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Nick Semke is the new head varsity football coach at Fowlerville High School.

Nick Semke named as new Fowlerville High School head football coach

By Steve Horton

The selection of Nick Semke as the new Fowlerville High School head football coach brings a familiar face to the forefront of the program, but also marks a generational change.

Semke has been serving, first, as a freshman and then as a junior varsity coach the past three years, along with working as a special education teacher at the junior high, making him a known entity in the district. He's also a Fowlerville alum who was an outstanding three-sport athlete during his high school days.

He's replacing Matt Copeland who stepped down at the end of last season after 21 years as a Gladiator football coach, including

the last three as the head varsity coach.

Semke, who graduated from FHS in 2017, said that Coach Copeland was one of his mentors during his playing days and is an example of how he wants to pursue the position.

"Being the coach is something that's been a goal of mine since I played here," said Semke. "Having coaches like Matt Copeland, Bret Shrader, and others in the program as a player gave me something that I wanted to aspire to. A big reason I'm here today is because of these gentlemen and how they treated me and how much they did for me."

Athletic Director Jeff Finney, who headed the selection process, said that "We have someone we feel is going to help us reach the three goals we wanted in a coach. We wanted someone

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Fowlerville Community Schools expands investment in early childhood education

With the opening earlier this month of the former H.T. Smith Elementary as the new Early Childhood Development Center, Fowlerville Community Schools is continuing its “strong investment in early childhood education.”

School officials noted that this investment includes the renovation of the Smith building, expanded preschool opportunities in the larger space, and also new leadership dedicated to supporting students from their very first classroom experience.

“Thanks to planning and the continued support of the Fowlerville community, the district has renovated the former elementary building to increase enrollment capacity for Little Glad Early Childhood,” they pointed, adding that “The updated space allows the district to serve more families while providing a welcoming, age-appropriate learning environment designed specifically for young learners.

“Early childhood education lays the foundation for lifelong success,” said Matt Stuard, Superintendent. “By expanding Little Glad Early Childhood and strengthening the transition to kindergarten at Fowlerville Elementary, we are ensuring our youngest learners start their educational journey with confidence and support.”

As part of the district’s commitment to access and opportunity, GSRP (Great Start Readiness Program) preschool offerings have expanded, including Free Pre-K for 4-year-olds for qualifying families. This expansion

allows more children to benefit from high-quality early learning experiences that focus on literacy, social-emotional development, and kindergarten readiness. In addition, the district offers both tuition-based junior preschool (ages 18 months-3 years) and preschool programs (ages 3-5 years).

To further support families and students, the district has hired Molly Moulton, as the new principal for Little Glad Early Childhood. With deep ties to the community and a strong background in early childhood education, Molly will play a key role in creating a seamless transition from preschool into kindergarten at the district’s new elementary school.

“We want the move from preschool to kindergarten to feel fun and exciting for kids and families,” said Molly Moulton, Principal. “By aligning our curriculum so learning continues smoothly, building relationships early and staying connected with families, we can help every child feel comfortable, confident, and ready to start kindergarten at Fowlerville Elementary School.”

School officials noted that this expansion builds on the

district’s recent opening of its new elementary school last January — a project made possible through the support of voters who approved a community bond. The state-of-the-art facility provides students with a world-class learning environment, complete with modern classrooms, all new furnishings, and cutting-edge technology designed to support 21st-century learning.

Today, elementary students “are thriving in bright, collaborative spaces that encourage creativity, exploration, and innovation.”

“From preschool through elementary school, our community has made it clear that investing in children is a priority,” said Stuard. “We are incredibly grateful for that support and proud to provide facilities and programs that reflect the high expectations we have for our students.”

Families interested in enrolling in Little Glad Early Childhood or registering their student for Kindergarten for the 2026-27 school year should visit the district website or contact building leadership at 517.223.6480 (Little Glad Early Childhood) or 517.223.6008 (Fowlerville Elementary).

Kreeger Elementary School News

CALENDAR OF KREEGER EVENTS

2-16-26	No School
2-17-26	No School
2-18-26	Music Club 3:40-4:40pm
2-19-26	Student Council Meeting 3:40-4:40pm
2-19-26	Kindness Club 3:40-4:40pm
2-25-26	Music Club 3:40-4:40pm
3-2 thru 3-6-26	Spring Book Fair
3-4-26	Music Club 3:40-4:40pm
3-05-26	Spring Conferences 5:00-7:30pm
3-11-26	Spring Flower Sale Starts
3-11-26	KPTN Meeting
3-18-26	Music Club 3:40-4:40pm
3-18-26	3 rd Grade Music Concert, Alverson Performing Arts Center 6:15pm
3-19-26	Kindness Club 3:40-4:40pm
3-24-26	Spring Picture Day
3-25-26	Music Club 3:40-4:40pm
3-26-26	Spring Break Starts at the end of the day
4-6-26	School Resumes

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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, March 9th, 2026. The following topics will be covered throughout the 3 week period.

- 3/09/2026 – 3/13/2026 Introduction to Health/ Puberty
- 3/16/2026 Human Reproduction

The females and males will be separated from one another on this date only. Mr. Adam Brown (PE Teacher at Fowlerville Elementary) will be with the males. Ms. Katie Faucher (PE teacher at Kreeger Elementary) will be with the females.

- 3/17/2026-3/23/2026 HIV/AIDS and Sexual Harassment/ Technology Safety

Parents are welcome to preview any material we will use throughout the unit before March 9, 2026. Please email Ms. Faucher, faucherk@fowlervilleschools.org if you would like to see the material before the health unit starts.

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 it to the students classroom teacher by Friday, March 6th, 2026 or contact Ms. Faucher directly.

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Michigan universities to launch new teacher training program

By Elena Durjnbauh
Gongwer News Service

Five Michigan universities are working with the Michigan Educator Workforce Initiative and two teacher preparation partners to launch a new initiative designed to improve teacher preparation, recruitment, retention and quality. The goal of the initiative, the Education Preparation Providers Collaborative, is to respond to the evolving needs of today’s students.

Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Michigan State University, Northern Michigan University and Western Michigan University are part of the two-year program. Each participating institution will receive \$100,000 to underwrite improvement efforts.

“The data over the last decade on teacher preparation and retention tells us we must evolve. This Collaborative is an important opportunity to carefully examine and significantly improve how we prepare educators,” Detroit Public Schools Community District Superintendent Nikolai Vitti said in a statement. “This statewide effort means our universities are committed to leading the change and evolution of teacher preparation in Michigan.”

The collaborative’s goal is to introduce scalable, high-quality models for teacher preparation by creating data-informed partnerships with programs and school districts to strengthen the state’s talent pipeline.

The emphasis of the two-year process, according to a press release, will be on access, affordability, candidate retention and high-quality clinical experiences.

The collaborative will collect data to identify gaps in candidate readiness that emphasize implementation of developmental, practice-based models that complement university instruction and district frameworks.

The goal is to make Michigan a national model for teacher training.

“Transforming education requires innovation from the very first moment a teacher begins training,” said Becca Tisdale, vice president of Programs for the Michigan Educator Workforce Initiative. “This Collaborative was designed to drive partnerships that convene universities, districts and national experts to implement systemic improvements.”

The program will focus on four performance areas: program leadership and continuous improvement, candidate preparation and development, teacher educator practices and district program partnerships.

