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Open Class exhibitors began bringing their entries to the Fowlerville Family Fair this past Wednesday. There are 2,058 registered entries this year, up from the 1,500-plus from a year ago. Among those who brought a project to the fair were, from left, Sherry McVay and Billie VanAmberg. Sherry, who resides in Williamston but grew up in Fowlerville, has 48 entries, including this Holiday-themed Doll that celebrates the nation's 250th birthday. Billie, a Fowlerville area resident, brought this handmade quilt, along with three canned food entries. Both of the ladies are former 4-Hers and have continued participating at the fair through Open Class. The entries will be on display under the Grandstand.

140th Annual Fowlerville Family Fair begins six-day run this Monday

The 140th Annual Fowlerville Family Fair begins its six-day run this Monday, July 27, and continues through Saturday, August 1.

Evening Grandstand entertainment, carnival rides and games of chance, livestock judging, the Youth Show auctions, a chainsaw wood carver, the Livingston Centre Historical Village, and the 'Farm to Fair' exhibit will once again highlight the variety of offerings.

Monday's schedule includes the Fair 'Homemaker of the Year' contest and announcement of the 'Citizen of the Year', with both set for 2 p.m. at the Finlan Gazebo.

Harness racing starts at 4 p.m. in front of the Grandstand. Two and three-year-old trotters and pacers entered in the Great Lakes

Stake Races are competing in eight divisions for purses totaling \$160,000.

A Still Exhibit Achievement Program starts at 5 p.m., with the event being held in the Livestock Arena. This will be followed by Family Fun Night at 7 p.m. featuring the Ag Olympics.

Tuesday's evening Grandstand show will be American Freestyle Bullfighting which begins at 7 p.m. The midway opens at 1 p.m. with the Skerbeck Entertainment Group once again providing the rides. Armbands are available for \$30 that day. A second day of harness racing is also being held, with post time at 11 a.m.

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Fowlerville Fire Department Report

July 16
12:41 a.m.--Medical response on Hogback Rd in Handy Township.
4:54 p.m.--Medical response on Finlan Rd in Conway Township.
6:49 p.m.--Medical response on N Gregory Rd in Handy Township.

July 17
1:21 a.m.--Personal injury accident on W I-96 in Handy Township.
3:37 a.m.--Tree down on Bull Run Rd in Iosco Township.
9:44 a.m.--Medical response on Pinegate Dr in the Village.
1:48 p.m.--Medical response on S Ann St in the Village.
5:48 p.m.--Medical response on Van Buren Rd in Handy Township.
6:22 p.m.--Medical response on Chase Lake Rd in Conway Township.
9:00 p.m.--Medical response on Iosco Rd in Iosco Township.

July 18
6:57 a.m.--Medical response on S Second St in the Village.
10:13 a.m.--Medical response on N Ann St in the Village.
1:34 p.m.--Electrical hazard on Nicholson Rd in Handy Township.

July 19
11:55 a.m.--Medical response on Garrett Dr in Handy Township.
4:23 p.m.--Odor investigation on North St in the Village.
7:38 p.m.--Medical response on S Ann St in the Village.
9:37 p.m.--Medical response on South St in the Village.

July 20
NO CALLS

July 21
11:34 a.m.--Medical response on Nicholson Rd in Handy Township.
7:21 p.m.--Electrical hazard on Mohrle Rd in Conway Township.

July 22
10:36 a.m.--Medical response on Wheeler Rd in Handy Township.
3:08 p.m.--Medical response on Stow Rd in Handy Township.
10:12 p.m.--Medical response on Stow Rd in Handy Township.

Historical Corner

Fowlerville Area Historical Society & Library presenting display on local fair

The Fowlerville Area Historical Society is joining with the Fowlerville District Library in presenting “An Historic Look at the Fowlerville Family Fair”. Of special interest are historic items on loan from the Fowlerville Agricultural Society. These items and many others will be on display during Fair Week in the back alcove of the Library.

Take a short rest during this busy week---by cooling off with a visit to this delightful display during the Library’s regular hours.

The FAHS August meeting will be Thurs., 8/6; 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Fowlerville Library. New members are always welcome---come and check out this dedicated and active community organization.

Country Music Concerts taking place at Fowlerville Family Fair this week

Country Music Concerts are taking place at the Fowlerville Family Fair this week, with each of the shows being held in front of the Grandstand an hour prior to that evening’s main entertainment.

Kari Holmes, a Fowlerville-based entertainer, will perform on Tuesday, July 28, at 6pm; Wednesday, July 29, at 6:30pm; and Thursday, July 30, at 6pm.

DeWayne Spaw, who hales from Springport, will do his show on Friday, July 31, at 6pm and then on Saturday, August 1, at 4pm.

Michigan DNR Fishing Tips— Floats can be a useful tool for anglers

Floats can be a useful tool for anglers looking to find bigger fish while also producing a relaxing fishing opportunity while sitting back and letting the gear work its magic.

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Theresa Watters and Alan Hatfield were recognized during the 2024 Veterans Appreciation Program.

Fair to honor veterans, active military personnel & first responders on Saturday, Aug. 1st

The Fowlerville Family Fair, as it has done for many years, will honor veterans, active military personnel, and first responders on the final day of the fair—Saturday, August 1st. Free gate admission will be given to those with proof of status. Also, a special program is planned at the Bingo Gazebo, starting at 4 p.m.

Kids Day at Fowlerville Family Fair offers reduced midway prices, plus ‘free fun’ activities

Kids Day at the Fowlerville Family Fair—scheduled for this Wednesday, July 29—offers a reduced wristband price, plus lots of fun activities that are free.

The kid-friendly activities get underway at or near the Finlan Gazebo, starting at 9:30 a.m. They include:

- * 9:30-Noon: Raffles—Sign up for ride passes, bikes
- * 9:30-10:30: Doughnuts & Milk with the Fair Royalty. Provided by Mugg & Bopps and Michigan Milk Producers Association.
- * 9:30-Noon: Face Painting & Glitter Bar by The Painted Nova
- * 9:30-Noon: Fowlerville Book Bus (Come pick out a gently-used book for FREE)
- * 10:00-12 noon: Rocket Exhibit by Impression 5 Science Center
- * 10:00-Noon: Dance Party with local DJ Ron Johnson
- * 10:00-11:00: Foam Dance Party with Splash-tastic Foam
- * 10:00-Noon: Yard Games and Activities by Howell Recreation Department
- * 10:30-Noon: Tie Dye T-Shirts
- * 10:30-Noon: ‘Make & Take’ Wood Crafts from Home Depot Kits



William Shadrick was the featured performer at last Tuesday’s Fowlerville ‘Music at the Park’.

Fowlerville country & western singer entertains ‘Music at the Park’ audience

William Shadrick, a country & western singer and guitarist from Fowlerville, entertained the audience at last Tuesday’s July 21st ‘Music at the Park’ concert. The performance was held at the Centennial Park.

Shadrick’s song selection included a few that he’s written and recorded, along with covers by such well-known artists as Randy Travis, Merle Haggard, Vince Gill, Waylon Jennings, and Alan Jackson.

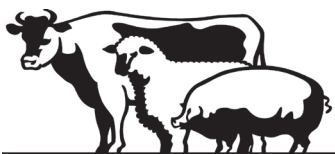
The music series is taking a break this coming week due to the Fowlerville Family Fair. The final two concerts will be Bryce Engle, a local performer, doing his originals as well as covers, on Tuesday, August 4th with a rain date of August 6th and Blake James, another Fowlerville-based country & western singer, doing a make-up show on Tuesday, August 11th with a rain date of August 13th.

Both Engle and James will be performing at the Fowlerville Centennial Park gazebo.

* Noon: Magic Show by Unbelievable Magic

Another activity will be the Michigan Pedal Pullers. Registration is from 10 to 11 a.m. in front of the fair office, with the competition getting underway at 11 a.m.. The event is open to boys and girls ages 3 to 10, and participation is free.

At Noon the midway, operated by Skerbeck Carnival, opens. A \$28 wristband is available for purchase, allowing unlimited rides from then until closing.



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Why funerals are really for the living

By Aaron Franks,
'Aaron the Funeral Guy'

One of the things I hear quite often during arrangement conferences is, “Dad didn’t want a funeral.” Sometimes it’s Mom. Sometimes it’s a spouse. But the sentiment is the same: they didn’t want people making a fuss over them, they didn’t want anyone spending money, or they simply said, “Just cremate me.”

I always respect those wishes, but I also encourage families to think about something important. The method of disposition, whether that’s burial, cremation, entombment, or another option, is for the deceased. The funeral, memorial service, visitation, or celebration of life is for the living.

Over the course of serving families, I’ve seen firsthand the difference that gathering together can make. I’ve watched people begin to process the reality of a loss because they had the opportunity to see their loved one, one last time, share stories, cry together, laugh together, and receive the support of family and friends. That’s why, whenever someone tells me their loved one “didn’t want a funeral,” I gently remind them that the funeral isn’t only about the person who died. It’s also about the people they left behind.

When someone we love dies, our world changes instantly. One phone call, one diagnosis, one unexpected moment, and life is never quite the same. A funeral doesn’t erase that pain, but it gives us something incredibly important. It gives us a place to begin. As human beings, we’ve marked life’s important moments with rituals for thousands of years. Births are celebrated. Weddings bring families together. Graduations recognize accomplishments. Death is no different.

A funeral is one of humanity’s oldest traditions because it fulfills something deeply human. It gives us an opportunity to stop, gather, reflect, and acknowledge that someone we love has died. Without that moment, grief can sometimes feel unfinished.

One of the reasons I believe gathering is so important is because it reminds us that we aren’t carrying our grief alone. I’ve watched families welcome hundreds of people through the doors of a funeral home, only to say afterward, “I had no idea how many lives Mom touched.” I’ve seen lifelong friends reconnect after years apart because they came to honor someone they both loved. I’ve watched coworkers, neighbors, teachers, coaches, and complete strangers stand in

line simply to say, “Your loved one made a difference in my life.” Those moments matter.

Sometimes people tell me they don’t want a funeral because they “don’t want people fussing over them.” I understand that feeling. But a funeral isn’t just about the person who died. It’s about giving everyone else permission to grieve. It gives people a chance to hug one another, share memories, laugh through tears, and begin accepting a reality that often feels impossible just days before.

Another reason funerals matter is because they help make death real. That may sound harsh, but it’s true. Whether it’s seeing your loved one, one last time, attending a memorial service, witnessing the lowering of a casket, or simply hearing stories about their life, those experiences help our minds begin to process what our hearts are struggling to accept.

I’ve written before about the value of viewing, and I still believe it can be one of the most important steps in beginning the grieving process. While every family is different and every situation is unique, having an opportunity to say goodbye often brings a sense of peace that words alone cannot provide.

Funerals also create memories that families carry with them for years. Surprisingly, it usually isn’t the flowers people remember. It isn’t the color of the casket. It isn’t the weather that day. What families remember are the stories. They remember the military honors that gave everyone chills. They remember a grandchild sharing a memory that made the room laugh. They remember the old friend who drove four hours just to give them a hug. They remember hearing their loved one’s favorite song one last time. Those are the moments that stay with us.

One thing I always tell families is that there is no “right” way to hold a funeral. Some families want a traditional service in a church. Others prefer a simple graveside gathering.

Some choose cremation followed by a celebration of life weeks later. Every family’s needs are different, and every life deserves to be honored in a way that reflects the person being remembered.

The important thing is not the size of the service. The important thing is taking the time to acknowledge a life that mattered. I’ve never had a family come back and tell me they regretted gathering to honor someone they loved. But I have had several families later tell me they wished they would have had a service. I have heard people say they were grateful they had one more opportunity to tell stories, to cry together, to laugh together, and to say goodbye.

Because that’s what funerals really are. They aren’t just ceremonies. They are the beginning of healing. They remind us that although someone has died, their influence hasn’t. Their lessons, their love, their laughter, and the memories they created continue to live on in the people whose lives they touched.

And perhaps that’s why funerals have endured for thousands of years. Not because they erase grief. But because they help us learn how to carry it.

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

Michigan Supreme Court rules that 401(k) & life insurance proceeds exempt from creditors

By Alethia Kasben
Gongwer News Service

In a unanimous opinion, the Supreme Court on Monday, July 20, ruled a 401(k) retirement account and life insurance proceeds are exempt from creditors.

The case, *Estate of Jennifer L. Fowler*, stems from a wrongful-death action filed against Jennifer Fowler’s estate after Jennifer Fowler killed her mother, Helen Fowler, and herself.

Jennifer’s estate was found liable, and the circuit court awarded judgment in favor of Helen’s estate. However, Jennifer’s estate was mostly made up of her retirement account and her life insurance.

The Court of Appeals determined that proceeds from both accounts may be used to satisfy the judgment in favor of Helen’s estate. The Supreme Court, in an opinion written by Justice Kimberly Thomas, unanimously reversed.

“We hold that the 401(k) and life insurance proceeds are beyond the reach of creditors through MCL 700.7605(1) due to these exemptions,” the opinion says. “The 401(k) proceeds are exempt as a ‘payment from’ a qualifying retirement plan under MCL 700.7605(2). And the life insurance proceeds are exempt under MCL 700.7605(4) because the proceeds would not have been subject to creditor claims if paid ‘other than to the settlor’s estate.’”



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—Area Deaths—

James Harold ‘Jim’ Mills

Jim Mills (James Harold) passed away on July 8, 2026 at the age of ninety. He will be missed as a faithful husband, dad, grandpa, and great grandpa. He lived by the mantra, “Have fun!” and he found a wonderful companion in his wife Barbara, to join him in adventures his whole life long. With his four children in tow, he spent many weekends camping, sailing catamarans, snowmobiling, motorcycling, and traveling in the Mitten and beyond, especially in an old school bus he renovated and refurbished himself.

Naturally athletic and fast as a young man, Jim was also creative and handy, able to produce anything he had a mind to. He found a career as a master plumber. He could play the piano, draw, and sing right along with Johnny Cash. Throughout the years, he became an accomplished wood worker and explored many other artistic pursuits including stained glass, painting, calligraphy, wood carving, and more.

An avid golfer, he and Barb traveled across the country with friends in their motorhome and visited many golf courses in retirement. He was legendary for his sweet tooth, storytelling, and light blue eyes. Jim’s family—his wife and children, Kyle Sober, Jim (Susan) Mills, Steve Mills, Kris (Dave) Pressley, his nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren—can’t wait to see him again in heaven.

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Oak Grove United Methodist Men
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Life could be a dream

By Jace Arledge

I recently returned from a conference with the Diocese of Michigan, and I am still carrying it with me. Not just in my suitcase or in the notes I brought home, but deep in my heart. It was intense. It was uplifting. It was eye-opening. It was emotional, anxiety-laden, draining, and beautiful all at the same time. In other words, it was all the things you might expect when your soul is invited to stretch a little farther than it is comfortable stretching.

There were moments that filled me up and moments that left me completely wrung out. There were conversations that made me laugh, others that made me think, and a few that settled quietly into places inside me I did not even realize needed healing. I made some truly wonderful friends, the kind of people who feel like they were placed in your path on purpose. And I was reminded again that sometimes the most meaningful things we do are also the most vulnerable.

One of the most soul-enriching parts of the experience was traveling with the Dean and the associate music director. Together, we went out seeking people who are too often looked at as unworthy, unwanted, unloved, or simply pushed to the edges of life. The marginalized. The forgotten. The people some pass by without really seeing.

And we did not go with judgment. We did not go with answers tied up neatly in a bow. We went with prayer. We went with kindness. We went with love and compassion. We went because every person deserves to be seen as a child of God, worthy of dignity, worthy of tenderness, worthy of someone stopping long enough to say, “You matter.”

I will be honest: it was not easy. My anxiety showed up more than once. My emotions were close to the surface. There were times I felt tired in my body and overwhelmed in my spirit. But there was also something holy in that discomfort. Something sacred happens when you step outside the safe little circle of what you know and allow yourself to meet people where they are, not where you think they should be.

I came home changed. Maybe not in a way that is loud or dramatic, but in a way that is real. My heart feels a little softer. My understanding feels a little wider. My faith feels a little more alive. I was reminded that love is not just something we say. It is something we carry into hard places. It is something we offer when it would be easier to look away. It is something we practice, especially when it costs us a little comfort.

There was a moment during that experience when I felt something inside me settle and rise at the same time. It felt like validation of the fire I have carried in my soul for a long time—the fire to be a voice for those who have been cast aside, overlooked, or told they do not belong. It reminded me that this energy I feel, this deep desire to bring love, compassion, and joy to the people around me, is not too much. It is part of

who I am. It is part of what makes me feel alive.
This conference gave me many things: new friendships, new insight, tears, laughter, nerves, exhaustion, and grace. But more than anything, it reminded me that the world does not need more people deciding who is worthy of love. The world needs more people willing to love first, love loudly, and love even when it asks something of us.
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Spacious 3-bedroom, 3 bath Condo, with walkout lower level. Open floor plan with 2 bedrooms on upper level. Additional bedroom, bath, kitchenette & family room with fireplace in the lower level with door wall leading to private patio. Nice oversized 2 car attached garage. All appliances included. Lake Fenton schools. \$199,900

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by INVESTOR LAND HOLDING OF BRIGHTON LLC, a Michigan limited liability company ("Mortgagor"), 1320 Rickett Road, Brighton, Michigan 48116 to CAPITAL FUNDING, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company, 2455 House Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21230, dated July 22, 2024 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Livingston, and State of Michigan, on July 25, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024R-013025 (the "Mortgage"), on which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the amount of \$14,820,513.71.

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 Livingston County Courthouse (place of holding the circuit court) in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 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.

The mortgaged premises are described as follows (collectively, the "Mortgaged Premises"):

Land in the City of Brighton, Livingston County, MI, described as follows (the "Land"):

Part of the South 1/2 of Section 31, Town 2 North, Range 6 East, City of Brighton, Livingston County, Michigan described as:

Beginning at a point in the (platted) centerline of Rickett Road right of way, said point being Southeast corner of Rickett Road Industrial Park Subdivision, (as recorded in Liber 18 of Plats, Pages 19 through 22, Livingston County Records), said point being described on said subdivision Plat as lying West 540.63 feet, and North 600.91 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 31; thence South 30 degrees 49 minutes 07 seconds East, along the monumented centerline of Rickett Road 204.04 feet; thence Southwesterly along the Northerly line of Oak Ridge Drive (so called), as monumented and shown in a survey recorded in Liber 1003, Pages 171 through 173, on the following four courses: South 56 degrees 57 minutes 09 seconds West, 205.46 feet to a point of curve, Southwesterly 80.60 feet on the arc of a curve concave to the Southeast, radius 380.71 feet, central angle 12 degrees 07 minutes 48 seconds, chord bearing South 52 degrees 46 minutes 51 seconds West, 80.45 feet to a point of reverse curve; thence Southwesterly 80.60 feet on the arc of a curve concave to the Northwest, radius 380.71 feet, central angle 12 degrees 07 minutes 48 seconds, chord bearing South 52 degrees 46 minutes 51 seconds West, 80.45 feet to a point of compound curve, and Southwesterly 249.50 feet on the arc of a curve concave to the Northwest, radius 916.86 feet, central angle 15 degrees 35 minutes 30 seconds, chord bearing South 64 degrees 59 minutes 05 seconds West, 248.73 feet to a point of non-tangency; thence North 17 degrees 00 minutes 22 seconds West, 18.00 feet to a point which bears South 89 degrees 35 minutes 35 seconds East, 30.00 feet, and Easterly 270.00 feet along the arc of a curve concave to the North, radius 898.86 feet, central angle 17 degrees 12 minutes 38 seconds, chord bearing North 81 degrees 48 minutes 06 seconds East, 268.99 feet from the Southeast corner of Woodlake Condominiums (recorded in Liber 1405, Pages 938, Livingston County Records); thence North 19 degrees 21 minutes 11 seconds East, 273.87 feet; thence North 15 degrees 32 minutes 37 seconds West 46.88 feet; thence North 44 degrees 04 minutes 01 seconds West, 247.10 feet to a point on the South line of said Rickett Road Industrial Park Subdivision; thence South 89 degrees 03 minutes 34 seconds East, along said South line of said subdivision, 520.22 feet to the point of beginning.

