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Hunter Hath is shown here with the carts of donated gifts that he and his parents brought to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Fowlerville Jr. High student thanks all those who donated gifts to Mott Children's Hospital during holiday

The Christmas season has been over for a month, but the efforts of a Fowlerville Junior High student, aided by the generous donations of the community, helped make the holiday brighter for the young patients at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Arbor Arbor.

Hunter Hath is an eighth grader and a member of the Fowlerville Junior Honor Society. As a service project, he decided to set up donation boxes at various business locations where gifts could be left. He also put out flyers with information on how to donate. He noted that the gifts would be given to children at the hospital.

He was assisted by Kelli Miller, a teacher at the Junior High who sponsors the Honor Society, along with his parents—Jason and Kaitlyn Hath.

“I want to thank everyone who donated items for Mott Children's Hospital,” said Hunter. “My parents helped me deliver roughly 10 boxes and 10 bags of stuffed animals, toys, games, books, and more. These items were distributed to sick children staying there.”

Hunter singled out his teacher, Kelli Miller, with a special thank you for her help and encouragement with this project. He thanked others as well.

“I want to thank the Fowlerville Jr High, Grampy's Auto Parts, *continued on page 2*



Hunter Hath was encouraged by Fowlerville Junior High teacher Kelli Miller in pursuing his National Junior Honor Society project of collecting gifts for the young patients at Mott Children's Hospital.

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The Fowlerville VFW Post assisted Hunter Hath with a donation, as did the Perry VFW. Shown here with him are Tonya Ogden, the VFW Auxiliary president, and Tom Phibbs, a VFW member.



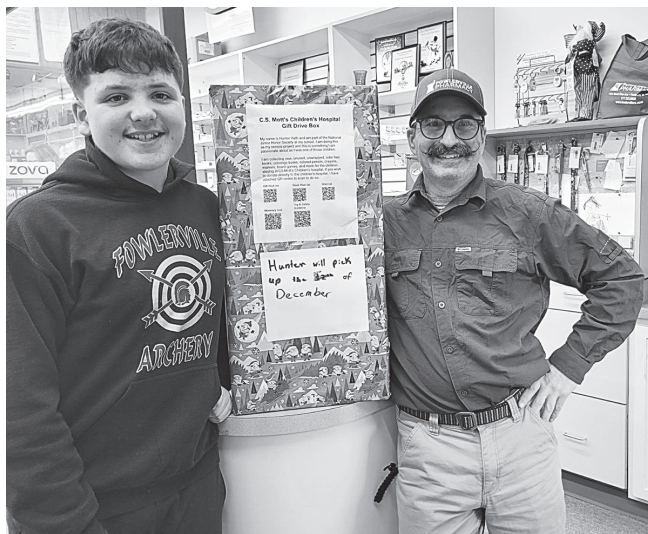
Jessica & Jeremy Rogers of Morrice Barbershop were among the places that allowed Hunter Hath to collect gifts during the recent holiday season.

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**NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS
OF HANDY TOWNSHIP
FEBRUARY 27, 2024
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
ELECTION
ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

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

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



Dave Palan of Fowlerville Pharmacy stands with Hunter Hath next to the donation box that was located at the store.



Heidi Tuttle of Kreeger's Market in Conway Township and Hunter Hath at that collection site.

Fowlerville Jr. High student thanks all those who donated gifts, continued

Kreeger's Farm Market, Fowlerville Pharmacy, and the Morrice Barber Shop for letting me place donation boxes in their businesses. I also want to thank both the Fowlerville VFW and Perry VFW for their donations. And all those who donated online via the flyers posted around town."

His father, Jason, said that Hunter "is a down-to-earth kid and does what he can to help others," adding that the family has assisted 'Make A Wish' and other good causes over the years.

However, Mott Children's Hospital is, as Hunter explained, "a special project for me because I was one of those sick kids that received stuff during my own stays there and donations like these made my stay there much easier for me."

Hunter was four-years-old when he was diagnosed with cancer and was at Mott in 2014 and again in 2015 for surgeries. "This was a way for Hunter to give back," his father said.

Hunter expressed his appreciation for being able to accomplish the project and, in doing so, provide these gifts to the children who were hospitalized during the recent holiday season.

"Thank you to the amazing communities and everyone who donated!" he said.

His teacher, Kelli Miller, said it was obvious how important this project was to Hunter and how much it mattered to him.

"He's quiet in class, but the amount of communication that went into this, reaching out to businesses in Fowlerville and even neighboring towns, along with the work involved, was impressive," Miller said. "It far exceeded what was expected of a service project."

"Also, he isn't one to share his story of having had cancer and what he went through," she pointed out. "Most of his fellow students were not aware. But he was willing to share it in order to make this project successful. It was obvious how passionate he was about this project. I'm proud of what he did and hope his example inspires others."

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Snow & Drive-by Memories

By Susan Kretchman



A view of Hoyt Park from 2013, showing the newly remodeled warming house.

Credit: mlive.com

This past week brought our community a few days of school closings due to snow, ice, and temperatures. For the safety of all school employees and children, time to stay off dangerous roads was necessary. This is Michigan and nothing to be surprised at as families make adjustments for the closures. I follow many young families on social media and it's fun to read questions and comments — "do you think there will be a snow day tomorrow?"... "I sure hope the call comes early enough to make arrangements for my kids!"

I remember those hopeful feelings myself. As a student in the '50s through the '70s, I recall sitting perched in front of the TV with the morning news tuned in, waiting for the school closing banner at the bottom of the screen to announce Saginaw City Schools are closed due to snow! Once those magical words appeared, off went the school clothes, into play gear and calls to friends on the telephone to arrange our day outside playing in the snow!

My two older brothers were charged with clearing the driveway and sidewalks. We lived on a corner lot so our amount of sidewalk was double compared to the other houses. Once their chore was finished, they threw their shovel over a shoulder and went in search of families to help, even hoping to earn a few bucks from an elderly couple or two.

This past week my husband and I were out for a couple errands on Tuesday. We passed the community park and I glanced over to take a look at the sledding hill. It was covered with beautiful white snow, but there were no children with sleds.

At the end of December our daughter and I drove to Saginaw for a bridal shower. We took the road that routed us through South Saginaw and eventually to Washington Avenue which is home to the lumber barons' homes, the Children's Zoo, and a beloved place from my childhood—Hoyt Park.

Every winter the city's recreation department flooded Hoyt Park with millions of gallons of water, creating an ice skating rink along with hockey rinks at one end. It cost us nothing to skate or use toboggan runs at Hoyt. All we needed were warm clothes, skates, a sled and a few friends to enjoy a full day of outdoor fun. When our hands, feet and faces got too cold, we could sit inside the "warming house" until we thawed, returning to the cold for another round of winter play. I remember some days on the weekends when our dad stayed to sled or skate with us. Other times, our parents thought nothing of dropping us off at the curb with instructions on what time to be ready for pickup. Our only supervision for the day was under cold gray or sunny skies and following the rules of one or two city employees "manning" the warming house.

Seeing the empty sledding hill at the park caused me feel-

ings of sadness. First, I recognized the contrast between how I couldn't wait to get outside on a snow day to some kids today. Over the years I've noticed fewer and fewer children at our parks. I have my own thoughts as to why but that's not the purpose of my topic this week. I'm willing to bet, however, that current technology and trust levels of parents are playing a large role in keeping today's children inside warm homes. I understand concerns for safety and protection.

As sad as I feel, looking at empty parks, I am very thankful for my childhood years that included cold wintry seasons. Deep snowfalls allowed us to build snow forts, form an organized snowball fight in our neighborhood, find creative ways to keep snow from going into our boots as we trudged through drifts, catching a snowflake on our tongue and seeing how long we could withstand the cold before returning home, hoping mom had hot chocolate ready and rubbing cold red hands between hers to speed up the thawing process that mittens didn't fully protect from hours of packing and piling snow.

I hung up my ice skates years ago. Sledding isn't the best thing for me at my current age, but I still find ways to enjoy being outside after a good snow storm. Where we live I can walk on a road that takes me back to a wooded area where I can stand in the quiet cold air and breathe in its freshness. I am able to marvel at how snow makes different patterns on tree trunks and reveals numerous tracks from a variety of animals that live in the woods.

I'm still careful how deep the snow is before taking steps into a drift. Warm mittens still adorn my aged hands. When I return home it's "me" who makes the hot chocolate or tea... reminiscing and missing my mother's warm hands rubbing cold little fingers as she assured me "you'll warm up soon"... knowing at that age nothing could stop me from enjoying another chance to be outside with my friends to find ways to use a cold wintry day to our delight...and still acknowledging that though I may have some physical limitations now, I can still find joy on a beautiful snowy day.

I can still catch snowflakes on my tongue. And—admittedly—I can still make a snow angel. They always look pretty even if the "getting back up" isn't very attractive! We still build snowmen when the snow is "just right".

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Rep. Bob Bezotte not seeking re-election in upcoming election

Rep. Bob Bezotte is not seeking re-election for his state House seat in the upcoming election. The 73-year-old Marion Township Republican is serving his second two-year term as the representative of the 50th District which includes all of Conway, Cohoctah, Deerfield, Handy, Howell, Oceola, Hartland, Iosco, Marion, and Unadilla Townships – as well as portions of Tyrone and Putnam Townships. The Village of Fowlerville and City of Howell are part of this district as well.

Prior to being elected to the Michigan Legislature, Bezotte had served on the Livingston County Board of Commissioners for four years and before that had been the Livingston County Sheriff for 12 years. He had retired in 2016 after 33 years in law enforcement.

“After much thought and consideration, I believe the near future is the right time to focus on my family and begin a new chapter supporting the people I care for most,” Bezotte said. “I will not be seeking another term as state representative.”

The representative expressed his gratitude and appreciation to his community for affording him the opportunity to serve.

“I would not be here today without the people in our community. It has been my honor to serve at your pleasure for so many years,” Bezotte said. “The people of Livingston County have my deepest respect and admiration, especially our local veterans, police, fire, EMS, and all the public officials I have had the pleasure of knowing over my career. You inspired me to serve as state representative, so I could advocate for your needs and work on policies to improve the lives of Michiganders long after I am gone. Every day serving you in Lansing has been a privilege, and I am honored by the trust you have instilled in me.”

Bezotte plans to finish out 2024 with dedication and commitment to his responsibilities in Lansing.

After his retirement, Bezotte looks forward to spending more time with his family, especially his grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Two candidates—one a Republican and the other a



Rep. Bob Bezotte is not seeking re-election to his state House District seat that includes western Livingston County.

Democrat—announced this week their candidacies to fill the seat.

Jason Woolford, in his news release, stated that he was a candidate for the House seat and that Bezotte was not running and had endorsed his candidacy. Woolford is a Republican from Marion Township and heads Mission Cry, a non-profit organization located in Fowlerville that collects Christian reading materials and ships them to churches and missionaries around the world. (See news release in this issue of Woolford's announcement.)

Also announcing his candidacy this past week was Austin Breuer, a Democrat from Howell Township. Breuer is employed as a manager at Jonna's Market in Howell. (His news release is also in this issue.)

Letter to the Editor

Thank You Fowlerville DPW

We live on Dailey Street here in Fowlerville. We wish to extend a ‘Thank You’ to the Fowlerville DPW for their work on Thursday January 11; the day that our area finally had a significant amount of snow.

We woke to find snow and a water main break in front of our house. When we finished shoveling that morning, Tara called the Fowlerville DPW. A gentleman answered and took our information. Within 15 minutes the first DPW truck appeared to investigate, then another, and still another crew appeared. Within the hour our entire DPW workforce came with all the necessary equipment to dig and repair the water main.

Mind you, they had already worked many hours on snow removal that day. As an added note, they had repaired a water main break 10 feet from this break last summer. Now with two water main breaks within feet of each other and so close in time, the Dailey Street infrastructure—road, water and sewer—is failing due to age. The pipes are telling us something, and it is time to address the situation.

With that said, I thank the Fowlerville DPW twice for going above and beyond to get the job done. They are a fine well-mannered crew, working hard every day and in any conditions.

Ken Busha
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Fowlerville High School's "ATHLETES" OF THE WEEK



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Wrestling

These are the four finalists of the Dennis Brighton Invitational in Temperance Bedford.

Matthew Jeffrey, Junior 106, Son of Jason Jeffrey and Danielle DeVries was 4-1 on the day. He had one pin and lost to Duvendack, a tough freshman from the host school Temperance Bedford in the finals. Matthew led the way for our 3 106 lbers for the day to an individual 2nd place.

Connor Stankov, Sophomore at 120 pounds, son of Chris and Amanda Stankov was 4-1 on the day with 4 pins to help the team. Connor also finished second to Dan Gemmel of New Boston Huron.

Waylon Lamkin, Junior at 165lbs for this weekend, son of Dave and Paula Lamkin, has had a great start to the season. He was 4-1 on the day with 4 pins. He finished 2nd to Miracle of Bedford, who has been a leader to the Bedford lineup the last couple of years

Layne O'Neil Sophomore, 190 or 215, son of Dusty and Alison O'Neil, finished the day at a perfect 5-0, finishing first. Layne had four pins for the day after starting slow and only winning 11-5 in his first match. His final match was a pin at 3:22 over Cousino of Jefferson.

This was an outstanding day for the Team and these Athletes of the Week showed that hard work does pay off!!!

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Michigan Governor's Report

By Gretchen Whitmer

Last Wednesday, I delivered my 2024 State of the State address. And let me tell you, my fellow Michiganders, the state of our state is ready to rock!

During my address, I laid out my vision to build a brighter future for Michigan by lowering costs, improving education, and taking action to ensure anyone can 'make it in Michigan.'

Together, we have built a heck of a record. In 2023, the Michigan Legislature, led by a historic Democratic majority, rolled back the retirement tax, quintupled the Working Families Tax Credit, paid down billions in debt, protected people's fundamental freedoms, expanded health care, and enacted a game-changing clean energy package.

As we step into 2024, we're ready to rock! This year let's continue to focus on the issues that make a real difference in people's lives and build a brighter future for Michigan. Let's dig into my plan to: 1) Lower Costs, 2) Invest in Education, 3) Help Anyone 'Make it in Michigan.'

LOWERING COSTS

One of the biggest challenges Michiganders face today is costs. It's hard to buy a house, afford a car, or save for retirement while keeping up with bills. This year, we will continue our work to lower costs on the biggest items in your budget.

--MI Vehicle Rebate: To lower the cost of buying a car, we'll offer a \$1,000 rebate for cars and \$2,000 for electric vehicles. If assembled by a union, customers get an extra \$500—a total of up to \$2,500 off at the point-of-sale.