“This framework gives universities and districts a clear, shared roadmap for strengthening how we prepare new teachers,” Calvin Stocker, CEO at EdPrep Partners, said in a statement. “We’re not interested in short term fixes. We’re working alongside programs to build the systems, habits, and partnerships that make high-quality preparation the norm—not the exception.”

Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team loses to league-leading Mason

The Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team hosted league-leading Mason on Friday, Feb. 6, and lost to the Bulldogs 63-46. Sam Shrader led Fowlerville with a game high 18 points. Leo Freitas added 9 and Dylan Soli had 6. The Glads are now 4-13 overall and 0-8 in the CAAC Red Division.

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Student of the Week—Erik Helminen

Erik Helminen is a senior at Fowlerville High School who has consistently challenged himself with a rigorous college prep schedule that includes multiple AP classes, demonstrating both academic commitment and determination. A leader in and out of the classroom, Erik sets the tone for his peers through his work ethic, character, and steady presence. As a Varsity Football and Varsity Baseball athlete, he balances the demands of high-level athletics with academic excellence, facing challenges head on with resilience and focus. Tough, selfless, and analytical, Erik approaches every obstacle with grit and thoughtful determination. He is an excellent example for other students to follow and truly embodies what it means to be a true Gladiator.

Livingston County Concert Band to perform ‘Passport to Music’ Feb. 22nd

The Livingston County Concert Band will be under the direction of Dale Marzewski for their upcoming concert ‘Passport to Music’ at 3:00pm on Sunday, February 22, 2026. 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 around the world.

Admission is \$10. Children and students are free. Refreshments served following the concert. Please visit the band’s website (www.lccbmusic.org) or check out the Livingston County Concert Band Facebook page for more information.

Nick Semke named Fowlerville High School head football coach, continued

who’s going to make us a better football team, who’s going to help build the program back to where we’re having three teams again (varsity, junior varsity and freshman), and who’s the best option for the kids. I think Nick checks all those boxes. Also, he knows the district and the district knows him.”

Semke said that while he also played basketball and baseball in high school, football “was definitely my favorite sport,” adding “I liked the physicality.”

He played quarterback and defensive back and earned All-Conference honors as well as being an All-State Honorable Mention.

“Bret Shrader was the head coach and we went 7-2 my senior year,” Semke recalled.

After graduation, he attended Concordia University in Ann Arbor and was a member of that school’s football team.

“I was a safety the first three years and a quarterback my final year,” he said. “I didn’t play a lot, but it was a good learning experience.”

He noted that he started off majoring in secondary education, but switched to sports and entertainment business and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in that field.

However, he then returned to his alma mater, working as a building sub at the junior high and serving as a coach. While doing this, he decided to apply for a position as a special education teacher and is now in his second year.

“I’m now working on my Masters degree in special education learning disabilities through Northern Michigan University,” he noted.

When he’s not teaching or coaching football, Semke said he enjoys being outdoors, including fishing, hunting, and camping.

On a personal note, he’s engaged, adding that his fiancé is a fellow Fowlervillian. “We’re planning to be married next summer in June,” he said.

As for his plans as the new head varsity coach, Semke said that right now he’ll be working with players in the weight room, building their strength and speed.

“The goal is to win as many games as possible,” he said. “But also to teach the boys that there’s a lot more important things than football, but also there’s a lot of lessons in football that they can take into their life as they go forward. That’s the great thing about high school sports is that you can constantly learn from it.”



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Mercy, God’s Providential Guidance

By Susan Kretchman

Last week I wrote about God’s creative work, that everything He crafted by divine inspiration was declared as “good” and finally “very good” when He had finished, looking and admiring from wherever He dwells among us. This week I want to focus—very briefly—on another attribute of God, *mercy*.

Webster’s definition of mercy is compassion, leniency, or restraint (as in imposing punishment). In Biblical terms mercy is defined as divine protection, judgement or identity. It would take a fair amount of time and study to dig deep to unpack the Hebrew word for mercy which is *racham*. Strong’s Concordance defines it as related to the word used for the ‘womb’, deep compassion and protective love. Is it fair to say that the Hebrew word gives us a very different comprehension of the word “mercy” as compared to our English interpretation? I think so.

To support how deep and protective God’s love is compared to our human abilities, we need to look no farther for evidence than what scripture shows. The first person to be granted mercy from God was Cain. Those familiar with the story know that Cain became angry at his brother Abel and killed him, actually murdered, as he gave his actions forethought, carrying them through to the end. One would think—especially when the 10 commandments are given many years later to the Israelites—that God would have served quick justice upon Cain and punished him with the death penalty. But, no. God granted Cain mercy, placing two things on the remainder of his life. First, God spoke a curse that “any one who should slay Cain, would receive a sevenfold punishment.” (Genesis 4: 15)

Secondly, God placed a “mark” on Cain as a warning to anyone who might try to kill him. What exactly was the mark? Scholars don’t have a definitive answer whether it was actually a physical one or a symbolic one.

Another time in the history of God’s people where a “mark” of protection appears is in Exodus when God instructed the Israelites to mark their doorposts with lamb’s blood. When He sent a final judgement against Pharaoh of Egypt, carrying through with His warning

that “every firstborn whether human or animal” would be put to death, this blood mark showed the Angel who to passover, who to spare.

Another time we read about a “mark” appears in Revelation. There are actually two different “marks” described in this book. One will be given—required—by the antichrist as a means to control people, show allegiance to him. The second “mark” will be from God, described more as a “sealing of protection” on the foreheads of His servants.

Hmmm. All the way back to Genesis we see a “mark” placed on Cain’s forehead. Fast forward to a future time period as described in Revelation where God’s “mark” will be placed on numerous foreheads. Do you think this is coincidental? I dare say *not at all*.

When you—or I—place our complete trust and faith in God, the creator of all, we become His children and rightful heirs of everything He desires and grants us. We learned in the creation account that we are part of His “very good” work and now we see that even when our own sin or those committed against us, mercy can be replaced by harsh punishment. This kind of relationship embodies God’s very nature as a deeply compassionate and kind of Father to His children who has an indescribable protective love!

If Cain were alive today, committing his act of murder, he’d face prosecution with a judge and jury in the room. His defense attorney is God. Both sides present their case and the jury has to decide Cain’s fate. Is he guilty? If so, what is his punishment? Will he face life in prison or be placed on death row? Thankfully, God is His defense attorney and steps in to give the verdict. Cain’s life is spared. There’s no prison time, no death sentence. In fact, there’s judgement against anyone who would try to take him out. That’s mercy in action, the kind that’s hard to comprehend perhaps. Maybe it doesn’t sound fair.

Remember, God isn’t fair. In addition to being extremely merciful He is just. He’s the creator of life and death. He set rules in place. He is the one who has authority to give or withhold “mercy.” I’ll take His level of protective love any day over that the world attempts to dispense. And, it’s my prayer for anyone reading this today, that you will strongly consider coming into relationship with God by accepting His ultimate plan of mercy... His plan of salvation for all mankind through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Now may be a good time to go read John 3: 16. But don’t merely read this one verse. Read the ones that come before and after, too.

Fowlerville JV Girls Basketball Team comes up short against Mason, 33-26


The Fowlerville Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Team traveled to Mason on Thursday, Feb. 5—their third game of the week—losing to the Bulldogs by a score of 33-26.