Commonly known as: 1320 Rickett Road, Brighton, Michigan 48116.

together with (1) all air rights, development rights, zoning rights, easements, rights-of-way, strips and gores of land, vaults, streets, roads, alleys, tenements, passages, sewer rights, waters, water courses, water rights and powers, minerals, flowers, shrubs, crops, trees, timber and other emoluments appurtenant to, or used or useful in connection with, or located on, under or above the Land, or any part or parcel thereof, and all ground leases, estates, rights, titles, interests, privileges, liberties, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances, reversions, and remain-

ders whatsoever, in any way belonging, relating or appertaining to the Land, or any part thereof (collectively, the "Appurtenant Rights"); (2) all beds, linen, televisions, carpeting, telephones, cash registers, computers, lamps, glassware, rehabilitation equipment, restaurant, restaurant and kitchen equipment, and other fixtures and equipment of Mortgagor located on, attached to or used or useful in connection with any of the Land or the 73-unit, 93-bed assisted living and memory care facility known as "Brighton Comfort Care", to be renamed "Hampton Manor of Brighton", located on the Land, together with any other general or specialized care facilities, if any (the "Facility") and all renewals and replacements thereof and substitutions therefore; provided, however, that with respect to any items which are leased for the benefit of the Facility and not owned by Mortgagor, the Equipment shall include the leasehold interest only of Mortgagor together with any options to purchase any of said items (collectively, the "Equipment"); (3) all buildings, structures and improvements of every nature whatsoever situated on the Land, including, but not limited to, all gas and electric fixtures, radiators, heaters, engines and machinery, boilers, ranges, elevators and motors, plumbing and heating fixtures, carpeting and other floor coverings, water heaters, awnings and storm sashes, and cleaning apparatus which are or shall be attached to the Mortgaged Property or said buildings, structures or improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"); (4) all property which is attached to the Land or the Improvements as to constitute a fixture under applicable law and all renewals and replacements thereof and substitutions therefore, including, without limitation: machinery, equipment, engines, boilers, incinerators, installed building materials; systems and equipment for the purpose of supplying or distributing heating, cooling, electricity, gas, water, air, or light; antennas, cable, wiring and conduits used in connection with radio, television, security, fire prevention, or fire detection or otherwise used to carry electronic signals; telephone systems and equipment; elevators and related machinery and equipment; fire detection, prevention and extinguishing systems and apparatus; security and access control systems and apparatus; plumbing systems; water heaters, ranges, stoves, microwave ovens, refrigerators, dishwashers, garbage disposers, washers, dryers and other appliances; light fixtures, awnings, storm windows and storm doors; pictures, screens, blinds, shades, curtains and curtain rods; mirrors; cabinets, paneling, rugs and floor and wall coverings; fences, trees and plants; and exercise equipment (collectively, the "Fixtures"); (5) any and all rights of Mortgagor arising from the ownership and/or operation of the Facility to payment for goods sold or leased or for services rendered, not evidenced by an Instrument, including, without limitation: (a) all accounts arising from the Lease and/or ownership and/or operation of the Facility; (b) all moneys and accounts held by mortgagee; and (c) all rights to payment from state or federal programs, boards bureaus or agencies and rights to payment from patients, residents, private insurers, and others arising from the operation of the Facility, including rights to payment pursuant to all contracts and rights pursuant to reimbursement from third-party payor programs and contracts for the Facility (collectively, the "Accounts"); (6) all intangible personal property of Mortgagor arising out of or connected with the Land or the Facility and all renewals and replacements thereof and substitutions therefore (collectively, the "General Intangibles"); (7) all licenses, permits and certificates used or useful in connection with the ownership, operation, use or occupancy of the Mortgaged Property and/or the Facility, including, without limitation, business licenses, state health department licenses, food service licenses, licenses to conduct business, certificates of need, air quality permits and all such other permits, licenses and rights, obtained from any governmental, quasi-governmental or private person or entity whatsoever concerning ownership, operation, use or occupancy (collectively, the "Permits"); (8) all instruments, chattel paper, documents or other writings obtained by Mortgagor from or in connection with the operation of the Land or the Facility (including without limitation, all ledger sheets, computer records and printouts, data bases, programs, books of account and files of mortgagee relating thereto) (collectively, the "Instruments"); (9) all inventories of food, beverages and other comestibles held by Mortgagor for sale or use at or from the Land or the Facility, and soap, paper supplies, medical supplies, drugs and all other such goods, wares and merchandise held by Mortgagor for sale to or for consumption by residents, guests or patients of the Land or the Facility and all such other goods returned to or repossessed by Mortgagor (collectively, the "Inventory"); (10) all third-party reimbursement contracts and provider agreements for the Facility with respect to residents or patients qualifying for coverage under the same, includ-

ing private insurance agreements, and any successor program or other similar reimbursement program and/or private insurance agreements (collectively, the "Reimbursement Contracts"); (11) all rent and other payments of whatever nature from time to time payable pursuant to the Leases (including, without limitation, rights to payment earned under leases for space in the Improvements for the operation of ongoing retail businesses such as newsstands, concession stands, barbershops, beauty shops, gift shops, cafeterias, dining rooms, restaurants, lounges, vending machines, physicians' offices, pharmacies, laboratories, gymnasiums, swimming pools, tennis courts, golf courses, recreational centers and specialty shops), deposits (whether for security or otherwise but excluding any resident trust accounts), issues, profits, revenues, royalties, rights, benefits, and income of every nature of and from the Mortgaged Property and the operations conducted or to be conducted thereon (collectively, "Rents"); (12) all furniture, furnishings, Equipment, machinery, building materials, appliances, goods, supplies, tools, books, records (whether in written or electronic form), computer equipment (hardware and software) and other tangible personal property (other than Fixtures) which are owned by Mortgagor and which are used in connection with the ownership, management or operation of the Land or the Improvements or are located on the Land or in the Improvements, and any operating agreements relating to the Land or the Improvements, and any surveys, plans and specifications and contracts for architectural, engineering and construction services relating to the Land or the Improvements (collectively, the "Personality"); (13) all leases, subleases, licenses, concessions or grants or other possessory interests, whether oral or written, covering or affecting the Mortgaged Property, or any portion of the Mortgaged Property and all modifications, extensions or renewals thereof (collectively, the "Leases"); (14) all awards, payments, earnings, royalties, issues, profits, liquidated claims, and proceeds (including proceeds of insurance and condemnation or any conveyance in lieu thereof) from the sale, conversion (whether voluntary or involuntary), exchange, transfer, collection, loss, damage, condemnation, disposition, substitution or replacement of any of the Mortgaged Property (collectively, the "Proceeds"); (15) all contracts, options and other agreements for the sale of the Land, the Improvements, the Fixtures, the Personality or any other part of the Mortgaged Property entered into by Mortgagor, including cash or securities deposited to secure performance by parties of their obligations; (16) all amounts required to be deposited with mortgagee pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage (each an "Imposition" and collectively, the "Imposition Deposits"); (17) all refunds or rebates of Impositions by any municipal, state or federal authority or insurance company (other than refunds applicable to periods before 2024); and (18) all names under or by which any of the foregoing may be operated or known, and all trademarks, trade names, and goodwill relating to any of the Mortgaged Property.

To the extent any of the foregoing Premises constitutes personal property or fixtures, such personal property and fixtures shall be sold together with the real estate in one foreclosure sale described above in accordance with MCL 440.9604(1)(b) and 440.9604(2)(b) respectively.

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.

If the property described in this Notice is sold at the foreclosure sale referred to above, the Mortgagor 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 as provided by MCL 600.3278 or otherwise by law. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of the sale unless the property is determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.

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Fowlerville student graduates from Kettering University on June 20th

Seth Christie graduated from Kettering University during its 2026 commencement ceremony on June 20 at the historic Atwood Stadium. Christie, who is from Fowlerville, earned a Bachelor’s degree in Computer Science.

The university awarded 347 bachelor’s degrees, setting the stage for these graduates to take on leadership and innovation roles across a wide range of industries, including mobility, new energy vehicles, intelligent manufacturing, AI, and sustainability.

Delivering the Commencement address was alumnus Qasar Younis ‘04, co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Applied Intuition. A graduate of Kettering University’s Mechanical Engineering program, Younis began his professional career through the University’s cooperative

education program before helping build companies at the leading edge of software, intelligent machines, and physical AI.

Reflecting on his own path from Kettering to entrepreneurship, he challenged graduates to embrace change and pursue opportunity with purpose: “Run towards uncertainty, because that is where the opportunity lies. Go to the centers of industry and create technology that does not control us, but serves us. Build your own life, one where you are not just the byproduct of the whims of others, but the master of your own destiny.”

“Class of 2026, you are not waiting to begin. You are already in motion, moving into industries ready for your contributions, stepping into roles that demand your professional judgment, advancing toward a future that will be shaped in no small part by your skills,” said University President, Dr. Robert K. McMahan. “You have shown that meaningful progress builds

over time and that true momentum carries you forward with purpose. Congratulations!”

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Eugen A. Jude, a married man and Joan E. Stroud, a single woman, as 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): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: October 23, 2018

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 25, 2018

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$245,645.51

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Hamburg, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 1 North, Range 5 East, Hamburg Township, Livingston County, State of Michigan, more particularly described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 12; thence South 01 degrees 58 minutes 29 seconds East, 1323.36 feet, to the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 12; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 54 seconds East (previously recorded as East), 207.07 feet (recorded as 217.00 feet); thence South 06 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds West 200.00 feet: thence South 17 degrees 36 minutes 00 seconds West, 100.00 feet; thence South 10 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds West, 91.00 feet, to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described; thence South 89 degrees 02 minutes 54 seconds East 172.93 feet; thence South 01 degrees 26 minutes 20 seconds East, 235.03 feet: thence in Welle Road (66 foot wide Right of Way) on the following two (2) courses: 1) North 89 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds West, 221.00 feet; thence North 10 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds East, 238.50 feet, to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 7353 Welle Rd, Brighton, MI 48116-8811

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: July 26, 2026

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE (Livingston County) 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 (at the main entrance of the Judicial Center, 204 S. Highlander Way in the City of Howell, Livingston County, Michigan), starting promptly at 10:00 o’clock A.M. on Wednesday, August 26, 2026.

Default has been made in the terms and conditions of the mortgage made by Alan D. Pettit, an unmarried man and Janet M. Pettit, an unmarried woman, as original mortgagors, to 1st National Bank in Howell, as original mortgagee, dated December 15, 2004, and recorded on March 30, 2005, at the Livingston County, Michigan Register of Deeds, in Liber 4752, commencing on Page 337, which mortgage is now held by Bank of Ann Arbor, successor in interest by merger to 1st National Bank in Howell.

The amount claimed to be due on this mortgage, on the date of this notice, was \$39,530.30.

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.

The description of the mortgaged premises is all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Genoa, in the County of Livingston and State of Michigan further described as follows: Lot(s) 113, Red Oaks of Chemung No. 4, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 14 of Plats, Page(s) 41 and 42, Livingston County Records.

Commonly known as: 5662 Chippewa Dr., Howell, MI

The redemption period shall be Twelve (12) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale or when the time to provide the notice required by MCLA 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later or unless the redemption period is shortened in accordance with MCLA 600.3238. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA 600.3278, the borrower and mortgagor 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.

Attention Purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Shaheen, Jacobs & Ross, P.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect this debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated: July 17, 2026

Bank of Ann Arbor Mortgagee

SHAHEEN, JACOBS & ROSS, P.C.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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 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, Michigan starting promptly at 10:00 a.m. on September 2, 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 (the “Mortgage”) made by Matthew Allen Crawford aka Matthew Crawford and Rachel Crawford, husband and wife, joint tenants of 3546 Habitat Trl., Pinckney, MI 48169 (Borrower), Destruction Depot, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company (Borrower) as Mortgagor, to Metro Community Development, Inc., a Michigan Non-profit Corporation, dated April 6, 2023, and recorded on April 26, 2023, in Instrument No. 2023R-007586, Livingston County Records, Livingston County, Michigan. The balance owing on the Mortgage is \$635,517.54 at the time of this Notice. The Mortgage contains a power of sale and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part of the Mortgage. The Mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt secured by the Mortgage as stated above, plus interest on the amount due at the rate of 9.00% per annum; all legal costs and expenses, including attorney’s fees allowed by law; and also any amount paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.

The property to be sold at foreclosure is all of that real estate situated in the Township of Hamburg, County of Livingston, State of Michigan described more fully as: Unit 23, Hidden Valley Estates, a condominium, (formerly known as Robin Egg Estates) according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2055, Pages 355 through 413, Livingston County Records, and amended in Liber 2464, Page 262, and amended by First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 2483, Pages 311, 312, and 313, Livingston County Records, designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 89, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Tax ID Number: 4715-29-205-023

Commonly known as: 3546 Habitat Trl., Pinckney, MI 48169

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale pursuant to MCLA 600.3240(8). Mortgagor 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.

Dated: July 8, 2026

METRO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, INC.

Mortgagee

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Western Livingston County voters have several contested races in upcoming August 4th Primary

By Steve Horton

Voters residing in Western Livingston County have several contested races in the upcoming August 4th Michigan Primary to decide on. Otherwise, the candidates running for their respective party nominations are unopposed.

On the Democratic Party ballot, there are three disputed contests. These include the Michigan Governor’s race with Jocelyn Benson and Chris Swanson as the candidates, the U.S. Senate race where Abul El-Sayed and Haley Stevens are facing each other, and the 7th Congressional District contest where Bridget Brink, William Lawrence, and Matt Maasdon are vying for the nomination.

On the Republican Party ballot there is the Governor’s race with John James and Perry Johnson seeking the nomination. Others on the ballot have suspended their campaigns. Locally, there are three candidates seeking the partial term as a trustee on the Howell Township Board that was created by a resignation, The term runs until Nov. 20, 2028. The GOP candidates are John Marhofer II, Jeffrey Smith, and Laura Wilkerson.

Also of local interest is the Livingston County 44th Circuit Court judgeship on the non-partisan ballot. Seeking to fill the six-year term are Andrea Banfield, Christopher Candela, Mark Gatesman, Mary Ellen Hayes, and Kristina Lyke. The top two vote-getters will advance to the November General Election.

Candidates for Livingston County 44th Circuit Court judicial seat offer statements

The August 4th Michigan Primary ballot will include a judicial seat on the Livingston County Circuit Court, with the term of office being six years. Running for the non-partisan position are: Andrea Banfield, Christopher Candela, Mark Gatesman, Mary Ellen Hayes, and Kristina Lyke.

The top two vote getters will advance to the November General Election.

The candidates were invited to submit statements on why they are running and what they hope to accomplish—what their goals and priorities—would be if elected. In the case of incumbents, the second question included what they felt their accomplishments in office were. The candidates were also invited to submit whatever personal background and qualifications for office they wished to provide voters.



Andrea Banfield
Livingston County 44th Circuit Court Judicial Candidate

Why Am I running for Office:

My goal as Livingston County’s next circuit court judge is to ensure fair and timely justice for all victims, families and businesses who appear before me. After years of helping families in Livingston County find practical, respectful solutions in their legal matters, becoming a Judge is the next natural step in serving my community. On the bench, I will bring that same balanced approach as I did in private practice—listening carefully, applying the law fairly, and making decisive rulings when needed. Every person who walks into a courtroom deserves their day in court, and most importantly a judge who will truly listen and make tough decisions to protect public safety and strengthen our community.

My roots run deep here in Livingston County — it’s where I grew up, it is where my extended family continues to live and where I raised my family and operate my business. I’ve lived and worked in this community for most of my life. I know our county’s families, our challenges, and our strengths firsthand. That’s why I’m running — to deliver fair, compassionate, and decisive justice to the people I’ve served for decades.

To better serve my legal community, I volunteer on two different elected non- partisan committees through the State Bar of Michigan, the Family Law Council and Representative Assembly Member, which both work to approve policy and

procedures within the law. The Family Law council meets monthly to review and comment on proposed legislation and court rules that impact the family court system to ensure courts function efficiently and protect the rights of families and children.

In addition to my service to the legal community, I was also nominated to the City of Brighton Downtown Development Authority which helps to maximize the economic potential of downtown Brighton, manages public spaces, and funds community projects so businesses thrive in my hometown. I have also been recently nominated and certified to the Livingston County United Way Board, where I serve as the Women’s United Way Co-Chair. Before my services on these community boards, I served by nomination of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners to the Livingston County Advisory Board to the Friend of the Court and also served on the Child Abuse Prevention Council and Women’s Resource Center board.

What do I hope to accomplish, if elected, what would your goals and priorities be?

I am running to deliver community-centered justice that is timely, decisive, and compassionately provided to the people of Livingston County. The Court is a symbol of our community, and I wish to positively represent our community in a positive manner by operating a courtroom that serves the people. Fortunately for us in Livingston County, we have top-notch public safety personnel. Our police, prosecutor and public defender’s offices work well together, as you can see by our thriving specialty courts that include mental health, sobriety, and Veteran specialty courts.

Most people never expect to find themselves in court and because of that they need a judge who will hear them, rule without political agendas, follow the law as drafted and administer justice promptly. I believe that when justice works better, families are stronger, businesses are more secure and our community thrives.

In the latest data report found online for our county, it shows that two-thirds of the circuit court filings are family law matters. Several years ago, after doing years of work in abuse & neglect proceedings, juvenile court, and criminal proceedings, I began focusing my work on families involved in the legal system. With the recent changes within our courts after several judges retired and other judges were appointed, I found myself having to explain to my clients that they would be getting a new judge to serve them over and over again. This happened again, very recently, when 80% of family law matters were reassigned to the courtroom operated by Judge Geddis, who will be ending her term this January. With 80% of Judge Geddis’ docket dedicated to family law, Livingston County needs a judge with deep, current experience in these matters. This is the seat for which I am running currently.

I have spent my career helping families find practical, respectful resolutions—a perspective I will bring to the bench every day. The people of Livingston County deserve a Judge on day one who can manage her docket with the skill, temperament, and experience to serve these case filings with practical rulings within the law in a fair and professional manner, always focusing on the best interests of the children. I plan to be a Judge for the people and would be honored to have your vote.

Andrea M. Banfield, Candidate for the 44th Circuit Court



Christopher Candela
Livingston County 44th Circuit Court Judicial Candidate

I am running for Circuit Court Judge because I believe the foundation of our justice system is the Constitution and the rule of law. A judge’s responsibility is not to advance personal beliefs, political preferences, or outside agendas. A judge’s duty is to faithfully apply the Constitution and the law as written, protect due process, and ensure that every person who enters the courtroom receives a fair and impartial hearing.

The strength of our judicial system depends on public trust. People must have confidence that decisions made in the courtroom are based on the facts, the law, and established legal principles – not politics. Judges are entrusted with making

some of the most important decisions affecting people’s lives, families, businesses, and futures. That responsibility requires experience, integrity, independence, and a commitment to fairness.

I am running because I believe Livingston County deserves a judge who is prepared to serve from day one. I chose Livingston County as my home because of the strength of this community and the values that make it such a special place to live and raise a family. I am committed to investing my career and my future in serving the people of this community.

My legal experience has prepared me for this responsibility. Throughout my career, I have worked in and around the courtroom, gaining firsthand insight into the challenges faced by victims, families, defendants, business owners, attorneys, and judges. I have handled cases from investigation through trial, appeal, and post-conviction review. That gives me a unique perspective on how judicial decisions affect every stage of the justice system.

As a Senior Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, I have handled a wide range of criminal matters, including serious felony cases, violent offenses, child abuse and neglect, domestic violence matters, and cases involving the protection of vulnerable members of our community. I have prosecuted some of the most difficult cases a community faces, including crimes against children, sexual offenses, and violent crimes, including homicide.

Those experiences have reinforced two principles that must always coexist in a courtroom: accountability and fairness. Public safety matters. Victims deserve a justice system that recognizes the harm they have suffered and holds offenders accountable. Families deserve courts that protect children and provide thoughtful decisions during difficult circumstances. At the same time, every person who appears before the court is entitled to due process and fair treatment under the law. A judge must protect both principles because both are essential to justice.

My experience extends beyond the trial courtroom. I have handled extensive appellate litigation, including cases before the Michigan Court of Appeals and the Michigan Supreme Court. Appellate practice requires careful legal research and analysis, a thorough understanding of constitutional principles, and the proper application of precedent. These skills are essential for a judge who must evaluate complex legal issues and make decisions affecting individuals, families, businesses, and the community.

I have also gained valuable insight into judicial decision-making through my prior service as a judicial law clerk, where I worked on matters involving family law, child abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency, and personal protection orders. That experience allowed me to see the justice system from the court’s perspective.

Earlier in my legal training, I gained exposure to civil practice areas including workers’ compensation, disability claims, no-fault insurance, premises liability, and personal injury matters. Combined with my experience in criminal litigation, appellate advocacy, and judicial proceedings, this background has provided me with a broad understanding of the types of matters that come before the Circuit Court.

If elected, my priorities will be clear.

First, I will remain committed to a court that follows the law, not politics. Judges are not elected to legislate from the bench or impose personal views. The role of a judge is to interpret and apply the law as written, follow binding precedent, and make decisions based solely on the facts and the law before the court.

Second, I will prioritize public safety and accountability while ensuring every person receives a fair hearing. Fairness and accountability are not competing values, they are the foundation of justice.

Third, I will focus on the efficient and timely delivery of justice. Delayed justice has real consequences for litigants, victims, families, and communities. Whether a case involves a criminal matter, a family dispute, or a civil disagreement, people deserve a court system that is organized, prepared, and committed to resolving cases fairly and efficiently.

Finally, I believe in investing in the future of Livingston County. Courts do more than resolve disputes; they shape the future of individuals, families, businesses, and communities. A judge’s decisions can impact generations. I am committed to serving this community with dedication, energy, and a long-term perspective.

The position of Circuit Court Judge requires more than legal knowledge. It requires judgment, humility, independence, and the ability to make difficult decisions without being influenced by outside pressure. My career has allowed me to gain experience at every level of our judicial system and from multiple perspectives. Those experiences have prepared me to serve the people of Livingston County from day one.

I am running because I have the experience to handle the challenges of the courtroom, the integrity to follow the law, the commitment to protect our community, and the dedication to ensure justice is delivered fairly, efficiently, and impartially.

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Candidates for Livingston County
44th Circuit Court judicial seat,
continued



Mark Gatesman
*Livingston County 44th Circuit Court
Judicial Candidate*

Biological information.

- Born and Raised in Howell.
- Howell High School Graduate
- Owned and Operated Law Practice in Howell for more than 25 years.
- Extensive experience as trial attorney in Livingston County Courts and Courts throughout Michigan, including United States District Court, for Eastern District of Michigan.
- Son of former Livingston County Elected Prosecutor, Charles B. Gatesman.
- Former President of the Livingston County Bar Association.
- Former Trustee Howell Carnegie District Library.
- Married to Carolyn Gatesman, father of two.

Why am I running for office?

I am running for 44th Circuit Court Judge because my 25 years as a trial attorney in Livingston County have prepared me to serve our community with experience, integrity, and fairness. Throughout my career, I have handled cases across every area of the Circuit Court’s jurisdiction, built and successfully managed my own law practice, and earned a reputation for professionalism, sound judgment, and ethical advocacy. Owning and operating my practice for nearly 30 years has also provided valuable leadership, budgeting, and management experience, preparing me to effectively oversee the administrative responsibilities of a busy Circuit Court while ensuring efficiency, accountability, and responsible stewardship of public resources.

What do I hope to accomplish, if elected?

If elected, I will support expanding electronic filing and paperless case management to improve court efficiency, reduce costs, and increase access to justice. Modern technology can save time for litigants and court staff while enhancing transparency and public access to court records. Additionally, I would support Specialty Courts, such as Sobriety Court, Mental Health Court and Veterans Court, which strengthen public safety, reduce repeat offenses, and help individuals rebuild their lives and most importantly protects the public.



Mary Ellen Hayes
*Livingston County 44th Circuit Court
Judicial Candidate*

Why are you running for office?

I was born and raised in New Jersey, and I have lived in Michigan for over 26 years. I have a wonderful husband, four amazing children, a curious rescue cat named Theo, and a golden retriever named Henry who loves meeting new people and spending time with his family.

I am running for Judge of the 44th Circuit Court because I believe that every person coming before the court deserves

to be treated with fairness, dignity and respect. Throughout my extensive law career of nearly 20 years, I have largely served as an attorney for indigent defendants who could not afford legal representation. This includes my time as a solo practice attorney as well as my time as a public defender with the Jackson County Public Defender’s office and currently as a public defender with the Livingston County Public Defender’s office.

In addition to my law degree, I also have a Master of Arts in Human Services Counseling and a second Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology. In 2014, I was invited to assist in developing and implementing the Ingham County 30th Circuit Mental Health Treatment Court. After that treatment court began operating, I served as a defense attorney on that treatment court team for several years. As a practicing attorney, I have handled large caseloads simultaneously. I believe this experience has prepared me to ensure that the court docket moves efficiently and effectively.

What do you hope to accomplish? If elected, what would your goals and priorities be?

It has become apparent throughout my time as a practicing attorney that a large portion of individuals that come before the court suffer from mental illness. This has created considerable court docket congestion. I believe I can use my training and experience with mental illness to work on solutions toward alleviating that docket congestion. My hope is to be able to continue utilizing mental health treatment court and the resources available to ensure that mental illness is properly addressed. I firmly believe that doing so will create a path for these individuals to receive the intensive support they need while at the same time ensuring that they are held accountable and that public safety is preserved.

The strength of a community is reflected in whether its people can trust that justice will be fair, principled, and impartial. Livingston County deserves a court where people are treated with dignity and respect, the law is applied with integrity, and justice is administered fairly according to the rule of law. If elected to serve as a judge for the 44th Circuit Court, I will strive to ensure that every individual who comes before the court receives due process and that justice is applied fairly according to the law.