--Housing: In 2024, we're making the largest investment to build housing in state history, totaling almost \$1.4 billion to build or rehabilitate nearly 10,000 homes. By building more of every kind of housing—single-family homes, apartments, and mixed-use buildings—we can expand supply and lower costs. Our strategy this year is simple: build, baby, build!

--Caring for MI Family Tax Credit: To lower the cost of caregiving, I proposed the Caring for MI Family Tax Credit, which could save thousands of Michigan families up to \$5,000 on their taxes. By allowing people to write off expenses including counseling, transportation, and nursing or respite services, they can save money while caring for parents or children with long-term care needs.

EDUCATION

In Michigan, we want student outcomes to exceed expectations. We know that 4-year-olds who go to pre-K arrive at kindergarten better prepared to learn. They are more likely to graduate, go to college, and earn more. And we know higher education or skills training leads to higher incomes. Let's provide opportunities for Michiganders to start learning earlier and earn a degree or skills certificate later.

--Pre-K for All: Last year, I proposed Pre-K for All by the end of 2026, to save families \$10,000 a year and give every child a solid academic foundation. This year, my budget proposal will include free pre-K for every single 4-year-old in Michigan — 2 years ahead of schedule.

--Community College for All: In my next budget, I will propose making the first two years of community college in Michigan tuition-free, saving Michiganders an average of \$4,000 on tuition as they get their associate's degree or skills certificate at a community college.

MAKING IT IN MICHIGAN

Over the last few years, we have seen a manufacturing resurgence with companies in Michigan in a big way. To build on this momentum, we'll upgrade Michigan's bipartisan economic development toolkit to keep bringing supply chains and jobs home to Michigan.

--Upgrade Economic Development Toolkit:

+R&D Tax Credit: With this credit, we can spur innovation while lowering costs for businesses.

+HIRE Michigan: Let's lower overall payroll taxes for small and second-stage businesses—the more you hire here, the more you should save here.

+Renaissance Zones: We can drive investment to areas that have too often been left out or left behind by lowering the cost of doing business.

+Innovation Fund: Let's invest in high-growth startups and help launch hundreds of new Michigan-based companies, creating thousands of jobs.

--Infrastructure: As we win these projects, Michigan's infrastructure has to keep up. In 2020, I rolled out the Rebuilding Michigan Plan, a \$3.5 billion investment to fix our most economically critical roads and bridges, supporting over

45,000 jobs without raising taxes by a dime. This year, I will call on the Michigan Department of Transportation to authorize the final \$700 million of the Rebuilding Michigan Plan.

Every Michigander deserves a chance to work hard, follow their dreams, and build a great life. Together we will fight to lower costs on the biggest items in your budget, improve education so your kids can thrive, and ensure you can 'make it' no matter who you are or what you've been through.

This year, let's keep rocking so everyone can have their own classic Michigan story. Let's deliver real change for people right now and for Michiganders generations from now.

Kreeger Elementary School News

CALENDAR OF KREEGER EVENTS

2/5-7/24	4 th grade Hearing Screening
2/8,9,12,13,14/24	3 rd and 5 th grade Vision Screening
2/14	Spring Count Day
2/19/24	No School – President's Day
3/1/24	End of Second Trimester
3/4-8/24	Spring Book Fair
3/7/24	½ Day, 12:02 dismissal - Conferences 1-4pm; 5-7:30pm

HEARING & VISION SCREENING INFORMATION

Livingston County Health Department is providing Hearing Screening For 4th grade students from February 5th thru 7th and Vision Screening for 3rd and 5th grade students February 8th, 9th, 12th, 13th, and 14th. Please call the school at (517)-223-6006 if you **do not** want your child screened. If you have a concern and would like your child tested technicians will accept parent/teacher requests on the first day of screening (Please call and we will add you to the list). Any other questions regarding Hearing or Vision Screening may be answered by calling the Health Department at (517)-546-9850.

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

LOST AND FOUND – Our lost and found is overflowing! If your child is missing sweatshirts, coats, boots, gloves, hats, etc – please have them check the lost and found. Items not claimed will be donated at the end of January.

5th GRADE HEALTH UNIT-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ATTENTION NEW STUDENTS:

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

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

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

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

ELECTION DAY VOTING, FEBRUARY 27, 2024:

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Laura A. Eisele, Handy Township Clerk
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LEGAL NOTICES

MORTGAGE SALE -

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, made by Adam Earl and Alissa Earl a/k/a Adam C. Earl and Alissa F. Earl, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc (MERS) as nominee for Meridian Home Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated the 18th day of July, 2016 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Livingston and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of August, 2016 in Document # 2016R-025089 said Mortgage having been assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Eight and 68/100 (\$159,538.68).

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 Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM o'clock Local Time on the 28th day of February, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. The bid may include interest thereon at 3.75000 per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the City of Brighton, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 31, Town 2 North, Range 6 East, City of Brighton, Livingston County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point South 89 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 176.00 feet and South 01 degrees 35 minutes 33 seconds West, 502.30 feet from the Southwest corner of Funsch's Addition, as recorded in Liber 3, Page 7 of Plats, Livingston County Records, said point being in the East right-of-way line of South Third Street (Easement recorded August 18, 1967 in Liber 489, Page 323, Livingston County Records); thence South 01 degrees 35 minutes 33 seconds West 82.30 feet; thence South 88 degrees 23 minutes 37 seconds East 110.27 feet; thence North 01 degrees 44 minutes 34 seconds East 82.30 feet; thence North 88 degrees 23 minutes 27 seconds West 110.49 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 795 S 3RD ST., BRIGHTON, MI 48116

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed 30 days after the foreclosure sale or when the time to provide the notice required by the statute expires, whichever is later. Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against 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, of if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Dated: 01/28/2024

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Mortgagee
HLADIK, ONORATO & FEDERMAN, LLP
Athena Aitas (P61824)
Attorney for Servicer
3290 West Big Beaver Road, Suite 117
Troy, MI 48084
(248)362-2600
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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on February 14, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): CLIFFORD J WILCOX AND MARLENE P WILCOX, HUSBAND AND WIFE
Original Mortgagee: STANDARD federal bank, a federal SAVINGS bank

Date of mortgage: October 5, 1998

Recorded on March 3, 1999, Liber 2538, on Page 253,
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing

Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Forty Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen and 98/100 Dollars (\$140,615.98)

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Livingston County, and described as: Parcel B: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 3 North, Range 5 East, Oceola Township, Livingston county, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 24, Town 3 North, Range 5 East, Oceola Township, Livingston County, Michigan; thence along the centerline of Musson Road and the North and South 1/4 line of said section 24, South 02 degrees 49 minutes 10 seconds East, 1873.01 feet to the point of beginning of the land to be described; thence continuing along afore-described line South 02 degrees 49 minutes 10 seconds East 267.56 feet; thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 17 seconds East 250.00 feet; thence South 02 degrees 49 minutes 10 seconds East 200.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 17 seconds East 402.86 feet; thence North 02 degrees 43 minutes 18 second West 667.55 feet; thence South 88 degrees 38 minutes 12 seconds West 404.00 feet; thence South 02 degrees 49 minutes 10 seconds East 200.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 38 minutes 12 seconds West, 250.00 feet to the point of beginning.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of section 24, Town 3 North, Range 5 East, Oceola Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 24; thence along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section (said line also being the centerline of Musson Road) South 02 degrees 49 minutes 10 seconds East, 2335.52, feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said line South 02 degrees 49 minutes 10 seconds East 4.75 feet; thence North 88 degrees 37 minutes 20 seconds East 652.99 feet; thence North 02 degrees 47 minutes 15 seconds West 4.75 feet; thence south 88 degrees 37 minutes 20 seconds West, 652.99 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 2700 Musson Rd, Howell, MI 48855

The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale will be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C.
23938 Research Dr, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
248.539.7400

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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

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

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Francisco Cervantes Jr., A Single Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Loandepot.com. LLC, Mortgagee, dated January 25, 2021, and recorded on February 8, 2021, as Document Number: 2021R-005996, Livingston County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated November 30, 2023 and recorded December 11, 2023 by Document Number: 2023R-022460, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Four and 29/100 (\$179,504.29) including interest at the rate of 2.75000% per annum.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Handy, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 3: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 3 North, Range 3 East, Handy Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North Section line, South 87 degrees 50 minutes 15 seconds East 897.61 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 9; running thence South 87 degrees 50 minutes 15 seconds East 150.00 feet along the north Section line; thence South 00 degrees 24 minutes 58 seconds East 297.00 feet; thence North 87 degrees 50 minutes 15 seconds West 150.00 feet along the North Right-of-Way of Brandi Lane (66 foot wide); thence North 00 degrees 24 minutes 58 seconds West 297.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Together with a non-exclusive easement being more particular described as follows: A 66 foot wide non-exclusive private road easement being described as follows: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 3 North, Range 3 East, Handy Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the centerline of Nicholson Road and the West Section line, South 00 degrees 36 minutes 58 seconds East 330.03 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 9; running thence South 87 degrees 50 minutes 15 seconds East 1569.53 feet along the centerline of Brandi Lane (66 foot wide) for ingress and egress for the above described parcels and adjacent property owners to the center of a 75 foot radius cul-de-sac and the terminus of Brandi Lane; thence continuing South 87 degrees 50 minutes 15 seconds East 151.66 feet along the centerline of a 66 foot wide easement for ingress and egress, for the property lying Easterly thereof, and the end of said easement
Commonly known as: 9844 BRANDI LN, FOWLERVILLE, MI 48836

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.

Dated: January 7, 2024

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Nationstar Mortgage LLC
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180,
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Case No. 23MI01022-1
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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dar J. Lorang and Shanna Lorang, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mid America Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 23, 2020 and recorded April 28, 2020 in Instrument Number 2020R-013126 Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Mid-First Bank, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Nine and 35/100 Dollars (\$166,799.35).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Livingston County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on FEBRUARY 28, 2024.

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

A PART OF LOT 38 OF ASSESSOR'S PLAT NO. 2, VILLAGE OF FOWLerville, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 4 OF PLATS, PAGE 10 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 38; THENCE WEST 5 RODS; THENCE NORTH 16 RODS; THENCE EAST 5 RODS TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 38; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 38 TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; EXCEPTING THEREFROM A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT 4 RODS AND 6 1/2 FEET WEST FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 38; THENCE WEST 10 FEET; THENCE NORTH 16 RODS; THENCE EAST 5 RODS; THENCE SOUTH 50 FEET; THENCE WEST 4 RODS 6 1/2 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 214 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING

815 EAST GRAND RIVER AVENUE, 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.

Dated: January 28, 2024

File No. 24-000010

Firm Name: Orland PC

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

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(01-28)(02-18)

(1-28, 2-4, 2-11 & 2-18-24 FNV)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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 February 28, 2024. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Sachin Golhar and Riya Golhar to AmeriSave Mortgage Corporation dated July 22, 2022 and recorded August 3, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022R-021131, Livingston County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by AmeriSave Mortgage Corporation by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$707,520.73.

Said premises are located in Livingston County, Michigan and are described as: Land Situated in the Township of Tyrone, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, described as: Unit 72, The Preserves Condominium, a condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2801, Page 311, et seq., Livingston County Records and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 196 together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above described Master Deed (and Amendments thereto, if any) and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Commonly known as: 9371 Lee Jones Rd., Fenton, MI 48430

Tax ID: 4704-08-101-072

Said property is commonly known as 9371 Lee Jones Rd, Fenton, MI 48430. 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. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply:

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 COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY.

Dated: January 17, 2024

Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage:

Thomas E. McDonald (P39312)

Brock & Scott, PLLC

5431 Oleander Drive

Wilmington, NC 28403

PHONE: (844) 856-6646

File No. 23-31529

(01-28)(02-18)

(1-28, 2-4, 2-11 & 2-18-24 FNV)

NOTICE OF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Master Deed of Jonathan's Landing Community Association dated May 9, 2002, signed on Jonathan's Landing I- May 9, 2002, and recorded on May 17, 2002, in Liber 3398 Page 830, et seq., inclusive, Livingston County, Michigan, Register of Deeds, and any amendments thereto, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 250 (the "Master Deed"). Said default under the Master Deed has resulted in the recordation of a "Notice of Lien for Nonpayment of Assessments" by Jonathan's Landing Community Association, said Notice of Lien for Nonpayment of Assessments being dated October 23, 2023, signed on October 19, 2023, and recorded on October 23, 2023, in Document No. 2023R-019598, Livingston County, Michigan, Register of Deeds (the "Lien") on which Lien there is claimed to be due, as of the date hereon, the sum of THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTEEN AND 89/100 DOLLARS (\$3,813.89). Under the power of sale contained in the Michigan Condominium Act of 1978, MCL 559.208(2), and Article II, Section 2.5 of the Condominium Bylaws, attached as part of said Master Deed, please take notice as follows:

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 Lien will be foreclosed by a sale of the lien 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 Wednesday, February 7, 2024. The amount due on the Lien 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 premises. 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. Said premises are located in the Township of Howell, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and more particularly described as: Unit 89, Building 16, Jonathan's Landing 1 Condominium, a condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 3398, Page 830, et seq. Livingston County Records and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 250, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above described Master Deed (and Amendments thereto, if any) and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Owner(s) of Record: Kelli Turrall

Property Address: 3401 Kneeland Circle, Howell, MI 48843

Parcel ID No. 4706-28-402-191

Attention homeowner (or condominium co-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 Lien at the telephone number stated in this Notice. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale pursuant to MCL 559.208(2) unless the property is determined abandoned, then, in that event, the redemption period shall be one (1) month from the date of such sale pursuant to MCL 559.208(2), after which Kelli Turrall and all persons claiming through or under him shall be forever barred from all equity of redemption. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, the owner, Kelli Turrall, will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to Jonathan's Landing Community Association for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: December 28, 2023

By: Jonathan's Landing Community Association, a Michigan Nonprofit Corporation

For any inquiries, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Lien set forth below:

Melissa Francis, Esq. Hirzel Law, PLC

37085 Grand River Avenue, Suite 200

Farmington, Michigan 48335

Phone: (248) 478-1800

Hirzel Law, PLC File No. 16227

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Oak Grove UM Church holding spaghetti dinner & bake sale Feb. 17th

A Spaghetti Dinner & Bake Sale is being held Saturday, Feb. 17th, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 6686 Oak Grove Road, Howell (5 miles north of M-59). Our United Women in Faith invite you to come and enjoy a delicious meal that features home-style spaghetti sauce with noodles, coleslaw, garlic bread and desserts. Enjoy a great meal and visit our Bake Sale!