“Despite playing hard the entire game, our players fell short in the fourth quarter,” said Coach Michele Quigley.


Brynn Rudnicki led the offense with 8 points, while Savannah McClanahan added 7. Edie Stephenson chipped in 5 points and scoring 2 each were Alexis Nichols, Aubree Knurick, and Elly Morales.

Varsity Boys Basketball Team beats Clinton in non-league game

The Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team traveled to Clinton last Monday, Feb. 9, for a non-league game and beat the Redhawks 56 to 39. Sam Shrader led the Gladiators with 15 points, while Landon Ascheliman chipped in with 12 and Dylan Soli had 11. The varsity is now 5-13 overall.



Fowlerville High School’s “ATHLETES” OF THE WEEK



Varsity Girls Wrestling

Kaley Murphy - Senior - 4th year of Varsity Wrestling, **Cayden Taylor** - Senior - 4th year of Varsity Wrestling and **Anna Buurma** - Junior - 3rd year of Varsity Wrestling have been leading the way for the Fowlerville Wrestling team this year. All three have contributed to the wild growth of the girls team the last 3 and 4 years and this year is no exception. You can count on these three to be helping out the new wrestlers in the room, building a team atmosphere and going after the toughest partners in the room when it’s time to scrimmage. Congratulations ladies and keep up the good work.

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





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Fowlerville educator wins Excellence in Education Award from the Michigan Lottery

An educator at the Fowlerville Community Schools has been honored with an Excellence in Education award from the Michigan Lottery.

The award winner, Jennifer Miller, is a K-5 Academic Interventionist at Fowlerville Elementary School.

In making the announcement, it was noted that Miller is known as “a passionate, innovative, and dedicated educator.”

The Michigan Lottery established the Excellence in Education awards in 2014 to recognize outstanding public-school educators across the state during the school year.

Winners of the weekly award receive a \$2,000 cash prize. At the end of the school year, one of the weekly award winners will be selected to receive the Lottery’s Educator of the Year award and will receive a \$10,000 cash prize.

Each winner also is featured in a news segment on the Lottery’s media partner stations: WXYZ-TV in Detroit, FOX 17 in Grand Rapids, FOX 47 in Lansing, WLUC in Marquette, WNEM-TV in Saginaw, and WWTW-TV in Traverse City. The news segment featuring Miller aired last week.

Miller said her desire to have an impact on her community attracted her to a career in education.

“I knew that I wanted to work with people in a way that allows me to contribute to the community,” she said. “I am a life-long learner and the idea of encouraging students to engage in the world around them and find what sparks their interest led me to a career in education. The more years I taught, the more research I studied and classes I took to really learn about best practices in teaching reading. There is nothing like helping a student to unlock the world around them by teaching them to read. It opens doors for a full life of their choosing.”

Miller was nominated for the award by a colleague, Tanya Dillingham.

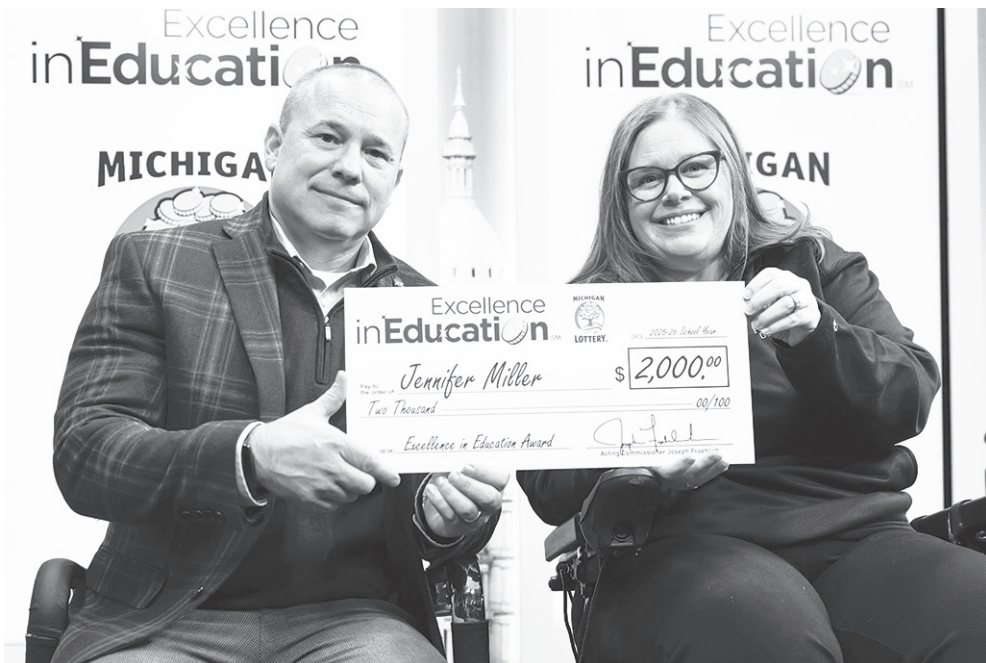
“Jennifer is a passionate, innovative, and dedicated educator whose impact on students, colleagues, and the broader school community exemplifies the highest standards of teaching excellence,” Dillingham said. “Jennifer has continually demonstrated her commitment to student success through both academic achievement and personal growth for over a decade in our district. Jennifer first started at our district as a kindergarten teacher. I not only had the pleasure of working with Jennifer as a colleague, but she was also my

Livingston County offers online pre-order sale of compost bins & rain barrels

The Livingston County Solid Waste Program is hosting a Compost Bin & Rain Barrel Sale through April 5, 2026. Available items are the SYSTERN Rain Barrel for \$69.95 (\$130 value) and the Earth Machine Compost Bin for \$69.95 (\$130 value). Also available are compost pails, rodent screens and aerators. This is your opportunity to purchase these high quality products at high volume pricing.

This is an **ONLINE PRE-ORDER SALE** only. Details on products and ordering information can be found at <https://livingston.compostersale.com>. All orders must be submitted and paid for by April 5, 2026, or while supplies last. The **PICK UP DAY** for all pre-ordered items is Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 9am until 12pm at the Livingston County Garage located at 918 North Street in Howell.

Events like this are made possible through the Livingston County Drain Commissioner-Solid Waste Program and the Livingston County Board of Commissioners. Further information is available on our website at <https://milivcounty.gov/dpw/composting> or by calling the Livingston County Solid Waste Program at 517-545-9609 during normal business hours, or by e-mailing us at: solidwaste@livgov.com.



Jennifer Miller, an educator at Fowlerville Community Schools, received her Excellence in Education check from Acting Lottery Commissioner Joe Froehlich.

child’s teacher. She created the ultimate learning environment for all students who entered her classroom. Her genuine love for teaching and the students was exhibited every day. The foundations and love for learning she instilled with our youngest learners is still talked about amongst our community. Her classroom was always held in the highest regard and everyone wanted to have Mrs. Miller as a teacher.

“For the past two years Jennifer has served as an academic interventionist. She has had to overcome health challenges over the past few years and continues to come to school and be a bright light for staff and students despite her own personal challenges. Her ability to connect with staff and students in this new role is superior. She is not just a great teacher—she is a transformative force in education.”

Miller earned a bachelor’s degree and master’s degree from Ohio State University. She has been an educator for 20 years, the last two in her current position.