Thank you for your time, your consideration, and the opportunity to earn your support.



Kristina Lyke
*Livingston County 44th Circuit Court
Judicial Candidate*

I have 20 years of circuit court experience. My reasons for running for judge are “placing the people first”, make decisions based upon Rule of Law/Constitution and not politics, ensure fairness without partiality, and protecting our community.

In the last 10 years of practice, I have observed how “people are not placed first”, and how individuals are not receiving justice. Children are being abused due to ineffectiveness, I will ensure emergency motions are heard immediately to safeguard our children. Complaints have been made regarding men and women being treated unfairly in family law cases. Decisions based upon bias and prejudice should never happen and I will ensure that each parent is treated equally and make decisions based upon “the best interests of the children”, not gender based or have preconceived notions based upon employment when deciding a case.

As a lawyer, I have also served the police, veterans, active military, EMS, Firefighters, teachers, doctors and therapists. I will continue by ensuring individuals who are public servants have limited time in court when subpoenaed to appear. Veterans are always a priority and will continue to be as your next Circuit Court Judge. Our county has specialty courts including the Veterans Court, and this is a good program, but we can make it better. One of my goals is to implement jobs with the veteran’s court and I have spoken to Bobby Brite a local Fowlerville veteran, about this plan and give credit to him on this idea. If a veteran is able to receive employment through Veteran’s Court, this will promote self-esteem and possibly save a life. I have spoken to several people about

this idea, and my plan is to have skilled trade jobs such as millwrights, plumbers, automakers and nonprofits to help organize this task and together we can make veterans court better.

Circuit court involves personal protection orders, extreme risk protection acts (Red flag law), children, property, family law, contracts, civil, and major criminal cases. As the owner of Lyke Law, PLLC, I have experience in cases involving felonies, custody, spousal support, neglect cases, abuse cases, defamation, conversion, personal protection orders, property, divorce, extreme risk protection acts, drivers license restoration and contracts. I also have experience in how to protect children, domestic violence victims, and mental health. This is important because I will be ready to serve the people of Livingston County immediately and ensure safety and protection of the people without bias or prejudice.

By placing people first, I will not allow the “good ole boys or girls club” influence my decisions. Livingston County is our home, and I will ensure the protection of true values of Livingston County, which is family, freedom, liberty, due process, and safety.

Next, making court more affordable means having an effective docket to ensure docket control and justice for all. We continue to have “backed up” dockets in our courts and one of the reasons is because we have all cases being called at 8:30 am and 1:30 pm. This is called “cattle call.” Cattle call ensures that individuals pay thousands more in attorney fees and causes cases to be dragged out for years. Justice is not “who pays the most” for attorney fees. When elected, I will ensure that there are effective time periods for each case, and this will allow individuals to afford justice, but in turn receive justice without several adjournments.

As an attorney, I have helped young men and women become “law abiding citizens.” I have been tough, brutally honest, but also have a heart for people receiving justice. Criminal law is 35% of the docket and we need a judge with jury trial experience, who knows the COLES factors and sentence guidelines. This means we need to ensure that whatever sentence is passed out that we ensure that justice is received. As judge, we will have jury trials and bench trials, and I will do everything in my power to ensure each person receives a fair and impartial trial.

As to sentencing the individual, I have observed judges placing a standard for sentencing “one sentence fits all” or not having the experience of utilizing sentencing guidelines. The sentence should deter others from committing the same crime, rehabilitate others, and keeping in mind the protection of society. As your next circuit court judge, I intend to follow the Rule of Law and Constitution when it comes to freedom and liberties but intend to protect our community. I also intend to have an order for all defense attorneys to draft sentence memorandums. This way, I have the ability to review the PSI from probation along with defense counsel’s memorandum to sentence the individual according to the law.

It’s imperative that individuals go to the polls for the primary on August 4th because we need a judge who will ensure “YOU ARE A PRIORITY” and will be placed first. For 20 years, I have served the public and I have never asked “what political affiliation are you?” Instead, I asked, “how can I serve you?”. As circuit court judge, I will continue my service to Livingston Residents without bias or prejudice. I have worked 80 hours a week to serve the community, and I will not stop my work ethic as your next circuit court judge.

Please vote Kristina Lyke for Circuit Court Judge on 8.4.26 in the nonpartisan primary.

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Candidates for Howell Township Board Trustee Republican Party nomination offer statements

The August 4th Michigan Primary ballot will include a partial term running until Nov. 20, 2028 for a trustee seat on the Howell Township Board. There are three Republican candidates seeking the nomination: John Marhofer II, Jeffrey Smith, and Laura Wilkerson.

The candidates were invited to submit statements on why they are running and what they hope to accomplish—what their goals and priorities—would be if elected. In the case of incumbents, the second question included what they felt their accomplishments in office were. The candidates were also invited to submit whatever personal background and qualifications for office they wished to provide voters.



Laura Wilkerson
Howell Township Board Trustee Candidate

Why I’m Running for Howell Township Trustee?

As a lifelong Livingston County resident, mother, and local business leader, I care about protecting what makes Howell Township a great place to live. I believe our residents deserve honesty, transparency, responsible financial management, and elected officials who put the community first.

I have proudly called Howell Township home for more than 25 years. This is where I built my home, raised my son, built my career, and established deep roots spanning several generations. Howell Township isn’t simply where I live; it’s home to me, and I want to help ensure it remains a place where all families are proud to call home for generations to come.

Throughout my professional career, I have held executive leadership positions responsible for financial oversight, budgeting, regulatory compliance, and operational

management. Those experiences have taught me how to make informed decisions, manage resources responsibly, solve complex problems, and remain accountable to the people I serve.

In addition to my professional experience, I have served on several nonprofit and community boards where I worked collaboratively to make policy decisions, oversee budgets, and govern effectively. Those experiences have given me a strong understanding of board governance, public meetings, and Robert’s Rules of Order (a standardized set of rules for conducting fair, orderly, and democratic meetings). I believe that preparation and knowledge of proper procedure allow boards to operate efficiently, fairly, and respectfully while ensuring every voice has an opportunity to be heard.

One of the priorities I am most passionate about is improving communication between township government and the people it serves. Residents should not have to search for information or hear about important township decisions after they have already been made. I believe the township should communicate proactively by providing timely updates, explaining upcoming issues in plain language, and making it easy for residents to understand how decisions may affect their families, neighborhoods, and businesses.

To me, transparency means more than simply holding public meetings. It means fostering an environment where residents feel informed, welcomed, and encouraged to participate. I support open communication, honest leadership, and meaningful opportunities for public input before significant decisions are made. Public trust is earned through openness, accountability, and consistent communication. I plan to be transparent by exhibiting behaviors such as talking to residents, making my opinions on topics relevant to the township public, and keeping an open inbox so residents can communicate with me to get involved as well.

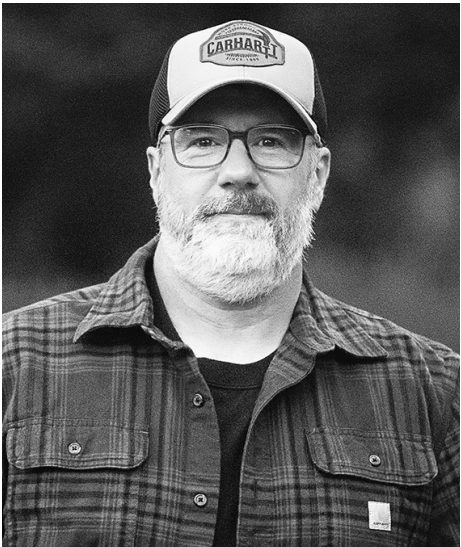
Fiscal responsibility is another core value I will bring to the board. Every tax dollar should be treated with respect. That means carefully evaluating expenditures, planning responsibly for the future, and ensuring residents receive the greatest value for every dollar the township spends.

I will also work to protect property rights while supporting responsible growth. Howell Township will continue to evolve, but growth should be carefully planned so that it strengthens our community without sacrificing the character, natural beauty, and quality of life that make this township such a special place to live. We can welcome responsible development while preserving the values that attracted so many of us to Howell Township in the first place.

As Howell Township faces important decisions about development, infrastructure, public safety, and long-term planning, experience matters. Leadership matters. Preparation matters. I believe my professional background, board experience, commitment to transparent government, and dedication to open communication have prepared me to serve effectively from day one.

I am asking for the opportunity to put that experience to work for Howell Township. Our township deserves leadership that is prepared, transparent, and committed to serving every resident. I am ready to bring that leadership to the Howell Township Board, and I respectfully ask for your support. Together, we can keep Howell Township a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

It would be an honor to earn your trust and serve as your next Howell Township Trustee. See you August 4th!



John Marhofer
Howell Township Board Trustee Candidate

Hello, my name is John Marhofer. I am running for the open Howell Township Trustee seat.

My family has been in Livingston County for generations. The Wellmans, my mom’s side, set up roots over 100 years ago in the Howell area. The Marhofers moved to Pinckney in the 1950s, over 70 years ago. Like my parents before me, I was raised here. My wife (Meg) and I have followed in their footsteps, raising our children here as well. I value this



Jeffrey A. Smith
Howell Township Board Trustee Candidate

Hello, I’m Jeffrey A. Smith, and I am running in the Republican primary for Howell Township Trustee.

Having lived in the Howell area for nearly 50 years, this community is my home. It’s where my wife of 31 years and I raised our children, and where our grandchildren are now growing up and attending Howell and Fowlerville Public Schools. My roots are here, and I plan on serving this community for many years to come.

Professionally, I work in the real estate service industry and spent over 22 years as a small business owner. I also had the honor of serving our community for ten years as a firefighter with the Howell Area Fire Department, advancing to the rank of Sergeant.

Having previously served as a Township Trustee for six years—contributing to the Board at large, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Commission, and the Property Committee—I know what it takes to govern effectively. My top priority remains serving the best interests of our local residents.

I lead with common sense, a quality that is far too rare in government today at every level. As your Trustee, I will apply that common sense to every decision before the board:

• **A Neighborly Approach:** To me, being “neighborly” means treating others the way you want to be treated. We welcome new residents, but newcomers shouldn’t expect to rewrite the rules to fit their preferences at the expense of established neighbors who chose Howell for what it is.

• **Protecting Our Quality of Life:** Howell Township is not a piggy bank for the county. I strongly oppose outside interests attempting to push developments—like the recent Data Center proposal—that sacrifice our local lifestyle just to fill government coffers elsewhere.

• **Fiscal Vigilance:** Having managed my own business and personal finances on a budget, I will bring that same frugality to the Township budget. A Trustee’s duty is to watch over your tax dollars with utmost care and hold local government accountable.

As your Trustee, I will make thoughtful, unbiased, and decisive choices on your behalf. **I humbly ask for your vote in the Republican primary on August 4th.**

community and the people we share it with. This is home, I was born on Byron Road, and I live on Byron Road.

I’ve spent my career in the commercial refrigeration industry, solving problems and getting things done. The industry takes a lot, but it also provides a lot. My professional realm presents challenges and requires resolve, leaving me the necessary qualities to lend a hand making complex decisions.

Like a lot of people, the proposed data center got my attention. I started going to meetings, filing FOIA requests, reading documents, talking with township officials, and trying to understand what was happening. Through that process, I felt Howell Township could benefit from another on the board who is willing to ask tough questions and keep residents informed. I’m not a politician. I am just like you; we care about where we live.

If I’m elected, my focus will be on protecting Howell Township’s rural character. Growth is necessary, but it should make sense for our community. I will work on behalf of residents, not for national conglomerates.

Additionally, I also believe township government should be open and transparent. I don’t believe elected officials should sign NDAs that prevent them from openly discussing issues that affect the people they were elected to represent. Residents deserve to know what’s going on before major decisions are made, I intend to operate by that standard.

I’m not running because I want to get into politics, I’m running because I care about Howell Township, and plan to do my part to help keep it a place we’re proud to call home.

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NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS OF IOSCO TOWNSHIP MICHIGAN PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

All Electors are hereby given notice that the Michigan Primary Election will be held in all Pre-cincts of Iosco Township on Tuesday, August 4th 2026. The Iosco Township Clerk is currently available to issue ballots for all Iosco Township registered voters requesting an absentee ballot for the Michigan Primary Election on Wednesday’s & Thursday’s between 1 p.m. & 5 p.m. at the Township Hall located at 2050 Bradley Rd., Webberville, MI.

Iosco Township’s **Early Voting** site is located at Iosco Township Hall at 2050 Bradley Rd., Webberville, MI.

Iosco Township’s Early Voting hours are as follows:

Saturday	July 25th, 2026	7:00am – 3:00pm
Sunday	July 26th, 2026	10:00am – 6:00pm
Monday	July 27th, 2026	9:00am – 5:00pm
Tuesday	July 28th, 2026	12:00pm – 8:00pm
Wednesday	July 29th, 2026	9:00am – 5:00pm
Thursday	July 30th, 2026	9:00am – 5:00pm
Friday	July 31st, 2026	9:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday	August 1st, 2026	7:00am – 3:00pm
Sunday	August 2nd, 2026	10:00am – 6:00pm
Monday	August 3rd, 2026	No Early Voting. Open for Emergency Ballots
Tuesday	August 4th, 2026	7:00am – 8:00pm

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Candidates for 7th Congressional District Democratic Party nomination offer statements

The August 4th Michigan Primary ballot will include the 7th Congressional District, with the term of office being two years. The district includes Livingston, Ingham, and Shiawassee counties, as well as other areas of mid-Michigan.

Running for the Democratic Party nomination for this U.S. House seat are Bridget Brink, William Lawrence, and Matt Maasdam.

The candidates were invited to submit statements on why they are running and what they hope to accomplish—what their goals and priorities—would be if elected. In the case of incumbents, the second question included what they felt their accomplishments in office were. The candidates were also invited to submit whatever personal background and qualifications for office they wished to provide voters.



Bridget Brink

7th Congressional District Candidate

I’m Bridget Brink, a sixth-generation Michigander, third-generation union member, and Lansing resident running to represent our community in Congress.

I dedicated my life to serving our country in the U.S. Foreign Service, including on President Obama’s National Security Council and most recently as U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine. After 28 years of service, I resigned in protest of Trump’s appeasement of Putin, spoke out, moved back home, and decided to run for Congress.

This fight is about who will stand up to Trump and who will take on a broken Washington that works for corporate special interests while leaving mid-Michigan families behind. The truth is I’m the only one who has stood up to Trump and will fight like hell to take on his chaos and corruption in Congress.

I’m running for Michigan’s 7th Congressional District because the American Dream I had right here in Michigan is out of reach for too many Michiganders. We must have an economy that works for the many, not just the few. This means we have to lower costs for working families. I understand the struggle Michigan families face, because I’ve lived it. Growing up, I was raised by a single mom and to make ends meet, we lived with my grandparents. We have to make life easier and more affordable for families, starting with repealing the illegal tariffs driving up prices. We must replace Trump’s trillions of dollars in special tax breaks for the ultra rich with tax cuts for working families and small businesses. We need to end the senseless war in Iran that’s driving gas prices to record highs while costing tens of billions in taxpayer dollars.

And as a breast cancer survivor, the fight for a future where every Michigander has access to quality, affordable health care is deeply personal. Last summer, I was diagnosed with stage 1 breast cancer. Without insurance, my life-saving surgery would have cost \$100,000 – and I’m still fighting my insurance company to cover treatment. I’m grateful to be cancer free, but my experience underscored the need for access to affordable healthcare like I had. In Congress, I’ll hold insurance and drug companies accountable, and ensure treatment is decided by physicians, not insurance companies. I will fight to reverse cuts to Medicaid, extend Affordable Care Act tax credits, make Medicare negotiate for lower prices on more drugs, and create an affordable public health insurance option.

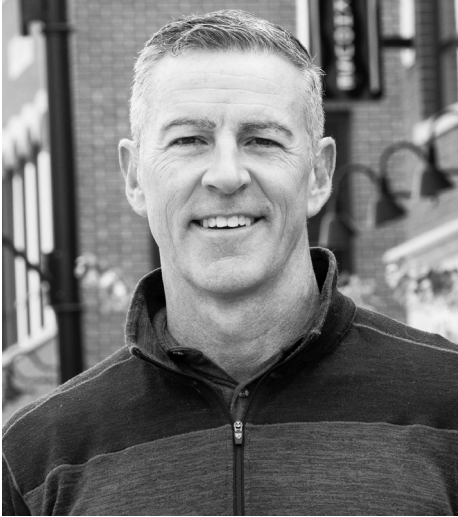
And finally, we need to protect our democracy. The chaos and corruption coming from Trump’s Washington is eroding our democracy and costing us. It’s time to restore and reform government to put power back in the hands of the people. During my 28 year career serving our country, I’ve been criticized as “focusing too intensely on the issue of corruption.” I believe there’s no such thing. My “Restore and Reform Agenda” lays out nine concrete steps to combat corruption and restore faith in government including: getting dark, corporate money out of politics; capping gifts to federal officials at \$20; banning individual stock trading across all three branches of government — including members of Congress; limiting presidential pardon power, and more.

The only way to change Washington is to change who we send there. In Congress, I’ll fight like hell to reform Washington and restore faith in government by banning stock trading, stopping Members of Congress from becoming lobbyists, and getting

dark, corporate money out of politics. It will be a tough fight but I’m no stranger to those - I’ve taken on Putin in a war zone, fought breast cancer, and stood up to Trump.

In this campaign, we have built the most diverse coalition of over 60 endorsements including from: Governors Granholm & Blanchard, Mayor Andy Schor, State Sen Sam Singh, State Rep. Jennifer Conlin, the Michigan Education Association (MEA), the Laborers (LIUNA), Ironworkers, EMILY’s List, and many more. My record — from the White House to war zones — is one of bold, decisive action and standing up for what’s right. That’s exactly what I’ll do in Congress representing our community here in mid-Michigan.

I gave up my career to stand up to Trump and I will fight for our community — no matter what. I ask for your vote on or before August 4th.



Matt Maasdam

7th Congressional District Candidate

I’m Matt Maasdam, and I’m running for Congress in Michigan’s 7th District.

I first came to Michigan to go to school and played water polo, which is a great sport for if you like teamwork, grit, and fight. I wanted to combine those elements with my love of this country and my desire to serve America, so right after I graduated, I swore an oath to defend our country and Constitution - I joined the Navy and became a Navy SEAL.

I met my wife Laura in the Navy-- she was a helicopter pilot, and we were both in the same class at survival school. She was one of 3 women in a class of 60, and she was the toughest and most optimistic person there. When I saw how excited she was to serve our country, I knew I had to ask her out, and two years later we were married.

When 9/11 happened, we deployed around the world-- I went to Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa, and the Pacific, and Laura went to the Persian Gulf on the longest ship deployment since WWII.

I also served as the lead instructor for “Hell Week” at SEAL training, preparing more than a thousand aspiring SEALs and instilling the same core values that shaped my own path: teamwork, judgment, integrity, passion, and courage.

I carried those lessons with me to the White House, where I was selected to serve as President Barack Obama’s Military Aide. In that role, I helped plan and execute the President’s emergency response in a crisis and carried the nuclear codes for President Obama.

After leaving active duty, I brought my leadership experience to the private sector, working in e-commerce for three different companies.

Laura and I had two boys while I was at the White House, and we chose to bring them back here to Michigan, to raise them with the values of family and community and grit and toughness that Michigan is known for.

My boys are hockey players, so when I’m not on the campaign trail, I’m usually at the rink watching them play. Given all of the uncertainty and challenges we face, I want to make sure that we’re leaving them a better world tomorrow than we have today.

And what I hear from the other parents at the rink, and from the voters in this district, is that we’re all united in frustration right now. We’re frustrated that things are so expensive, and that politicians are protecting billionaires’ tax breaks at the expense of the American Dream.

I’m running for Congress because, in the Navy, I swore an oath to protect the Constitution, and it feels like right now I’m watching Trump shred the Constitution in front of me. The current system isn’t working. I refuse to stand by while politicians tell us we don’t have money for housing or healthcare, but we can afford to bomb other countries and give tax breaks to billionaires.

I’m proud to have the endorsement of Senator Elissa Slotkin in this campaign, who previously represented this district, and is a real fighter for the people of Michigan.

In Congress, I’m going to fight for 3 things:

I’m going to fight for the Constitution: Whether it’s Trump sending reckless ICE agents out on our streets, unnecessary wars without any authorization, or threats to our elections, right now there’s no accountability for going against the Constitution.

I’m going to fight for your wallets: Trump and Tom Barrett are making life harder and more expensive for everyone. They ripped away our health care and put blanket tariffs on everything. They’re stealing the American Dream from

working families so that billionaires can have even more. I am proud to stand with organized labor as they fight for the simple idea that if you work hard, you should be able to get ahead - and I’m excited to have the most labor endorsements in this race.

I’m going to fight against corruption: Too many politicians right now are there to serve themselves, whether it’s Trump using our taxpayer dollars as a slush fund for his friends, or politicians getting rich trading stocks. We need new leaders who are there to serve you, not to be served by you. In the Navy, I fought for America. In Congress, I’ll fight for you.



William Lawrence

7th Congressional District Candidate

Why are you running for office?

My name is Will Lawrence. I was born and raised in East Lansing and I’m running for office to get corporate interests and billionaires to stop meddling in our politics and our community.

Growing up here, I watched as corporations skirted rules and bought out politicians while they raised rents, sent healthcare costs skyrocketing, and polluted our air and water. Now, our farmers are uncertain when the last freeze will come, or when the rain will arrive. People are struggling to make ends meet, find a good-paying job, and pay their rent on time. AI data centers are poisoning our communities, all while Donald Trump is sending our tax dollars to fight stupid, pointless war. But it isn’t too late to turn things around.

I’m running because in my decades of organizing, I’ve learned how to beat billionaire lobbying and win tangible things for working people. Now I want to bring that fight to Congress. As a co-founder of the Sunrise Movement and the Michigan Rent is Too Damn High Coalition, I will be among the most knowledgeable and dedicated members of Congress on climate, job creation, and housing policy. I worked with national partners to advance the Build Back Better agenda, which was the largest investment in green infrastructure in our country’s history. I worked with state and local partners to fight housing discrimination, build housing, and win state-wide renter protections.

I’m also running because I believe I’m the best candidate to beat Tom Barrett. Because I’m not taking money from corporate interests, I can actually fight for bi-partisan priorities that people all across the political spectrum support - things like a data center moratorium, ending endless wars, and prosecuting the Epstein class for their crimes. Those positions mean that independent voters support me over Tom Barrett by *nineteen points*. In poll after poll, evidence shows I’m the best candidate to flip this district and stop Trump’s billionaire agenda.

Mid-Michigan deserves a candidate who grew up here, is from here and will fight for the people here - not another politician handpicked by the DC-establishment. I’m the only candidate who can say that. I would be honored to represent MI-07.

What do you hope to accomplish, if elected ... what would your goals and priorities be?