Proceeds from this event go to the church's roof fund. No reservations are necessary. A free-will offering will be taken at the door. For information, call Andrea at 810-923-8546.

Plainfield United Methodist Church hosting 'take out only' chicken supper

The Plainfield United Methodist Church is hosting a 'take out only' chicken supper on Saturday, Feb. 10th from 5pm until sold out. Free will offering. The church is located at 17845 M-36, north of Gregory.

Howell Township man seeking Michigan 50th House District seat

A Howell Township resident who describes himself as a realistic optimist has filed for the Michigan 50th House District seat. Austin Breuer, 27, says he will focus on returning integrity to the office and working to make people's lives better.

"I was born between the Millennial generation and Gen Z so I can relate to both generations, while respecting members of the earlier generations," he said. "The younger generations have a lot at stake in the future of the state of Michigan, and as someone who is a reasonable person who desires to represent the best interests of the people, I feel as though I am uniquely suited to be a force for positive change in Lansing.

"I consider myself to be a 'realistic optimist'—someone who truly believes in change for the better, and yet understands that our system of government does not change rapidly," he

said. "But I believe strongly that we can achieve success for people over time."

Breuer grew up in Livingston County and graduated from Howell High School. He subsequently graduated with honors from Lansing Community College and will receive a bachelor's degree in history, with a minor in public law and government, from Eastern Michigan University in the spring of 2024.

Breuer has worked at Jonna's Market since 2015, starting out as a member of the stock team and moving up to manage the department. The experience, he said, has made him a strong supporter of small and local businesses.

He is the only person to file for the Democratic nomination for the 50th House seat. Breuer said that he wants to find ways to reduce expenses for people for tax dollars to be utilized more efficiently to give the most value back to the taxpayers.

"Issues important to me include education spending and



Austin Breuer

increasing pay for teachers, as well as increasing access to affordable health care while reducing costs," he said. "For me, transportation, from roads to public infrastructure and services, are personally very important.

"Seeing friends and family go without insurance, or encountering situations in which insurance would not cover necessary medical procedures or prescriptions is frustrating to no end, and combating these issues is a top priority for me," Breuer added.

To address climate change, Breuer supports nuclear, wind, and solar power, as well as expanding public transportation to reduce emissions from vehicles. On gun safety, Breuer said he supports a limited assault weapons ban, with an exception for gun ranges. He specifies that this does not mean taking away anyone's existing guns, but rather focuses on the sale and manufacture of new guns.

"Americans should be able to use guns such as the AR15 in a gun range, if they have the desire, but that freedom does not extend to our schools and streets," he said. "The Second Amendment provides for a well-regulated militia. The well-regulated aspect is important in protecting the safety of the American people."

He also advocates forward-thinking solutions, such as fingerprint locks on new guns, better background checks, and a focus on cracking down on the illegal sale and transfer of guns, and voluntary gun-buyback programs.

Breuer said he also supports improving the system of aid to veterans to make sure they know what benefits are available to them, raising the pay for law enforcement officers along with better training, and indexing the minimum wage to inflation.

"Basic economics states that if people have more money to spend, then they will spend that money on the things they want and need, thus cycling money back into the economy," he said. "The policies of 'trickle-down' economics have been proven not to benefit the average working American time and time again. It is time to invest in the American working class."

On LGBTQ+ rights, Breuer said that access to gender-related information, healthcare, and inclusivity should be protected and anti-discrimination laws expanded.

"Government should not dictate the lives of its citizens for them, but rather it should protect the most vulnerable and provide for equality in the workplace, in healthcare, in education, and in opportunity for all, without infringing on the rights of others," he said.

For more information about Breuer's campaign, visit his Facebook page at www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555387734081&mibextid=ZbWKwL or email him at austinbreuer97@gmail.com.

The 50th House District includes the city of Howell and the village of Fowlerville, plus the townships of Cohoctah, Conway, Deerfield, Handy, Hartland, Howell, Iosco, Marion, Oceaola, Unadilla, southern Tyrone Township, and the north and west parts of Putnam Township.

Fowlerville JV Girls Basketball Team falls to St. Johns, 46-33

The Fowlerville JV Lady Glads played hard for 32 minutes, but fell short of a victory against a good St. Johns team in a game played last Friday, Jan. 19th. The final score was 46-33.

Missed lay-ups and free throws made it difficult to battle back. Ireland Curtis led the offense with 12 points with Ella Shaw scoring 10 for the team. Avery Borg drained two 3 pointers for 6 points while Anja Ott and Danykah Muck scored 2 a piece and Brynn Goulding 1 point for the Glads.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 6, 2024. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Robert Steven Tilson and Melanie Ann Tilson to American Advisors Group dated June 6, 2020 and recorded June 15, 2020 as Instrument No. 2020R-018659, Livingston County, Michigan.

Said Mortgage is now held by Carrington Mortgage Services LLC by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$158,918.90.

Said premises are located in Livingston County, Michigan and are described as: PARCEL A: BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, HAMBURG TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 12; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, NORTH 89 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST 1066.11 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF HAMBURG ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, NORTH 21 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST 287.24 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, NORTH 21 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST 130.96 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF A 66 FOOT WIDE RIGHT-TO-WAY, NORTH 87 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST 228.84 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST 120.41 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST 271.34 FEET TO THE POINT TO BEGINNING. EASEMENT PARCEL: A NON-EXCLUSIVE PEDESTRIAN EASEMENT TO ORE LAKE DESCRIBED AS BEING PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 13 AND PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, HAMBURG TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 13, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, HAMBURG TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 13, SOUTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST 1066.11 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF HAMBURG ROAD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE EASEMENT TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF HAMBURG ROAD SOUTH 19 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST 19.54 FEET; THENCE ALONG A PREVIOUSLY SURVEYED AND MONUMENTED AND SHOWN ON A SURVEY DRAWING BY PATRICK L. BENTON, R.L.S. NO. 19826 AND HAVING JOB NO. 81-A-3926, EAST 407.46 FEET; THENCE ALONG SAID PREVIOUSLY SURVEYED LINE, SOUTH 67 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST 258.22 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 77 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST 189.52 FEET; THENCE ALONG SAID PREVIOUSLY SURVEYED LINE, SOUTH 34 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST 100.55 FEET; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID PREVIOUSLY SURVEYED LINE, NORTH 53 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST 9.04 FEET; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID PREVIOUSLY SURVEYED LINE SOUTH 36 DE-

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Being the same property conveyed to Robert Steven Tilson, a single man and Melanie Ann Tilson, as joint tenants, with full rights of survivorship from Robert Steven Tilson, Independent Personal Representative of The Estate of Steven Edgar Tilson, Deceased by QuitClaim Deed dated December 6, 2013 and recorded March 5, 2014 among the Land Records of Livingston County, State of Michigan in 2014R-006837.

Said property is commonly known as 7915 Hamburg Rd, Brighton, MI 48116.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply:

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 COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY.

Dated: January 23, 2024

Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage:

Thomas E. McDonald (P39312)

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5431 Oleander Drive

Wilmington, NC 28403

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File No. 23-33663

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Jason Woolford

Marion Township resident Jason Woolford running for State House seat

Marion Township resident Jason Woolford, 51, announced that he has filed as a Republican candidate for the Michigan House of Representatives in the 50th District.

“As a United States Marine Veteran, businessman, and President of a non-profit organization, I believe we need to re-employ and re-engage the fundamentals that made this country great into Michigan,” said Woolford. “I am a versatile candidate with a background in many areas that face the good people of the 50th District and I plan to use my experience to better our community.”

“Service above self” isn’t a foreign concept to the Woolford family, he noted. In addition to Woolford’s service, his wife of 30 years, Maria, is also a Marine Veteran and Army National Guard Veteran. The couple have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. Following in the family footsteps is their youngest daughter, currently serving as a Marine.

“I took an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic,” Woolford said. “This oath is near and dear to my heart, and I will apply that oath while serving in Michigan’s legislature.”

The 50th District seat is currently held by Rep. Robert Bezotte, who will not seek re-election. Bezotte has endorsed Woolford. Woolford encourages those in the 50th District to learn more about him by contacting him at Jason@JasonWoolford.com, or by visiting www.JasonWoolford.com

Letter to the Editor

The Petition Effort to Eliminate Property Taxes Threatens Local Services

On January 19th, the Michigan Board of State Canvassers approved a 100-word ballot summary for use on petitions to be circulated by the group AxeMITax. This group proposes amendments to the Michigan Constitution to eliminate the levy of property taxes.

As stated on the Kent County Republican Party’s website, the group justifies its effort by claiming that property taxation is unfair and owners are having their property sold because they cannot pay the property taxes. However, the group’s overall proposal is really an attack on fundamental government services, particularly, education and local government.

The risk to local schools is particularly alarming. This proposal is not designed to protect homeowners from tax foreclosure. It is an effort to defund government.

Property tax has an appropriate role in funding government. If the group was truly concerned about those who may lose their homes due to property taxes, it could propose a sensible suggestion for providing more tax relief to those who need it, without eliminating local control and trashing local government operations and the schools.

The proposal asks that voters prohibit the use of property taxes to fund any Michigan governmental unit, even if the unit’s voters wish to support a given activity. The prohibition would be absolute, extending to cities, villages and townships, school districts, county governments and the State of Michigan, along with their agencies and authorities. These amendments would cripple all levels of government. The property tax represents about 32% of the tax revenue generated on the local, county and state levels.

Figures published by the non-partisan Citizen’s Research Council of Michigan, show that for local cities, villages, townships, schools and counties, over 94% of directly levied taxes come from property taxes. Nearly 58% of all property taxes are used to support local school districts.

The proposal fails to identify any replacement revenue source for even part of the lost property tax revenue and it specifically prevents imposition of new taxation of any type whatsoever unless, on the State level, both houses of the Michigan Legislature approve the additional tax by a two-thirds vote and, on the local or county level, the voters approve the new tax by

a 60% super-majority.

The group claims to replace the lost revenue, but its proposal merely moves money around by reallocating a 32% smaller tax revenue “pie” from the State level down to the local and county level and only provides a partial reimbursement. Every dollar of its “replacement” revenue is at the expense of some other activity and no provision whatsoever is made for even partially “replacing” local school millages.

The proposed “replacement” revenue, for cities, villages, townships and counties – but not for school districts or other local entities – would be in the form of a constitutionally guaranteed reallocation of State of Michigan revenues from the retail sales tax, the income tax and the taxes on alcohol, cannabis and tobacco products. On average, these sources would replace only half of the property tax revenue loss experienced by townships, villages and cities.

This “replacement” could only be used to provide “essential government and infrastructure services,” as restrictively defined in the proposal, and for no other purpose. The definition of “essential government services” is limited to court operation and public safety activities and the definition of “essential infrastructure services” is limited to maintaining narrowly defined capital improvements, not for adding to or replacing them or for maintaining improvements used for other government activities.

The effect of the reallocation would not be neutral. “Replacement” revenue would be distributed by population, rather than based on the actual revenue loss of each government unit, thereby failing to account for differences in the level of reliance on property tax revenue and the needs of each unit.

The practical effect on each local unit would vary dramatically, based on that unit’s population compared to the total state population and on the varying amount of reliance on property tax revenue. The definitions do not permit use of the funds to pay even existing bonded indebtedness, or use to maintain city or township offices (other than public safety facilities), or pay salaries for activities such as general government, planning, accounting and legal services – or even the conduct of elections.

The proposal also defunds community colleges, libraries and police, fire and park authorities, all without providing alternative revenue. Effectively, the proposal would result in greatly reducing revenue for local units and then severely restricting the use of a large portion of the remaining revenue. The proposal prohibits school districts from levying property taxes, even to replace obsolete structures or add new buildings in growing communities, and prevents the State from developing newly sourced replacement revenue, absent a two-thirds vote of the Legislature.


The amount of revenue lost is far greater than AxeMITax admits. The group asserts that the only financial “hit” to education is the 6 mill State Education Tax and that the State should have no trouble doing without that revenue. AxeMITax ignores the fact when Proposal A was adopted by the voters in 1994, the State’s obligation to provide per pupil foundation grant funding was paired with a requirement that each local school district levy 18 mills of school operating property tax, imposed only on non-principal residence property. It’s claim that there is enough revenue at the state level to make up for the loss of the property tax is illogical. In addition to eliminating the 6 mill State Education Tax, the proposal will actually reduce other state discretionary revenue by 15% in the case of the tax on retail sales and 20% in the case of the taxes on alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, and personal and corporate income. The property tax is imposed on the property itself, justified by the fact that the services, even local schools, benefit the property.

When called, police and fire services respond. Good roads, “quality of life” services and good schools all maintain and enhance property values. Further, the property tax tends to be progressive because the amount of tax is based on the value of the property. The AxeMITax proposal would burden those who struggle financially because it would cut government services they need. Economic development and job creation are enhanced, rather than impaired, by assuring good local services. Good employers are attracted to areas with good schools and services. Also, elimination of the property tax would provide a windfall to businesses, who use the same local services as homeowners, require educated employees to operate and often need extra services not used by homeowners.

Our property tax system already features “circuit breakers” to provide relief for those of limited means. Proposal A and the Headlee Amendment limit valuation and millage rate increases. Persons in poverty can receive a partial or complete elimination of their property tax liability and can claim a refundable Homestead Property Tax credit from the State. Property taxes should remain a part of our solution for funding government. Placing sole reliance on sales, income and “sin” taxes does not protect homeowners. Sales taxes are regressive, income taxes are cyclical and “sin” tax revenue can decline. Loss of property taxes leads to declining property values as services diminish.

AxeMITax does not offer a sensible solution. Instead, it proposes throwing state finances into disarray.

Tim Schnelle
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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF IOSCO TOWNSHIP THE PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR MICHIGAN’S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the Tuesday, February 27th, 2024, Presidential Election has been scheduled for Thursday, February 8th, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., at the Township Hall located at 2050 Bradley Rd., Webberville, MI. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the software program and voting tabulators that will be used to count the ballots for the election have been prepared in accordance with Federal and State law. We encourage the public (as we do for all elections), to attend the testing to help ease the confusion and worry of election fraud along with demonstrating how the votes are counted and sent to the county.

Julie Dailey
Iosco Township Clerk
(1-28 & 2-4-24 FNV)

MARION TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given: Marion Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 7:30p.m. on Tuesday February 13, 2024. The Public Hearing will be held at the Marion Township Hall located at 2877 W. Coon Lake Road, Howell, Michigan 48843. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments on the following Special Use:

Tax ID # 4710-16-200-019 SUP#01-24
Applicant: Christopher Smith
2718 Sexton
Howell, MI 48843
Zoning: Rural Residential
Request: Applicant is seeking a Special Use under Section 17.32 Home-Based Business.