Excellence in Education award nominees are evaluated on the following criteria:

Excellence – Their work consistently helps students and/or their schools or school districts advance to higher levels of academic achievement.

Dedication – They consistently go above and beyond expectations to help students succeed.

Inspiration – Their work inspires others around them to exceed expectations either academically or professionally.

Leadership – They demonstrate clear leadership skills in their positions with their school or school districts.

Effectiveness – The nominee’s work has clear and positive results on the educational advancement of students within the school or school district.

Oak Grove United Methodist Church hosting Spaghetti Dinner on Feb. 21st

Oak Grove United Methodist Church is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 21, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The church is located at 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, salad, garlic bread and cake for a free-will offering taken at the door. No reservations are necessary. For information, call the church office at 517-546-3942.

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Gov. Whitmer signs two bills that bans cellphone use during school instructional time

By Liz Nass
Gongwer News Service

As expected, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed two bills last Tuesday, Feb. 10, that bans cellphone use during instructional time in the state’s schools. The signing took place at Waverly High School.

The bills, SB 495 (PA 1 of 2026), sponsored by Sen. Dayna Polehanki, D-Livonia, and HB 4141 (PA 2), sponsored by Rep. Mark Tisdel, R-Rochester Hills, are designed to put teeth into already existing cellphone restriction policies, with exceptions for emergency use or instructional purposes. The bills passed the Senate and House nearly unanimously in January.

Schools have previously been able to optionally create

Letter to the Editor

Data Centers and ICE Facilities: A Comparison

President Trump said when he campaigned that the “worst of the worst” would be sent back to their countries. Seems like we are warehousing men, women and children rather than deporting them. Here is a comparison of Data Centers and ICE Facilities to think about.

Size: Data centers typically range from 5,000 to 10,000 sq. feet. ICE uses old warehouses of about 2500 to 5000 sq. ft. but ICE is building up to 10,000 sq. ft. facilities.

Location: Rural areas all over the USA. Residents have a say about locating Data Centers in their communities but not about ICE Facilities.

Internal Environment: Both are cold and have the lights on day and night.

Uses: Data centers house computing infrastructure; ICE facilities house men, women, and children picked up by ICE.

Duration of Use: Data Centers will be located in satellites in the future it is predicted, and the current ones will sit empty. ICE Facilities appear to be planned to be used indefinitely.

My Question: Why not build more courts and install more judges (because there are not enough now) and create better immigration policies, instead of building more ICE facilities at taxpayer expense?

Mary B. Killeen
Howell

MARION TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

Marion Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Marion Township Hall, 2877 W. Coon Lake Road, Howell, MI 48843, (517) 546-1588. The purpose of the meeting is for regular business and to hear a request for the following appeal, interpretation and/or variance.

ZBA Case #02-26 – Tax Code 4710-16-200-009
Applicant: Chase Ouillette
3511 Jewell Rd
Howell, MI 48843

Request: The applicant is seeking a variance to Section 8.01 F 1 – Minimum Lot Area and 6.07 3 – Accessory Building Location

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

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

Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Zoning Board of Appeals Chair, Marion Township Hall, 2877 W. Coon Lake Road, Howell, MI 48843 by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2026.

Marion Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities. Anyone requiring auxiliary aids and services should contact the Marion Township Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 16, 2026.

Jim Witkowski, SECRETARY
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
(2-15-26 FNV)

their own policies on cellphones, including banning them during instruction altogether. Many districts already have some form of cell phone ban in place, and some may be stricter than what’s been codified by the state.

(Note: Both Fowlerville and Webberville schools have policies in place that ban student possession of personal communication devices throughout the classroom day.)

Polehanki said at the signing that as an English teacher for many years, she knew the daily battle teachers had to keep students’ attention and monitor cellphone use at the same time, which often disrupted the flow of the classroom.

Carcia Young, a math teacher at Waverly High School, said both students and teachers know that paying attention to class, not phones, is key to helping them succeed.

“As an educator, I can clearly see the difference between students who are frequently distracted and those who give their full attention to instruction,” Young said. “This difference is not about compliance. It’s about opportunities. When students are fully present, they participate more, retain more and achieve more. This is not about punishment or taking something away. It’s about protecting the learning environment so students can focus on what matters most: their education and their future.”

Polehanki also praised Whitmer for calling for the ban during last year’s State of the State address, saying the process of getting it done with Tisdel was the opposite of division which typically draws criticism in Lansing.

Whitmer said phones are hurting students’ ability to learn and that the law will work to alleviate the issues.

She compared the effects of the law to other states with similar bans. She said California has seen a drop in behavioral issues, test scores have jumped in Florida and more library books are checked out in Kentucky.

She noted Michigan’s low third-and-fourth grade reading scores, saying the state can continue to make investments in curricula and teacher trainings, but they would not be effective “so long as we can’t get our students to pay attention when they are in class.”

Whitmer emphasized that the bills would also affect student mental health by encouraging students to connect while at school by spending their lunch time talking to each other rather than being on their phone or finding analog ways to interact with friends.

The new state law, however, only affects instructional time in the classroom, although it does allow local districts to enact stricter measures or keep the ones that are now in place.

Tisdel told reporters after the signing that the gold standard would be a bell-to-bell prohibition for the whole school day, but said they had “to get momentum” and “get the bill passed.” He said if there is a call from superintendents and principals to strengthen the bill rather than leave it up to schools’ discretion, then he would take it from there.

The Michigan Education Association championed the bill and bipartisan efforts to make it happen.

“Frontline teachers and school support staff know that students must be fully engaged in school to achieve academic success and develop critical social skills,” MEA President and CEO Chandra Madaffer said in a statement. “Our kids can’t get the education they need if they’re glued to their screens rather than paying attention in class.”

While the Michigan Parent Alliance for Safe Schools applauded the new law, they also urged further legislation on online and social media safety, including bills recently introduced by Senate Democrats on blocking minors from accessing chatbots using artificial intelligence and creating inherently addiction social media feeds without parental approval.

“This new bipartisan law represents an important first step toward helping students focus in school, improve mental health and enhance the learning environment, and Michigan parents are grateful to Gov. Whitmer and legislative leaders who worked across the aisle to put our children first,” Jennifer Tuksal, an Oakland County parent and MiPASS member, said in a statement.

“Michigan families appreciate the collaborative leadership that made this new law, which balances educational needs with safety and flexibility,” she said. “We encourage the Legislature to take the next step of holding big tech billionaires accountable for making products that may put children at risk.”

In an earlier comment made when the Legislature passed the bills, Don Wotruba, executive director of the Michigan Association of School Boards said it may take a while for families and students to get used to the state-mandated rules.

“Schools will follow the law and kids will have to learn to live without their phones during school,” he said. “That’s not necessarily a bad thing, but I’m sure it won’t be just smooth sailing for every school district. Even as local districts have adopted their own policies, they’ve seen pushback.” Wotruba’s comment was made during an interview with Michigan Public. The law goes into effect this fall for the start of the new school year.

Don’t be fooled: The school smartphone bill won’t do much

Commentary by Margaret Murray
Bridge Michigan

Michigan is failing its children. Third grade reading scores have declined almost every year for the past decade and fell to a new low in 2025. Now over 60% of third graders can’t pass the literacy test. Overall, Michigan’s schools are 44th in national education rankings.