Dark money and corporate lobbyists are corrupting our politics. My number one priority is ending that corruption so that we can actually pass policies that make life affordable for ordinary people. We need to ban congressional stock trading, super PACs that dump millions of dollars into our elections, and the gerrymandering of congressional seats. We must also overturn the Citizens United decision that allows corporations to funnel infinite money into politics and pass a new Voting Rights Act that prevents voter discrimination and disenfranchisement. Eliminating the influence of billionaires in politics will allow us to pass more laws that are in the interest of working Americans.

Because I refuse corporate money of all kinds, I’ll also be able to actually fight for the priorities of working people in Congress. I refuse money from health insurance companies, so I can fight for Medicare for All. I refuse money from data center developers, so I can fight for a data center moratorium. I refuse money from the war lobby, so I can fight to end these stupid wars and bring gas prices down for Americans. I refuse money from fossil fuel lobbyists, so I can fight to protect our clean air and water.

If elected, I will also be another voice in the growing movement to make life affordable for working people: make it easier to fight for a union job, raise the minimum wage, and make our rent affordable.

Western Livingston County voters to decide on millage proposals

Voters in Livingston County will decide on several millage proposals that will be on the August 4th Michigan Primary ballot. These include a countywide proposal to continue funding the Livingston County Veterans Services Program, a renewal of the Village of Fowlerville Mosquito Control Program, a renewal of the 18-mill levy for non-homestead property for the Fowlerville Community Schools and for the Morrice Area Schools, and a renewal and Headlee Rollback of the Cohoctah Township and Howell Township Road Millages.

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NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS OF HANDY TOWNSHIP August 4, 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION ABSENTEE BALLOTS

All Electors of Handy Township are hereby given notice that a Primary Election will be held in Precincts 1, 2 & 3 of Handy Township on Tuesday, August 4, 2026. The Handy Township Clerk is available to issue absentee ballots for registered voters who have not requested to be placed on the permanent ballot list on Monday, Wednesday & Thursdays between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the HANDY TOWNSHIP VOTING CENTER, 6520 GRAND RIVER beginning Monday, July 13, 2026. Applications can also be submitted online or dropped off at the Township Offices located at 135 N. Grand Avenue. The Clerk will also be available on Saturday, August 1, 2026 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., at the HANDY TOWNSHIP VOTING CENTER. Emergency Absentee Ballots will be available on Monday, August 3, 2026 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., at the Handy Township Voting Center, 6520 E. Grand River, Fowlerville, MI .

Laura A. Eisele
Handy Township Clerk
(7-5, 7-12, 7-19 & 7-26-26 FNV)

PUBLIC NOTICE HANDY TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ABSENTEE BALLOTS For the PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 4, 2026

The Handy Township Clerk will be available for issuing absentee ballots for the August 4, 2026 Primary Election. Ballots will be issued at the HANDY TOWNSHIP VOTING CENTER, 6520 E. Grand River (corner of Hogback Rd. and Grand River) on the following dates and times:

- Monday, July 13, 2026 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 15, 2026 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, July 16, 2026 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday, July 20, 2026 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 22, 2026 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, July 23, 2026 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Absentee Ballots will also be available for issuance during Early Voting on the following dates and times:

Saturday, July 25, 2026 through Sunday, August 2, 2026 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Emergency Ballots will be available on Monday, August 3, 2026 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Handy Township Voting Center, 6520 E. Grand River, Fowlerville, MI.

Voters must present a photo ID in order to receive a ballot.

Laura A. Eisele
Handy Township Clerk
(7-5, 7-12, 7-19, 7-26 & 8-2-26 FNV)

County of Livingston Renewal of the County Veterans Services Program Millage Proposal

For the purpose of continuing to fund dedicated services and programs to Livingston County veterans of active United States military service and their dependents, including providing funding for the County Department of Veterans’ Services, shall the constitutional limitation on general ad valorem taxes which may be assessed in any one (1) year upon all property within the County of Livingston, Michigan, be renewed by up to 0.1117 of one (1) mill (\$0.1117 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, from 2028 through 2033, inclusive.

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$1,600,000 in the first calendar year of the levy. As required by law, a small portion of the millage may also be disbursed to the Downtown Development Authorities of the City of Howell and the Village of Fowlerville; the Tax Increment Finance Authority of the City of Howell; and the Local Development Finance Authority of the Village of Fowlerville.

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Village of Fowlerville Mosquito Control Program Millage Proposal

For the purpose of reauthorizing funding to continue the Village’s Mosquito Control Program, shall the authorized millage of the Village of Fowlerville upon taxable real and tangible personal property within said Village, be increased, and shall the Village be authorized to levy, up to 0.7500 of one (1) mill (\$0.7500 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2027 through 2030, inclusive.

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$45,000 for the Village’s Mosquito Control Program in the first year of the levy, based on taxable value. As required by law, a small portion of the millage may also be disbursed to the Fowlerville Downtown Development Authority and Local Development Finance Authority.

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Fowlerville Community Schools Operating Millage Renewal Proposal

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its full revenue per pupil foundation allowance. The remaining 0.5337 mill is only available to be levied to restore millage lost as a reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that reduction. Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Fowlerville Community Schools, Livingston, Ingham and Shiawassee Counties, Michigan, be increased by 18.5337 mills (\$18.5337 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 4 years, 2027 to 2030, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2027 is approximately \$3,782,870 (this is a renewal of millage that expired with the 2026 tax levy).

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Cohoctah Township Road Millage Proposal

Shall Cohoctah Township, Livingston County, Michigan, be authorized to levy a millage annually in an amount not to exceed 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per each \$1,000 of taxable value), of which 1.4677 mills is a renewal of the previously authorized millage that expires in 2026 and .0323 mill is new additional millage to restore the millage rate lost as a result of the Headlee Amendment millage reductions, against all taxable property in the Township for a period of four (4) years, 2027 through 2030, inclusive, for the purpose of constructing, preserving, improving, repairing, controlling dust, and maintaining roads in the Township? The estimate of the revenue the Township will collect in the first year (2027) if the millage is approved and levied by the Township is approximately \$259,000.

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Howell Township Road Millage Renewal Proposal

To renew .8976 mill (\$.8976 per \$1,000 of taxable value) (the previously authorized 1.0 mill levy reduced by the required

millage rollback) for the improvement and maintenance of public roads in Howell Township for a period of four years beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2030. The previous limitation on the total amount of taxes that may be assessed against all property in the Township of Howell, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, as provided by Section 6, Article 9, of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, in the amount of 1 mill (\$1 per \$1,000 per taxable valuation) for a renewal period of four (4) years, commencing January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2030; the proceeds of the levy thereof to be used for the funding of the improvement and maintenance of public roads in the Township of Howell, Livingston County, State of Michigan, which renewal will raise in the first year of such levy an estimated \$495,000.

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Morrice Area Schools Operating Millage Proposal

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance. The limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Morrice Area Schools, Shiawassee, Livingston and Ingham Counties, Michigan, be increased by 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2027 to 2036, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2027 is approximately \$497,638.

Gladiator Gazette News about Fowlerville Community Schools K-12 Open House and Information Fair

Fowlerville Community Schools will host its K-12 Open House on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, from 4:30-6:00 PM. This is an important opportunity for students and families to visit K-12 buildings, meet staff, learn more about the upcoming school year and gather helpful back-to-school information. Families should watch for final building-level details, including times, parking information, classroom visit procedures and any additional activities connected to the Information Fair. The district is also planning to include community partners and school-related groups as part of the back-to-school experience. More details will be shared as the date gets closer.

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Freshman Orientation Scheduled for August 19

Incoming freshman and their family members are encouraged to join us for Freshman Orientation on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 3:30 PM in the Alverson Performing Arts Center. We are excited to welcome the Class of 2030 to Fowlerville High School.

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Little Glad Early Childhood Updates

Fall Enrollment - Little Glad Early Childhood Center is continuing enrollment for the 2026-27 school year. Families looking for high-quality early childhood programs are encouraged to contact the center to learn more about available preschool and GSRP opportunities.

For enrollment information or to schedule a tour, please contact Molly at 517-223-6496 or Emily at 517-223-6493. Little Glad Early Childhood Center looks forward to welcoming new families this fall and continuing to provide a safe, caring and engaging environment where every child can learn, grow, and thrive.

Summer Programs in Full Swing - While planning for fall is underway, Little Glad’s summer programs are in full swing! Children have been making lasting memories through exciting water days, creative art projects, engaging in-house assemblies—including a live theater performance—foam parties, and hands-on learning experiences each day. The classrooms and outdoor spaces have been filled with laughter, exploration and opportunities for children to learn through play all summer long.

Seeking Book Donations for the FCS Book Bus - Little Glad Early Childhood Center is also serving as a collection site

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Gladiator Gazette, continued

for the Fowlerville Community Schools’ Book Bus. Families are invited to donate gently used children’s books by dropping them off at the Little Glad Early Childhood Center. Books will be redistributed throughout our community, helping put quality books into the hands of young readers and encouraging a lifelong love of reading.

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Updates from the Athletics Department

Golden Guest Pass - The District offers a Golden Guest Pass for residents age 62 and older. The pass admits qualifying residents to most athletic and school events free of charge.

Residents who qualify do not need the pass to enter, but they should be prepared to show a valid ID. The Golden Guest Pass is one way FCS recognizes and thanks qualified community members for their continued support of our students and schools. Passes can be picked up at Central Office or the High School Athletic Office.

Athletics Year-in-Review 2025-26 - An Athletics Year-in-Review 2025-26 brochure has been developed to share the success of our high school athletic programs. Additional copies are available at either the Athletics Office at the high school or at Central Office.

Fall High School Sports Starting Soon - High school Fall sports will start on Monday, August 10, 2026. All participants must have an up-to-date physical on file for the first day of practice. If you have questions, you can contact the appropriate coach.

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Performing Arts Camps a Success

Thank you to those who attended our summer theatre camps! At the Get the Gig! camp, our teens made significant strides toward memorable auditions. Each student walked away with a self-taped audition, featuring a new monologue tailored to them. All of the students worked incredibly hard, and we are proud of their progress and artistry. Stay tuned for more workshops coming this fall!

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Homeschool Families: Fowlerville Can Be a Partner

Fowlerville Community Schools recognizes that families make different educational choices for their children. For some families, homeschooling is the right fit. Even when a family chooses to homeschool, FCS can still be a partner and a resource.

The district offers homeschool families opportunities to connect with FCS through elective courses, activities and school programs. Depending on grade level, student interest, schedule availability and enrollment requirements, homeschool students may be able to explore options such as art, music, physical education, library, band, world languages, theater, robotics, computers and other electives. Students enrolled in electives may also be able to participate in related clubs and after-school activities.

FCS also offers online learning options, including both full-

time and part-time options, for families who may be looking for a flexible learning model connected to Fowlerville Community Schools. These options may be helpful for families who want access to district programming while still maintaining a learning plan that fits their student’s needs.

All students, including homeschool students, may also participate in Fowlerville Community Recreation programs. Program fees may apply. In addition, homeschool students may be eligible to participate in MHSAA-approved athletics if they meet applicable eligibility requirements, including being enrolled at least 66% of the school day.

FCS is continuing to explore flexible learning opportunities and ways to better connect homeschool families with district programs, enrichment opportunities, and community resources. Our goal is not to replace a family’s homeschool plan, but to provide support where the district can be helpful.

Families who are interested in learning more are encouraged to reach out. Questions may be directed to Adva Ringle, Assistant Superintendent of Academics. Families may also contact the building principal for their child’s grade level to discuss available options

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What’s Coming Up in our Schools

July

- 29 - Fowlerville Book Bus at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds Kids Day
- 31 - Alternate Bus Forms for the 2026-27 SY Due to Transportation Department

August

- 4 - FCS Non-Homestead Operational Millage Election, Polls Open 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM
- 4 - SUN Meals To-Go Pick Up, Fowlerville Elementary, 12:00 - 2:00 PM
- 10 - First day for fall High School sports to begin
- 11 - SUN Meals To-Go Pick Up, Fowlerville Elementary, 12:00 -2:00 PM
- 18 - Staff First Day/ Professional Development
- 18 - Last day for SUN Meals-To-Go pick up at Fowlerville Elementary, 12:00-2:00 PM
- 19 - FHS Freshman Orientation, Alverson Performing Arts Center, 3:30 PM
- 19 - K-12 Open Houses (all buildings) & Information Fair, 4:30-6:00 PM
- 24 - First day of school for students
- 27 - First home Varsity Football game vs. Waverly, 7:00 PM

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NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF HANDY TOWNSHIP EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE FOR THE TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

EARLY VOTING WILL BE OPEN:

Saturday, July 25, 2026	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday, July 26, 2026	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Monday, July 27, 2026	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Tuesday, July 28, 2026	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Wednesday, July 29, 2026	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Thursday, July 30, 2026	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday, July 31, 2026	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday, August 1, 2026	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday, August 2, 2026	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

*There will be NO Early Voting on
Monday, August 3, 2026*

ELECTION DAY VOTING, AUGUST 4, 2026:

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

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

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

Laura A. Eisele, Handy Township Clerk
(7-5, 7-12, 7-19, 7-26 & 8-2-26 FNV)



Bob Kunde and WD Smith enjoying our birthday luncheon.



Senior Center member Glen Parrish enjoyed his birthday cake.

Fowlerville Senior Center News: The Fair, Birthdays, Art, Dominos, Flowers & Dancing

By Mark Thompson

Remember there is a great difference between being “busy” and being “active.” Active is the good thing because you are doing something with purpose and the Fowlerville Senior Center has been and will continue to be very active in the coming weeks.

The Fowlerville Senior Center will have a booth under the Grandstands at Fowlerville Family Fair, where we are going to carve a 10-and-half-foot cedar log into a totem pole representing the Fowlerville area. We will have a great time making wood chips and you are invited to help and have fun.

Have you heard this rumor? At the Fowlerville Family Fair, on Wednesday, July 29 at 1:00P a Flash Mob may appear at the Grandstand where kids and adults will be participating in an exciting and robust dance called the “Hokey Pokey”. You are supposed to look for the guy with a turkey on his head and tooting some special horns. Sounds like a hoot of a good time.

And if the Hokey Pokey isn’t exciting enough - there is another rumor there will be another Flash Mob at the Fowlerville Family Fair, on Friday, July 31 at 1:00P, again at the Grandstand where kids and adults will be able to participate in an even more exciting and robust dance called the “Chicken Dance.” Sounds like a strutting good time for everyone.

The Fowlerville Senior Center celebrated our nation’s 250th birthday last week with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) assisting with a display and presentation of the founding of America and the Declaration of Independence.

In true American fashion we had a picnic cookout with hamburgers, hotdogs and brats and with so many accompanying delectable dishes and desserts—well let’s just say that nobody lost any weight at this event.

Great food was only part of the festivities, we had the Grill Masters contributing to the Canadian wildfire smoke - and what a great job they did-- except when one of them came in wearing a gasmask and welder’s gloves and told everybody - “DON’T WORRY, EVERYTHING IS ALRIGHT”.

The lunch horn sounded and Bob Kunde eloquently expressed grace. Senior Center members began, in a highly proficient and efficient manner, partaking in our picnic buffet.

Everyone had a grand time, from all the party balloons, the wayward drone, conversations, food comparisons, Bill

Tesch making the rounds to each table with ice cream, President Ed Wright leading the singing of ‘God

Bless America’, the DAR representatives having everyone sign a copy of the Declaration of Independence and their presentation and trivia game with prizes. Maybe “having a grand time” is a bit of an understatement.

The Fowlerville Senior Center held our monthly “Painting with Lori” class. Lori had the ten participants explore how to paint a landscape involving a waterfall. Everyone had a great time as evidenced by Senior Center members learning a few new art techniques, the conversations, a few bouts of laughter and the art class going an extra 30 minutes. Lori is such a fine and patient instructor and in each painting class she has instructed; we have learned new painting techniques. Some of our Senior Center members’ artwork will be displayed at the Fowlerville Family Fair.

One of the art class participants was the granddaughter of Fowlerville Senior Center’s Vice President Kathy Eason who has a bit of a humorous side. She heard one of our members say, “Today my name is Mark.” Not to be out done when asked her name she says, “Today my name is Bob.” On Tuesday her name was “Orange”, but we all know her as Brianna Eason, Kathy Eason’s 11-year-old granddaughter - and she fits right in with our group and can come back anytime.

Once a month the Fowlerville Senior Center celebrates all our members birthdays during that month. For July we celebrated thirteen birthdays and so the order of the day was cake and ice cream for all.

Fowlerville Senior Center’s “Tinker Tuesday” got interrupted with our July Birthday Celebration - we will plan better next time but Elizabeth Whitt, Program Assistant from the Fowlerville Library, was prepared and adapted. Senior Center members learned the rousing game of “Mexican Train Dominoes.” The next thing they were “washing the dominos” (mixing them up), then everybody got their “bone yard” and the rest is history.

Members of the Fowlerville Senior Center started “Project Sunflower” to provide an interesting motif for the front of our building. None of us claim to have a green thumb but this project now has its first blossom. Looking forward to many more

The Fowlerville Senior Center would like to thank Cartier’s Custom Lawn Care for doing their excellent work taking care of the Center’s lawn care needs. Professional, thorough and detail oriented.

Reminding all Fowlerville Senior Center members, we have our Membership Luncheon on Thursday, July 30 and this month we will be entertained by the Ukelele Kings. This month’s lunch will be Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, pie and ice cream. Signing in is a must, so we know how much food and pie to order.

“A flash mob is not just about dance; it’s more about coming together as a community and dance in unison to spread happiness.”



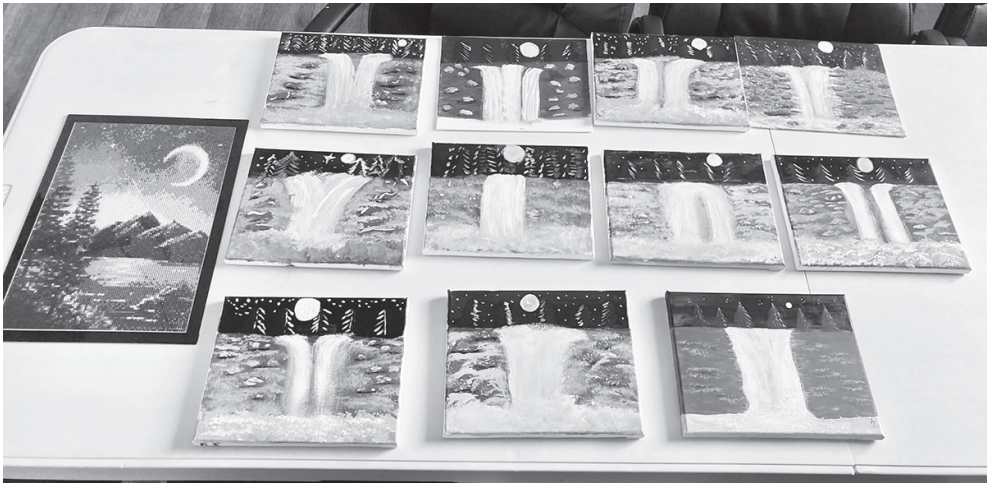
The DAR had a trivia contest and Jerry Richards knows the answer.



Senior Center members playing Mexican Train Dominos.



Darlen Shaw and Donna Sandeck enjoying lunch and a laugh.



Painting with Lori Waterfall Landscapes.

140th Annual Fowlerville Family Fair, continued

Wednesday is Kids Day at the fair. Activities start at 9:30 a.m. in and near the Finlan Gazebo, with a variety of different offerings planned during the morning. A spelling bee also gets underway at 10 a.m., with young contestants testing their memory skills at the Green Church. A Pedal Pullers competition starts at 11 a.m. near the fair office. The midway opens at 12 noon with a \$28 armband.

That evening the USA Demolition Derby puts on its ‘Bump & Run’ & Figure 8 Races in front of the Grandstand, with the action commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday evening’s Grandstand entertainment will be a Tractor & Truck Pull. This event begins at 6 p.m. Earlier in the day will be the Small Market Animal Auction at 2 p.m. in the Livestock Arena. Chickens, production hens, turkeys, waterfowl, and rabbits are being put up for bid by the Youth

Show exhibitors. The midway opens at 1 p.m. with a \$30 armband available.

The Large Market Animal Auction highlights the Friday afternoon schedule with the bidding getting underway at 2 p.m. in the Livestock Arena. Beef and dairy steers, feeder calves, hogs, goats, and sheep will be sold during the event. The midway once again opens at 1 p.m. with a \$30 armband offered.

The evening Grandstand entertainment features the Lost Nations Rodeo at 7 p.m. Bull riding, junior bull riding, cowgirl barrel racing, and a boot scramble for the kids are all part of the show.

Saturday’s Grandstand entertainment will be the Michigan State Fair Super Cross Championship series, with action getting underway at 5 p.m. The Showmanship Sweepstakes takes place earlier in the day, starting at 8 a.m. in the Small Animal Arena. This will be followed by the Still Life Auction at noon in the Livestock Arena.

The Veterans, Military & First Responders Presentation gets underway at 4 p.m. in the Bingo Gazebo. Free gate admission will be given for veterans, current military personnel, and first responders with proof of status. The final day of the midway begins at 1 p.m. with a \$35 armband offered.

Chainsaw wood carving will be going on throughout the week, and the ‘Farm to Fair’ exhibit is once again providing informational displays and activities in the dairy barn. Free daily entertainment is also being offered near the midway, including a foam dance party, a team zoom stunt dog show, a comedy farm magic review, and an all-American lumberjack show.

Draft Horse Carriage Rides will be available Wednesday thru Saturday in the back of the grounds, while Meat Card Bingo will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Bingo Gazebo.

Open Class Home Arts are being showcased under the Grandstand, with hundreds of entries. Hands on arts & crafts demonstrations are also taking place at this location each afternoon from noon to 6 p.m. There’ll be live entertainment during the week as well.

The Youth Show Still Exhibits can be seen in the 4-H Building and the barn adjacent to it, while the livestock entries are located in the various barns in the back of the grounds.

Several of the buildings in the Livingston Centre Historical Village will be open to visitors during the week as well, with guided tours planned each day.



Todd Hacker was busy grooming the track in preparation for this Monday’s (July 27) harness racing meet that begins at 4 p.m. in front of the Grandstand. The Great Lakes Stake Races will feature two and three-year-old trotters and pacers and have purses totalling \$160,000. A second harness racing meet is scheduled for Tuesday (July 28), with posttime at 11 a.m.



A new cement pad in the bleacher area in front of the Grandstand was a major improvement project done by the fair board this year. It makes clean-up easier, enhances the drainage during rainy weather, and gives the area a more pleasing look. The pad goes along with improvements made last year to the Grandstand and the addition of a larger ticket booth. Showing off the pad is fair board member Claudia Cary-Davidson.