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

Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Planning Commission Chair, Marion Township Hall, 2877 W. Coon Lake Road, Howell, MI 48843 by 5:00 p.m. on Monday February 12, 2024.

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., Tuesday February 6, 2024.

CHERYL RANGE, SECRETARY
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Lula 'Lou' Hibbard

Lula "Lou" Belle Hibbard, age 86, of Fowlerville, left this earth to spend eternity with Jesus. Lou was born on June 27, 1937 in Northville, Michigan, the daughter of Ezra W., Sr. and Lula Mae (Lemen) Miller.

Mother of Don (Pam) Hibbard and Beth (Eric) Karschnick. Also survived by grandchildren Brienne Huff, Alicia Arnold, Rebekah Roberts, Ryan Karschnick, Ben Karschnick, Bethany Carpenter, Zac Karschnick and 9 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Donald Sr., sister Marion Bushey, and brother Ezra Miller, Jr.

Lou retired from Reuland Electric Company in Howell in the fall of 1989. She was active as a 4-H Leader for 25 years and during this time, she was Superintendent of small livestock for 15 years. As an avid weaver, she would raise sheep, spin wool and use a loom to do weaving. For several years she demonstrated weaving at the Fowlerville Fair using an antique Loom.

Lou was an active member of the Marr Community Bible Church since 1954. Along with her husband they traveled across the United States as RVer's, volunteering full time for missions and youth camps from 1989 until 2008, when her health required them to leave their vagabond lifestyle. They then enjoyed spending winters in Brookville, Florida.

A funeral service for Lou will be held Monday, January 29, at 11:00 AM, at the Marr Community Bible Church. Visitation will be Sunday, January 28, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, MacDonald's Chapel of Howell. Burial will be in Sanford Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Marr Community Bible Church. You may visit Lou's online guest book at www.watkinsbrothersfuneralhomes.com, MacDonald's Chapel.



Barbara & Alex Tait

Barbara Jean Tait

Barbara Jean (Alton) Tait died peacefully in her sleep at the age of 96 on January 13, 2024. Born to parents Marion and James Turner Alton on Oct. 18, 1927, Barbara grew up in Detroit. She was predeceased by her parents, sisters Marilyn and Virginia, and by grandson Joey Cox.

Barbara married the love of her life, Alexander J. Tait, in 1947; Alex preceded her in death in 2018, a few days short of their 71st anniversary. Barbara and Alex raised their family in Fowlerville, retired to Fountain Hills, AZ and returned to Michigan for their final years.

Barbara was a devoted wife to Alex and provided unconditional love and support to their four children: Susan Lasswell (Morrison, CO), Karlin Cox (E. Lansing, MI), James (Fountain Hills, AZ) and Steven. She is survived, as well, by nephews John Tait and Baird Heffron.

Barbara adored her seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Barbara's sunny disposition and generous heart won her many friends. She treasured those friends and generously helped others as a hospital and church volunteer. She was a life-long bridge enthusiast, enjoyed back-yard gardening and loved traveling, especially to Maui with Alex.

The family will hold a private burial co-mingling her and Alex's ashes in the spring.

Donations may be made to Wounded Warriors.

Community Connect 2024 to be held at Brighton church on Feb. 3rd

The Livingston County Homeless Continuum of Care is reminding residents to mark their calendars for Community Connect 2024, which will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3rd at 242 Community Church in Brighton. We're busy planning the final details of the event, but look forward to bringing the community another day of connection with services, free resources, and plenty of helpful information. Everyone in our community who could benefit from these services and resources is welcome to attend.

"We had a phenomenal event last year with record-breaking attendance and are looking forward to another day of connecting residents with services," said Amy Johnston, the Community Collaborative Planner for the Livingston County Human Services Collaborative Body.

The event will offer many valuable resources for Livingston County residents. Some of the free services will include health screenings, haircuts, legal services, and information on topics like housing, utility programs, and basic needs. Many free resources will be available as well.

Those who attend can pick up personal care items, winter gear, laundry detergent, diapers, food, and more. No registration is needed to attend, and families are more than welcome! (Please note that childcare will not be provided.)

Thank you to 242 Community Church for hosting the event and the following sponsors who make Community Connect possible, Livingston Sunrise Rotary, Brighton Masonic Lodge, and the Livingston County Homeless Continuum of Care.

Finally, volunteers always help make this day possible. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities available from event set-up and tear down, traffic directors, and more. Head over to Volunteer Livingston at https://www.volunteerlivingston.org/need/index?agency_id=81231 to sign up and help out.




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Fowlerville Village going through required steps to finalize federal grant for water treatment plant

By Steve Horton

Fowlerville Village officials have been going through the required steps to finalize a federal grant that would help pay for a proposed water treatment-radium removal plant.

Among those requirements is a public hearing on the proposed plant, scheduled for 6:30pm on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the Village office. Residents will be informed of the reasons a plant is needed and to get community feedback.

The Village has also hired a company to conduct a pilot program which involves testing the underground water at the site of the proposed plant on Garden Lane and Gregory Road, including the radium, iron, and hardness levels and the water pressure.

“The pilot program is being conducted to determine what equipment is needed for the treatment plant,” noted Kathryn Rajala-Gutzki, the Village manager. “The findings of these tests will be sent to the grant administrator in Washington, D.C.

She pointed out that the pilot program is also a requirement of the State of Michigan.

“We’re also re-submitting a preliminary engineering report that’s being done by Wolverine Engineering & Surveyors,” she said. “There are also a number of resolutions we’ll need to pass.”

As for a timeline on obtaining the funds and starting construction, the manager said it was premature to speculate.

Rajala-Gutzki is no stranger to the grant process, having been involved in several of them. But these were mainly Community Block Development Grants done through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation that helped finance infrastructure improvements in different areas of the village, including new water and sewer lines, storm drains, and street pavement, although recently she helped secure \$2 million of state money to be used for improvements to the Community Park.

But the process for obtaining a federal grant, she’s learned first hand and from talking to others, usually takes longer and sometimes more detailed undertaking.

“We seem to know what steps to take with the state grants, but this is new territory for us,” she said.

“We’re working to complete the required steps so that eventually we reach the point where we can get final approval

and begin designing the plant and building it,” she said, adding that the money is paid on draws as certain phases are completed.

The projected cost of the plant is estimated at \$7.5 million, with the federal grant being \$3.5 million.

“The Village has been setting aside money in the water fund for several years, with the goal of building this plant, and we’ll be able to cover \$3 million of the cost,” Rajala-Gutzki said. “Because the well and treatment plant will be in the Garden Lane Industrial Park which is administered by the LDFA (Local Development Financing Authority), that entity will cover the remaining \$1 million of the cost. We wouldn’t need to borrow any money to finance the project.”

The main purpose of the plant will be to remove iron and radium from the water, along with improving the overall quality. There is a high iron and mineral content in the village’s five wells now operating in the Community Park and near Brower Road—on the east side. A pair of test wells were drilled a couple of years ago in the Garden Lane Industrial Park that looked promising, mainly due to having the necessary high-pressure level; however, the amount of radium in the groundwater made it unusable without treatment. Radium is a natural element in groundwater, but too much is considered unhealthy for human consumption.

The grant process began in early 2021 when the Village submitted an application to Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin’s 8th District office, seeking money that might be available through the INVEST in America Act. This money, as was then being proposed, would be for local infrastructure improvement projects and was touted as a way to keep the economy on a strong footing after the COVID-related shutdowns of the previous year.

In the initial application, the Village had requested a \$6 million grant.

Not long afterwards, in late April of 2021, Slotkin announced that the Village’s water treatment-radium removal plant was one of 10 projects she was recommending for approval and funding.

In July, the House passed the bill with all 10 of the projects being included. The Senate bill, passed later, also included the Fowlerville water plant and on June 30, 2022 the Village received written notification that their project was being funded, although at a smaller amount of \$3.5 million.

Rajala-Gutzki noted that after the appropriations bill had been passed by Congress and signed by President Joe Biden, the administration of the program was assigned to the Environmental Protection Agency.

“After the appropriations bill was signed into law, federal officials needed to establish guidelines for how the applications would be handled and what criteria had to be met,” she said. “We had a training session in December of 2022 to go over the process.”

She added that there have been a couple of changes along the way and the program is now called the STAG Grant, standing for State and Tribal Assistance.

Rajala-Gutzki said the pilot program was delayed due to the company that does this work experiencing labor shortages and work being backed up.

“We now have a commitment from them that they will start the program at a cost of \$43,000” she said.

She added that while the process is taking longer than anticipated, she’s been assured by Slotkin’s office that the appropriated money is still there.

NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS OF IOSCO TOWNSHIP PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

All Electors are hereby given notice that the Presidential Primary Election will be held in all Precincts of Iosco Township on Tuesday, February 27th 2024. The Iosco Township Clerk is currently available to issue ballots for all Iosco Township registered voters requesting an absentee ballot for the Presidential 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 February 17th, 2024, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Sunday February 18th, 2024, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Monday February 19th, 2024, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday February 20th, 2024, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Wednesday February 21st, 2024, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday February 22nd, 2024, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Friday February 23rd, 2024, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday February 24th, 2024, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Sunday February 25th, 2024, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Emergency Absentee Ballots are available on Monday, February 26th, 2024, until 4 p.m.
- **Tuesday February 27th, 2024 Election Day 7a.m. to 8 p.m. at your designated precinct.**

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Smith Elementary School News

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

IMPORTANT DATES:

- March 1 – End of 2nd Trimester K-5
- March 7 – K thru 5 Half Day (dismissal 12:02) P/T
- Conferences 1:00 – 4:00 & 5:00 – 7:30 pm
- March 25 thru 29 – NO SCHOOL – SPRING RECESS
- April 1 – SCHOOL RESUMES
- May 27 – NO SCHOOL- MEMORIAL DAY RECESS

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

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Clothing Donation – The Smith office is very low on stretch waistband sweatpants or athletic type pants. Unisex sweatpants are the best option. Sizes used most often are 6 to 8 & occasionally 5T & 10. We are very low on small and medium size boys & girls underwear. We really appreciate any and all clothing donations. Our community is the best!

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Medication –If your child requires any prescription or non-prescription medication during the school year, a parent or guardian must bring the medication in to the Smith Office to drop it off and complete the necessary paperwork. This includes ALL prescription and over the counter medications. **School Board Policy states that children are not allowed to transport medication.**

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FYI- Each school building in the Fowlerville Community School District has a Child Study Team / Response to Intervention

process in place, which is a vehicle for staff members to review student performance, concerns, and collaboratively develop interventions. If you have concerns about your child’s development and are interested in more information on special services, contact his/her building Principal.

Community Theatre of Howell to present ‘Moon Over Buffalo’

The Community Theatre of Howell is presenting ‘Moon Over Buffalo’ next month at 1400 W. Grand River. Performances are: February 2-4 & 9-11 Tickets are \$16 for seniors/students & \$18 for adults available at: www.cththeatre.org/moon-over-buffalo

George and Charlotte Hay, fading stars of the 1950s, are on tour in Buffalo with a repertory consisting of Cyrano de Bergerac (the “revised, one nostril version”) and Noel Coward’s Private Lives. Suddenly, they receive word that they have one last shot at stardom: Frank Capra is coming to town to see their matinee, and if he likes what he sees, he might cast them in his next film. With almost everything going wrong, will they pull themselves together in time? Join us for this hilarious, fast-paced comedy to find out!

Collection for unused medications & used needles taking place Feb. 3rd

The Big Red Barrel will be at Recycle Livingston on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 9 am to 1 pm to collect unused medications and used needles. Recycle Livingston is located at 170 Catrell Drive in Howell.

This is a free service. No questions asked. Put pills in a zip lock container, they can be mixed together. We prefer not to have the medicine container. Keep liquid medications separate. Dump into a zip lock bag with enough paper towel to soak up the liquid. Needles must be in the proper disposal container, either purchased from a pharmacy or use a plastic laundry detergent bottle. Reseal the bottle and tape it.

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Adaline Clark "Isle Ensemble" and Jackson Clark "Jay". They are both from Fowlerville.

Prelude Children's Theater presenting Disney's hit show *Descendants*; tickets available for Feb. 2-3-4 shows

Prelude Children's Theater in Hartland is presenting Disney's *Descendants*. Performances of the show began this weekend (Jan. 26-27-28) and continue next weekend (Feb.



Natalya Flores "Evie" and Jackson Clark "Jay" are the leads in Disney's *Descendants*.

2-3-4). Tickets are still available.

The musical is being produced and directed by Shannon Egenolf, with help from Assistant Director Erin Clark, and features a robust cast of 70 2nd-8th graders. Together they have put together a visual and musical spectacle of the smash Disney hit that is sure to impress even the most avid show-going critic.

Prelude has gathered talent from all over Livingston County, including Fowlerville. With this dance-intensive musical, Prelude looks to the expertise of Maria Usher, from

Maria's School of Dance, to hone the talents of these young performers. In addition, they have the amazing talent of Christine Schoendorff as vocal director.

"We, at Prelude, want to give a Broadway-level experience to our patrons, all the while putting our phenomenally talented kids in the spotlight!" said Shannon Egenolf. "We are really excited to share with the community what we have been preparing for the last 6 months."

Prelude is known for pushing the envelope with their production values of their shows.

"We view our program as 'Children's Theater with a Broadway edge', meaning we have the production value of a Broadway show, with our local, talented young people in the middle of it" Egenolf said.

Prelude Children's Theater is best known for their blockbuster productions of *Newsies Jr.*, *Lion King Jr.*, *Frozen Jr.*, *Peter Pan Jr.*, *Madagascar Jr.*, and *James and the Giant Peach Jr.*

Descendants is a stage musical rendition of the 2015 Disney-made-for-television movie of the same name. *Descendants* is the story of the offspring of Cruella De Vil, Jafar, the Evil Queen, and Maleficent who are given a chance at redemption when Ben, the son of King Adam and Queen Belle, offers them the opportunity to attend prep school alongside the children of beloved Disney Heroes. They are faced with a difficult choice: should they follow in their parents' wicked footsteps or forge a new path?

Descendants is a wonderful show with a fantastic message: Everyone should be given a chance at redemption and in all evil there can be found good and in all good, there may be found a little bit of evil.

