tickets for concerts, sporting events, and shows. For too long, these bots have been used to jack up ticket prices, preventing people from seeing their favorite artist, team, or act. Our new legislation also allows the Michigan Attorney General to bring a civil action of up to \$5,000 per illegally obtained ticket.

I am grateful to state Sen. Mary Cavanagh and state Rep. Mike Harris who worked across the aisle to get this done. Together, we will stop bots from raising ticket prices and ensure that you can go out and see live events without breaking the bank.

Keeping Kids Safe

Another package of bills I signed into law will help childcare centers protect students and staff in the event of a shooting or other threat using temporary locks on classrooms

and other doors. The legislation gives Michigan childcare centers an option for installing door locks, similar to a tool already provided to Michigan schools in 2020. Thanks to state Sen. Jeremy Moss, state Sen. Roger Hauck, and state Sen. Mallory McMorrow for working together to get this done.

This new initiative continues the work we’ve done over the last few years to keep Michiganders safe, including our work to enact commonsense gun violence prevention laws: background checks, safe storage, extreme risk protection orders, stronger penalties for domestic abusers, and greater investments in mental health and local law enforcement.

Lowering Costs for Military Families

With the new bills I signed into law, we are lowering the cost of health care and child care for members of the Michigan National Guard, ensuring they can carry out their missions to keep us all safe and provide for their families too.

I’m proud that legislators worked across the aisle to pass these commonsense bills, building on years of bipartisan progress to help our National Guard balance their service with their daily lives. Let’s keep working together to make health care and childcare more affordable for everyone and stay focused on getting things done that make a real difference in people’s lives.

Cutting Red Tape

I also signed a package of bills to cut red tape and modernize key regulations that will ultimately lower costs, improve efficiency, and support small businesses and farmers.

These bills will make it easier for businesses like auto repair shops and small food businesses to operate by streamlining licensing and inspections and protecting our farmers.

Crossroads Sierra Club to present Vietnam Program at Brighton Library

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Letter to the Editor

Greenland is a Nice Country to Visit, But I Don’t Want the USA to Own It

Greenland stands out as the world’s largest island, dominated by a massive ice sheet and governed as an autonomous territory within the Kingdom of Denmark.

The people I met while visiting Greenland in 2021 were kind, proud, and welcoming. The *Adventure Travel Co.* sponsored our group, which flew from Iceland into East Greenland to the village of Tasiilaq. Located along Greenland’s lower SW coast in the Ammassalik region on Ammassalik Island, Tasiilaq is home to around 2000 residents, making it the most populated town in East Greenland.

My firsthand experience there tells me that Greenland

and its people would indeed be assets to our government, IF the citizens and Denmark, which owns the country, wanted to sell it, which they have made clear, they don’t. Here are three reasons why the U.S. government should stop publicly saying it wants to buy Greenland:

1. Strong rejection from Denmark and Greenland.
Greenland is an autonomous territory of Denmark, and both the Danish government and Greenland’s leaders have flatly rejected the idea. Continuing to push it will strain alliances and appear disrespectful to Greenlanders’ right to self-determination.
2. Diplomatic and NATO fallout.
Denmark is a close U.S. ally and a NATO member. Repeating the proposal risks unnecessary diplomatic

damage within NATO at a time when unity—especially on security issues—is more important than symbolic or speculative territorial ideas.

3. Political and practical impracticality.
Buying territory in the modern era is politically unrealistic. There was no serious congressional pathway, no clear legal mechanism, and little public support. Once it became clear that the idea was not actionable, it should be far from official messaging.

To summarize, the idea is rejected by the people of Greenland and Denmark, risks harming our country’s alliances, notably NATO, and isn’t realistically achievable.

Mary B. Killeen
Howell

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT.