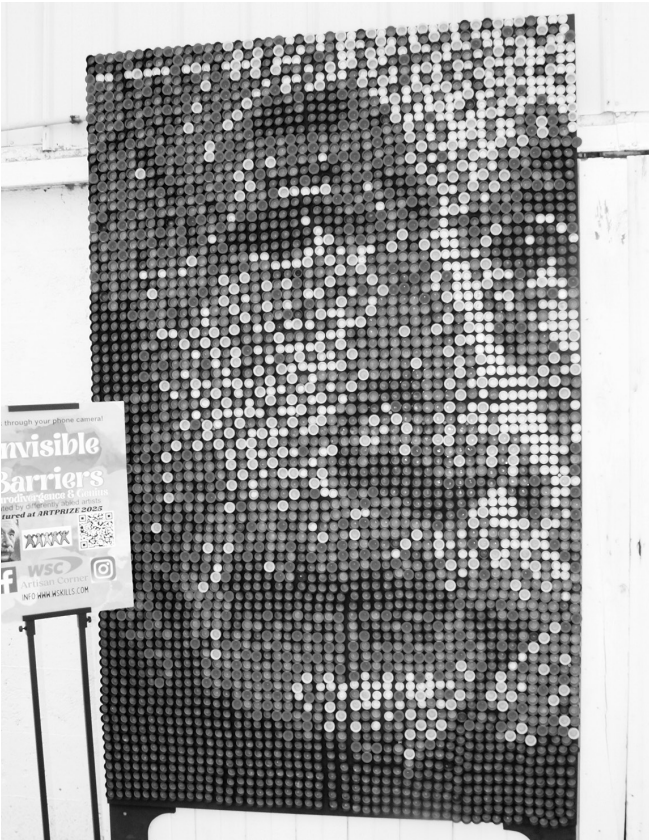
Steve Schulte of Brighton was busy tuning this Haddorff Baby Grand Piano that’s now located under the Grandstand. The musical instrument had been slated for disposal, but was rescued so it could be used during the fair. Sixty students will take turns playing it at recitals scheduled for Wednesday and again on Saturday, with both beginning at 1 p.m.



A new feature under the Grandstand is a Military Appreciation Display. Area residents were invited to bring a photo and information about a family member who served in the armed forces. Among those who did so was Mark Thompson of Fowlerville. He had a display case with ribbons his father, Mac Thompson, earned during World War II. They include a Bronze Star, the European Theater medal, an American Defense medal, and a Combat Infantry medal. Mark’s father was enlisted in the Air Force and served with the 45th Division, known as ‘The Thunderbirds’. Mark is shown here with Dawn Tomczyk-Bhajan, the Open Class superintendent.



These two Fowlerville Fair workers have been cleaning up the fairgrounds and doing other maintenance projects in recent days. They are Braydan Grover of Morrice and Andrea Ogden, who is the head of maintenance.



This WSC Artisan Corner’s show-stopping piece “Einstein” is an 8-foot, repurposed pop cap, Pointillism project that earned Top 20 People’s Choice status in the 2025 Grand Rapids ArtPrize competition. Created by neurodivergent artists, Liz, Austin and Roy from Livingston County, this piece explores the potential connection between Albert Einstein’s genius and possible autism-related behaviors exhibited during his early years. The work has been hung at the north entrance of the Grandstand.

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Michigan House Report

By State Rep.
Jason Woolford,
50th District

Michigan citizens deserve confidence that only citizens are voting

Every legal vote matters. That is why Michigan must have a voter registration system that verifies the people registering to vote are United States citizens. House Bill 4765 is a simple, common-sense reform that strengthens election integrity and helps restore public confidence in our elections.

The legislation requires individuals registering to vote to provide proof of United States citizenship before being added to Michigan’s voter rolls. This is not an unreasonable expectation. Citizenship is already required to vote under both state and federal law. House Bill 4765 simply ensures that requirement is verified during the registration process.

Recent national attention on the Muskegon voter registration investigation has once again highlighted the importance of

election security. President Donald Trump has called for renewed scrutiny of the case, arguing it raises questions about the integrity of voter registration systems. While state and federal officials have said the fraudulent registration forms identified in Muskegon did not result in fraudulent ballots being cast, the incident has renewed debate over whether additional safeguards are needed to prevent attempted fraud and strengthen public confidence in Michigan’s elections.

Whether fraud is attempted or ultimately successful, Michigan residents deserve an election system that verifies eligibility before someone is added to the voter rolls. Michigan residents are routinely asked to provide documentation when applying for government benefits, obtaining licenses, going into Costco, or completing other important legal transactions. Asking for proof of citizenship before someone is registered to vote is a reasonable safeguard that protects the integrity of our elections and the rights of every eligible voter.

This legislation is not about making it harder for eligible citizens to vote. It is about ensuring our election system follows the law and gives voters confidence that every ballot cast comes from someone legally entitled to participate.

The Michigan House has done its job by passing House Bill 4765 and sending it to the Senate for consideration. Now the Senate should give the bill the attention it deserves instead of allowing another important election integrity measure to sit idle. Michigan voters expect action, not delays.

Election integrity should never be a partisan issue. Protecting the ballot box protects every Michigan citizen, regardless of political affiliation. From the State House to the White House, I will continue working with state and federal leaders to advance practical reforms that strengthen confidence in our elections, increase transparency, and ensure every legal vote counts.

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.



Jon Luker is the July ‘Veteran of the Month’.

Jon Luker recognized as July ‘Veteran of the Month’ by Council

On the occasion of our nation’s 250th anniversary, the Livingston County Veterans Council is proud to recognize Jon Luker, a U.S. Army Veteran, as the July ‘Veteran of the Month’.

Luker is currently leading a “22aday” cross display at American Legion Post 141, raising awareness of Veteran suicide and continuing his longstanding commitment to those who served.

Luker served in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1971, later contributing to the 12th Special Forces Group (Airborne) as a civilian in the 3rd Battalion training and operations section from 1983 to 1984.

A longtime leader within VVA Chapter 310, Luker has served as Secretary, Finance Officer, President, and legal advisor—strengthening financial systems, bylaws, and veteran support programs. He represented Veterans on both the Washtenaw and Livingston County Veterans Councils, helping guide major organizational reforms and supporting the successful Washtenaw County veterans millage.

Luker played a key role in maintaining and improving the Washtenaw County Vietnam Veterans Memorial, securing a \$50,000 grant and managing multiple phases of construction and restoration. As cofounder of 22aday.org, Luker has expanded public awareness of Veteran suicide across multiple counties. His leadership has helped launch regional Veteran events, unite support organizations, and guide new nonprofits with legal expertise.

Luker’s dedication began years earlier at Concordia University Ann Arbor, where he championed student Veterans, organized the county’s first civilian sponsored Veterans Day celebration, and brought more than a dozen support organizations together to improve collaboration and referrals. Jon Luker’s decades of service reflect unwavering commitment to Veterans, their families, and the broader community.

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U.S. Congress Report

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

Introduces Two More Bills to Reform Campaign Finance, Limit Fundraising and Out-of-State Spending

Congressman Tom Barrett (MI-07) has introduced two new bills in his plan to Reform Campaign Finance, which is part of his broader Blueprint for a Better America.

The Campaign Accountability and Parity (CAP) Act (H.R. 9726) and Outside Influence Prevention Act (H.R. 9727) would cap congressional campaign fundraising and require political action committees (PACs) to raise at least half of their funds from the state in which they are advertising.

“The balance between campaigning and representing the people in Congress is completely out of whack. No member of Congress should be spending more money to get re-elected than it costs to do the work people elected them to do in the first place,” said Barrett. “These new bills in my plan to Reform Campaign Finance will finally put the people first by leveling the playing field, capping congressional campaign funds to align with the cost of running a congressional office, and limiting out-of-state spending.”

In the House of Representatives, the average Members Representational Allowance (MRA) is approximately \$1.9 million. This is the annual allowance a congressional office is given to support the member of Congress in his or her official and representational duties. The MRA, which is determined by a formula and funded through the appropriations process, may be used for official expenses, including staff compensation, mail, office equipment and supplies, district office space, and more.

The Campaign Accountability and Parity (CAP) Act would limit congressional campaigns from spending more than an amount equivalent to the average MRA within a single year.

The Outside Influence Prevention Act would require any PACs that make independent expenditures to promote or attack

a candidate to raise at least half of their funds from the state in which those dollars are spent.

Barrett has consistently emphasized that Congress and state legislatures must be able to reclaim their authority over campaign finance rules. Last month, he introduced the Constitutional Campaign Finance Reform Amendment (H.J.Res. 191), which makes clear that the Constitution allows Congress and states to regulate and limit campaign contributions and spending.

The new bills come after Barrett and the House unanimously

passed two other campaign finance bills:

- **The Stop Foreign Funds in Elections Act (H.R. 3535)** to extend the ban on foreign spending in American elections to include state and local ballot initiatives, referenda, and recall elections.

- **The FEC Administrative Improvements Act (H.R. 8738)** to modernize the Federal Election Commission, expand online filing requirements, and allow for political committees to use credit cards instead of checks.





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U.S Senate Report

By Elissa Slotkin,
Michigan 119th

Introduces MERIT Act to require National Security Experience for Intelligence Leadership
U.S. Senator Elissa Slotkin (D-MI) has introduced the *Minimum Experience Requirements for Intelligence Transition (MERIT) Act*, legislation that would require any

individual serving as Director of National Intelligence (DNI), including in an acting or interim capacity, to have extensive national security experience. The requirement reiterates the standard already applied to Senate-confirmed DNIs under the *Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004*, championed by Senator Susan Collins and lawmakers on both sides of the aisle.

The bill comes as Bill Pulte serves as Acting DNI. Slotkin noted that Bill Pulte has spent his career in private equity and real estate and has no prior national security experience. As a federal housing official, he accessed and weaponized confidential mortgage records to target the President’s perceived enemies. With access to the full breadth of U.S. intelligence tools and information as DNI, he would be able to further weaponize government resources for political gain. The President has made clear he expects Pulte to use the position to investigate his unsubstantiated claims of “rigged elections” and to declassify material at his own discretion.

“As someone who was detailed to DNI as a CIA officer, I know firsthand that the DNI should be focused on foreign threats, not used to further conspiracy theories about stolen elections,” said Senator Slotkin. “The American people need intelligent leaders focused on defending our country, and who have experience in national security. Whether in a temporary role or otherwise, we need serious people who won’t misuse the IC’s time, personnel and tools to relitigate elections and undermine confidence in our democracy.”

Background: Throughout his time in office, President Trump has kept up a sustained effort to undermine confidence in U.S. elections. He has:

- **Repeated false fraud claims.** Over the past six months, President Trump has repeated his claim that elections are “rigged” nearly every day, at least 107 times. Going back to his first-ever campaign, the 2016 Iowa Caucuses, he has alleged voter fraud or a rigged process on at least a dozen separate occasions. In his first ever race, the 2016 Iowa Caucuses, he refused to accept he lost and alleged voter fraud.
- **Attempted to nationalize control of elections.** The President has called on Republicans to “nationalize” the midterm elections and take over election administration in at least 15 states and has pushed legislation and rule changes that voting-rights advocates warn would disenfranchise millions of voters. He has dismantled our Election Assistance Commission, which helps every state carry out their elections. He has pushed our U.S. Postal Service to restrict mail-in-voting unless states have given over their voter rolls to the DOJ. And he pressed the Supreme Court to gut parts of the Voting Rights Act, allowing states to silence the voices of minority voters.
- **Weaponized our intelligence community.** The President has used the power of our intelligence community to selectively declassify intelligence to support his false claims about elections. He has directed the intelligence community to target his enemies through the creation of weaponization working groups and the implementation of NSPM-7. And he has sent the former Director of National Intelligence Gabbard to a partisan raid of ballots in Fulton County, Georgia.
- **Attempted to seize election materials.** Following the 2020 election, the administration drafted an executive order to direct the military to seize voting machines and election materials in battleground states; the President has since said he “should have” signed it. This year, armed FBI agents seized ballots in Fulton County, Georgia, the Department of Justice demanded 2024 ballots and related records from Detroit’s Wayne County, and federal investigators have probed the 2020 election results in Arizona. DOJ has also sued 30 states to obtain their voter rolls.
- **Refused to rule out troops or armed agents at the polls.** The President has left open the possibility of deploying troops or armed federal agents to polling places, including during the upcoming midterms. Multiple senior officials, including the Acting Attorney General, the Secretaries of Defense and Homeland Security, and other political appointees, have repeatedly declined to rule this out when asked directly, by Senator Slotkin and others.

As the Administration continues to erode public trust in our election systems, and as Bill Pulte, an unqualified loyalist of the President, serves as a leader in the intelligence community, the broader intelligence community is at risk of becoming weaponized against the American people for the political gain of the President. This is a dangerous precedent that would allow for future leaders to utilize the intelligence community’s resources to further false conspiracy theories.



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New unemployment job-search rules take effect in Michigan. What to know

By Janelle D. James
Bridge Michigan

Michiganders receiving unemployment benefits will now need to report three work search activities for each week instead of one to remain eligible for benefits. The new rule took effect this past July 19th.

The requirement is part of bipartisan legislation signed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer last year that overhauled Michigan’s unemployment system, including increasing the maximum number of weeks a person can receive benefits from 20 to 26. The law also increases the maximum weekly unemployment benefit from \$530 to \$614 beginning Jan. 1.

Here’s what you need to know.
What if I don’t complete all of the work-search activities?

To continue receiving biweekly unemployment benefits, you must report that you completed three valid work-search activities each week. Failing to meet the requirement will result in a loss of benefits.

When will I need to start reporting three work-search activities?

To get benefits, recipients have to complete a questionnaire every two weeks and add details for each job search they’ve conducted, like the employer’s name, job title, the date and method of contact.

The requirement for three searches was being phased in based on when you are expected to report.

- If you are expected to report the week of July 19, you had to report one work search activity for the weeks of July 5 and July 12.
- If you report the week of July 26, you will have to certify one work search activity for the week of July 12 and three work search activities for the week of July 19.
- Thereafter, recipients will have to report three work

searches for each week.
What types of work-search activities are considered ‘valid?’

Valid work search activities include applying for jobs online or in person, attending job fairs and participating in job search workshops or seminars.

Activities that do not count include applying for the same job more than once within a month, simply browsing or searching online job postings without submitting an application or completing another qualifying activity.

Where do I report my job searches?

Claimants should continue reporting their work search activities through the (MiWAM).

When will unemployment benefits increase?

Beginning Jan. 1, the maximum weekly unemployment benefit will increase from \$530 to \$614.

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Members of the Community Leadership Council at Trinity Health Livingston.

Trinity Health Livingston launches Community Leadership Council

The Community Leadership Council (CLC) at Trinity Health Livingston was recently created to strengthen the hospital’s connection to the community by offering input on initiatives, serving as local ambassadors, acting as the voice of the community for health care programs, and supporting key priorities through fundraising and education.

Building on the *Forging Our Future* campaign momentum, the Council engages community members across Livingston County to expand volunteer involvement, promote Trinity Health’s Mission and priorities, and foster grassroots support.

Members include Karen Storey, Amanda Huszti-Vickers, Michael Perry, Douglas Ferrick, Philip Utter, David Rex, Bill Rogers, John O’Malley, Samantha Godfrey, Claire Myers, Amanda Borg, Sophie Gomez, Kelly Myers, Lisa Austin, Barb Binkley, Scott Griffith, Kathleen Barden, Tim Corrigan, and Patricia Claffey.

Members will serve three-year terms and include former Campaign Cabinet members as well as new community representatives. Three high school students have also joined the Council and will serve one-year terms, contributing

valuable youth perspectives and helping foster future community leaders.

As part of their service, Council members champion a philanthropic initiative of their choosing, focused on addressing a critical health care need in the community. The inaugural project centers on expanding access to behavioral health services in Livingston County through the creation of a Behavioral Health Hub.

According to the 2024 Community Health Needs Assessment, approximately 15% of adults in Livingston County experience frequent mental distress — often for two weeks or more each month — and more than one in five (21.8%) have been diagnosed with depression. CDC data reports 40% of U.S. high school students had persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness.

This initiative is designed to improve access to urgent behavioral health care, strengthen care coordination and follow-up, and expand education and support resources for individuals and families across the community. To learn more about the CLC or to support behavioral health initiatives in Livingston County, please contact Lindsay Debolski at Lindsay.debolski@trinity-health.org.

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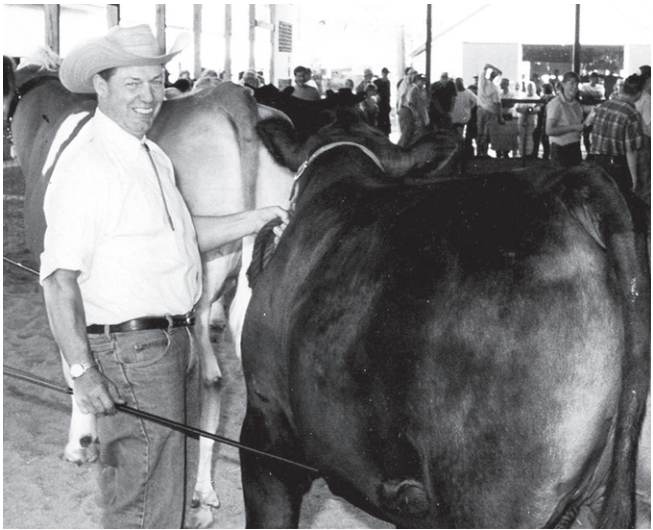
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A few photos from past Fowlerville Fairs

The Fowlerville Family Fair will be in full swing this coming week. This is the 140th time the annual event has been held on the grounds west of town, with the first fair taking place in September of 1887.

To mark the occasion, here are a few photos from past fairs.



As a special event one year, the fair featured former 4-Hers showing livestock they had once brought to the judging ring. One of those doing so was Gordon Munsell with this beef steer.



Tom Grill of Fowlerville was having fun at this fair.



Carol Kuch was named Livingston County 'Homemaker of the Year' in 2003.



Showing off an exhibit depicting Noah Ark's Animals was George McClure of Fowlerville. George was a proud member of the American Legion as well.



Kourtney Wolverton of Fowlerville was getting ready to compete in an English-riding class.



Frank Herbert of Fowlerville had this dairy calf at the fair.



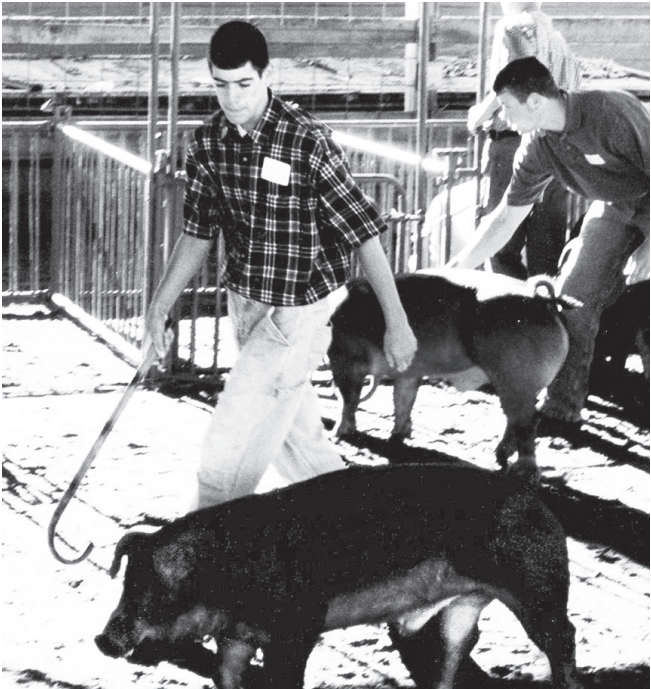
Fred Palmerton, left, relaxes during his shift working at the Fowlerville United Methodist Church pop stand under the Grandstand to visit with Charlie Boots, proprietor of Boots Sausages along with his wife Donna. The concession stand was a mainstay at the fair for many years.



Helping out behind-the-scenes at numerous fairs over the years were, from left, Joanne Schwedt, Marlene Eisele, Dawn Horton, and Dawn Braun.



Sponsoring the Fowlerville Senior Citizens Day program that was held for many years was NBD Bank (now Chase Bank). Helping put on the event for several of those years were, from left, Linda Allhouse, Linda Tesch, and Cindy Davis. The sponsorship of the event was later taken over by Fowlerville Pharmacy.



Bobby Browning was working out with his pig that he had brought to the fair in 2000.



Operating the VFW Post booth under the Grandstand were, from left, Don Knodle, Donna Cox, and Sonia Ott.



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Five solutions to make Michigan energy more affordable

Commentary by Charlotte Jameson
Bridge Michigan

Energy affordability will be a major topic in this year’s elections. Candidates know energy affordability is top-of-mind with voters.

Michiganders are feeling the heat of sky-high utility bills. Michigan families pay some of the highest electric rates in the country for some of the least reliable electric service. But how should voters cut through the noise to determine which proposals will actually lower their bills?

The Michigan Environmental Council has fought for energy affordability and stood up to big utilities for decades. We have five practical solutions that will immediately make Michigan energy more affordable.

- 1. Stop subsidizing major utility companies**
For decades Michigan’s major utilities have enjoyed profit

margins well above the national average. The profits are at odds with the low-risk investment in our utility stock options. In exchange, Michiganders get worse reliability from dirty energy. Profit margins have been lowered in recent years, but ratepayers are still overpaying for poor service. Reducing subsidies to utility shareholders should be a top priority to make energy more affordable.

2. Shut down the Campbell Coal Plant
Michiganders are paying \$615,000 a day to keep a coal plant open for energy we don’t need. Campbell’s retirement, slated for May of 2025, was carefully planned. State decision-makers ensured that we had sufficient, cheaper replacement energy before shutting down Campbell. The Trump administration is propping up an expensive, dirty coal plant at the expense of Michiganders. Closing Campbell is a commonsense way to make energy more affordable.

3. Double down on energy efficiency
Energy efficiency makes power more affordable for everyone. In 2024 alone, utility-operated efficiency programs saved Michiganders \$1.4 billion on their energy bills. Those programs help better insulate drafty homes—a critical need for Michigan’s aging housing stock. Investing in residential weatherization is an immediate solution to make energy more affordable for Michiganders.

4. Embrace renewable energy
For years, renewable energy has been portrayed as more expensive and less reliable than fossil fuels. That’s just not

true. In 2024, almost every new renewable project built was cheaper than building a new fossil fuel powered plant. Once a solar or wind project is built, the ‘fuel’ is free. No surprise price hikes. No dependency on global markets. Embracing renewable energy makes energy more predictable and affordable.

5. Make data centers and large industries pay their fair share
Michiganders are subsidizing industrial customers at an alarming rate. While our bills go up exponentially, big business has enjoyed minimal increases. Over the last 20 years, DTE’s rate for large industrial users has increased 11%, while their rate for residential users has increased 114%. As proposals for new, massive, energy-hungry data centers are considered, Michigan families should not be forgotten.

Affordable energy is a necessity. Michigan families, businesses, and communities thrive when energy costs are low. The practical solutions above will lower bills and make energy more affordable for all Michiganders. Political candidates should take note and include these solutions in their energy plans.