Framed as a move toward improvement, legislators from both sides of the aisle are trumpeting an updated bill to ban smartphones in Michigan’s public and charter schools during class time. It recently passed the House with bipartisan support and sounds like good news for reducing distractions in schools. The reality, however, is that this legislation would do next to nothing.

The devil is in the details with this new bill, which only bans smartphones during instructional time. Unlike an earlier bill that banned smartphones completely in grades K-8, this bill allows kids to use their phones during lunch, recess and in between classes. What’s more, most schools already have smartphone policies, many of which are stronger than what the new bill would mandate. Nothing will change on the ground.

There are two main problems with banning phones only during instructional time. First, if students have their phones in their pockets, the temptation to look at them in class will remain. Teachers, who are already struggling to enforce existing school policies, will become the primary enforcers of this ban throughout the school day. Smartphones and social media are extremely addictive by design. It’s unfair — and ineffective — to ask children to resist technologies that many adults can’t put down themselves.

Research has shown that the closer a student is to their smartphone, the more “brain drain” they experience. College students who had their smartphone in another room scored higher on tests of working memory and fluid intelligence than when their phone was in their pocket or bag. Test scores went down even more when their phone was on the desk, even though they did not interact with it at all. A student might *look* like they are listening to their teacher but actually be wondering if their phone just vibrated or how they should reply to a friend on the next break.

The second issue is that allowing smartphones at lunch and in-between classes robs students of crucial face-to-face socialization. Kids will continue looking at their screens instead of talking to each other. Youth mental health is at a crisis point, and these devices are making the situation worse. The latest research suggests that spending a lot of time on social media doesn’t just correlate with depression, but can cause it. When kids are struggling with depression and anxiety, they can’t focus on learning.

Twenty states, plus Washington, DC and the Virgin Islands, have already figured this out and completely banned smartphones in school. These bell-to-bell bans free children from distraction and toxic or bullying social media interactions. They also free teachers from having to repeat enforcement at the beginning of every class. After kids get used to the bans, test scores go up while disciplinary action and absences go down. States from across the political spectrum, from New York to Texas, have gotten phones out of schools. In Louisiana, students can’t even use a smartphone on a school bus.

I teach at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, and my husband is a high school teacher. As educators and parents, we are imploring the Legislature to change course and get this right. I attended Michigan public schools my entire childhood. I have lasting memories of meaningful interactions with my teachers and fellow students — in and outside the classroom. It breaks my heart that my children are being robbed of these same experiences.

Governor Whitmer said that the literacy crisis is her #1 priority during her last year in office. If our leaders are serious about improving our dismal situation they need to put forward bills that go beyond superficial, difficult-to-enforce mandates and make real changes to classroom culture.

Margaret Murray is an associate professor of communication at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and the mother of two young children in Michigan public schools. This article was published with permission from Bridge Michigan, an online news outlet. bridgemichigan.com.

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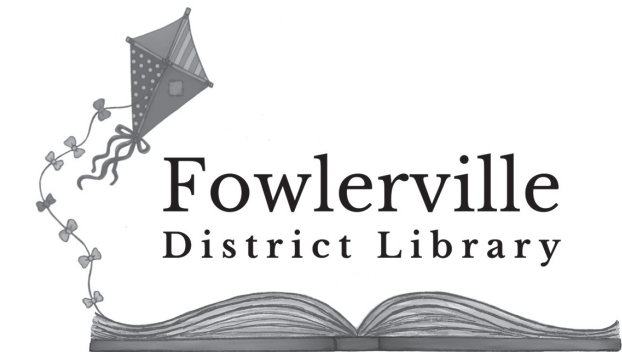
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Toddler Storytime (Ages 0-3)

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Graphic Novel Book Club - Read the book and then come to discuss it. Snacks provided. Books are available at the front desk and are yours to keep. We will be discussing NIGHT CHEF by Mika Song. Mon, Feb 23 • 4pm

Book Boxes (All ages)

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Model Train Night - Dave Thompson will be here with his layout and with all the tips and tricks to create your own, such as the different scales available and how to keep cars and buildings period correct. Or, just come to admire. This would be a wonderful program for adults and interested children. Thurs. March 26 • 6 pm

Find Your People at the Library (Adults)

We are thrilled to continue this popular working group to explore the Ancestry Library Edition and other valuable genealogy resources. Bring your laptop or use one of our computers. Wed, Feb 18 • 2-3:30 pm

Cardmaking (Adults) - Enjoy camaraderie and cards at this popular program. You will make four different cards to take home. All supplies included. Registration is required. Thurs, Feb 26 • 6:00 pm & Fri, Feb 27 • 11am

Scrapbooking (Adults)

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

Shelf Indulgence Book Club (Adults)

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

Sewing (Adults)

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

Holistic Wellness (Adults)

Lyndsey Johnson from Natural Roots and Wellness presents workshops for promoting health and vitality through holistic practice. She will be discussing minerals for enhancing youth. Registration is required. Mon, Mar 2 • 5pm

Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald 50th Anniversary

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

Repair Cafe

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

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded where required by law. The foreclosing mortgagee will not otherwise attempt to retroactively set aside a lawfully conducted sale without your express written consent. In that event, your damages cannot be unilaterally disclaimed; rather, you will be justly compensated for your cooperation and/or inconvenience.

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 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds 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 given by Hilal Khalil, mortgagor, to Next Bridge Funding, LLC, mortgagee, dated July 30, 2025, and recorded August 15, 2025 as Instrument No. 2025R-016116 in the Livingston County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of three hundred fifty-nine thousand four hundred thirty-three and 99/100 dollars (\$359,433.99) including principal and interest.

The premises are located in the City of South Lyon, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 12, Oakwood Meadows Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 14, Page 24-25 of Plats, Livingston County Records Tax ID No.: 471624301012

Commonly known as: 13428 Sequoia, South Lyon, MI 48178

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

Dated: February 5, 2026

Eric K. Wein, Esq.

Attorney for Mortgagee

23077 Greenfield Rd., Suite 425

Southfield, MI 48075

248 559-6400

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THE CIRCUIT COURT SALE BELOW WILL BE
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Case No. 25-32668-CH Circuit Court Sale

In pursuance and by virtue of an Order Granting Motion for Default Judgment and for Judicial Foreclosure as to All Defendants in the Circuit Court for the County of Livingston, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 27th of June, A.D., 2025 in a certain cause therein pending, wherein Michigan State Housing Development Authority was the Plaintiff and Travis A. Hernandez and The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development were the Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at public vendue, at the Livingston County Courthouse (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on the 19th of November, A.D., 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz: A certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Oceola, County of Livingston, State of Michigan: Lots 4 and 5 and the South 50 feet of Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 1, of OAKWOODS COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page(s) 77, Livingston County Records. 4707-30-301-367 c/k/a: 1487 Butler Blvd, Howell, MI 48843

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale. Except 1 year redemption ONLY for the United States of America.

John Whitehurst, Deputy Sheriff /s/ Gregory MacKay
Gregory MacKay of Schneiderman & Sherman P.C.
Attorney for Michigan State Housing Development Authority

Schneiderman & Sherman P.C.