The show runs now through Feb. 4th. Friday's performance is at 7 PM, and the Saturday/Sunday shows are at 3 PM at the Hartland Performing Arts Center at 9525 Highland Rd., Howell. You can purchase tickets online at our.show/prludechildrenstheater/72922

For more information call the Hartland Community Education office at (810) 626-2150.



A netful of healthy fall walleye fingerlings, reared in a Michigan DNR pond in Roscommon County, are ready to be stocked as part of the DNR's fall walleye stocking efforts.

Michigan DNR creates more angling opportunities with stocking program

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources announced the totals from its 2023 fall fish stocking efforts. The DNR stocked six different species – totaling 1,076,204 fish that weighed 14.5 tons – at 103 locations throughout the state.

"It was another outstanding fall fish stocking season that will provide enhanced fishing opportunities throughout Michigan," said Ed Eisch, assistant chief of the DNR Fisheries Division. "When added to our successful spring and summer stocking efforts, that brings the total for 2023 to more than 10.4 million fish stocked in Michigan's waters."

The number and type of fish stocked vary by hatchery, as each facility's ability to rear fish differs because of water supplies and temperature. In Michigan, there are six state and three cooperative hatcheries that work together to produce the species, strain and size of fish needed by fisheries managers. These fish must then be delivered at specific times and locations for stocking to ensure their success. Most fish in Michigan are stocked in the spring.

Fall 2023 fish stocking consisted of six species: brook trout, coho salmon, lake trout, steelhead strain rainbow trout, walleye and muskellunge.

- Marquette State Fish Hatchery (Marquette) stocked 35,782 fall fingerling and adult brook that weighed a combined 3,876 pounds. These fish were stocked at 42 locations, both in the Upper and Lower peninsulas. Marquette also stocked 290 adult lake trout that weighed 1,800 pounds at three locations in the U.P.
- Platte River State Fish Hatchery (Traverse City) stocked four locations, in both Lake Michigan and Lake Huron, with 416,474 coho salmon weighing 11,840 pounds.

- Thompson State Fish Hatchery (Manistique) stocked three locations with 237,091 fall fingerling steelhead that weighed 2,375 pounds. Thompson also stocked 18,293 Great Lakes strain muskellunge that weighed 2,036 pounds at 11 locations in the Upper and Lower peninsulas.

- Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery (west of Kalamazoo) stocked six locations with 3,320 Great Lakes strain muskellunge fall fingerlings that weighed 476 pounds. Wolf Lake also stocked 344,860 fall fingerling steel head weighing 5,355 pounds in four locations.

Fisheries management units also stocked fall fingerling walleyes last year:

- Southern Lake Michigan FMU: 13,428 Muskegon strain fall fingerlings weighing 817 pounds in 15 locations.

--Central Lake Michigan FMU: 3,793 Muskegon strain fall fingerlings weighing 281 pounds in three locations.

--Lake Erie FMU: 623 Muskegon strain fall fingerlings weighing 59 pounds in Lakeville Lake.

--Northern Lake Michigan FMU: 2,250 same strain fall fingerlings weighing 108 pounds in Little Bay De Noc.

In general, fish are reared in Michigan's state fish hatcheries anywhere from one month to one and a half years before they are stocked.

The DNR welcomes visitors to its state fish hatcheries and interpretative centers to witness firsthand the fish rearing process and to learn about Michigan's waters. For more information, visit Michigan.gov/Hatcheries.

To find out if any fish were stocked in your favorite fishing spot, or to discover a new one, visit the DNR's fish stocking database at michigandnr.com/fishstock/.



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Fowlerville High School News

OFFICE HOURS

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

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

The series will cover several topics that parents and children are battling. Topics include:

- Feb 8 @ 6:30 pm - Building your child’s confidence.
- March 14 @ 6:30 pm - Bullying
- April 11 @ 6:30 pm - Substance abuse and vaping

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

There are two options for attending the parent meetings. You can attend in person at our High School Media Center or virtually via the links provided in the attachments. We know your lives are busy, but we hope that you may be able to find the time to attend this informational series. Attending in person will allow you to connect with other families as we all navigate raising confident and healthy children.

Please contact Amanda Robertson, our mental health specialist, with any questions you may have at atrobertsona@fowlervilleschools.org. We hope to see you all there!

FHS Class of 2023 Local Scholarship Winners:

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

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The First Groundhog Day

On February 2, 1887, Groundhog Day, featuring a rodent meteorologist, is celebrated for the first time at Gobbler’s Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. According to tradition, if a groundhog comes out of its hole on this day and sees its shadow, it gets scared and runs back into its burrow, predicting six more weeks of winter weather; no shadow means an early spring.

Groundhog Day has its roots in the ancient Christian tradition of Candlemas, when clergy would bless and distribute candles needed for winter. The candles represented how long and cold the winter would be. Germans expanded on this concept by selecting an animal—the hedgehog—as a means of predicting weather. Once they came to America, German settlers in Pennsylvania continued the tradition, although they switched from hedgehogs to groundhogs, which were plentiful in the Keystone State.

Groundhogs, also called woodchucks and whose scientific name is *Marmota monax*, typically weigh 12 to 15 pounds and live six to eight years. They eat vegetables and fruits, whistle when they’re frightened or looking for a mate (they’re sometimes called whistle pigs) and can climb trees and swim.

They go into hibernation in the late fall; during this time, their body temperatures drop significantly, their heartbeats slow from 80 to five beats per minute and they can lose 30 percent of their



body fat. In February, male groundhogs emerge from their burrows to look for a mate (not to predict the weather) before going underground again. They come out of hibernation for good in March.

In 1887, a newspaper editor belonging to a group of groundhog hunters from Punxsutawney called the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club declared that Phil, the Punxsutawney groundhog, was America’s only true weather-forecasting groundhog. The line of groundhogs that have since been known as Phil might be America’s most famous groundhogs, but other towns across North America now have their own weather-predicting rodents.

Today, tens of thousands of people converge on Gobbler’s Knob in Punxsutawney each February 2 to witness Phil’s prediction. The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club hosts a three-day celebration featuring entertainment and activities.

Locally the Howell Nature Center has their own weather predicting rodent, Woody the Woodchuck, a female groundhog who resides at the center.

GROUNDHOG PAPER BAG PUPPET

To make this craft you will need:

- brown paper lunch bags
- green, black, and white construction paper
- black marker
- brown and pink crayons
- scissors
- glue sticks
- adhesive wiggly eyes

After gathering supplies, cut 2 very small ears for the groundhog puppet from a scrap paper bag.

Glue the ears to the puppet.

Next, cut a round black nose and 2 large white teeth from the construction paper.

Glue the nose and teeth to the paper bag, then stick 2 adhesive wiggly eyes above them.

Use a black felt tip pen or marker to add details to the puppet, like little paws and whiskers.

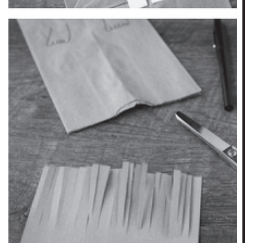
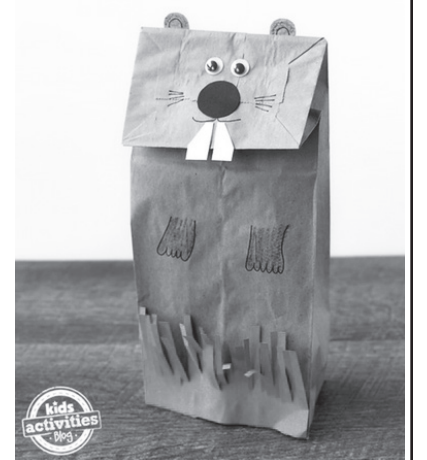
Next, cut strips of green construction paper the same width of the paper bag. Use scissors to cut the green paper halfway down to create grass.

Glue the paper to the bottom of the puppet to make it look like the groundhog is popping out of the ground!

Use the pink and brown crayons to add detail and shading to the puppet.

When the glue is dry, kids will have so much fun using their puppets to retell the story of Groundhog Day!

Try creating shadows on the wall with the puppet, then making the groundhog run away.



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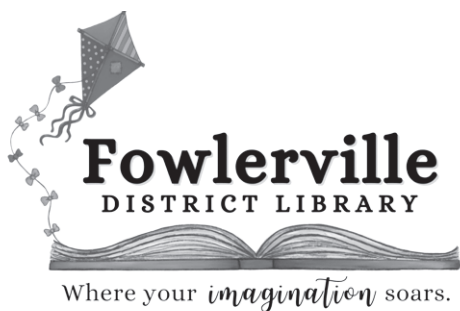
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Friday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm • Sunday: Closed
For any questions, or to register for programs, call us at
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STORYTIMES

Family Storytime (Ages 1-5)

Have fun singing songs, reading stories, dancing, and playing! Tuesdays & Wednesdays • 10am

PJ Storytime (Ages 1-5)

Wear your pjs for an evening storytime. We will have snacks & crafts. Bring a blanket and stuffie to be extra cozy.
Feb 5 • 6pm

KIDS & FAMILY

Perler Bead Party (Ages 7-12)

Join Storm to make your own Perler Bead creation.
Friday, Feb 9 • 4 – 5pm

Chess Club

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

CHESS TOURNAMENT

The Chess Club will have tournament play.
Saturday Feb 3 • 1 – 3:30pm

Kids Kraftevenings (Ages 7-12)

Drop in and get crafty with a new and exciting craft each month! Supplies provided. Monday, Feb 12 • 4-5pm

Lego Club (Ages 7-12)

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

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

Can you find all the starter Pokemon? No prior knowledge of Pokemon is required. Register for a time slot.
Friday, Feb 16 • 3:30pm, 4pm, 4:30pm, 5pm Saturday,
Feb 17 • 10:30am, 11am, 11:30am, 12pm

Mad Science

It's a spectacular science show! Fun and educational, this is a program that both children and adults will enjoy. Saturday,
Feb 10 • 10:30am

Mark Twain (All Ages)

A Mark Twain impersonator will be here to entertain us and help us to learn more about the life of this famous author.
Sat, Feb 24 • 11am

Crochet Kits

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

Cozy Crafting by the Fireplace

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

Homeschool Social

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

New Graphic Novel Club (Ages 7-12)

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

Book Boxes (All ages)

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

TEENS

Teen Crafting (Teens)

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

Twitch Streaming (All Ages)

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

Board Games with Connor (Age 10+)

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

Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 12-18)

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

Switch Free Play (Ages 10-18)

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

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

Come after school and give yoga a try.
Wednesday, Feb 6 & 20 • 3pm

Teen Escape Room

Submarine, Last Breath. Find your way to the surface before you run out of air! Registration is required.
Mon Jan 29 • 5:30pm

ADULTS

Yoga with Vanessa (Adults)

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

Jam Session

Join Mr. Damerow for some musical collaboration. Bring your horn, keyboard, harmonica, or whatever you have and join the fun. Tues. Feb 20 & Mar 19 • 5:00 – 7:30pm

Cardmaking

Join Mary to make 4 greeting cards with the theme of "Valentines". Registration is required.
Thurs, Feb 22 • 6:30 pm, Fri, Feb 23 • 11am

Scrapbooking (Adults)

Join Mary to scrapbook your favorite photos. Stay the whole time or for just a few hours. Snacks will be provided. Everyone gets their own table. Registration is required.
Sat, Feb 17 • 10:30 – 3:30

Shelf-Indulgence Book Group (Adults)

This is a traditional book discussion group. You can get a copy of the book at the front desk. Next meeting, we will discuss BURNOUT by Sophie Kinsella. Thurs Feb 22 • 2 pm

Beyond the Book Discussion Group (Adults)

Book discussion plus movie or documentary. Books are available at the front desk. Next meeting, we will discuss TEXT FOR YOU by Sophie Cramer, Fri Feb 9 • 6:00 pm

Sewing with Patty (Adults)

By special request evening hours have been added. Bring your sewing machine and get ready for some fun. Registration is Required.
Wednesday, Feb 7 • 6 pm, Friday Feb 9 • 11am

Adult Escape Room

Submarine, Last Breath. Find your way to the surface before you run out of air! Registration is required.
Mon Jan 29 • 6:30 pm

Gardening Series (Adults)

Join Master Gardener, Nan Marie for this special series that will have us dreaming about Spring planting.
Thurs Feb 22 • 3-4pm

FDL Oral History Project

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

Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team loses league game to St. Johns

The Fowlerville Varsity Basketball Team lost a league game to St. Johns on Friday night (Jan. 19) by a 58-49 score. Brendan Ray led the Glads with 17 points. Dillon Wieas added 14 and Wyatt Soli had 11. The Glads are now 3-8 overall and 0-5 against CAAC Red opponents.

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LEGAL NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE

TO ALL PURCHASERS - A lien has been recorded on behalf of Howden Meadows Condominium Association. The lien was executed on September 20, 2023 and recorded on September 22, 2023, as Instrument 2023R-017786, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$4,909.45).

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Under the power of sale contained in the recorded Condominium Documents and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212 that the lien will be foreclosed by a sale of the property described below, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, at the main entrance of the Judicial Center located in Howell, Michigan (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 10:00 am, Eastern Standard Time.

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

The name of the record property owner is Tracy Wallace, and is situated in the City of Howell, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 18, of Howden Meadows, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Instrument No. 2019R-010872, Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 429. Sidwell No. 17-25-103-018

Commonly known as: 405 Dorchester Drive, Howell, Michigan 48855

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

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

Dated: January 9, 2024

Howden Meadows Condominium Association
c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC
Sarah R. Karl
30140 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
248 671 0140

(01-14)(02-11)

(1-14, 1-21, 1-28, 2-4 & 2-11-24 FNV)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on February 28, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Tera Lynn Parker, a Single Woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage, a Division of United Shore Financial Services, LLC, its successors and assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC

Date of Mortgage: October 3, 2019

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 8, 2019

Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$175,033.21

Description of the mortgaged premises: THE LAND IS SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HARTLAND, COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AS FOLLOWS: LOT 25, EXCEPT THE EAST 35 FEET THEREOF, OF THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF HARTLAND, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN LIBER 6 OF DEEDS, PAGE 448, LIVINGSTON COUNTY RECORDS.