Charlotte Jameson is chief policy officer of the Michigan Environmental Council
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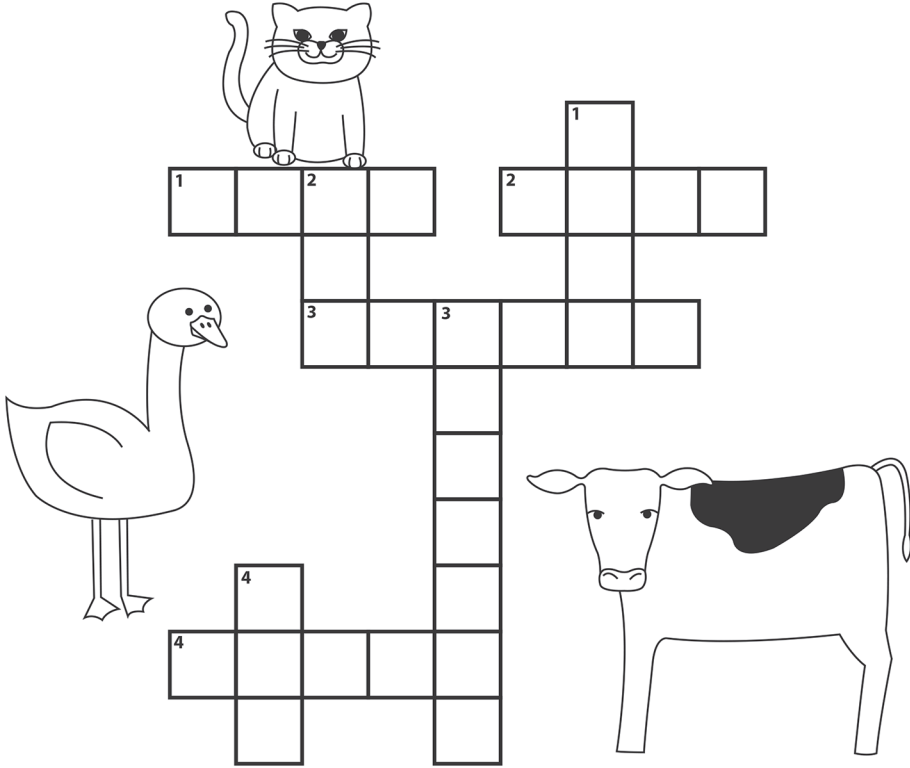
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Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

How Families Can Find Lost Money After a Loved One Dies

Dear Savvy Senior,

After my mom passed away, we discovered a few small accounts and an old insurance policy we didn't know she still had. It made me wonder how often families uncover forgotten or unclaimed money like this after a parent dies. Is it common, and where should I start looking?

--Searching Sarah

Dear Sarah,

It's actually quite common. After a parent or spouse dies, families often come across small, forgotten accounts, uncashed checks, or old insurance policies that slipped through the cracks over the years. In many cases, paperwork was misplaced, accounts were opened decades ago, or loved ones simply weren't aware the assets existed.

According to the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators, billions of dollars in unclaimed assets are currently being held by state governments and federal agencies, waiting to be claimed by rightful owners or heirs.

Unclaimed property usually comes from financial accounts or benefits that became inactive because the owner moved, changed names or died. In many cases, heirs were never aware the money existed or did not know where to look. These assets can include savings or checking accounts, uncashed dividend checks, utility security deposits, life insurance proceeds, pension benefits, tax refunds, matured savings bonds and unpaid wages.

By law, banks, employers, insurance companies and other institutions must turn these assets over to the state if they cannot locate the owner or next of kin after a set period, usually two to five years. Once turned over, the money is held indefinitely, so there is no deadline for families to file a claim.

Where to start

A good place to begin is *MissingMoney.com*, a free site endorsed by the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators and the National Association of State Treasurers. It allows users to search for unclaimed property in 49 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico at once. Hawaii is not included but can be searched through a link on the site.

When searching, check every state where your mother lived, worked or did business. Be sure to search under maiden names, married names and common misspellings. Using just a first initial and last name can also uncover accounts that do not appear under a full name search. Each state's site will indicate whether property is listed and explain how to file a claim.

Other places to check

State treasuries are only part of the picture. Families should also check several other common sources of forgotten money.

Pensions and 401(k)s: To search for lost or forgotten retirement benefits your mom may have left behind with an old employer, use the U.S. Department of Labor's Retirement Savings Lost & Found Database at *lostandfound.dol.gov* and the National Registry of Unclaimed Retirement Benefits at *unclaimedretirementbenefits.com*. Or to search for unclaimed retirement benefits from private-sector plans that have closed down, use the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation search tool at *pbgc.gov/workers-retirees*.

Savings bonds: It's very common for people to lose track of U.S. Saving Bonds because they are often given to children as gifts, then forgotten before the bonds reach maturity. To find out if your mom had a Savings Bond or other Treasury security visit your state's unclaimed property office using *unclaimed.org*. Search the state of residence at the time of the securities purchase or last known address.

Lost life insurance: To track down a lost or forgotten life insurance policy, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, an insurance regulatory support organization, offers a free policy locator service at *eapps.naic.org/life-policy-locator*.

Other refunds: To search for money left at an FDIC insured bank or credit union that has gone out of business, visit *closedbanks.fdic.gov/funds*. Federal tax refunds can be checked at *irs.gov/refunds* or by calling 800-829-1954. FHA mortgage refunds can be checked at *entp.hud.gov/dsrs/refunds*. And unpaid wages are listed at *dol.gov/agencies/whd/wow*.

Village of Fowlerville 213 South Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, MI 48836 517-223-3771 Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes *Synopsis Monday, June 15, 2026

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

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

Members Present: Trustee Craig Curtis, Trustee Kathryn Heath, Trustee Mary Helfmann, Trustee James (Jimmy) Mayhew, and President Carol Hill

Members Absent: Trustee James (Jaime) Hardenbrook and Trustee Jamie Hernden

TRUSTEE HEATH MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 15, 2026, AGENDA AS AMENDED TO ADD NEW BUSINESS ITEM 9(I), DISCHARGE AND RELEASE OF THE SOLITUDE MEADOWS INFRASTRUCTURE/DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. TRUSTEE MAYHEW SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

TRUSTEE HEATH MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 15, 2026, CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A-H AS PRESENTED. TRUSTEE HELFMANN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

TRUSTEE HEATH MOVED TO AWARD THE VILLAGE OF FOWLerville SANITARY SEWER INTERCEPTOR CLEANING AND TELEVISIONING PROJECT TO M&K JETTING AND TELEVISIONING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,737.50 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. TRUSTEE MAYHEW SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES HEATH, MAYHEW, CURTIS, HELFMANN, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HARDENBROOK AND HERNDEN WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE MAYHEW MOVED TO APPROVE THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY PERMIT APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT WITH GREAT LAKES FIREWORKS, LLC FOR THE JULY 5, 2026 FIREWORKS DISPLAY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,500, TO ACCEPT THE REQUIRED INSURANCE COVERAGE, AND TO AUTHORIZE VILLAGE STAFF TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. TRUSTEE HELFMANN SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES MAYHEW, HELFMANN, CURTIS, HEATH, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HARDENBROOK AND HERNDEN WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE CURTIS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-25 RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 26-24 AND APPROVING THE REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL. TRUSTEE HEATH SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES CURTIS, HEATH, HELFMANN, MAYHEW, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HARDENBROOK AND HERNDEN WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE HEATH MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-26 APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENTS. TRUSTEE CURTIS SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES HEATH, CURTIS, HELFMANN, MAYHEW, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HARDENBROOK AND HERNDEN WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE HEATH MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-27 APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND BUDGET AMENDMENTS. TRUSTEE MAYHEW SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES HEATH, MAYHEW, HELFMANN, CURTIS, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HARDENBROOK AND HERNDEN WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE HELFMANN MOVED TO ADOPT RES-

OLUTION NO. 26-28 ESTABLISHING THE OFFICIAL VILLAGE FACEBOOK PAGE AND ADOPTING THE SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY. TRUSTEE MAYHEW SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES HELFMANN, MAYHEW, CURTIS, HEATH, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HARDENBROOK AND HERNDEN WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE CURTIS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-29 APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 NON-UNION EMPLOYEE WAGE INCREASE AS PRESENTED. TRUSTEE HEATH SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES CURTIS, HEATH, HELFMANN, MAYHEW, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HARDENBROOK AND HERNDEN WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE HEATH MOVED TO APPROVE THE SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FOWLerville, FOWLerville COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, CONWAY TOWNSHIP, HANDY TOWNSHIP, AND IOSCO TOWNSHIP AS PRESENTED AND TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT. TRUSTEE MAYHEW SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES HEATH, MAYHEW, CURTIS, HELFMANN, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HARDENBROOK AND HERNDEN WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE HEATH MOVED TO APPROVE THE DISCHARGE AND RELEASE OF SOLITUDE MEADOWS INFRASTRUCTURE / DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT CONTINGENT UPON VERIFICATION OF THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION BY LEGAL COUNSEL AND THE VILLAGE MANAGER. TRUSTEE CURTIS SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES HEATH, CURTIS, HELFMANN, MAYHEW, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HARDENBROOK AND HERNDEN WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE HEATH MOVED TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION UNDER SECTION 8(1)(C) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT, MCL 15.268(1)(C), AT THE REQUEST OF THE VILLAGE OF FOWLerville, A NEGOTIATING PARTY, FOR A STRATEGY AND NEGOTIATION SESSION CONNECTED WITH THE NEGOTIATION OF THE DRAFT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FOWLerville AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL 243, REPRESENTING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES. TRUSTEE MAYHEW SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL-CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES HEATH, MAYHEW, CURTIS, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HARDENBROOK AND HERNDEN WERE ABSENT. VACANT: ONE TRUSTEE SEAT. MOTION CARRIED, 4-0.

TRUSTEE CURTIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FOWLerville AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL 243 COVERING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES, AS PRESENTED. TRUSTEE HEATH SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL-CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES CURTIS, HEATH, MAYHEW, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HARDENBROOK AND HERNDEN WERE ABSENT. VACANT: ONE TRUSTEE SEAT. MOTION CARRIED, 4-0.

TRUSTEE MAYHEW MOVED TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:37 P.M. TRUSTEE CURTIS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Hartman
Village Clerk
(7-26-26 FNV)

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 August 19, 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): Brian D. Powell, an unmarried man

Original Mortgagee: Fifth Third Mortgage – MI, LLC
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Selene Finance, LP

Date of Mortgage: October 30, 2009

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 13, 2009

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$187,577.85

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Hartland, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Parcel 17-A: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 3 North, Range 6 East, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 34; thence due North along the West line of said Section, 820.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 55 seconds East, 334.61 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described; thence North 00 degrees 03 minutes 51 seconds West 1317.72 feet to the centerline of Blaine Road; thence South 86 degrees 13 minutes 11 seconds East, along said centerline 424.96 feet; thence South 03 degrees 46 minutes 49 seconds West 446.79 feet; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 55 seconds West 36.94 feet; thence due South 847.32 feet; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 55 seconds West, 356.18 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Common street address (if any): 11082 Blaine Rd, Brighton, MI 48114-9648

The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.

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: July 19, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(7-19, 7-26, 8-2 & 8-9-26 FNV)

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 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 AUGUST 26, 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 has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael Kiker, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 21, 2023 and recorded November 27, 2023 in Instrument Number 2023R-021602 Livingston County Records, Michigan, and Affidavit Affecting Realty recorded July 20, 2026 in Instrument Number 2026R-015712 Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Four and 71/100 Dollars (\$298,674.71).

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 AUGUST 26, 2026.

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

PARCEL 1: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 4 North, Range 3 East, Conway Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 3, Town 4 North, Range 3 East, thence North 89 degrees 40' 38" West 480.26 feet along the South line of said Section and the centerline of Horn Road for a place of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 40' 38" West 179.18 feet; thence North 01 degrees 45' 41" West 668.32 feet along the West line of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section; thence South 89 degrees 42' 57" East 181.42 feet; thence South 01 degrees 34' 09" East 666.37 feet (previously recorded as 668.37 feet) to the place of beginning.

8523 Horn Road, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836

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. FinCEN reporting will be required of all successful purchasers, absent a lawful exemption.

Dated: July 26, 2026

File No. 26-006597

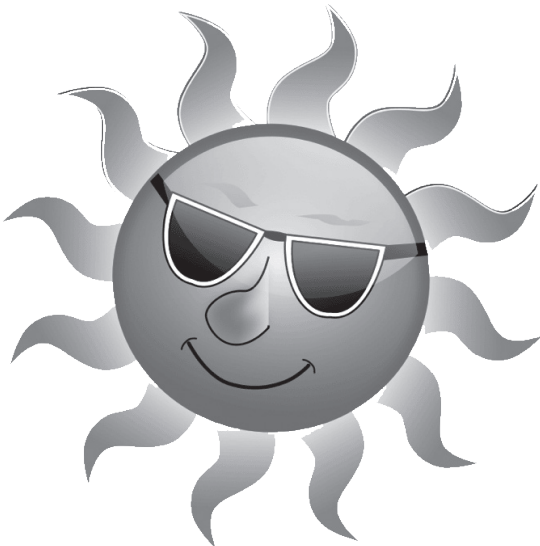
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC

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

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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(7-26, 8-2, 8-9 & 8-16-26 FNV)



STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Trust Estate

Storey Family Trust

Date of Birth: 01/08/1942

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Carolyn L. Storey, died 06/09/2026.

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

Date: 07/15/2026

Attorney:

Caroline Bielas P68779

2850 S. Milford Road

Highland, MI 48357

(248) 685-8743

Successor Trustee:

J. Michael Hickox

2850 S. Milford Rd.

Highland, MI 48357

(248) 685-8743

(7-26-26 FNV)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Trust

Gerardine E. Bishopp Revocable Trust

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Gerardine E. Bishopp, died on June 25, 2026.

No probate estate has been opened and no personal representative has been or will be appointed.

Creditors of Gerardine E. Bishopp and/or Gerardine E. Bishopp Trust are notified that all claims against the Estate of Gerardine E. Bishopp and/or the Gerardine E. Bishopp Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Bryan S. Dean, Successor Trustee, c/o 704 E. Grand River, Howell, Michigan 48844-0888, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: July 20, 2026

Attorney for Trustee:

Tara A. Pearson, Law Offices of Parker and Parker

704 E. Grand River, P.O. Box 888

Howell, MI 48844-0888

(517) 546-4864

Trustee:

Bryan S. Dean

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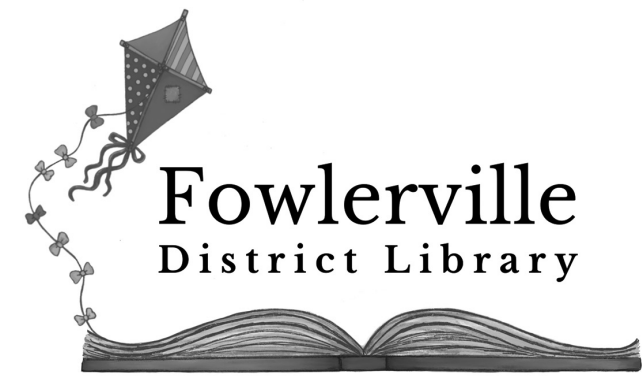
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Upcoming Events

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.

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KIDS & FAMILY

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

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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

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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

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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 DINO MIGHTY by Doug Paleo. Mon, July 27 • 4pm

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Book Boxes (All ages)

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

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Reading Dragons (All Ages)

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

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Reading with Remington (Ages 6-12)

Read a story to Remington the dog! Pick out a short story or a few chapters to read to Remington. Time slots will be assigned first come, first served. Mon, Aug. 10 • 1-2pm

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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.

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Sensory Playtime (Ages 2-5)

This is a drop-in playtime filled with unstructured, sensory fun! Watch your littles use their imaginations to turn everyday things into toys. Caregiver supervision is required. Friday, Aug. 21 • 10-11am

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TEENS

Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 12-18)

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

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Switch Free Play (Ages 10-18)

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

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ADULTS

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board will meet to discuss library business, the public is invited and encouraged to attend. Thurs, Aug. 20 • 6pm

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Writer’s Group Meeting

Are you an established or aspiring author? You are not alone. There are many writers in Fowlerville and the surrounding areas. We will meet in the historical room. Fri, Aug. 21 • 11am

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Matthew Ball-The Boogie Woogie Kid

Join us for this live performance from an outstanding singer/pianist who will perform classics with a toe-tapping twist. He has appeared on the morning news and has performed at Campus Martius Park in Detroit. Thurs, Aug. 6 • 6pm

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So You Think You Can Puzzle! Puzzle Challenge

Calling all puzzlers for another puzzle challenge. Register your team of up to 4 people to complete an identical puzzle in the fastest time. Single registrants will be paired with other singles. Prizes will be awarded. This month’s puzzle features an American 250 theme. Space is limited. Sign ups are open. Thurs, Aug. 13 • 6pm

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Route 66 Speaker

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of its creation, Rick Thomas takes us on an exploration of the origins, history, unique features, personalities and rebirth of “America’s Main Street” in today’s pop culture. Thurs, Aug. 27 • 6pm

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Fabric Ring Flowers

Join Liz and make a fabric ring flower to grace your late-summer, early-fall table. This fun and simple project includes all the supplies. Registration is required and opens on July 14. Thurs, Aug. 13 • 6pm

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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, sign ups begin on Aug 6. Thurs, Aug. 20 • 6pm & Fri, Aug 21 • 11am

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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. Sat, Aug. 15 • 10:30am – 3:30pm

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Shelf Indulgence Book Club (Adults)

Members take turns facilitating 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 meeting, we will discuss THE LIES THEY TOLD by Ellen Wiseman. Thurs, Aug. 20 • 2-3pm

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Sewing (Adults)

Bring your sewing machine and learn from a master seamstress. All levels of skill are welcome. Registration is required. Wed, Aug. 19 • 5:30pm & Fri, Aug. 14 • 10am-2pm

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Holistic Wellness (Adults)

Lyndsey Johnson from Natural Roots and Wellness presents workshops for promoting health and vitality through holistic practice. In this class, we will discuss gut health for prevention of illness and proper nourishment. Registration is required. Mon, Aug. 3 • 5pm

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Heartfulness Relaxation & Meditation (Adults)

Join us for a meditation session to help you de-stress, find inner calm, improve sleep and for general emotional well being. This one hour session is free and will put you in a meditative state. Registration is required, as space is limited.

Tues, Aug. 25 • 5:30pm

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Urban Pole Walking (Adult)

Learn the basics and benefits of pole walking by joining the Fowlerville Pole & Stroll Group (Loaner poles are available) on Monday & Wednesday mornings. • 9am

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Crafting Palooza

Join Liz and Mary for a chance to make 4 different make and take crafts, while supplies last. No registration required, just come and make what you like. Thurs, July 30 • 6pm

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Mixed Media With Craft and Hobby

Add a stunning dash of color to projects with

mixed-media scrapbooking and art journaling techniques! Begin incorporating more color into your work by creating bright watercolor backgrounds, splashes, bubbles, and simple skylines. Registration is required and will open on July 29 for this program on Aug. 27 • 6pm

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Repair Cafe

Don’t throw it away! Bring your broken items here for repair and advice from handymen. Sat, Aug. 22 • 10am-12pm

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Fowlerville Area Historical Society Meeting

The Historical Society will meet here. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Thurs, Aug. 6 • 6pm

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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!

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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.

IOSCO TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED MINUTES July 16th, 2026

The regular meeting of the Iosco Township Board was held on Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. Members Present: Bonnville, Dailey, Harman, Miller, & Parker. The following action was taken: 1) Motion to approve the agenda. 2) Supervisor Parker advised the public that there were several factors that went into the decision to purchase 8201 Iosco Rd. 1) it is a good investment 2) it could serve as a second polling location if the need arises and 3) the desire that was overwhelmingly heard from the public was to keep Iosco rural and to minimize commercial property in the township. 3) 1st. Call to the Public: The public was heard from. 4) Motion to adopt the proposed Regular Meeting Minutes from 6/18/2026. 5) Motion to adopt the proposed Special Meeting Minutes and the Closed Session Meeting Minutes from 6/25/2026. 6) Clerk’s report. 7) Treasurer’s report. 8) Motion to pay \$57,336.99 in Township bills. 9) Fire Board update was heard. 10) Planning Commission update was heard. 11) Assessor & Zoning Administrator’s report was heard. 12) Motion to adopt The Iosco Township Code of Ethical Conduct policy. 13) Motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-06 a Resolution to Purchase 8201 Iosco Road. 12) Motion to accept Treasurer Bonnville’s resignation effective August 31,2026. 13) 2nd Call to the Public: The public was heard from. 14) Motion to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Dailey
Iosco Township Clerk
(7-26-26 FNV)

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Upcoming Events

Coffee & Cribbage

Adults • Wednesdays • 1-3pm

Drop by the library for a game of cribbage, conversation and a cup of coffee or tea.

Book Club Special Edition

Adults • Fourth Thursdays • 6pm

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Webberville Cribbage Report

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Webberville Report



Cross Country teams from Webberville, Stockbridge, Leslie, and Marshall found comradery in the dune challenge. Nate West shared that the dune challenge was his favorite activity at camp. It was not only a physical challenge, but a mental win too.

Webberville Cross County Team: More Than Miles, A Tradition of Teamwork

The Webberville High School Cross Country Team traveled to Van Buren State Park in mid-July for its annual camp. The outing provided athletes with an opportunity to build fitness, strengthen team relationships, and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors.

Each morning, runners explored the park through group runs that took them along the Rail Trail, across the sandy beach, and over the challenging dunes. Evenings shifted the focus from training to team building, with athletes participating in a park-wide scavenger hunt and spending time together solving puzzles and playing Uno. The combination of challenging runs and fun activities created an atmosphere where athletes could grow both as runners and as teammates.

Coach Chapman reflected on the experience, saying, “Cross Country Camp is an amazing opportunity for our student-athletes to have fun, bond, and create lasting memories. I’m very excited for this upcoming season.”

A major focus of camp is helping each athlete define and pursue their own version of success. Cross country is unique because every race includes both individual and team goals. While each runner can only control their own pace and effort, every step provides an opportunity to strive for personal excellence. At the same time, success is strengthened by the support of teammates. The friendships and trust built during camp carry over into competition, reminding runners that they are never alone on the course. Every teammate is working through the same challenges and encouraging one another along the way.

This year, the program also welcomed several alumni back to camp to mentor current runners and help pass the torch to the next generation. Coach Chapman said seeing former athletes return was one of the most rewarding aspects. He said that their willingness to invest in the current team demonstrates that the culture of the program extends far beyond graduation.

“By sharing their experiences, encouraging younger



Webberville Cross County Team enjoying the pier were, from left, Nate West, Tracy Conyer, alumni Gavin Howery, Jonah Spencer, Cole Morris, alumni Matthew Howery, alumni Yazmine Beverly, Shawna Davis, and alumni Ethan West.

runners, and continuing the team’s traditions, the alumni reinforced that the cross country program is about much more than racing—it’s about building a supportive community and a legacy that continues from one generation of runners to the next,” he said.