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on February 18, 2026. 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): Scott B Choate and Angela M Choate, 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): Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Date of Mortgage: August 1, 2016
Date of Mortgage Recording: August 4, 2016
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$181,737.23
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Iosco, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: PARCEL C:
Part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 2 North, Range 3 East, Iosco Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 33; thence South 89 degrees 10 minutes 41 seconds West 370.50 feet along the North line of said Section and the center line of Roberts Road for a place of beginning; thence South 01 Degrees 22 Minutes 30 Seconds East 580.82 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 10 Minutes 41 Seconds West 150.00 feet; thence North 01 Degree 22 Minutes 30 Seconds West 580.82 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 10 Minutes 41 Seconds East 150.00 feet along the North line of said Section and the center line of Roberts Road to the place of beginning. Together with a 40.00 foot wide private easement for ingress, egress and public utilities the centerline being more particularly described as: Commencing at the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 2 North, Range 3 East, Iosco Township, Livingston County, Michigan; thence South 89 Degrees 10 Minutes 41 Seconds West 288.00 feet along the North line of said Section and the center line of Roberts Road for a place of beginning; thence South 01 Degrees 22 Minutes 30 Seconds East 53.00 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 10 Minutes 41 Seconds West 82.50 feet for a place of ending.
Common street address (if any): 9087 Roberts Rd, Gregory, MI 48137-9782
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judiciary Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: January 18, 2026
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THE CIRCUIT COURT SALE BELOW WILL BE ADJOURNED FROM 01/21/2026 TO 01/28/2026 Case No. 25-32668-CH Circuit Court Sale

In pursuance and by virtue of an Order Granting Motion for Default Judgment and for Judicial Foreclosure as to All Defendants in the Circuit Court for the County of Livingston, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 27th of June, A.D., 2025 in a certain cause therein pending, wherein Michigan State Housing Development Authority was the Plaintiff and Travis A. Hernandez and The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development were the Defendants.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at public vendue, at the Livingston County Courthouse (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on the 19th of November, A.D., 2025 at 10:00 o’clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz: A certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Oceola, County of Livingston, State of Michigan: Lots 4 and 5 and the South 50 feet of Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 1, of OAKWOODS COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page(s) 77, Livingston County Records. 4707-30-301-367 c/k/a: 1487 Butler Blvd, Howell, MI 48843
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale. Except 1 year redemption ONLY for the United States of America.
John Whitehurst, Deputy Sheriff _/s/ Gregory MacKay
Gregory MacKay of Schneiderman & Sherman P.C.
Attorney for Michigan State Housing Development Authority
Schneiderman & Sherman P.C.
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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT LIVINGSTON COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent’s Estate

CASE NO. and JUDGE
2026-23969-DE
Hon. Miriam A. Cavanaugh
Court address and telephone no.
204 S. Highlander Way, Ste. 2, Howell, MI 48843
(517) 546-3750

Estate of Edward C. Chaudoin
Date of Birth: 06/20/1949

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Edward C. Chaudoin, died 12/09/2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Laura Higgins, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 204 S. Highlander Way, Ste. 2, Howell, MI 48843 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: January 09, 2026

Attorney:
Brad Aldrich P57720
276 S. Union St.
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 404-3000

Personal Representative:
Laura Higgins
3082 Lutz Dr.
Milan, MI 48160
(734) 624-9758

(1-18-26 FNV)

PUBLICATION NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT’S ESTATE STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Livingston.

In the matter of the Estate of Kevin M. Sweeney, Deceased.
Decedent’s date of birth: November 30, 1951.
Livingston County Probate
File No. 25-23781-DE.
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
our interest in this matter may be barred or affected by the following: The decedent, Kevin Martin Sweeney, lived at 28335 North Dixboro Road, South Lyon, Michigan 48178 and died August 22, 2025. Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to: Sara Schneidewind, Personal Representative, at 345 Andover Rd., Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105, or to the Livingston County Probate Court at 204 S. Highlander Way, #2, Howell, Michigan 48843, within four (4) months of the publication of this notice. This notice is published pursuant to MCL 700.3801. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to same.

ATTORNEY:
Peter C. Clark (P74221)
Ferguson Widmayer & Clark PC
538 North Division
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(734) 662-0222

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(1-18-26 FNV)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT LIVINGSTON COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent’s Estate

CASE NO. and JUDGE
25-23830 DE
Hon Miriam Cavanaugh
Court address and telephone no.
204 S Highlander Way Ste. 2, Howell, MI 48843
(517) 546-3750

Estate of Rachel Heath Blankenship Andrews
Date of Birth:*

TO ALL CREDITORS:**
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Rachel Heath Blankenship Andrews, died 2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Curtis Andrews, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 204 S Highlander Way, Howell, MI 48843 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Date: 12/26/25

Personal representative
Curtis Andrews
6174 Dutcher Rd.
Howell, MI 48843
(734) 395-5462

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There’s no rest for the wicked

By Jace Arledge

I am always tired... Seems like I have been tired for over 50 years. No matter how hard I try, resting just seems to elude me. Can any of you relate?