23938 Research Dr, Suite 300

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage given by Bob Leon, Member of Angel Cash Property Solutions, LLC, mortgagor, to Next Bridge Funding, LLC, mortgagee, dated April 25, 2025, and recorded May 9, 2025 as Instrument No. 2025R-008911 in the Livingston County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of five hundred ninety thousand two hundred eight and 11/100 dollars (\$590,208.11) including principal and interest. The premises are located in the City of Brighton, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 15, Heritage Farms of Crooked Lake, as recorded in Liber 16, Page 28 of Plats, Livingston County Records Tax ID No.: 1122203015

Commonly known as: 5910 Cedar Knoll, Brighton, MI 48116

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

Dated: February 6, 2026

Eric K. Wein, Esq.

Attorney for Mortgagee

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Southfield, MI 48075

248 559-6400

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS Trust

Trust of JACQUELINE S. HUNT

Date of Birth: October 7, 1960

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Jacqueline S. Hunt of the Jacqueline S. Hunt Trust, dated February 19, 2025, whose address was 7015 Sherwood Road, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836, died January 23, 2026.

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

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Dylan Hunt, Trustee of the Jacqueline S. Hunt Trust, at 7015 Sherwood Road, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 10, 2026

Attorney:

Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC

Steven J. Tjapkes P60425

1700 E. Beltline Avenue, N.E., Suite 200

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Trustee:

Dylan Hunt

7015 Sherwood Road

Fowlerville, MI 48836

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Michael Grace, married man

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

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

Date of Mortgage: November 6, 2023

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 7, 2023

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$478,410.67

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Hamburg, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Unit 16, Moon Shadows on Rush Lake Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded In Liber 1463, Pages 923 through 985 both inclusive, Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 28, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above-described Master Deed, as amended, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended

Common street address (if any): 2940 Dana Pointe Dr, Pinckney, MI 48169-8510

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: February 15, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(02-15)(03-08)

(2-15, 2-22, 3-1 & 3-8-26 FNV)

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

Frank J. Kasperek and Mary F. Kasperek Living Trust

Date of Birth: 04/02/1931

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Frank J. Kasperek, Jr., died 01/10/2026.

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

Date: 2-4-2026

Attorney:

J. Michael Hickox P14941

2850 S. Milford Road

Highland, MI 48357

(248) 685-8743

Successor Trustee:

Frank J. Kasperek

34283 Pembroke Ave.

Livonia, MI 48152

(734) 536-7307

(2-15-26 FNV)

Fowlerville High School News

OFFICE HOURS

Administration Offices	7:00 a.m.– 2:30 p.m.
The building opens	6:45 a.m.
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All students are reminded to visit their Graduating Class Google Classroom for up to date information on programs, scheduling, scholarships, field trips, help topics and other opportunities.

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Fowlerville High School Local Scholarships

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

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FHS Class of 2026 Local Scholarship Presentations:

All presentations, applications, and scholarship information is also posted in the Class of 2026 Google Classroom. All completed applications are due to the counseling office no later than Friday, February 27th- end of the school day. In addition to the application requirements, students that wish to be considered for a local scholarship must also have completed FAFSA on file by the deadline.

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FHS Class of 2025 Local Scholarship Winners:

Congratulations once again on your scholarship award. The deadline to request your scholarship is March 1st, 2026. Please submit your semester 1 transcript, semester 2 course schedule and the completed Scholarship Request Form to Mr. Hardenbrook:
hardenbrookj@fowlervilleschools.org.

OR NEW OPTION: Through the Fowlerville High School Website-Counseling Page- Class of 2025 Scholarship Winner Funds Request

You will need: Your name/address, the name of the scholarship(s) you were awarded and to upload your semester 1 transcript and proof of semester 2 enrollment.

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SENIOR PARENTS – Graduation is around the corner! Cap and gown ordering has begun. Order online at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) and choose the graduation tab, order now, enter school and state, then start your order. The basic cap and gown unit is under Cap & Gown section, shop all.

Fowlerville JV Girls Basketball Team brings home win over Ionia, 46-26

The Fowlerville Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Team brought home a win over Ionia in a non-league game last Tuesday, Feb. 10, by a score of 46-26.

“We had a very strong second half on both ends of the court,” said Coach Michele Quigley.

Elly Morales led the offense with 14 points, while Edie Stephenson chipped in 13. Savannah McClanahan scored 7 and Brynn Rudnicki had 6. Rounding out the scoring with 2 points each were Emma Hubbard, Alexis Nichols, and Aubree Knurick.

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on MARCH 18, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dale W. Woods and Debra L. Woods, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 14, 2005 and recorded December 1, 2005 in Liber 4984, Page 380 Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Accredit Loans, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-QS17, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Two and 51/100 Dollars (\$131,902.51).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Livingston County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MARCH 18, 2026.

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

A part of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 5, Town 3 North-Range 3 East, Handy Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as follows: beginning at a point 1320 feet West of the center of said Section 5 and the centerline of Converse Road; thence South 522 feet thence East 50 feet; thence Northeast 45 degrees 369.43 feet; thence North 250 feet to the Centerline of Converse Road; thence West 300 feet to the Point of Beginning.

10725 Converse Road, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836

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

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

Dated: February 15, 2026

File No. 26-001209

Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC

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

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(02-15)(03-08)

(2-15, 2-22, 3-1 & 3-8-26 FNV)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE TO ALL PURCHASERS -

A lien has been recorded on behalf of Hunters Ridge at Hartland Condominium Association. The lien was executed on September 10, 2025 and recorded on September 12, 2025, as Instrument No. 2025R-018106, as updated December 2, 2025, Instrument No. 2025R-024311, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Six Dollars and Eight Cents (\$19,896.08).

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, main entrance of the Judicial Center located in Howell, Michigan, on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 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 Dimitry Epshteyn and Alla Epshteyn, and is situated in the Township of Hartland, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 21, Building 3, of Hunters Ridge at Hartland, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber Instrument No. 2018R-022799, Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 423. Sidwell No. 4708-21-306-021 Commonly known as: 9960 Ridge Run St., 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: February 4, 2026

Hunters Ridge at Hartland Condominium Association
c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC
Massimo Badalamenti
23201 Jefferson Avenue
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080
248 671 0140

(02-08)(03-08)

(2-8, 2-15, 2-22, 3-1 & 3-8-26 FNV)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 4, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Susan M. Gallup, a single woman

Original Mortgagee: Homestead USA, Inc., a Michigan Corporation

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association as successor Trustee to U.S. Bank National Association as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association as Trustee for GSMPS Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-RP3

Date of Mortgage: November 19, 1998

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 30, 1998

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$10,465.44

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Handy, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9, Town 3 North, Range 3 East, Handy Township, Livingston County Michigan, being described as follows: commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 9; thence along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 9 and Centerline of Potts Road, due North, a distance of 198.00 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described: thence continuing along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 9 and Centerline of Potts Road, due North, a distance of 66.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 02 minutes 10 seconds East, a distance of 165.00 feet; thence due South, a distance of 66.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 02 minutes 10 seconds West, a distance of 165.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 4080 Potts Rd, Fowlerville, MI 48836-9215

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised 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: February 1, 2026

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

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(2-1, 2-8, 2-15 & 2-22-26 FNV)

MARION TOWNSHIP
2026 MARCH
BOARD OF REVIEW

The Marion Township Board of Review will convene for its organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 10 am. No appeals of property assessments will be heard at this meeting.