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July-August 2026 Events

Monday, July 27 – 9am Cards - 9am Table Massage - 10:30am Exercise – 10:45-11:45 CADL Tech Support – 11:45am Lunch w Alzheimer’s Flower Sale with Oasis Senior Advisors - 12:30 Harris Nature Center presents Michigan Songbirds

Tuesday, July 28 - 9am WASC Biking Group - 9am Cards – 9-9:30 Chi Rising - 11:45am Lunch

Wednesday, July 29 - 9am Cards – 9:30am Chair Exercise - 10:30 Exercise – 11:45am Lunch - 12:30pm Oasis Senior Advisors with Melissa

Thursday, July 30 - 9am Cards – 10:30am Exercise – 11:45am Lunch – Dessert and Bingo with Medi Lodge

Monday, August 3 – 9am Cards – 10am Blood Pressure Checks - 10:30am Exercise – 11:45am Lunch – 12:00pm “Protecting Assets” with American Senior Benefits/ Marli

Tuesday, August 4 – 9am WASC Biking Group - 9am Cards – 9-9:30 Chi Rising – 11:45am Lunch

Wednesday, August 5– 9am Cards – 9:30am Chair Exercise – 10:30am Exercise – 11:45am Lunch - 12:30pm PACE with Jenny - 1-3pm Needle Work Group

Thursday, August 6 – 9am Cards – 10:30am Exercise – 11:45am Lunch BIRTHDAY BASH – 12:30pm Facials by Estee Lauder staff

Monday, August 10 – 9am Cards - 9am Chair Massage - 10:30am Exercise — 11:45am Lunch - 12:30pm Dr. Kathleen Romeo “Strategies for a Pain-free Fall/Winter”

Tuesday, August 11 – 9am WASC Biking Group - 9am Cards – 9-9:30 Chi Rising - 11:45am Lunch – 12:30 BINGO! w Bowe - 12:30 WASC Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 12 – 9am Cards – 9:30am Chair Exercise – 10:30am Exercise – 11:45am Lunch – 12:30pm Bright Star Home Care with Nick – 1-3pm Needle Work Group

Thursday, August 13 – 9am Cards – 10:30am Exercise – 11:45am Lunch – 12:30 Michigan Paranormal Author Exie Smith

Monday, August 17 – 9am Cards – 9am Chair Massage – 10:30 Exercise – 12:30 Create Flower Bouquets with Ribbey Road Farm

Tuesday, August 18 – 9am WASC Biking Group - 9am Cards – 9-9:30 Chi Rising – 11:45am Lunch – 12:30 Mind Benders with CADL

Wednesday August 19 - 9am Cards – 9:30am Chair Exercise – 10:30 Exercise – 11:45am Lunch – 12:30pm American House Senior Living with Brooke

Thursday August 20 – 9am Cards – 10:30am Exercise – 11:45am Presentation by Christie from The Willows and Lunch on The Patio with music by Billy McAllister

Monday August 24 – 9am Cards – 9am Table massage – 9:30 Smiles on Wheels – 10:30am Exercise – 10:45 CADL Tech Support – 11:45am Lunch - 12:30pm Bingo with Smiles on Wheels

Tuesday August 25 - 9am WASC Biking Group - 9am Cards – 9-9:30 Chi Rising - 11:45am Lunch

Wednesday August 26 - 9am Cards – 9:30am Chair Exercise – 10:30 Exercise – 11:45am Lunch – 12:00 Nurse Chat with Michelle – 12:30pm Musician DJ Carleton, Clarinet Player

Thursday August 27 - 9am Cards – 10:30am Exercise – 11:45am Lunch – 12:45pm Book Club

Monday August 31 - 9am Cards -10:30am Exercise — 11:45am Lunch - 12:30pm Consumers Energy Conservation Program with Amber



Williamston Farm & Artisan Market celebrates ‘National Parents Day’

The Williamston Farm & Artisan Market continues this Sunday, July 26th, in the large parking lot of McCormick Park, 123 High Street in Williamston, from 10am to 2pm, rain or shine. This week’s Market celebrates *National Parents Day*.

The Market will have over 25 vendors, and each week the farmers and gardeners are bringing more of the fresh, locally grown summer produce you love, like, blueberries, cherries, peaches, tomatoes, squash and zucchini, cucumbers, all kinds of lettuce, spinach, garlic, beans, microgreens and onions, along with a wide variety of home made/ grown/ raised items including your favorite meats (poultry, ham, bacon, jerky, lamb, beef, brats), eggs, cheese, baked goods, cookies, freshly popped kettle corn, fresh squeezed lemonade, hot and iced coffee and teas in many flavors, dog treats, canned goods, doll clothes, artisan crafted items of paper, ceramic, glass, acrylic, fabric, candles, knife sharpening, gorgeous cut flowers, and so much more.

The Market is thankful for this week’s Sunday Market Supporter, In Honor of Richard Crittenden’s Birthday.

While shopping at the Market this week, enjoy the ambience of live *mellow Market music*, starting in the morning with the folk duo, Denning & Johnson, featuring Tana Denning on vocals and playing fiddle, Celtic harp, and piano, while Fred Johnson plays fiddle, guitar, and mandolin. In the afternoon, the artist, *SIXONESIXX*, a Zeeland, Michigan native, is accompanied at times with electronic instrumental backing tracks and for other numbers, by her band which includes Joe Diamond on guitar, and Jae on piano. Their genres include jazz, blues, and R&B, are mostly original songs, include some interactive numbers, and they create a relaxed, feel-good atmosphere. *SIXONESIXX* is influenced by Amy Winehouse, Erykah Badu, Hayley Williams, Marvin Gaye, Janet Jackson, and Sade, to name a few.

Kids will decorate plastic pots in which they’ll plant a gift for their parents or loved adult in the *Seedlings and Sprouts* kids craft booth for *National Parents Day*. Visitors of any age are encouraged to stop by the interactive art *Creation Station* booth, hosted by local artist volunteer, Scott VanAllsburg, to channel their inner artist and create a Market Masterpiece with chalk on paper canvas to take home.

The Market accepts *Bridge cards* and provides double-up food bucks, so the buying power of shoppers using their EBT card is doubled when purchasing fruits and veggies.

Next week, on Sunday, August 2, the Market kicks off *National Farmers Market Week* and celebrates *Dog Days*.

Also *next week*, enjoy live *mellow Market music* while you shop, with two performers *new* to the Market: in the morning, Mary McGuire, an award-winning singer, songwriter and guitarist (Detroit Music Awards for Outstanding Americana Songwriter) will entertain with folk, rock, country and blues tunes. Then from noon to 2pm enjoy shopping to Jim Miller’s Mandolin Tunes which will be folksy pieces with his mandolin as lead, over an electronic background of guitar and bass accompaniment.

And, starting next week during the August 2nd Market, the POP CLUB for kids is back!! The Power of Produce (POP) Club for kids ages 4-12 meets at the Market in the kids *Seedlings and Sprouts* booth on the first four Sundays of August (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd). In the brief 10-15 minute sessions, they will learn about fruits and vegetables in general, enjoy a food sample made with the produce of the week, and receive a \$2 POP Club token to spend on produce at the Market! Sign up is onsite and is *free*.

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Lansing Concert Big Band to perform at Williamston park on July 30th

The Williamston Summer Concert Series will host longtime favorite ‘The Lansing Concert BIG BAND’ this Thursday, July 30th 7pm in McCormick Park. This is the longest running act in the Williamston Bandshell, going back to 2008. The 22-piece band features big band favorites and classics with two featured vocalists. The Big Band is sponsored annually by Bappert Automotive.

Concessions by The Williamston Area Senior Center. Social District adult beverages available at any nearby restaurant. 2026 patrons include Williamston Rotary, Custom Built Design & Remodeling, Granger Waste Services and Xfinity/Comcast.

Don’t forget to bring the stash of Michigan-returnable bottles and cans from your garage to the *Can Van* which is onsite at every Market and a popular year-round fundraiser. Every dime adds up to support the expenses of the Market.

For more information about Sowing Growth, the non-profit organization that operates the Williamston Farm and Artisan Market, to be added to the newsletter email list, to volunteer or to donate to the Market, contact Sowing Growth at: Info@SowingGrowth.org.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Village Council of the Village of Webberville will hold a public hearing as follows:

Purpose: **Public Hearing on Webberville Downtown Development Authority’s (WD-DA’s) Proposed 2026 Amendments to the Tax Increment Finance and Development Plan**

Date: **Tuesday, August 11, 2026**
Time: **6:00 p.m.**
Place: **Village Hall, 115 South Main Street, Webberville, MI 48892**

This public hearing will be held for the purpose of taking public comment regarding the following issue: the WDDA’s *Resolution to Approve the Webberville Downtown Development Authority’s 2026 Amendments to the Tax Increment Finance and Development Plan*, passed on July 13, 2026. The Resolution Approves the Amendment and recommends it to the Village Council for consideration and approval by Ordinance after a public hearing.

Description of the WDDA District: The existing WDDA Development Area District (TIF District) was originally described in the Zoning Map contained on Page 3B (Map # 2) of the original Tax Increment Finance Plan dated November 11, 1985, but the TIF District was expanded by a prior 2018 Amendment to add the following additional property purchase by the WDDA in 1998 and legally described in Exhibit A to the 2026 Amendments to the Tax Increment Finance and Development Plan. The TIF District in layman’s terms consist of the historic downtown business area of the Village of Webberville then west along Grand River Ave to M-52, thence south along M-52 and includes the business park located on east side of M-52 north of I-96 along with the railroad through the Village. The 2018 Amendment added more land along the northern side of I-96 to east of the original business park to the TIF District.

Copies of Documents: The proposed *2026 Amendments to the Tax Increment Finance and Development Plan*, including zoning map, plats, and the current Development & Tax Increment Plan itself, as previously amended, are available for public inspection at the Village of Webberville, 115 S. Main Street, Webberville, Michigan 48892 during office hours: Mon – Friday from 8 am to 4 pm, or online at:

Village of Webberville’s website:
“<https://webbervillemi.com>”
Village of Webberville DDA Facebook Page:
“<https://webbervillemi.com/webberville-downtown-development-authority>”

Relocation: The WDDA does not anticipate any displacement, or relocation of families, or individuals, as a result of the proposed amendments to the Plan, but is required by law to address that issue in the Plan.

Public Comment: The Webberville Village Council will receive and consider public comment in writing with reference to this matter received prior to the hearing or direct testimony from the public during the hearing. All aspects of the Development Plan, prior Amendments, and this proposed 2026 Amendment will be open for discussion at this public hearing. This hearing shall provide the fullest opportunity for expression of opinion, for argument on the merits, and for the introduction of documentary evidence pertinent to the development plan. The Village Council will make and preserve a record of the public hearing, including all data presented therein.

(7-19 & 7-26-26 FNV)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by ZAMZAM HAMBURG LLC, a Michigan limited liability company ("Mortgagor"), 7560 River Road, Flushing, Michigan 48433, to BANK HAPO-ALIM B.M., 1120 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036, dated May 19, 2025, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Livingston, and State of Michigan, on June 16, 2025, as Instrument No. 2025R-011445 (the "Mortgage"), on which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the amount of \$51,773,217.92.

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 Livingston County Courthouse (place of holding the circuit court) in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 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.

The premises are described as follows (collectively, the "Premises"): Land in the Township of Hamburg, Livingston County, State of Michigan, described as follows (the "Real Estate"): Parcel I: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 1 North, Range 5 East, being described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 25; thence along the North line of Section 25 and centerline of M-36 Highway, South 86 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds West, 1223.99 feet; thence South 03 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds East, 333.44 feet for point of beginning; thence North 86 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds East, 244.00 feet; thence South 03 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds East, 142.30 feet; thence North 86 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds East, 202.81 feet; thence South 03 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds East, 397.43 feet; thence South 86 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds West, 457.81 feet; thence North 03 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds West, 211.00 feet; thence South 86 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds West, 200.00 feet; thence North 03 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds West along the East line of a 33 foot wide private easement for ingress and egress as recorded in Liber 773, Pages 496 and 497, Livingston County, Michigan, 328.73 feet; thence North 86 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds East, 211.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel II: Also, together with the use of a 33 foot wide private easement for ingress and egress as recorded in Liber 773, Page 496 and 497, Livingston County Records.

Parcel III: Also including the use of a 20 foot wide private driveway easement being described as follows: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 1 North, Range 5 East, described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 25; thence along the North line of Section 25 and centerline of M-36 highway, North 89 degrees 52 minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 980.10 feet to the point of beginning of the 20 foot wide private driveway easement to be described; thence South 00 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds East, a distance of 333.44 feet; thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 20.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 333.44 feet; thence along the North line of Section 25 and centerline of M-36 highway, South 89 degrees 52 minutes 00 seconds East, a distance of 20.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel IV: Also including the use of the 66 foot strip for purposes of ingress and egress as described in Liber 418, Pages 73 and 74, Livingston County Records.

Parcel V: Nonexclusive ingress/egress easement in the Private Road Maintenance Agreement, as recorded in Instrument No. 2022R-008309, Livingston County Records. Commonly known as: 7300 Village Center Drive, Whitmore Lake, Michigan 48189.

TOGETHER WITH all improvements of every nature whatsoever situated on or affixed to the Real Estate, and all fixtures and personal property of every nature whatsoever owned by Mortgagee and on, or used in connection with the Real Estate or the improvements thereon, or in connection with any construction thereon, including all extensions, additions, improvements, betterments, renewals, substitutions and replacements to any of the forgoing and all of the right title and interest of Mortgagee in and to any such personal property or fixtures together with the benefit of any deposits or payments made on such personal property or fixtures by Mortgagee or on its behalf (collectively, "Improvements"); TOGETHER WITH all easements, rights of way, gores of real estate, streets, ways, alleys, passages, sewer rights, waters, water courses, water rights and powers, and all estates, rights, titles, interests, privileges, liberties, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever in any way belonging, relating or appertaining the Real Estate and the reversions, remainders, rents,

issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, at law as well as in equity, of Mortgagee of, in and to the same; TOGETHER WITH all rents, revenues, issues, profits, proceeds, income, royalties, "accounts," including "health-care-insurance receivables," escrows, letter-of-credit rights (each as defined in the Code herein-after defined), security deposits, impounds, reserves, tax refunds and other rights to monies from the Premises and/or the businesses and operations conducted by Mortgagee thereon (collectively "Rents"), to be applied against the Indebtedness (as defined in the Mortgage); TOGETHER WITH all interest of Mortgagee in all leases, subleases, licenses, tenancies and other use agreements on all or any portion of the Premises whether written or oral and as further defined in Section 9 of the Mortgage ("Leases"), together with all security therefor and all monies payable thereunder; TOGETHER WITH all fixtures and articles of personal property owned by Mortgagee and forming a part of or used in connection with the Real Estate or the Improvements, including, but without limitation, any and all air conditioners, antennae, appliances, apparatus, awnings, basins, bathtubs, bidets, boilers, bookcases, cabinets, carpets, coolers, curtains dehumidifiers, disposals, doors, drapes, dryers, ducts, dynamos, elevators, engines, equipment, escalators, exercise equipment, fans, fittings, floor coverings, furnaces, furnishings, furniture, hardware, heaters, humidifiers, incinerators, lighting, machinery, motors, ovens, pipes, plumbing, pumps, radiators, ranges, recreational facilities, refrigerators, screens, security systems, shades, shelving, sinks, sprinklers, stokers, stoves, toilets, ventilators, wall coverings, washers, windows, window coverings, wiring, and all renewals or replacements thereof or articles in substitution therefor, whether or not the same are or shall be attached to the Real Estate or the Improvements in any manner; and TOGETHER WITH all of Mortgagee's interests in "general intangibles" including "payment intangibles" and "software" (each as defined in the Code) related to the Premises, including, without limitation, all of Mortgagee's right, title and interest in and to: (i) all agreements, licenses, permits and contracts to which Mortgagee is or may become a party and which relate to the Premises; (ii) all obligations and indebtedness owed to Mortgagee thereunder; (iii) all intellectual property related to the Premises; and (iv) all choses in action and causes of action relating to the Premises; TOGETHER WITH all of Mortgagee's accounts as relate to the Premises, including, without limitation, all of the following: (i) accounts, contract rights, health-care-insurance receivables, book debts, note, drafts, and other obligations or indebtedness owing to the Mortgagee arising from the sale, lease or exchange of goods or other premises and/or the performance of services; (ii) the Mortgagee's rights in, to and under all purchase orders for goods, services or other premises; (iii) the Mortgagee's rights to any goods, services or other premises represented by any of the foregoing; (iv) monies due and to become due to the Mortgagee under all contracts for the sale, lease or exchange of goods or other premises and/or the performance of services including the right to payment of any interest or finance charges in respect thereto (whether or not yet earned by performance on the part of the Mortgagee); (v) "securities," "investment property," "financial assets," and "securities entitlements" (each as defined in the Code), and (vi) proceeds of any of the foregoing and all collateral security and guaranties of any kind given by any person or entity with respect to any of the foregoing; and all warranties, guarantees, permits and licenses in favor of Mortgagee with respect to the Premises; TOGETHER WITH all proceeds of the foregoing, including, without limitation, all judgments, awards of damages and settlements made resulting from condemnation proceeds or the taking of the Premises or any portion thereof under the power of eminent domain, any proceeds of any policies of insurance, maintained with respect to the Premises or proceeds of any sale, option or contract to sell the Premises or any portion thereof. To the extent any of the foregoing Premises constitutes personal property or fixtures, such personal property and fixtures shall be sold together with the real estate in one foreclosure sale described above in accordance with MCL 440.9604(1)(b) and 440.9604(2)(b) respectively.

Attention Property Owner: 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. If the property described in this Notice is sold at the foreclosure sale referred to above, the mortgagor 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 as provided by MCL 600.3278 or otherwise by law. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of the sale unless the property is determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.

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Dated: July 12, 2026

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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Notice of foreclosure by advertisement.

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, August 26, 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 has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Justin Hyatt-O'Shea and Tia Hyatt-O'Shea husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as Nominee for MB Financial Bank, N.A., its successors, and assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 2, 2017, and recorded on November 9, 2017, as Document Number: 2017R-033070, Livingston County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Fifth Third Bank, National Association, Successor by Merger to MB Financial, N.A. by an Assignment of Mortgage dated March 12, 2018 and recorded March 12, 2018 by Document Number: 2018R-006137, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Sixty-One and 15/100 (\$111,061.15) including interest at the rate of 6.37500% per annum. *

Said premises are situated in the Township of HAMBURG, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 340, 341, & 342 of Hiawatha Beach, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 82, Livingston county Records

Commonly known as: 6505 Woodland Rd, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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

* Modified by a loan modification dated May 22, 2023 and recorded June 01, 2023 in Document No: 2023R-009958, Livingston County Records.

Dated: July 19, 2026

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Such a night

“It was a night, oh what a night, it really was such a night,”
– Lincoln Chase

By John Pepin

We sat together waiting for our food in the country-style roadside restaurant – one we'd known since we were both

kids. It hadn't changed much at all – decent food, friendly staff, bathrooms down the hall.

Cars blew past in both directions on the highway while we sat contented in this quiet refuge from the noise and bustle of a regular late Wednesday afternoon.

It was me and my younger brother, Jimmy.

The only customers there, we got up to look at the historic pictures on the wall – a military orchestra, 19th-century townscapes and that famous picture of a record load of logs pulled by horses.

In a little while, the waitress brought us the French fries and hot submarine sandwiches we'd ordered, along with a basket of breaded mushrooms.

We reminisced and joked as we enjoyed the food, the atmosphere and the wide and comfortable silences in between our talking.

We walked outside with full stomachs, planning to find some trout water before the sun went down. It was a warm and humid evening.

I turned over the engine on the Jeep. Before pulling onto the highway, we looked across the beautiful blue of an inland lake that was situated just outside the highway restaurant.

The lake stretched far into the landscape in front of us – an old railroad track laid across the floodwood plains past a boat launch on its far side. Various panfish species darted and hovered, fanning their fins, within the lake's roughly 20-foot depths.

Just a few feet offshore, a common loon paddled slowly

across the water's surface. It had two fluffy chicks on its back.

Loon parents, which share chick-raising duties, carry their chicks this way to keep them warm, conserve their energy and help them avoid underwater predators, like pike and snapping turtles.

Against a backdrop of red and jack pine, poplar and northern hardwood forests, we drove a handful of interconnected, gravel-covered backroads that night, which took us roughly 75-100 miles.

The scene was largely rolling hills and a curving drive underneath the spread of those big, old trees. There were still many fine open vistas to enjoy, but some that used to be there years ago have now grown over, obscuring the sights.

At the first place we stopped to fish, the side road I knew to skirt the edge of a jack pine stand had grown in a good deal since I had last been there.

Branches swatted against the sides of the Jeep and dusted the dirt off the bottom of the vehicle as we drove in, crunching and scratching our way to the creek.

When we stopped and got out of the Jeep, Jimmy looked around and said, “I don't see any water.”

I pointed down an embankment that was grown up tall in tag alders.

The stop didn't last that long. We found the creek, but it was low and slow and didn't look promising for catching trout. We fished a couple of the deepest holes I knew were often reliable with no results.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on August 19, 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.

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Dana Hansen, A Single Woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Highlands Residential Mortgage, LTD., its successors and assigns
Foreclosing Assignee: Onity Mortgage Corporation F/K/A PHH Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: September 8, 2020

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 9, 2020

Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$177,781.32

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Village of Fowlerville, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11 and 12, Addison Heights Sub-division, as recorded in Liber 7 of Plats, page(s) 36, Livingston County Records. Commonly Known as: 130 Addison Dr., Fowlerville, MI 48836

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: 07/19/2026

Potestivo & Associates, P.C.

251 Diversion Street,

Rochester, MI 48307

248-853-4400

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(07-19)(08-09)

(7-19, 7-26, 8-2 & 8-9-26 FNV)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on August 12, 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): Thomas Walker, a single man and Lisa Burke, a single woman, as joint tenants in common

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Barclays Mortgage Trust 2021-NPL1, Mortgage-Backed Securities, Series 2021-NPL1, By U.S. Bank National Association, As Indenture Trustee

Date of Mortgage: October 5, 2007

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 11, 2007

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$141,972.04

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Howell, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 68 of McPherson's Prospect Place Addition, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 2, Livingston County Records.

Common street address (if any): 410 N Tompkins St, Howell, MI 48843-1451

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: July 12, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(07-12)(08-02)

(7-12, 7-19, 7-26 & 8-2-26 FNV)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT LIVINGSTON COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

CASE NO. and JUDGE

2026-24248-DE

Court address and telephone no.