Commonly Known as: 3660 Mill St., Hartland, MI 48353

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: 01/28/2024

Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
251 Diversion Street
Rochester, MI 48307
248-853-4400

Our File No.: 318550

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(1-28, 2-4, 2-11 and 2-18-24 FNV)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on February 7, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Robert Limbright, an unmarried man

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): UNITED SHORE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC D/B/A UNITED WHOLESALE MORTGAGE, LLC

Date of Mortgage: June 25, 2021

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 1, 2021

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$158,019.24

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Cohoctah, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 16, Town 4 North, Range 4 East, Cohoctah Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as follows; Beginning at a point on the South 1/8 line of Section 16 which is North 0 degrees 28 minutes 50 seconds East along the West line of Section 16, as occupied, 1315.13 feet to the South 1/8 line of Section 16; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes East along said South 1/8 line 659.90 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 16; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes East along the South 1/8 line of Section 16 a distance of 658.10 feet to the West 1/8 line of Section 16; thence South 0 degrees 13 minutes West along said West 1/8 line of Section 16 a distance of 662.10 feet; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes West 658.10 feet; thence North 0 degrees 13 minutes East 662.10 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 9284 Schrepfer Rd, Howell, MI 48855-8312

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: January 7, 2024

Trott Law, P.C.
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Farmington Hills, MI 48334
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(01-07)(01-28)

(1-7, 1-14, 1-21 & 1-28-24 FNV)

CONWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

7:00 PM. As listed below at Conway Township Hall, 8015 N Fowlerville Rd, Fowlerville MI 48836.

Board of Trustees Meeting Dates:

January 16	July 16
February 13	August 20
March 19	September 17
April 16	October 15
May 21	November 19
June 18	December 17

Elizabeth Whitt, Clerk
Conway Township
8015 N. Fowlerville Road
Fowlerville, MI 48836
517-223-0358
(1-28-24 FNV)

NIESA Fire Report (Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority)

On Wednesday January 17, 2024 NIESA responded to six calls. One call was in Leroy Township for a medical response. Three calls were in the City of Williamston, with one a medical response, one a fire response, and one a citizen assist. One call was in Williamstown Township for a smoke investigation. One call was in the Village of Webberville for a medical response.

On Thursday January 18, 2024 NIESA responded to six calls. Four calls were in the City of Williamston, with three being fire alarm responses and one a medical response. One call was in Williamston Township for a citizen assist. Another call was in Locke Township for a medical response.

On Friday January 19, 2024 NIESA responded to five calls. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a vehicle accident on I-96. One call was in Leroy Township for a vehicle accident on I-96. One call was a mutual aid in Okemos also for a vehicle accident on I-96. Two calls were in the City of Williamston, with both being medical responses.

On Saturday January 20, 2024 NIESA responded to five calls. Four calls were in the City of Williamston, with three

being fire responses and one a medical response. One call was in Williamstown Township also for a medical response.

On Sunday January 21, 2024 NIESA responded to four calls. One call was in the Village of Webberville for a citizen assist. One call was in Williamstown Township for a CO alarm. One call was in the City of Williamston for a medical response. One call was in Leroy Township for a vehicle accident on I-96.

On Monday January 22, 2024 NIESA responded to three calls. One was in Leroy Township for a medical response. One was a mutual aid Okemos for a medical response. One was in the City of Williamston also for a medical response.

On Tuesday January 23, 2024 NIESA responded to five calls. One call was in the Village of Webberville for a medical response. One call was in Williamstown Township for a CO alarm. One call was in Leroy Township for a vehicle accident on I-96. One call was in the Village of Webberville for a medical response. One call in Locke Township was also a medical response.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Timothy P. Taylor, a single man

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust

Date of Mortgage: June 26, 2006

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 19, 2006

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$142,587.37

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Genoa, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 16, Red Oaks of Chemung No. 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 13, of Plats Page(s) 33 and 34, Livingston County Records.

Common street address (if any): 974 Red Oaks Dr, Howell, MI 48843-9122

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: January 28, 2024

Trott Law, P.C.

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Farmington Hills, MI 48334

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(1-28, 2-4, 2-11 & 2-18-24 FNV)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Trent A. Grubaugh, single man

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): MidFirst Bank

Date of Mortgage: April 13, 2018

Date of Mortgage Recording: May 11, 2018

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$297,670.52

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Fowlerville, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 132, Except the North 89 Feet thereof, and Lot 131 of Fowler's Plat (Fowler's First Addition to the Village of Fowlerville) according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 29 of Deeds, Page 468 of Livingston County Records. Also, Lot 26 of Assessor's Plat No.1 Village of Fowlerville, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 1 of Livingston County Records. Common street address (if any): 223 N Grand St, Fowlerville, MI 48836-9700

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: January 21, 2024

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(01-21)(02-11)

(1-21, 1-28, 2-4, and 2-11-24 FNV)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Kevin L. Waterbury, a single man

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC

Date of Mortgage: April 16, 2018

Date of Mortgage Recording: April 20, 2018

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$272,904.64

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Howell, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Unit No. 95, Amber Oaks Site Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Instrument No. 2006R-004961, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 357, together with rights in the general common elements and the limited common elements as shown on the Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended

Common street address (if any): 395 Geneva Ct, Howell, MI 48855-7110

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

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

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This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: January 28, 2024

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Livingston County Genealogical Society holding 'zoom' meeting on Feb. 1st

The Livingston County Genealogical Society will meet via zoom on Thursday, Feb. 1st. Program speaker is Thomas Koselka – 'Who you gonna call? WIKIs in Family History.'

When we answer one research question, one or more new questions arise. How do we handle all the research locations, record-sets, and types of documents? In this session, we will explore features of the FamilySearch Wiki and why it should be in your toolbox. We will examine Wiki search techniques, the purpose of the Wiki, notifications of changes, how you can adopt a page, and how to contribute your expertise to make the Wiki a more robust tool to help genealogists. FamilySearch is not the only Wiki out there; we will also look at more specialized Wikis that offer guidance with more advanced questions.

Tom Koselka has been researching his family history since the middle 1980s. Tom is currently the President of the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research. He was a Past-President of the Michigan Genealogical Council and the Dearborn Genealogical Society. Additionally, he serves as a board member, mentor, and advisor to several Michigan genealogical societies. Tom is also a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, Ontario Ancestors, and the National Genealogical Society. Retired from Dearborn Music, Tom lives in Westland, with his genealogist wife, Valerie.

A link to this virtual meeting may be found on our Facebook page for the Livingston County Genealogical Society a few days before the Feb. 1st meeting. All are welcome.

Fowlerville Junior High School News

After school tutoring every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday's from 2:20-3:20.

CONGRATS to our FJH wrestlers! The junior high wrestlers finished as champions of the Chelsea tournament. In their quest to victory, the team defeated Jackson Northwest 61-60, Parma Western 58-52, Onsted 60-57 & Chelsea 81-21. Terrific start to the season. UNDEFEATED wrestlers for the day were Dominic Wheeler, Connor Richmond & Ryder Kleinschmidt 3 pins; Hunter Pappas 4 pins; Liam O'Neil 3 pins; Xavier Valentine & Nolan Daniel 2 pins.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Fowlerville Junior High Girls 7th grade basketball team for beating the St. Johns Redwings on their season opener!

SPORTS FOR WEEK OF JAN. 29:

Mon., 1/29: GBB vs Eaton Rapids-* - 4:00. 7A, 8A. Bus-2:30

Tues., 1/30: Wrestling @ Williamston - 4:30. Bus - 3:30 Quad meet w/ Williamston, Lakewood, Portland.

Wed., 1/31: GBB vs Charlotte* - 4:00; 7H, 8H

Played at FHS Aux gym.

*3 games per night: 7B, 7A, 8

Thurs., 2/1: Athletic Pictures at practices; check w/ your coach for exact time.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Trust Estate

Estate of Royce and Deloris Hyde Living Trust dated January 12, 1999

Date of Birth: 8/31/1930

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Royce D. Hyde, died 1/7/2024.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Nancy Hyde-Davis, named Trustee within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 1/23/2024

Attorney:
Marc Nakisher P68064
1229 S. Washington Avenue
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 398-1800

Successor Trustee:
Nancy Hyde-Davis
2114 Nichols Rd
Lennon, MI 48449
(810) 513-6117

(1-28-24 FNV)

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

January 18

12:29 p.m. Medical response on Hogback Rd in Handy Township.

12:41 p.m. Medical response on Red Pine St in Handy Township.

1:01 p.m. Medical response on Christopher St in the Village.

5:03 p.m. Medical response on Sargent Rd in Handy Township.

6:13 p.m. Odor investigation on Church St in the Village.

8:32 p.m. Medical response on W Grand River in the Village.

January 19

1:01 p.m. Medical response on E Van Riper in Handy Township.

4:17 p.m. Medical response on Crofoot Rd in Iosco Township.

10:05 p.m. Medical response on Van Buren in Handy Township.

January 20

12:08 a.m. Odor investigation on Daisey Ln in Conway Township.

5:14 a.m. Medical response on S Grand Ave in the Village.

10:47 p.m. Medical response on Converse Rd in Handy Township.

January 21

3:25 a.m. Assist Livingston County EMS on Chestnut St in the Village.

8:15 a.m. Medical response on N Grand Ave in the Village.

9:45 p.m. Medical response on Colleen Dr in Handy Township.

January 22

8:02 a.m. Medical response on Marjorie Dr in Iosco Township.

9:35 a.m. Animal rescue on Squirrel Run in Iosco Township.

January 23

7:21 a.m. Reported structure fire on W Grand River Ave in the Village.

11:03 a.m. Medical response on Fowlerville Rd in the Village.

1:45 p.m. Medical response on Garden Ln in the Village.

January 24

7:07 a.m. Medical response on Lange Rd in Iosco Township.

7:14 a.m. Carbon monoxide investigation on Hidden Circle Dr in Conway Township.

Livingston Fine Art Association to meet on Jan. 30th at Cleary University

The Livingston Fine Art Association will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 30th at Chrysler Hall at Cleary University, Room 303. Park in Lot F and there will be signs to guide you to Room 303.

The speakers will be Elizabeth Rowse and Diane Pearson speaking on Historical Art and Architecture in the cities of Lucca, Siena, Florence and the nearby countryside of Tuscany, Italy. View historical locations in northern Italy's Milan and Verona at the centuries old elegant estates of the Lake Como Area.

Not to be outdone by Italy, learn of little-known Adriatic coastal cities of Croatia and their stunning ancient archeological treasures. Art, architectural and archeology highlights spanning over a millennium will be presented.

A short business meeting and a discussion of members art work will follow. All artists and those interested in the arts are invited. See our website at: <https://livfineart.com/> or find us on Facebook.



Livingston Fine Art Association

LEGAL NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE TO ALL PURCHASERS -

A lien has been recorded on behalf of Hidden Creek of Oceola Condominium Association.

The lien was executed on November 3, 2023 and recorded on November 20, 2023, as Instrument 2023R-021313, Livingston County Register of Deeds.

The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven Dollars and Fifty-Four Cents (\$2,911.54).

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement.

Under the power of sale contained in the recorded Condominium Documents and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212 that the lien will be foreclosed by a sale of the property described below, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, at the main entrance of the Judicial Center located in Howell, Michigan (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 10:00 AM, Eastern Standard Time.

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

The name of the record property owner is Christopher M. Nalley, and is situated in the Township of Oceola, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 219, of Hidden Creek, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 4048, Page 0550 et seq., Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 278. Sidwell No. 07-28-301-219 Commonly known as: 4103 Falmouth Lane, Howell, Michigan 48843

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

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

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

Dated: January 22, 2024

Hidden Creek of Oceola Condominium Association
c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC
Stephen M. Guerra
30140 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
248 671 0140

(01-28)(02-25)

(1-28, 2-4, 2-11, 2-18 & 2-25-24 FNV)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE

TO ALL PURCHASERS - A lien has been recorded on behalf of River Downs Condominium Association. The lien was executed on August 17, 2023 and recorded on August 21, 2023, as Instrument 2023R-015582, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Two Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Eight Dollars and Ten Cents (\$2,648.10).

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Under the power of sale contained in the recorded Condominium Documents and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212 that the lien will be foreclosed by a sale of the property described below, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, at the main entrance of the Judicial Center located in Howell, Michigan (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 10:00 am, Eastern Standard Time. The amount due on the lien may increase between the date of this notice and the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

The name of the record property owner is David Bober and Margaret Bober, and is situated in the Township of Howell, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 65, of River Downs, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 1992, Page 158 et seq., Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 82. Sidwell No. 06-27-304-065

Commonly known as: 2644 Thistlewood Drive, Howell, Michigan 48843

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

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

Dated: January 11, 2024

River Downs Condominium Association
c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC
Stephen M. Guerra
30140 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
248 671 0140

(01-21)(02-18)

(1-21, 1-28, 2-4, 2-11 & 2-18-24 FNV)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on February 28, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Scott D Brighton and Kelly Brighton, Husband & Wife and Cynthia M Brighton, A single woman

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

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

Date of Mortgage: November 23, 2015

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 30, 2015

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$253,553.65

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Green Oak, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Unit No. 70, STONE RIDGE SITE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 4811, Page 478, Amended and Restated Master Deed recorded in Liber 2011R-024712, as amended, and designated as Oakland County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 338, together with rights in the general common elements and the limited common elements as shown on the Master Deed, and any amendments thereto, last amended by amendment recorded in Instrument No. 2015R-009320, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Common street address (if any): 10889 Bouldercrest Dr, South Lyon, MI 48178-8200

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

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

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This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: January 28, 2024

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Caleb Jenkins Column



A Philosophy of Effectiveness

Napoleon Bonaparte, despite his many faults, was a captivating leader. He may not have been a good leader in the ethical or interpersonal sense, but many people at least found him charismatic. That goes for many of his subjects and peers during his lifetime and for numerous people who have studied him to this day. Napoleon was engaging enough to lead a successful revolution; set himself up as Emperor of France; reconstruct the state in major ways still felt today; and prove himself as a military strategist, considered by many to be among the greatest in history.

What made Napoleon so captivating?

Writers have filled many books seeking to answer that very question, but it is not an easy task to nail down the exact traits or circumstances that contributed to Napoleon's success.

After all, if it was simple to define and implement, all leaders would be more effective. But does that mean Napoleon was unique? Was he above the rest of us, exhibiting traits and skills that we can study but not achieve?

As is the case with most extraordinary figures from history, Napoleon lived through uncommon circumstances and obtained opportunities rarely available to other people. The unique setting of his life undoubtedly provided key advantages, but opportunities are worthless if they are not acted upon. Napoleon's environment was not the only thing that set him apart. Far from it, his response to the environment was the key to his success, meaning others are not excluded from effectiveness by reason of environment alone.

However, that brings us to the real questions. What was Napoleon's response, and was it generalizable? Can we glean any lessons for success? The first answer is 'yes'; we can apply principles of success in our own lives. I think we sometimes imagine prominent figures of history and current times on their own playing field. As just described, it is true that circumstances certainly vary, affecting the types of opportunities and outcomes available. But they are still human. Any principles that contributed to Napoleon's success are ones we also can apply in our own lives.