I can vividly remember watching my parents when I was a child and how it never seemed that they ever slept. I would go to bed late in the evening and they would be up doing whatever it is they do and when I got up for school, my dad had already been gone for a few hours and my mom, well let’s say many times it seemed she was just going to bed!

Yet you know that isn’t good for us, no matter why we’re doing it. Our bodies need to rest, and refresh. I mean God even rested after creating all that He did. That took much work to create the vast universe that billions of souls inhabit.

Now how that down time was spent by God I don’t think we have ever been told, yet for us mere mortals, pleasurable and enjoyable things, things we like doing, things that

refresh us are needed to be a part of our lives with others or at times by ourselves.

Let’s look at life. For many of us, the schedule includes work, daily responsibilities, unexpected requests that pop up, there are daily chores, bills to pay, people to call and visit. This is all a part of the day-to-day. Outside of those things, do we take the time for leisure, or do we just keep plowing through as hard and fast as we can without a break?

Yet this isn’t what God had intended for us, this is something that we have done to ourselves, we constantly and consistently put ourselves last. Trust me, God and the universe asks us to take some time for resting our bodies and our souls, spend time in real refreshment, either alone or with others.

My wife loves to go to Kensington Metro Park and feed the birds. This is something she has done since she was 10 years old. This is a place where she finds solace, peace, refreshment and joy. This is good, we should all have something like this, it’s a part of a virtuous and balanced person.

I know we all have something going on that others aren’t

aware of, but it really isn’t any different from anyone else. There are sicknesses, deaths, jobs, layoffs, children, and so many things, yet it’s still important to find some time, no matter if it’s just five or ten minutes to stop, breath in and out and calm your mind, or take a pause during the day. For some it may be going on a walk, or reading a book, or starting or continuing that hobby you started...Or how about taking a NAP!! Yes, go in your room, your car, the bathroom or wherever you can find peace and quite, and then rest. Quick naps are a specialty of mine, just ask my wife. And when you are done, say a quick prayer or give thanks to God or the universe for that momentary gift of rest and refresh.

When we balance our lives with hard work and beautiful rest, we will find that life seems to fall into place a bit more, I mean it won’t be without issues, but it will feel a bit more manageable. With the hope that we will be able to face head-on the things that come at us.

This week I hope you find rest and comfort.

Til then...

Stay kind and LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on February 11, 2026. 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): Russell William Jinkens, a married man

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing

Date of Mortgage: August 20, 2021

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 20, 2021

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$523,071.56

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Tyrone, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Parcel B: A part of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of Section 31 Town 4 North, Range 6 East, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section; thence South 01 degrees 09 minutes 21 seconds West along the West line of said Section and the centerline of McGuire Road, 736.32 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described; thence South 89 degrees 38 minutes 16 seconds East 500.00 feet thence South 01 degrees 09 minutes 21 seconds West 200.00 feet, thence North 89 degrees 38 minutes 16 seconds West 500.00 feet thence North 01 degrees 09 minutes 21 seconds East along the West line of said Section and the centerline of McGuire Road, 200.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to easements, right of ways and restrictions of record.

Common street address (if any): 6140 McGuire Rd, Fenton, MI 48430-8963

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: January 11, 2026

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald R. Kregoski AKA Ronald R. Kregoski, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Advisors Group, Mortgagee, dated November 23, 2020 and recorded December 10, 2020 in Instrument Number 2020R-045703 Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Carington Mortgage Services LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Two and 3/100 Dollars (\$377,892.03).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Livingston County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MARCH 4, 2026.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 and part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 1 North, Range 6 East, Michigan, described as beginning at the Southeast corner of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 29; thence North 677 feet; thence West 289 feet; thence Southwesterly along a line parallel with and 249 feet Easterly of the centerline of Old Highway U.S. 23, a distance of 680 feet; thence East 357 feet to the point of beginning; subject to the rights of the public over the Westerly 70 feet in Old Highway U.S. 23.