204 S. Highlander Way 2, Howell, MI 48843

(517) 546-3750

Estate of Lois Elen Hochstetler

Date of Birth: July 15, 1953

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Lois Elen Hochstetler, died March 22, 2026.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jolene Carol Hardesty, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 204 S. Highlander Way 2, Howell, MI 48843 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: July 20, 2026

Attorney:

Nicholas D. Garlinghouse P72150

612 S. Creyts Rd., Suite C

Lansing, MI 48917

(517) 618-1548

Personal Representative:

Jolene Carol Hardesty

2862 Russell Dr.

Howell, MI 48843

(734) 368-0456

(7-26-26 FNV)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT LIVINGSTON COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Linda Lou Chamberlain

Date of Birth: January 24, 1942

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Linda Lou Chamberlain, died June 6, 2026.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ralph Chamberlain, personal representative, at 11212 Stow Road, Webberville, MI 48892 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: July 26, 2026

Personal Representative:

Ralph Chamberlain

11212 Stow Road

Webberville, MI 48892

517-294-1600

(7-26-26 FNV)

Village of Fowlerville
213 South Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, MI 48836
517-223-3771
Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes *Synopsis
Tuesday May 19, 2026

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

The Village Council Meetings were called to order by President Hill at 6:30 pm in the Village Council Chambers.

Members Present: Trustee Craig Curtis, Trustee Mary Helfmann, Trustee Jamie Hernden, Trustee James (Jimmy) Mayhew, and President Carol Hill

Members Absent: Trustee James (Jaime) Hardenbrook and Trustee Kathryn Heath

TRUSTEE MAYHEW MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 19, 2026, COUNCIL AGENDA AS PRESENTED. TRUSTEE HELFMANN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

TRUSTEE CURTIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 19, 2026, CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A-I AS PRESENTED. TRUSTEE MAYHEW SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

TRUSTEE CURTIS MOVED TO APPROVE MERS RETIREMENT PLAN SCENARIO 2 FOR THE VILLAGE MANAGER AND CHIEF OF POLICE POSITIONS, CONVERTING THE POSITIONS FROM THE CURRENT DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN TO A DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN WITH A 2.25% BENEFIT MULTIPLIER, A 10-YEAR VESTING PERIOD, RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY AS OUTLINED IN THE ACTUARIAL REPORT, AND THE TRANSFER OF EXISTING DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN ASSETS INTO THE DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT COUNCIL COULD EXPLORE FUTURE OPTIONS SUCH AS A COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) OR OTHER RETIREMENT BENEFIT ENHANCEMENTS. THE MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF SUPPORT.

TRUSTEE CURTIS THEN AMENDED HIS ORIGINAL MOTION AND MOVED TO APPROVE MERS RETIREMENT PLAN SCENARIO 2 FOR THE VILLAGE MANAGER AND CHIEF OF POLICE POSITIONS, CONVERTING THOSE POSITIONS FROM THE CURRENT DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN TO A DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN WITH A 2.25% BENEFIT MULTIPLIER, A 10-YEAR VESTING PERIOD, RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY AS OUTLINED IN THE ACTUARIAL REPORT, AND THE TRANSFER OF EXISTING DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN ASSETS INTO THE DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT COUNCIL MAY EXPLORE THE POSSIBLE ADDITION OF A COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) OR OTHER RETIREMENT BENEFIT ENHANCEMENTS IN THE FUTURE, SUBJECT TO FURTHER ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS AND FINANCIAL REVIEW. TRUSTEE HELFMANN SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES CURTIS, HELFMANN, HERNDEN, MAYHEW, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HEATH AND HARDENBROOK WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE HELFMANN MOVED TO RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 26-03 AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 26-13 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE'S MICHIGAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION, AS PRESENTED. TRUSTEE HERNDEN SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES HELFMANN, HERNDEN, CURTIS, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HEATH AND HARDENBROOK WERE ABSENT. TRUSTEE MAYHEW WAS ABSENT DURING THE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE CURTIS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-14, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO REFLECT UPDATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AND ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH STATE BUDGETING REQUIREMENTS. TRUSTEE HELFMANN SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES CURTIS, HELFMANN, HERNDEN, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HEATH AND HARDENBROOK WERE ABSENT. TRUSTEE MAYHEW WAS ABSENT DURING THE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE HERNDEN MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-15 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 MAJOR STREET, LOCAL STREET, AND MUNICIPAL STREET FUND BUDGETS TO ACCOUNT FOR UPDATED OPERATIONAL COSTS, PROJECT EXPENDITURES, AND REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS. TRUSTEE CURTIS SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES HERNDEN, CURTIS, HELFMANN, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HEATH AND HARDENBROOK WERE ABSENT. TRUSTEE MAYHEW WAS ABSENT DURING THE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE CURTIS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-16 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BUDGET TO REFLECT REVISED REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND PROJECT-RELATED COSTS. TRUSTEE HELFMANN SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES CURTIS, HELFMANN, HERNDEN, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HEATH AND HARDENBROOK WERE ABSENT. TRUSTEE MAYHEW WAS ABSENT DURING THE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE HELFMANN MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-17 APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 GENERAL, CEMETERY, MAJOR STREET, LOCAL STREET, MUNICIPAL STREET, DRUG ENFORCEMENT, AND K-9 PROGRAM FUND BUDGETS AND ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR. TRUSTEE CURTIS SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES HELFMANN, CURTIS, HERNDEN, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HEATH AND HARDENBROOK WERE ABSENT. TRUSTEE MAYHEW WAS ABSENT DURING THE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE CURTIS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-18 APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND BUDGET AND ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS FOR AUTHORITY OPERATIONS AND REDEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES. TRUSTEE HERNDEN SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES CURTIS, HERNDEN, HELFMANN, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HEATH AND HARDENBROOK WERE ABSENT. TRUSTEE MAYHEW WAS ABSENT DURING THE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE HERNDEN MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-19 APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND RENTAL FUND BUDGETS AND ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS FOR DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, RENTAL PROPERTIES, AND RELATED EXPENDITURES. TRUSTEE CURTIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES HERNDEN, CURTIS, HELFMANN, MAYHEW, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HEATH AND HARDENBROOK WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE CURTIS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-20 APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY FUND BUDGET AND ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND AUTHORITY OPERATIONS. TRUSTEE HELFMANN SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES CURTIS, HELFMANN, HERNDEN, MAYHEW, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HEATH AND HARDENBROOK WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE HELFMANN MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-21 APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 2008 DDA BOND DEBT FUND, 2024 DDA BOND DEBT FUND, DDA CONSTRUCTION FUND, WATER AND SEWER FUND, AND MOTOR POOL FUND BUDGETS AND ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS FOR DEBT SERVICE OBLIGATIONS, UTILITY OPERATIONS, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND FLEET OPERATIONS. TRUSTEE MAYHEW SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES HELFMANN, MAYHEW, CURTIS, HERNDEN, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HEATH AND HARDENBROOK WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE CURTIS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-22 APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 FOURTH OF JULY AND 200TH CELEBRATION FUND BUDGETS AND ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COMMUNITY CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES AND RELATED EXPENDITURES. TRUSTEE MAYHEW SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES CURTIS, MAYHEW, HELFMANN, HERNDEN, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HEATH AND HARDENBROOK WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE MAYHEW MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-23 ESTABLISHING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATES NECESSARY TO SUPPORT VILLAGE OPERATIONS AND APPROVED BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS. TRUSTEE CURTIS SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES MAYHEW, CURTIS, HELFMANN, HERNDEN, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HEATH AND HARDENBROOK WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE HERNDEN MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-24 APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL AND AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT LEVY IN ACCORDANCE WITH VILLAGE ORDINANCES AND APPLICABLE LAW. TRUSTEE MAYHEW SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES HERNDEN, MAYHEW, HELFMANN, CURTIS, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HEATH AND HARDENBROOK WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE HELFMANN MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 506 AMENDING THE VILLAGE'S SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE AS PRESENTED. TRUSTEE MAYHEW SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES HELFMANN, MAYHEW, HERNDEN, CURTIS, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HEATH AND HARDENBROOK WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE HELFMANN MOVED TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(C) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT, MCL 15.268(C), TO CONSULT WITH THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING STRATEGY AND UNION NEGOTIATIONS. TRUSTEE HERNDEN SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. TRUSTEES HELFMANN, HERNDEN, MAYHEW, CURTIS, AND PRESIDENT HILL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES HEATH AND HARDENBROOK WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

TRUSTEE MAYHEW MOVED TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. TRUSTEE CURTIS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Hartman
Village Clerk
(7-26-26 FNV)

Such a night, continued

A few minutes later, we were already trudging up the embankment back to the Jeep.

I stepped with my lead foot onto a thick and grassy hummock. I slipped and fell backwards. I tumbled down most of the hillside. I wasn't hurt, but my jeans were coated in wet, black mud.

Back at the Jeep, I was out of breath. The hot, moist air was almost too thick to breathe – like trying to inhale butter.

In just a few minutes, we were back on the main road, scaring up mourning-cloak and swallowtail butterflies as we rolled. A wild turkey waddled across the road in front of us.

We spotted several deer, especially in clear-cut forested areas. I slowed the Jeep to get a look out my driver's side window at some wolf tracks in the mud. The imprint pattern followed a deer trail that meandered back and forth. Both tracks were fresh.

At a bubbling creek, I waited while Jimmy got out to drop in a few quick casts. He pulled a legal-sized brook trout out right away, but he let it go. It was on the small side of the legal limit.

We enjoyed the night, driving along these beloved backroads we'd first traveled with our folks more than half a century ago. I know. That's a long time.

We saw a painted turtle in the middle of the road, and later, a common snapping turtle. This is the time of year when turtle eggs have hatched and the young have left their nests, which are often dug into the gravel and sand along these kinds of roads.

As the sun went down, the fishing got better. Upon the arrival of almost pitch-black woodlands and fishing paths – what I refer to as “the witching hour” – the fish were biting almost as much as the bugs.

We ended the fishing with a great catch of trout. We brought home a half-dozen beauties for the frying pan.

With darkness down all around us, we turned the Jeep more in the direction of home.

Young rabbits were all over the backroads. Some froze in position at the edge of the road or in the middle, while others dashed out, crisscrossing across the gravel in front of our Jeep. We encountered several American woodcocks on the roads, their eyes shining amber in the headlight beams. We'd see them one at a time. They would fly up and land a short distance farther down the road. At one point, as we moved through a deciduous forest, we caught sight of an unexpected and unusual crossing. It was a mother porcupine,

with a “porcupette.” This was the first young porcupine I'd ever seen in the wild. I'd say it was about the size of a tissue box. It moved slowly, following. These young stay with their mothers for about their first three months of life. They are often out after dark. We continued to see deer throughout the evening, with our total reaching 21 before the night had ended. The grand finale of the night was well worth waiting for. The previous evening, when riding down a residential street in a nearby town, we had watched a low-flying whip-poor-will snatch an insect out of the sky in front of us and then glide alongside our Jeep for about a block's distance. We thought that was just about the coolest thing either of us had seen in a long time. But on this night, on our way home, we rode with the windows down, feeling the now-cooler night breeze coming in on us through the windows. We were driving through a creek drainage when I suddenly heard a whip-poor-will singing just outside my driver's-side window. I stopped the Jeep immediately. The bird stopped singing for a few seconds and then started up again. As it continued to sing its namesake song, another nightjar landed on the road in the headlight beam. As we watched it, I inched the Jeep up toward it so we could see the bird better. It sprang up from the road like the lid on a jack-in-the-box toy and flew into the woods. I was amazed at how easily it negotiated its way between the cedar tree trunks along the creek. I noticed the bird did not bear the white wing patches characteristic of a common nighthawk, so it was certainly a whip-poor-will. We listened for a bit longer to the song. We were so close we could hear grace notes in the song that aren't typically audible when you hear the birds at a distance. It was fantastic. We eventually moved along, driving up out of the drainage along the creek. As we did, we stopped again to listen to at least three whip-poor-wills singing. These were different birds from the first ones we encountered. Just then, a common nighthawk landed on the road ahead of the Jeep. While the whip-poor-wills continued to sing, there were at least three nighthawks singing their “beeping” songs somewhere up there above us in the blackness of the sky. What an incredible concert! I have never experienced both these species at the same time. This was truly a phenomenal event, especially with common nighthawks being among my top five favorite birds. I could have stayed there listening to them all night long. By the time we got home and got the Jeep unloaded, I was cleaning fish in the sink after midnight – but what a night! My brother and I both talked about what a great time it was, even better than the previous night when, in addition to the whip-poor-will flying alongside the Jeep, we had to stop to wait for a mother skunk to walk her six kits across the road. Great nights out in nature are never really a rare thing, but the combination of the company of my visiting brother, the roadside diner, the fishing success and the incredible animal encounters made this a truly exceptional night. I

dreamt about nights like this all through the long, white-gray winter. Now they're here. *John Pepin is Deputy Public Information Officer with the Michigan Department of Natural Resource.*

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Wednesday & Thursday 9-6, Friday 9-5
Saturday 9-Noon

MARION TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

Marion Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 10, 2026 at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Marion Township Hall, 2877 W. Coon Lake Road, Howell, MI 48843, (517) 546-1588. The purpose of the meeting is for regular business and to hear a request for the following appeal, interpretation and/or variance.

ZBA Case #05-26 – Tax Code 4710-23-200-010

- Applicant: David Peterson
3315 Pinckney Rd
Howell, MI 48843

Request: The applicant is seeking a variance to Section 8.01 F 3 (b) – Side Yard Setback

Submittals can be viewed online at www.marion-township.com under agendas/minutes, click on link to Zoning Board of Appeals.

Interested parties may review the above-mentioned proposal at the Marion Township Hall during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Zoning Board of Appeals Chair, Marion Township Hall, 2877 W. Coon Lake Road, Howell, MI 48843 by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2026.

Marion Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities. Anyone requiring auxiliary aids and services should contact the Marion Township Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, August 3, 2026.

Jim Witkowski, SECRETARY
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
(7-26-26 FNV)

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VOTE
AUGUST 4TH



Mountains that fill my heart

By Susan Kretchman

“For the mountains may move and the hills disappear, but even then my faithful love for you will remain. My covenant of blessing will never be broken,” says the Lord, who has mercy on you.” (Isaiah 54:10 New Living Translation)

Growing up in Saginaw as I did, mountains were a part of creation I did not comprehend until adulthood when opportunities to travel to other states became part of vacationing. As if mountains are not enough to tantalize my spirit, put me near a body of water whether it be a lake or an ocean, and I’m a very happy person, one who feels the depth and awe of this world God created from the work of His hands inspired by an imagination beyond my comprehension.

Last week, while many of you were living under brown skies due to wildfires—for which I truly was saddened and drove me to prayer—my husband and I were aboard a cruise ship to enjoy the inside passage of Alaska from Vancouver’s port up to Juneau and back. In the week leading up to our departure, our weather app was showing a week of rain and cool temperatures for almost every day of our trip. Warm clothes and rain gear were packed.

But God! As it turns out we had one windy misty day while on board, every other day was in the high 70s with sunshine, especially in Juneau when we enjoyed our whale watching tour. Even our wilderness expert commented about the unusual sunshine, further explaining that Juneau had enjoyed a mere five days of sunshine thus far in the year. Clear skies and calm waters allowed us to see about six whales, sea lions, and bald eagles.

In the distance as we returned to the harbor our pilot took us to an area to view Mendenhall Glacier. Although this 13.6 mile

long glacier is 12 miles from downtown Juneau, I could still soak in its beauty, snow and ice against the backdrop of blue skies, its caps covered in snow. This was quite the contrast when comparing how mountains on the shores of the passage were often hidden by fog in the morning hours, magically appearing when the mists left, revealing their true appearance.

The Bible has numerous scriptures about mountains which also have great significance in their purpose. Abraham was invited up a mountain to offer his son Issac as a sacrifice. King David established a city on a tall hill. Moses met God on Mount Horeb and also Mount Sinai to receive the 10 Commandments. Elijah fled to Mount Horeb. Jesus ascended Mount Tabor for the Transfiguration. Mountains emphasize liminal space where the divine and the human realms intersect.

I don’t know what secrets or creatures inhabit all the beautiful mountains I saw from Vancouver to Juneau. Trees and rocks covered their terrain. Fog and snow adorned their

Report states rural prosperity & conservation are intertwined

By Elena Durnbaugh
Gongwer News Service

The Nature Conservancy in Michigan released a report this past Wednesday outlining key challenges to healthy natural resources and rural prosperity.

The report also offered policy recommendations aimed at Michigan’s next political leaders to further the health of Michigan’s natural resources.

Challenges and policy recommendations were compiled through a 1,021-person survey of registered Michigan voters, as well as an analysis of other states and current conditions in Michigan.

The barriers identified include insufficient investment in natural resource management, limited local government capacity and funding, aging water and sewer systems, an aging population and out-migration of youth from rural areas and rural poverty and income inequality.

“One of the biggest key takeaways is that rural prosperity and healthy natural resources really can’t be separated. They’re intertwined,” said Julie Metty Bennett, the chief executive officer of Public Sector Consultants, during a Wednesday press call. “One thing that really stood out to us is that many rural communities aren’t able to capture enough of the economic value generated by those natural resources to reinvest in maintaining them or supporting other essential community services, and that tension between the value these resources create, and the limited resources available to sustain them became one of the central themes of our research.”

The policy recommendations included establishing a gubernatorial or legislative commission to identify long-term funding solutions for natural resource management, modifying the structure of the state’s Office of Rural Prosperity to increase funding and capacity, building and funding a new financial toolbox for conservation and rural development projects and adopting a state-level rural development strategy to ensure the state is more proactive.

“Michigan isn’t starting from scratch, but the current approach isn’t meeting the scale of the need,” Metty Bennet said.

She said she hoped that the next governor’s administration would build on the success of the Office of Rural Prosperity and not ignore the progress that has been made.

Rich Bowman, director of policy at The Nature Conservancy in Michigan, said during the press call that he hoped candidates on the ballot for this year’s election would take the recommendations seriously.

“One of these candidates is going to be the dog that caught the car, and they’re going to have to do something,” he said. “This report is designed to make it as easy as possible.”

peaks. Much was left to my imagination last week as I realized there remains acres and miles of terrain untouched or unseen by humans. These majestic creations are home to a tree cover that looks like a blanket, hiding birds and wild animals under perfect protection.

No matter the mysteries our passage’s mountains may be holding, I’m very grateful for the scenery and powerful reminders that God created a world for all of us to enjoy, exposing beauty with a lack of words to describe, ability to take in the height and depth of these magnificent rock formations peeking out under fog or shining brightly under sunshine.

“The mountains quake before him and the hills melt away. The earth trembles at his presence, the world and all who live in it.” (Nahum 1:5)

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HANDY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING JULY 20, 2026 SYNOPSIS

The regular meeting of the Handy Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Hinton at 7:00 P.M. in the Handy Township Board Room. Members present: Clerk Eisele, Treasurer Shear, Trustees Redinger and Munsell. Absent: None. Also present: Twp. Atty-Abdoo (via Zoom), Zoning Administrator Flanery, Woda Cooper Companies representative Craig Patterson, DTE Representative Theresa Hannath, and residents Chuck Wright, Reed Wilmont, Casey Fouts, Cathy Elliott, and John Belcher. At the Handy Township Regular Board Meeting, the following motions were made:

To approve the agenda as amended.

To accept the quote from Brown Drilling Co. for well efficiency testing.

To accept the quote from Hach for an oxygen meter at the sewer plant.

To approve the regular Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2026.

To pay the bills of July 20, 2026 in the amount of \$163,939.22.

To postpone discussion of the road millage proposal to the next Board Meeting.

To renew the 2026-2027 school Liaison Officer Agreement.

To renew the 2026-2027 Community Recreation Agreement In the Amount of \$40,000.

To authorize replacement of computers for the Clerk’s office and elections divisions.

To renew a Hunting Lease Agreement with Reed and Jordan Wilmot for the 2026 Bow Hunting Season.

To authorize the Clerk to purchase election signs.

To Adjourn the meeting at 8:32 P.M.

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Grand Equestrians Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program observes 50th anniversary

The Grand Equestrians Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program is observing its 50th anniversary. Over the past half century young people with various handicaps have been able to enjoy riding a horse and competing at the local fair thanks to the volunteer assistance of many people.

Kathy C. Black, the current president of the program, provided the following timeline:

- Founded in 1976 with 12 students riding 1 day per week, stabled at Hartwick Arena in Howell.
- 1978- Moved to Stable Mate Horse Center in Gregory as our program continued to grow.
- 1980- Moved back to Hartwick Arena with 28 students and began to participate at the Fowlerville Fair.
- 1983- Moved to Cedar Brook Farm on M-59 with our enrollment increased, horses were brought in specifically for our riders.
- 1984 – We made our biggest move, going to the Wylie Farm in Fowlerville where Grand Equestrians have remained ever since.
- 1998- Jeannie Wylie generously had the indoor arena built for the Grand Equestrians.

“At our peak, we have served up to 40 students per summer program that is held two days per week from 6 to 9 pm,” Black said. “As I went thought past pictures, I’ve come to appreciate how hard work, dedication, and determination have changed so many lives. These include volunteers, parents, instructors, students and our wonderful horses. Everyone at some time laughed, cried, celebrated, and shared countless hugs.

“Together we have witnessed the incredible impact Grand Equestrians Therapeutic Horseback Riding has had on so many individuals and families,” she added. “Thank you to everyone who has been part of these first 50 years. Your kindness, commitment, and generosity have made all the difference.”

The current riders in the program will be showing at the Fowlerville Family Fair this Tuesday (July 28) and then are planning to go to MSU 4-H show later this summer.



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Photo taken in 1983.



A student during a lesson in 1981. Volunteers lead the horse and walk along the side of the horse to help balance the rider.

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A group of volunteers, horses and students at Grand Equestrian in 1998.



Some of the Grand Equestrians volunteers in May 2026.

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Gov. Whitmer signs bills for brownfield redevelopment

By Elena Durnbaugh
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Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed legislation this past week that will expand local abatement and transformational brownfield programs to allow more businesses and communities to redevelop blighted sites.

The bill package was among several pieces of legislation the governor signed on Wednesday that were passed alongside the budget earlier this month.

The brownfield program enables owners of development companies to

keep the income tax withholdings of employees at new job sites instead of remitting them to the state.

In a press release, the governor highlighted the bills delivered on the promises she made in her State of the State Address to expand housing opportunities across Michigan.

Detroit Mayor Mary Sheffield praised the legislation in a statement on Wednesday, saying it would help the city.

There has been a big push to reauthorize the program after it expired a few years ago, and it has been eyed to defray the cost of demolishing a portion of the Renaissance Center.

The revamped transformational brownfield program includes some new safeguards to avoid abuse of the credit. Employers would not be able to receive income tax withholdings from employees if the employer has more than 50 employees in Michigan or is receiving an economic incentive from the Michigan Strategic Fund and is not in a new job. The relocation of a job from elsewhere within the state to the property cannot be counted as a new job.

Additionally, entities that relocate a facility from one location in the state to another that don't expand the size of the relocated facility, employ more individuals after the relocation or have another valid business reason for the relocation are ineligible for withholding.

A new definition for affordable housing is added – residential housing units rented or sold to income qualified households.

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