That said, I hope we are not trying to mimic Napoleon entirely. In many ways, he did not leave the best mark on history! However, when learning from the past, we should not only disregard the bad but also embrace the good. We can abstain from bad decisions in our own lives while embracing what good there is to be found. I think we can apply this rule

when studying Napoleon. While Napoleon did not always put his effectiveness to moral use, we can learn the principles of effectiveness for the purpose of good works for necessary uses.

Those interested in Napoleon point to many disparate traits or philosophies that made his response to his environment effective. Personally, I think the most important facet of Napoleon's success was the way he thought and made decisions. His philosophy of decision making is dissimilar to many popular leadership trends of our day, yet despite the contrast or perhaps because of it, I think it is worth exploring further. Next week, I hope to examine Napoleon's coup d'oeil, otherwise known as his leadership glance!

Livingston County Concert Band performing 'Not of This World'

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

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

LEGAL NOTICES

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Craig Miller and Michelle L Barduca, husband and wife

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): ALLIED FIRST BANK, SB DBA SERVBANK

Date of Mortgage: November 18, 2016

Date of Mortgage Recording: December 8, 2016

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$263,678.93

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Genoa, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 18, Heritage Farms of Crooked Lake, as recorded in Liber 16, Pages 28, 29 and 30 of Plats, Livingston County Records.

Common street address (if any): 5850 Cedar Knoll Dr, Brighton, MI 48116-9431

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: January 28, 2024

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MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Edward D. Kidder, an unmarried man

Original Mortgagee: Nations One Mortgage Corporation

Date of mortgage: February 14, 2005

Recorded on March 11, 2005, Liber 4737, on Page 424, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Four and 31/100 Dollars (\$139,424.31)

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Livingston County, and described as: PARCEL 2: Part of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9, Town 1 North, Range 3 East, Unadilla Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the centerline of Spears Road and Section line East 336.55 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 9; running thence East 336.55 feet along the centerline of Spears Road and the Section line; thence North 04 degrees 21 minutes 00 seconds West, 1040.00 feet; thence West 336.55 feet; thence South 04 degrees 21 minutes 00 seconds East, 1040.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Commonly known as 18680 Spears Rd, Gregory, MI 48137

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

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Metropolitan Life Insurance Company Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman P.C.

23938 Research Dr, Suite 300

Farmington Hills, MI 48335

248.539.7400

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): James L. Bartrum, a Married Man and Sarah E. Bartrum, his wife

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: December 22, 2015

Date of Mortgage Recording: January 7, 2016

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$167,230.32

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Handy, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Unit No. 228, Red Cedar Crossing, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 4533, Page 924, inclusive and amendments thereto, Livingston County Records, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 311, together with rights in General Common Elements and Limited Common Elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Common street address (if any): 8645 Chippewa River Dr, Fowlerville, MI 48836-8627

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

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Webberville Cribbage Report


Uppers vs. Down Staters

Last week we had 15 enthusiastic card players show up.

Join the Fun!

We meet **Mondays, 6:30-9pm** at the Webberville United Methodist Church, located at South M-52 & Holt Road.

For more information, call Fred Moon 517-521-5622.
Leave message.



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Webberville Report



Webberville Competitive Cheer Team takes part in two competitions

By Jaidyn Josselyn

Webberville’s Competitive Cheer Team had two competitions last week. They had their first league meet at Perry on Wednesday, January 17, earning 6th place. Then at Fowlerville’s “Color War” Invitational on Saturday, January 20, they scored second in their division. The girls are always working hard to improve their scores on the road to districts.



Senior Spotlight—Madeline Derian

By Jaidyn Josselyn

“Participate in everything that seems hard to you, because when you look back on it you will see the growth and determination it took to get where you are.”

Maddie Derian is the daughter of Alex and Heather Derian and the older sister of Owen, a 7th grader at Webberville. Maddie has attended Webberville schools her whole life.

Maddie’s favorite high school memory is joining FFA. She is currently President of Webberville’s FFA Chapter and has been involved all four years. She has competed at the district and state levels, attended National Convention, and coordinated youth outreach. Maddie has been involved in numerous other extra-curricular activities including choir, cross country, NHS, sideline cheer, and student council. Despite being so active, she still gives 110% to her academics.

Webberville’s Ag Leadership has been her favorite class. “I love Ag Leadership because it allows me to grow my leadership skills, meet new people, and spend time with my best friends in class!” she said.

Maddie is dual enrolled in Lansing Community College completing: Biology, Political Science, Math, English, Geology, and History. After two years of dual enrollment she

will graduate with 32 transferable credits.

When Mr. Belding, the high school English teacher was asked his first impression of Maddie, he said, “Maddie is very studious, one of the most morally centered students I have ever met.”

In ten years, Belding sees her as “Senator Derian.” Belding believes that Maddie’s great work ethic will help her to be very successful in life.

“Maddie makes me laugh because she refuses to bend or break rules, very steadfast in her guilt,” he said.

Some of Maddie’s hobbies include hanging out with friends, showing pigs, watching Netflix, and public speaking. Her love for public speaking came from participating in many FFA events. She has been showing pigs at the Fowlerville Fair for nine years and you can find her hanging out with fellow Spartans: Brenna Williams, Micayla Wick, and Ethan West.

Brenna Williams noted that “Maddie and I have been best friends ever since Kindergarten. She is smart, funny, hardworking, and I know that she will do amazing things with her life in the future.”

Maddie Derian is a student who leaps over boundaries and tries everything she has the opportunity to do.

Webberville Library holding drawing for Valentine’s Day boxes of candy

Visitors to the Webberville Public Library can win a box of candy by coming in and completing an entry for a drawing. Several winners will be selected for this drawing sponsored by Friends of the Webberville Library.

Entries will be accepted starting Monday, January 29 until Friday, February 9 at 5:00 pm. One entry per visit. Please enter and have a happy Valentine’s Day.



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Ingham County Comments

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

2024 has started strong with an Ingham County Road Department update from the Ingham County Controller in the January 23rd Board of Commissioners Meeting. Lots of road construction is being scheduled for 2024 and beyond.

The ICRD is responsible for more than 1,253 miles of roads outside incorporated cities and villages throughout Ingham County. Through the efforts of its more than 70 employees and 450 pieces of equipment, those roadways are cleared of snow and are kept in good repair. In addition, the ICRD is responsible for traffic signals, flashing beacons, bridges, road signs, and culverts within county road rights of way throughout Ingham County's 550 square miles.

Here are the District 15 (Locke, Leroy, Williamstown Township, precincts 6, 7, and 22 of Meridian Charter Township, City of Williamston, and the village of Webberville) Ingham County Road Department projects. ICRD will start the projects in 2024.

Holt Road Bridge over Doan Creek (Leroy Township)

- Construction includes replacing the bridge superstructure (i.e., beams, concrete pavement, and bridge railings), an adjacent large culvert, and road approaches to the bridge.
- All traffic will be detoured to alternate roads via a posted detour. Local traffic will be maintained for residents

- within the work zone.
 - Work is expected to occur from July - November.
- Hoxie Road Bridge over Wolf Creek (Locke Township)**
- Construction includes replacing the bridge deck and railings, installing guardrails, and reconstructing the road approach.
 - All traffic will be detoured to alternate roads via a posted detour. Local traffic to residents within the work zone will be maintained.
 - Work is anticipated to be scheduled for August - November.
- Dietz Road Bridge over Red Cedar River (Leroy Township)**
- Construction includes the replacement of the entire bridge and the reconstruction of the road approaches.
 - This road is currently closed and will remain closed to traffic throughout construction.
 - Work is anticipated to be scheduled for June - November.

Okemos Road and Central Park Drive Intersection (Meridian Township)

- Construction includes the replacement of the existing traffic signal.
- Traffic will be maintained throughout construction.
- Work is anticipated to be completed this Spring.

Mt. Hope Road from Hagadorn Road to Okemos Road (Meridian Township)

- The scope of work includes road rehabilitation, signal replacement, and lane conversions.
- The design is currently in progress.
- Construction expected in 2025

Howell Road from Williamston Road to Dietz Road (Wheatfield, Ingham, Leroy, and White Oak Townships)

- The scope of work includes road reconstruction.
- The design has yet to start.
- Construction is expected in 2026.

These are only the projects that touch District 15; there are plenty more throughout the county. The Ingham County Road Department looks like it will have a busy year! Please contact me with any questions or concerns about the upcoming Road Department projects.

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I will host Coffee Hours on Monday, January 29th, from 10 am to 12 pm at Noah's Nook Restaurant in the Village of Webberville for any Ingham County questions or concerns.

Williamston Farmer's Market collecting bottles & cans on Sunday, Feb. 4th

The Eastern Ingham Farmers Market in Williamston is holding its next bottle and can fundraiser on Sunday, Feb. 4th. Simply bring your Michigan-returnable bottles and cans to the large parking lot of McCormick Park at 123 High Street anytime between 11am and 1pm. Stay warm in your car, pop the trunk and volunteers will cheerfully collect your generous donation.

Other bottle and can collection dates which are held on the first and third Sundays during the off-season will be: February 18; March 3 and 17; April 7 and 21 and May 5.

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS: The Township of Leroy, County of Ingham, State of Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township Clerk; the office of County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or any other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the Township Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the elector's Township Clerk's office at the Following times:

LEROY TOWNSHIP, 1685 N M-52, Webberville- Regular business hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Election Day – Tuesday February 27th from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the electors will be voting on the following:

PRESIDENTIAL: Candidate for President of the United States.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact their clerk's office.

Wilma J. Whitehead
Leroy Township Clerk
(1-28-24 FNV)

Williamston Area Senior Center

201 School Street - 517-655-5173

January-February 2024 Events

Monday, January 29th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, NATIONAL PUZZLE DAY, Play Charades at 12:30 pm

Tuesday, January 30th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Quarter Bingo with Chief of Police Jeff Weiss at 12:30 pm

Wednesday, January 31st - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, NATIONAL HOT CHOCOLATE DAY, Chair Exercise at 11am, Snowflake Craft with Nikki at 12:30 pm, Needle Work Group 1-3pm

Thursday, February 1st - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, BIRTHDAY BASH, Card Making with Sandra at 12:30 pm

Monday, February 5th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Blood Pressure Screening at 10:30 am, Valentine's Craft with Nikki at 12:30 pm

Tuesday, February 6th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, NATIONAL WEATHERMAN'S DAY, Weatherman Andy Provenzano presents at 12:30 pm

Wednesday, February 7th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 11am, Lunch provided by Brookdale and presentation by Dr. Laberge at 12:30 pm, Needle Work Group 1-3 pm

Thursday, February 8th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Drum Circle with Ian at 12:30pm

Monday, February 12th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Christy and the Willows provide lunch and present 'Depression in the Elderly' at 12:30pm

Tuesday, February 13th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Lunch with a WASC Board Member, Quarter Bingo at 12:30pm

Wednesday, February 14th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, HAPPY VALENTINES DAY, Chair Exercise at 11am, Ricky and Nicki perform at 12:30pm, Needle Work Group 1-3pm

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Michigan House Report

By Bob Bezotte,
50th District

Every day serving you in Lansing has been a privilege, and I am honored by the trust you have instilled in me. After much thought and consideration, I have decided to retire from my longtime career in public service. I am excited to have more time to spend with my family and start a new chapter supporting the people I care for most.

I would not be here today without the people in our community. It has been my honor to serve at your pleasure for so many years. The people of Livingston County have my deepest respect and admiration, especially our local veterans, police, fire, EMS, and all the public officials I have had the pleasure of knowing over my career. You inspired me to serve as state representative, so I could advocate for your needs and work on policies to improve the lives of Michiganders long after I am gone.

I remain committed to my responsibilities in Lansing, and I plan to finish out the remainder of my term, which wraps up at the end of this year. In my retirement, I am looking forward to spending more time with my family, especially my grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

On Wednesday, Gov. Whitmer delivered her sixth State of the State address. I was hoping to hear her present real solutions to help Michigan families and confront the critical problems our state is facing.

Unfortunately, the governor spent much of the time highlighting the partisan policies she has adopted over the last year with the help of Democrats in the House and Senate. It was clear that she continues to seek the national spotlight while turning her back on the problems we have here at home.

Over the last year, the governor has frivolously allocated public funds to pet projects while neglecting the genuine challenges faced by Michigan families on tight budgets, all while pushing for higher taxes. Her approach to economic growth heavily relies on hand-picked corporate welfare, depleting the state's \$9 billion surplus with minimal return on investment.

The crumbling local roads we all drive every day remain unaddressed by the governor and she has overlooked the problems in our K-12 schools – where the reading level of Michigan kids ranks in the bottom of the nation – choosing instead to focus on headline-grabbing ideas like “free college for all.”

Instead of looking for sweeping ideas that might gain her national attention, the people of Michigan need Gov. Whitmer to prioritize the issues at home. We all will be better off if the governor joins forces with legislators and works with us in a bipartisan fashion to adopt common-sense, well-thought-out solutions that will guide Michigan back on a path to prosperity.

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

Public Notice Conway Township

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the February 27, 2024, Presidential Primary Election has been scheduled for **January 31, 2024** At 11:00 a.m. at the Township Hall 8015 Fowlerville Road Fowlerville, MI

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Elizabeth Whitt
Conway Township Clerk
(1-28-24 FNV)

IOSCO TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED MINUTES January 18th, 2024

The regular meeting of the Iosco Township Board was held on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 8:00 P.M. Members Present: Alderson, Bonnville, Dailey, Hardies, & Parker. The following action was taken: 1) Motion to approve the agenda. 2) 1st. Call to the Public: There were no requests to be heard. 3) Motion to adopt the Township Board meeting minutes from December 21, 2023. 4) Clerk's report. 5) Treasurer's report. 6) Motion to pay \$81,453.00 in Township bills. 7) Fire Board and Recreation updates were heard. 8) Planning Commission update was heard. 9) Assessor & Zoning Administrator's report was heard 10) Motion to approve Resolution 2024-01 adopting Iosco Township's poverty guidelines and asset level test. 11) Motion to adopt the January 18, 2024 updated Iosco Township – Hall Use Rental Policy 12) Motion to approve the KW quote for \$9,355.51 to purchase a new server, replace the Assessor's computer, the upgrading of 3 computers to pro, and a new battery backup for the server for the Township. 13) 2nd Call to the Public: The public was heard from. 14) Motion to adjourn at 8:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Dailey
Iosco Township Clerk
(1-28-24 FNV)

State Canvassers approve ballot initiative petitions to eliminate property taxes & repeal part of Clean Energy Act

By Kevin Davidson
Michigan Advance

The Michigan Board of State Canvassers approved the petition language for two proposed state ballot initiatives at its recent Jan. 19th meeting. These include a proposed amendment to the state constitution to ban property taxes and an effort to repeal changes to how the state permits large-scale renewable energy projects.