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

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

Dated: January 11, 2026

File No. 25-015482

Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC

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

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - LIVINGSTON COUNTY

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MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Cassady M. Pitt, a single woman

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

Date of mortgage: August 30, 2021

Recorded on September 7, 2021, in Document No. 2021R-036783, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC

Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand One Hundred Fifteen and 21/100 Dollars (\$198,115.21)

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Livingston County, and described as: UNIT 11, BUILDING NO. 3, CRYSTAL WOOD, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 2869, PAGE 865, LIVINGSTON COUNTY RECORDS, AND DESIGNATED AS LIVINGSTON COUNTY CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION PLAN NO. 211, TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS IN GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED MASTER DEED AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AND AS DISCLOSED BY ACT 59 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AS AMENDED. Commonly known as 2255 Crystal Crossing Dr, Howell, MI 48843

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

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

Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC

Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman P.C.

23938 Research Dr, Suite 300

Farmington Hills, MI 48335

248.539.7400

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Consumers Energy provides \$5 million to lower customer bills

To support its customers, Consumers Energy is kicking off 2026 by investing \$5 million to help customers and communities across Michigan through direct assistance, community partnerships and programs designed to help families manage energy costs.

The utility said that this is part of a broader, ongoing commitment to keeping energy within reach and standing alongside customers – not just when challenges arise, but before they do.

“Affordable energy is a promise we make to our customers,” said Lauren Snyder, senior vice president and chief customer and growth officer at Consumers Energy. “Our customers are facing real pressure in their everyday lives, and we believe energy shouldn’t add to that burden. This commitment is one way we’re showing up today, and it reflects a broader commitment to help customers stay connected, supported and confident that we’re standing with them.”

While Consumers Energy bills remain competitive compared to national and regional benchmarks, company officials said, “we know affordability is more than comparisons. It’s about helping customers manage costs and stay supported. That’s why Consumers Energy continues to stay committed to help customers stay ahead by showing up when it matters most.”

The dollars are funded by Consumers Energy – not customers’ bills – and will be distributed in partnership with the following agencies that connect directly with people in communities across the state:

- United Way South Central Michigan
- TrueNorth Community Services
- The Salvation Army – Great Lakes Division
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- New Day Foundation
- Greater Flint Health Coalition
- Kent County Community Action
- Mid-Michigan Community Action
- Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency
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Customers needing assistance with managing their bill can find helpful resources at ConsumersEnergy.com/Assistance and are also encouraged to explore My Personalized Offerings, an easy-to-use tool that matches customers with payment assistance resources and energy-saving programs — learn more at ConsumersEnergy.com/Offers. As always, if you’re facing challenges with your bill, please call us at 800-477-5050 for support.

Consumers Energy said that its approach “reflects a belief that affordability is not a single initiative, but a lens applied across the company’s work — from how we communicate with customers, to how we design programs, to how we partner with communities across the state. Expect additional actions throughout the year as part of this broader commitment.”

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Once upon a time the Village of Fowlerville held elections in the winter

By Steve Horton

Once upon a time, the doldrums of winter (post-holidays) was enlivened every now and then by a hotly-contested race or races for positions on the Fowlerville Village Council, with the election being held each winter. In those days, the candidates ran as either a Republican or Democrat—although I don’t recall there ever being more than one or two of the latter being on the ballot during my early years as a local reporter. The town was then and still is a Republican stronghold.

Because it was a partisan ballot, the Village had to hold a Primary in February to nominate the candidates for the various offices, followed by the Election in March. If there was a contested race, then the Primary was the more exciting affair, with the March vote being anti-climatic.

The council terms in those days were for two years, as was that of the Village president. Also running for office was the Village clerk and Village treasurer. Unlike their counterparts in township government who are also voting members on the board, these two latter positions were not part of the council.

As there were six council trustees, plus the president, the terms were staggered. One election would have three council seats to fill, along with the president, clerk, and treasurer, then the following year there would be the other three council seats to fill.