The 2026 tentative equalization ratio is 50% and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications.

The Board of Review will hear property assessment appeals by appointment on the following dates:

Monday, March 9, 2026 1:30 pm-9:00 pm
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 9:30 am-4:30 pm

Appointments may be made by calling the Marion Township office at (517) 546-1588 during normal business hours. Non-appointment appeals will be heard as time allows. All meetings of the Board of Review will be held inside the Marion Township Hall, 2877 W. Coon Lake Rd., Howell, MI.

Residents and non-residents may appeal by letter. Written appeals must be received no later than noon on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

William Fenton
Secretary, Board of Review
(2-15, 2-22 & 3-1-26 FNV)

CONWAY TOWNSHIP
8015 N FOWLerville ROAD
P.O. BOX 1157
FOWLerville, MI
48836-1157
517-223-0358
MARCH 2026
BOARD OF REVIEW

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2026 are as follows

CLASS	RATIO	MULTIPLIER
Agriculture	47.47	1.0533
Industrial	45.64	1.0955
Residential	49.48	1.0105
Commercial	47.87	1.0445
Commercial Personal	50.00	1.0000
Utility Personal	50.00	1.0000

The inflation rate multiplier (CPI) for use in calculating 2026 capped values is 1.027

DATES AND TIMES

Organizational Meeting:
Tuesday March 3, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Appeal Meetings:
Monday March 9, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday March 11, 2026
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Letters of appeal from both residents and non-residents are allowed and may include those delivered in person or by mail to Conway Township, 8015 N. Fowlerville Road, PO Box 1157, Fowlerville, MI 48836. The letter must arrive at the Township by 6 p.m. on March 11, 2026 (Post mark is not accepted).

Brande Nogafsky Mike Brown
Assessor Secretary to Board of Review

Posted at Conway Township 2/4/2026
(2-8, 2-15 & 2-22-26 FNV)

Fowlerville Police Report
for the Village of Fowlerville Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2026

The Fowlerville Police Department responded to **2804** calls for service over the past **4** weeks.

Total citations issued during this period: 25 moving and parking citations.

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Warrant Authorized/Declined

Incident #25-01045- Retail Fraud-Warrant Under Review
Incident #25-01083- Retail Fraud- Warrant Under Review
Incident #26-00044-Retail Fraud-Warrant Under Review
Incident #26-00073- Traffic Violations-Warrant Authorized
Incident #26-00067-Domestic Violence -Warrant Denied
Incident #26-00075- Domestic Violence-Warrant Authorized
Incident #26-00074- Disorderly/Reckless Use of Firearms-Warrant Authorized
Incident #26-00088- Retail Fraud-Warrant Under Review
Incident #26-00112- Flee & Elude/OWI-Warrant Authorized-FELONY

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Officers Investigated the Following Types of Complaints:

- 42-Assist to EMS/FAFD
- 49-Admin duties
- 3-Alarm
- 764-Area checks
- 738-Building property check
- 12-Citizen assist
- 2-Community Policing
- 2-CSC
- 2-Disturbance
- 146-Follow up
- 58-General non-criminal
- 1-Hazard
- 1-Intimidation threats
- 49-Liquor inspections
- 1-Lost/found property
- 3-Motorist assist
- 1-Missing person/runaway
- 5-Parking traffic complaint
- 12-PDA
- 5-Retail fraud
- 139-School patrol
- 17-Suspicious Situations
- 3-Traffic violation arrest
- 3-Traffic complaint/hazards
- 1-Unknown odor investigation
- 1-Warrant arrest
- 3-Welfare check
- 2-Abandoned vehicle
- 4-911 hang up
- 2-Animal complaint
- 10-Assist other agency
- 1-Burglary report
- 2-Civil complaint
- 1-Court /Prosecutor
- 1-DHS referral
- 5-Domestic
- 5-Foot patrol
- 2-Fraud
- 16-Info general
- 10-Juvenile complaints
- 3-Lockout
- 1-Mental/CMH
- 1-Misc complaint
- 13-Ordinance Inv.
- 1-PBT request
- 1-Prisoner transport
- 41-School events
- 282-Subdivision patrol
- 266-Traffic detail
- 73-Traffic stops
- 1-Unattended death
- 2-Vin checks
- 1-Warrant attempt

IOSCO TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF REVIEW

The Organizational Meeting of the Iosco Township Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the Iosco Township Hall, 2050 Bradley Rd, Webberville, MI 48892.

The Board of Review will meet to hear appeals of 2026 assessments, by appointment, on Monday, March 9, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 517-223-9545

Resident and non-resident property owners may protest by letter. Letter appeals must be received by the last date of March Board of Review (March 10, 2026 by 6pm; Postmarks are not accepted).

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for each class of property for 2026 are as follows:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	ESTIMATED FACTOR
AGRICULTURAL	47.36	1.0557
COMMERCIAL	63.05	0.7930
INDUSTRIAL	48.92	1.0221
RESIDENTIAL	49.25	1.0152
PERSONAL	50.00	1.0000

The inflation rate multiplier (CPI) for use in calculating 2026 capped values is 1.027

Joseph Parker
Secretary to Board of Review
Anne Allen
Assessor
(2-8, 2-15 & 2-22-26 FNV)

The above statistical information is retrieved using the computer aided dispatching module provided by Livingston County Central Dispatch. All supporting statistical documentation can be provided upon request.

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Assist other agencies:

Officer Austin was requested to check on welfare of a person who was suicidal and that the call came from the Ingham County Sheriff Department. The subject was located at the address in Fowlerville but was able to get the correct address and passed that onto the ICSO.

Officer Austin was requested from MSP-Brighton Post to assist with breaking and entering complaint in Handy Township. Officer Austin assisted the Trooper with making the arrest on the suspect. When the scene was secure Officer then cleared the assist.

Officer Fairbotham assisted the LCSO with a pursuit that was occurring just outside the village. Officer Fairbotham, assisted as needed and then cleared when the scene was secure.

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Additional information:

Fowlerville Police Officers, alongside several law enforcement agencies throughout Livingston County, recently participated in **Active Assailant Response Training** at the soon-to-be decommissioned Little Glad’s Center. This type of training is critical in ensuring officers are prepared to respond quickly, effectively, and in coordination with neighboring agencies during high-risk emergency situations. By utilizing a vacant facility scheduled for demolition, officers were able to conduct realistic scenario-based exercises in a controlled environment without impacting the community.

Training together strengthens interagency communication, tactical coordination, and decision-making under stress — all of which are essential to protecting our schools, businesses, and residents. While we hope these skills are never needed, ongoing preparation ensures that our officers are ready to respond decisively to keep our community safe.

We appreciate the cooperation of our partner agencies and remain committed to proactive training that enhances public safety throughout Livingston County.

Respectfully Submitted
John J. Tyler, Chief of Police

Fowlerville Fire Department News
Feb. 5

2:05 a.m.--Medical response on Majestic Blvd in Handy Township.

10:33 a.m.--Medical response on W Allen Rd in Conway Township.

8:02 p.m.--Medical response on Little Rascal Dr in Handy Township.

8:29 p.m.--Medical response on Nicholson Rd in Handy Township.

February 6

9:05 a.m.--Medical response on Swartz River Dr in Handy Township.

11:13 p.m.--Medical response on Samantha Dr in Handy Township.