The four-member board is comprised of two Democrats and two Republicans who are appointed to their seats.

The board in other actions rejected petition language aimed at recalling Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Secretary of State Joselyn Benson, and Attorney General Dana Nessel.

While the board okayed the petition language for the initiative to ban property taxes, canvassers stopped short of giving the final approval of form that would have cleared the way for the group to begin collecting signatures.

On the effort to repeal part of the Clean Energy Act recently approved by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, the form was approved which allows supporters of the repeal to collect signatures with the goal of placing it on the ballot.

The constitutional amendment, called AxMITax, would eliminate Michigan's property tax, restrict the ability of local governments and the Legislature to increase taxes through different means, and shift more sales tax revenue away from the state and push it toward local governments.

Local governments then would be required to fund public safety, law enforcement, emergency response, courts and infrastructure under the proposal.

According to the proposed summary language, the petition submitted by AxMITax (Ax Michigan Tax) would amend the state constitution to prohibit real property taxes and alternative means of taxation on real or personal property, require 60% of voters to approve local taxes and require two-thirds vote of Legislature to increase any state tax by more than .1%.

Opponents of the proposal argued the summary was inadequate, as it failed to note the potential impacts of eliminating property taxes on state and local funds.

"There is no disclosure of the enormous adverse financial consequences of this proposal. Just to briefly reiterate what he's saying in our letter. This proposal appears to eliminate at least \$3 billion in funding for public education without replacement revenue," said Mark Brewer, an attorney for Goodman Acker representing Michiganders for the Commonwealth, which opposes the proposal.

"There is no indication in the summary that that revenue would be eliminated without adequate replacement," Brewer said.

Steve Liedel, former counsel for Gov. Jennifer Granholm who's another attorney opposing the proposal, argued the failure to include potential consequences to eliminating property taxes could prejudice voters in favor of the measure.

Additionally, members of the board questioned Paul McCord, the attorney representing Axe MI Tax, whether the proposal applied to personal property taxes as well as real property taxes, with opponents arguing it does not.

The attorneys supporting and opposing the measure ultimately chose to compromise over the language, settling on the following summary written alongside Director of Elections Jonathan Brater:

"Constitutional Amendment to: Prohibit real property taxes, which currently are the primary funding source for schools, community colleges, parks, and other local government units; shift 10% of state sales, income, and other tax revenue from the state to counties, cities, townships and villages, but not to schools, community colleges, parks or other local government units; eliminate property tax exemption for religious and

educational organizations; require 60% of voters to approve any local taxes; require 2/3 vote of Legislature for any non-minimal tax increase; require implementing legislation."

The board voted unanimously to approve the summary language, but did not take a vote on the form for the petition, with Canvasser Anthony Daunt, a Republican, identifying a number of typos within the form, and Canvasser Jeannette Bradshaw, a Democrat, noting she would not vote to conditionally approve the form until it included the updated summary.

The board also approved a petition filed by Citizens for Local Choice, seeking to reverse an amendment to the Clean and Renewable Energy Waste Reduction Act signed into law at the end of last year.

Public Act 233, introduced as House Bill 5120, gives the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) authority of permitting large scale renewable energy projects, including solar energy developments with a capacity of 50 megawatts or more; wind facilities with 100 megawatts or more; and energy storage facilities with a capacity of 50 megawatts or more and a discharge capacity of 200 megawatts or greater. It is set to take effect on Nov. 29.

The petition's supporters have argued that the law strips away authority from localities, which previously held the sole authority over permitting for renewable energy projects.

However, supporters argue that the bill includes provisions to involve localities including requirements for energy companies to work with municipalities whose permitting process mirrors the standards outlined in the law, giving them 120 days to reach a permitting agreement and the option for a 120-day extension.

If the impacted community does not approve or deny a developer's application in a timely manner, if the local zoning process is stricter than the standards specified by the law, or if a project meets the law's zoning standards outlined but the application is denied, the company could then file an application with the MPSC, which regulates energy companies within the state.

Developers would also have to pay communities \$2,000 per megawatt of the project's capacity to fund police, fire, public safety, other infrastructure or other projects agreed upon by the locality and the developer.

They must also set aside up to \$150,000 to cover the legal costs associated with contesting an application before the MPSC.

While Brewer disputed the petition summary on behalf of Our Land Our Rights, he was able to reach a compromise on the language with Andrea Hansen, the attorney representing Citizens for Local Choice.

The final language, prepared by Brater and approved unanimously by the board reads:

"Initiation of legislation to: amend the Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction act by repealing statewide requirements for the construction and development of certain wind and solar energy facilities and energy storage facilities; including: assessment of environmental, natural resources, and farmland impact; wages and benefits requirements for workers; setback distance; size and height of structures; and amount of light and sound emitted. If enacted this proposal would allow local units of government to determine their own standards for such facilities.

The board of canvassers voted 3-1 to approve the form of the petition, with Bradshaw voting against conditional approval.

While Citizens for Local Choice released a statement cheering the board's approval of the petition, clean energy business groups have called on citizens to reject the petition.

"Michigan's new clean energy laws are poised to create jobs and secure new revenue for farmers and local communities, which is why this ballot initiative must be rejected by the Board," Laura Sherman, president of Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council, said in a statement. "By moving

toward clean energy and energy storage, Michigan consumers and businesses will see lower utility bills and a more reliable and resilient electric grid."

Citizens for Local Choice will have 180 days to collect 356,958 valid signatures to have the matter placed on the ballot. However, those signatures must be submitted by May 29 in order to appear on the ballot in November; otherwise, the matter could be pushed back to 2026.

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Citizens for Local Choice gets green light to collect signatures for ballot initiative to restore local control

The Board of State Canvassers approved the summary of purpose and form of the initiative petition being sponsored by the Ballot Campaign Committee "Citizens for Local Choice" to repeal Part 8 of the Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act as added by Public Act 233 of 2023.

"This entire effort has been about restoring local voices when it comes to wind and solar operations being placed in their communities," said Kevon Martis, spokesperson for Citizens for Local Choice and Lenawee County Commissioner in a news release issued by the group after the approval was given. "We are grateful to the Board of Canvassers for their timely adherence to our petition and we are ready to move forward to secure the necessary signatures to be placed on the ballot."

The petition language that was agreed upon by both parties and was approved by the State Board of Canvassers states:

"Initiation of legislation to: amend the clean and renewable energy and energy waste reduction act by repealing statewide requirements for the construction and development of certain wind and solar energy facilities, including: assessment of environmental, natural resources, and farmland impact; wages and benefits requirements for workers; setback distance; size and height of structures; and amount of light and sound emitted. If enacted, this proposal would allow local units of government to determine their own standards for such facilities."

The news release noted quoted township officials from both political parties who expressed their support of the ballot initiative and petition drive:

"Michigan has been a leader in the Midwest with respect to renewable energy development and that has been accomplished with local control. Clearly, we do not need the state telling locals where wind turbines and solar panels will be going in our communities – we are doing just fine, and I'm confident we will continue to lead the region in future developments"

--Joe Boogren, life-long Democrat from the U.P., 32 year Veteran, Retired USN Captain and combat veteran (Kosovo/Afghanistan/Iraq). Supervisor, Forsyth Township (MQT County).

Another Citizens for Local Choice spokesperson, Norm Stephens, shared, "My community's voice has been completely taken away with the legislation that passed and this is why I am involved. Like thousands of others in our state, I believe local communities know what is best for them, not bureaucrats in Lansing."

"This ballot effort will restore local voices that never should have been ignored and disregarded in the first place. I am looking forward to working every day to gather signatures to ensure this gets on the 2024 ballot,"

--Dave La Montaine, Riga Township trustee, U.S Marine Corps veteran and retired Deputy Sheriff.

For those wishing to sign a petition and participate in the effort, additional details can be found at www.micitizenschoice.org.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF HANDY TOWNSHIP TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Handy Township Board scheduled for Monday, February 19, 2024, has been **rescheduled to Monday February 12, 2024**, at the same time of 7 p.m. in the Handy Township Board Room, 135 N. Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, (please use rear entrance of the building to the boardroom). The Public is always welcome to attend.

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Winter's Charms

By John Pepin

Michigan Department of Natural Resources

There is one thing that winter alone can truly claim that sets it widely apart from all the other seasons of the year, and it isn't snow.

I was reminded of this stepping out onto the front stoop in the wee, wee hours, seeking a breath of fresh, cold air.

The wintry characteristic I am talking about is the season's abrupt and chilling ability to produce a clear, dead silence. It can drop like a guillotine.

Summer can't do it, with all the nighttime sounds of the birds and the bugs and the rest. Autumn and springtime can't reproduce winter's soundlessness either, with those two unsettled transition seasons often stirred up by whirling winds that set leaves to flight or clank icy branches together like frozen goblets.

It is only winter that can produce this grand an exquisite peace and quiet, a silence so profound that it helps some equate wintertime with death.

Part of it has to do with winter's sub-zero temperatures that seem able to freeze solid anything moving – anything that would make sound.

The piles of soft snow lying everywhere also help muffle and soak up noise.

Since December's winter solstice, the length of nights has been dwindling by a minute or so each day, shifting the balance in favor of more daylight.

With the events of life spiraling past in horrifically fast-paced fashion, it's a comforting thing to be able to step outside into the silence and soak up some peacefulness. The winter nights for me are as desirable as the warm days of summertime.

A few nights back, we were out sitting around a campfire, when we heard a barred owl singing from quite a way back in the woods – *who cooks for, who cooks for you all*.

No one else but me heard it at first.

I shushed the campfire chatter briefly to call attention to the sound. Somewhere out there on this wonderful winter's night, an owl was making its presence known. I did my best to call back, imitating – one dark-eyed night owl to another.

We then sat in silence and waited to hear. The owl called a couple more times and then stopped. I explained that when this happens, the silence can mean the owl is moving closer to you.

We waited a few more minutes, and then I called a couple more times.

This time, the owl responded immediately, but it was now perched just behind us, off in the blackness of the trees somewhere.

One of our twin girls said she had never heard an owl calling so close before.

She was forgetting things, as teens are sometimes fluently apt to do.

She hadn't recalled the summer we camped out in a tepee at Bewabic State Park and a pair of barred owls was raising chicks in the woods behind our encampment. We saw these owls and heard them calling constantly.

She also didn't remember another summer evening at a "survivor camp" in Delta County. As a large group gathered around a bonfire at night, singing and dancing and laughing, a barred owl had snuck in for a closer look.

From the trees, not far back in the woods at all, the owl began calling. Some of those around the fire thought it was me trying to call an owl in. This owl, and some others I've encountered, seem curious about human behavior.

I told the girls I was surprised the barred owl we heard back there in the woods hadn't come in to see the source of the firelight flickering through the trees.

There's always room for forest friends around our campfire.

I have memories of ice-cold winter nights in my childhood I thought were so long they would never end. I had a bedroom window that faced south.

The lights of the main street in town were visible from my window. From the adjacent bathroom window, if I got up on top

of this little set of shelves, I could see the time and temperature on the bank's lighted clock display.

Out the kitchen window to the west was the coldest scene – mostly just darkness and blue-black skies over the mine works idled once I was 6 years old.

From that southern view out my bedroom window, I used to like to watch how high into the air smoke would curl and twist from the chimneys that were puffing and belching to keep up with the dropping temperatures.

The house was old and drafty. The winter winds knew all the spots between the buttons to slip through. The drafts would find me on the coldest of those winter nights, mostly through a slight crack where two sheets of paneling met in the corner of the room, next to my bed.

I remember the darkness of the room and my little 9-volt transistor radio I used to have under the covers with me as a kid. Sometimes the door would open, and light would flood into the room, scattering the darkness.

It would predictably be my mom. She would either be waking me up for school or coming in to give me cough syrup or to slather my chest and throat with Vicks VapoRub.

I hated that stuff. After she was done putting it all over my chest, my flannel pajama top would stick to me and be cold. Yuck. These days, if I want to clear congestion, I open a bottle of the Vicks ointment to sniff it.

I then screw the lid back on. That opaque, slimy, aromatic ointment does not come out of the bottle onto me – ever.

Another thing I remember about those winter nights would be hearing the growl and roar of snowplows and excavators that would be called out overnight to push and lift snow from the streets.

Like most kids my age, I would be snug under my covers wishing and hoping for the highly coveted, and seldom granted, snow day.

One early January morning, when I was almost 7 years old, an explosion in the F.W. Woolworth building blew the plate glass windows off the front of the department store, severely weakening that side of the building.

Three people were taken to the hospital with burns.

Since the Woolworth's store was right across the street from the bank, I could see the flames and the lights from the fire engines from our bathroom window. My dad had told me about the fire.

Firefighters battled the blaze to keep it from spreading to other buildings, including the J.J. Newberry store and an insurance office. There were apartments in the Woolworth building, along with a beauty salon upstairs. It was only 9 degrees outside.

I remember walking downtown with my mom the day after the fire to look at the building. It was cordoned off with barricades. The devastation was incredible.

I recall a couple of other winter night experiences from much later in life.

I was living in a house on Lake Superior then.

On an ice-crystal, quiet night, I was outside looking at the stars when I heard a howl-like whining or crying coming from one of the trees down along the two-track road. I later learned it had been a gray fox, which can climb trees.

On a couple of occasions, when I was up late watching television, I had two very cool experiences.

In the first, I saw the outside motion-detector-activated light click on at the side of the house. We had tall windows in the living room that reached almost to the floor.

As I approached the windows, I looked out into the woods anticipating a deer or something 20 feet or more into the scene. Instead, there was a beautiful, frosty-looking bobcat walking just about 2 feet outside the window I was standing at.

In the second instance, I dozed off while lying on the couch. An hour or so after midnight, I woke up to find an incredible flickering display of the northern lights.

From the back porch, which faced the lake, large curtains of the greenish-white light floated and waved in the black night sky, while green "flames" licked across the sky above me.

The cold and quiet of the winter skies lend themselves to clear nights of stargazing too. Even if it's just for a couple of minutes, getting my nose outside the door to step into the yard always provides a welcomed dose of clean, cold air.

The seasonal clock is always moving, its gears are always grinding forward.

I need to keep rediscovering the wonder of the winter nighttime as often as I can before it's gone.

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