These were not the only offices on the ballot. Back then the library was an entity of the Village, operated by a board of elected village residents. The library board terms were for three years. I don’t recall there ever being a contested race for one of those seats or anyone caring about their party affiliation.

Another difference was that the Village clerk was in charge of the election and the voting took place at the Village office.

I gained my first experience in covering a Village election a few months after being hired by the editor of the ‘Livingston County Press’ in late May of 1976 to cover the Fowlerville area and, more specifically, to attend the Village Council and School Board meetings and provide a report. It was also expected that I cover any major news that might occur.

My reason for being given this beat was that the parent company of the LCP also owned ‘The Fowlerville Review’ and had, less than a year earlier, changed it from being a shopping guide to a paper with local news and features. Why this happened is another story, best told another day. But suffice to say, I played a part in causing the change in format and, inadvertently, ended up being a beneficiary.

I should add that I was hired as a stringer and initially wasn’t expected to provide more than two or three articles a week.

However, given a chance, I took it and soon began submitting human-interest stories and columns and that fall offered to cover the Fowlerville High School sports teams. Eventually, I was hired full-time and took on other news besides just Fowlerville happenings.

My first Village election as a reporter was the following winter (1977) and it was a low-key affair. There had been a spirited race for Village President and some of the council seats prior to my arrival and there would be others soon after. In fact, the reoccurring pattern was that if some issue riled up residents, then the open seats on council would generate candidate interest. If the situation was quiet, then there was usually just one person running for each office.

The photo accompanying this article was taken at that March election in 1977 by our staff photographer John Galloway. At right was Muriel ‘Jean’ Bohm, the then Village clerk. Assisting her were election workers, Dorothy McKenzie, left, and Francis Cain. The three of them have passed away, but are remembered for the great ladies they were.

My report, given in the caption under the photo, was that the three of them “had an easy time of it Monday with only 60 voters showing up for the election,” adding that “Rainy weather, no candidate opposition, and a lack of controversial issues all conspired to produce the light turnout.”

The three candidates running for council, and elected, were Marj Carlon, Merwin Longstreet, and Tom Zimmerman. The two library board candidates elected were Rita Coleman and



A scene from the March Election of 1977 at the Village of Fowlerville office.

Jennifer Hill. While all was quiet on the Village front that winter, the situation at the school (my other priority) was quite tumultuous. The board of education and teachers had been at loggerheads over a new contract for several months. The board meetings had a large attendance and my reports on those sessions, along with updates on the bargaining talks, involved talking to representatives of both sides and doing my best to accurately present the contrasting positions.

I knew many of the teachers and most of the board members, plus the assistant superintendent Charles Brigham who’d been one of my teachers and coaches.

The situation proved to be a learning experience for a still ‘wet-behind-the-ears’ would-be reporter. Somehow I muddled through with people still talking to me and eventually the contract was settled.

The school held its board of education election in early June—the reason being that, then as now, the new school years starts July 1st. Unlike the Village, these were non-partisan affairs and the terms were for four years. The polls were at the library of what’s now called the Munn building, but in the late 1970s still served as the high school. Interest by people in running for the open seats was higher and there was often a millage renewal proposition on the ballot and occasionally a request for an increase—all of which generated interest and necessitated coverage.

A law passed by the Legislature ended both the village and school-run elections. The council and school board races became part of the November General Election ballot, with the Village seats being changed to non-partisan and the trustee seats being extended to four-year terms. The Village president, on the other hand, continued serving a two-year term. By then the council had decided to make the clerk and treasurer appointed positions.

I’ve had mixed feelings about this overall change. I think having the Village-elected positions listed on the non-partisan ballot, along with the school board positions, has proven to be a good idea. At the local level, particularly in a smaller community like Fowlerville, it should be about ‘the person’, not ‘the political party’.

Which is why I disagree with a recent proposal to have school-board candidates run on a partisan ballot. In my opinion, this will make the local school boards part of the state and national political parties and their agendas, with much less focus on local issues and priorities.

On the other hand, while the turn-out was often light and there were added costs incurred in running the elections, I preferred having a Village election in the winter and the school board election in early June. In my view, it allowed for better focus on the candidates running for these offices and the local issues that might happen to be at the forefront.

As part of the November General Election, with all the other races to vote on and most of the attention drawn to the marquee offices—including presidential and gubernatorial as well as the U.S. Senate and House—these local races have sometimes gotten lost in the shuffle.

But not always, I should add. A hotly-contested race at the local level can still generate a lot of interest and motivate folks to head to the polls.

Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team defeated by Mason, 70-38

The Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team traveled to Mason in a CAAC Red clash on Friday night (Jan. 9) and was defeated 70 to 38. Tyler Ray led the Glads with 10 points. Sam Shrader and Dylan Soli each had seven.

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The meeting was called to order at 6pm by supervisor M. Brown with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board members present were Supervisor Mike Brown, Clerk Tara Foote, Treasurer Debbie Grubb, Trustee Sarah Porter and Trustee George Pushies.

The Following Motions were made:

- Motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion to approve the expenditures for the joint petition to intervene in the process of the Headland Solar application at the MPSC. Motion carried 5-0 in roll call vote.
- Motion to approve cost sharing agreement with Cohoctah Township. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion to adjourn made by S. Porter. Second by D. Grubb. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

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Michigan House Report

By Jason Woolford,
50th District

A New Year, a Renewed Commitment to Accountability

As we begin a new year and look ahead to the 2026 legislative session, I remain focused on one of the most important responsibilities we have in state government: protecting taxpayer dollars and restoring trust in public systems.

Over the past year, my colleagues and I took meaningful steps to investigate waste, fraud, and abuse within some of Michigan’s largest and most complex programs. I focused my attention on the Unemployment Insurance Agency and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Those efforts uncovered serious vulnerabilities, mismanagement, and

failures that allowed billions of dollars to flow out the door with insufficient oversight.

That work was necessary, but it is only the beginning.

Michigan operates dozens of public programs that collectively manage billions in taxpayer funding every year. Any system of that size, if left unchecked, becomes vulnerable. As we enter 2026, my focus must expand toward a broader, statewide effort to identify inefficiencies, close loopholes, and hold bad actors accountable wherever they may be operating.

Recent events in Minnesota serve as a sobering reminder of what can happen when oversight fails. A high-profile fraud case there revealed how weaknesses in government programs were exploited over time, costing taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. The lesson to be recognized is that if it can happen there, it can happen here.

Fraud thrives when oversight is treated as optional instead of essential, and when it finally comes to light, the people pay the cost.

That is why in the year ahead, I will continue pushing for stronger oversight as a safeguard for the public servants doing their jobs, the people they serve, and the taxpayers who fund these programs.

Every dollar lost to waste, fraud, and abuse is a dollar that cannot be used for roads, public safety, or education. Michiganders deserve a government that is responsible with their money and honest about its shortcomings. As we move into 2026, my commitment is to keep asking tough questions, keep shining light where it is needed, and keep fighting to ensure our public systems serve the people.

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

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Agenda

8:30-9:00am | Registration/Welcome

Clark Humrich, Chairman, Livingston Conservation District
Ray Moses, Director & Membership Chairman, Livingston County Farm Bureau

9:00-10:00am | Crop Management Update for Southeast Michigan

Madelyn Celovsky, Conservation Agronomist Educator, MSU Extension

10:00-10:15am | Snack Break

10:15-11:15am | Drone Technology for Aerial Product Application

Bryan Hammis, Owner & Operator, Flying Acres LLC

11:15am-12:15pm | Wildlife Management for Crop Production

Nicolle Ritchie, Field Crops Agronomist Educator, MSU Extension

12:15-12:45pm | Lunch

Banquet Style, Room A

12:45-1:45pm | NRCS and USDA Organization Updates

Chris Corgan, District Conservationist, USDA NRCS
Maria Weston-Natural Resource Specialist, USDA NRCS

1:45-2:45pm | Hemp Crop Remediation Research

Jason Grostic, Grostic Farms, MSU College of Agriculture Graduate

2:45-3:15pm | Risk Management Tools for Farms

Ray Heisler, Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan, Risk and
Safety Management

3:15-3:30pm | Livingston County Farm Bureau update

Hannah Meyers, Southeast Regional Manager, Michigan Farm Bureau

Closing Comments/Questions