February 7

2:38 a.m.--Medical response on Garden Ln in the Village.

12:43 p.m.--Medical response on Glen Mary Dr in Conway Township.

1:07 p.m.--Smoke alarm investigation on W Fork River Dr in Handy Township.

8:38 p.m.--Medical response on S Grand Ave in the Village.

10:35 p.m.--Medical response on Fowlerville Rd in Handy Township.

February 8

8:30 a.m.--Medical response on Red Rock Dr in Handy Township.

10:55 a.m.--Medical response on E Frank St in the Village.

3:33 p.m.-- Medical response on Spruceview Ln in Handy Township.

5:26 p.m.--Medical response on Majestic Acres Dr in Iosco Township.

10:22 p.m. Medical response on Mohrle Rd in Conway Township.

February 9

12:37 p.m.--Medical response on Majestic Acres Dr in Iosco Township.

3:08 p.m.--Fire alarm investigation on W Sharpe Rd in the Village.

February 10

4:10 p.m.--Assist Livingston County EMS on Nicholson Rd in Handy Township.

February 11

6:25 a.m.--Medical response on N Ann St in the Village.

History 101

By Jace Arledge

First, I hope that everyone has/had a wonderful Valentine’s Day. I know that it’s a Hallmark holiday, but if it brings love and joy, I am all for it!!

I’m not afraid to stand up for what I believe no matter the cost. I was taught that by my parents. Not everything I write in these articles are popular ideas, and that’s ok. You see I have no one to answer to but God/higher power/Great Spirit/El Shaddai/Allah/Elohim/Buddha/Vishnu/Crone/Maiden or whomever anyone gives praises to.

I wasn’t called to be liked, I was called to be LIGHT, and LIGHT by its very nature makes darkness uncomfortable. That’s why those who have been light throughout history have been or tried to be silenced. They scare those who can’t handle the brightness.

So, what’s with the beginner’s history lesson? Just in case you have a need to know my credentials, I hold a Bachelors of Science in Education (History/Government/ Economics) and an MA.Ed in Education with a focus on Curriculum and Instruction. I also have multiple certifications in Divinity and Scripture studies from Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit with a focus on youth ministry and outreach. Now that is out there, I believe I can speak with confidence.

I have witnessed many things in my lifetime. Watergate, Oil embargo, Reganomics, Berlin Wall collapse, Death to Disco, Sinking of the Edmond Fitzgerald, Munich Olympics, End of Vietnam, First Earth Day, Women’s Rights (yes believe it or not women couldn’t have a credit card or home/car loan without a man’s approval until October 8, 1974) I could go on and on. One would think that things would be so different these days, more progressive and open to differences; however, this couldn’t be further from the truth. It feels like we have resorted back to the 1940’s with the attitudes on display in the media and social platforms.

I don’t know about you but I have acquaintance with many women and I don’t know any of them that would be willing to don an apron, stay in the kitchen, have a hot meal on the table when her husband comes home and have ladies bridge games during the week as the only time they have to spend with friends because the rest of the time is spent tending the children, chores and husband’s needs. I know my wife wouldn’t settle for that and neither would my two daughters.

I am regularly faced with comments such as “we should speak English, that’s what we were founded on.” “Jesus started Christianity”, “This country was founded on Christian rights”... Unfortunately, none of those are true and history can prove it.

The America of the past spoke many languages of the Native Americans, over 300 distinct languages identified across various language families, including Algonquian, Siouan, and Athabaskan. Yet after decades of speaking their ancestral languages, Europe came and told them they could no longer have their traditions, language, food, spirituality/religion and that they must convert or be extinct. The Spanish were the first to arrive here from Europe although the Vikings/Norse were here 500 years prior. Either this history wasn’t taught, or it was conveniently forgotten. You know, to fit a narrative.

Friends, America is not just white, it wasn’t built by just white, Anglo Christians. I want you stop reading this and go pick up your map of North America. I’ll wait....

What do you see?
North America is made up of 23 countries, which include:
Antigua and Barbuda – English local dialects, Creole English

The Bahamas - English Creole (among Haitian immigrants)
Barbados – English
Belize – English, Spanish, Mayan, Garifuna (Carib), Creole

Canada - English 59%, French 23%; (Canada’s Territory Nunavut wants that Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun become official) 53 native Inuit and American-Indian languages (18%).

Costa Rica – Spanish with English as a second language
Cuba - Spanish
Dominica – English and French patois
Dominican Republic - Spanish
El Salvador - Spanish and Nahua (among some Amerindians)

Grenada – English and French patois
Guatemala - Spanish 60%, Amerindian languages 40% (23 officially recognized Amerindian languages, including Quiche, Cakchiquel, Kekchi, Mam, Garifuna, and Xinca)

Haiti - French, Creole
Honduras - Spanish and Amerindian dialects
Jamaica – English- most Jamaicans speak an English-based dialect which is known as Patois.

Mexico – Spanish, various Mayan, Nahuatl, and other regional indigenous languages

Nicaragua – Spanish, English and indigenous languages on Atlantic coast.

Panama – Spanish and English 14%
Saint Kitts and Nevis - English
Saint Lucia – English

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines - English
Trinidad and Tobago – English, Hindi, French, Spanish, Chinese.

United States- English (amazingly it’s not an official language, because no official language exists at the Federal level), Spanish is the second most common language in the country, spoken by a sizable minority (over 12%).

Greenland is in North America, but it is ruled by Denmark the official language of Greenland is Greenlandic, specifically the dialect known as Kalaallisut, which is spoken by approximately 50,000 to 57,000 people. So not English.

I think my point is this, DIVERSITY is everywhere, it’s ALWAYS been everywhere. Let’s bring it closer to home. Do you treat each of your children the same? If your oldest plays sports, do you make the other children play sports or do you allow them to express themselves by how they feel, be it music or art, or video games? Do you make them all dress the same? If they one doesn’t like a certain food, do you make them eat it because your other children like it?

Diversity isn’t there to deny others or make others feel less than. It is there to show the richness and depth of God’s creation. Think of how boring this world would be if every tree, flower, animal, fish, person looked/acted/ dressed/loved/ ate the same. How boring that would be. Life was meant to be full of color and life. Have you ever seen the Lucille Ball version of “Mame” from 1974? There is a quote that was made by lead character Mame and later reiterated by the young actor that went like this “*Life’s a banquet and most poor suckers are starving to death!*”

It is telling that life is meant to be lived and celebrated and not feared by things that are different than what we are used to.

In the book “The Giver”, a 1993 young adult dystopian novel written by American author Lois Lowry, the story is set in a society which at first appears to be utopian but is revealed to be dystopian as the plot progresses. Society has taken away pain and strife by converting to “Sameness”, a plan that has also eradicated emotional depth from their lives. To preserve order, the society has a true sense of equality and lacks any color, climate, or terrain. Lowry stated that her books all explore “the importance of human connection... the vital need for humans to be aware of their interdependence, not only with each other, but with the world and its environment.”

She has stated that the characters in “The Giver” have lived in a sterile world for so long that they are in danger of losing

the real emotions that make them human. This is exactly what I fear will happen if we don’t see the beauty that others bring to the table. The food, the drink the dances the music, they all are what make us great. Our differences are what make us powerful, what makes us resilient, what makes us envied by those who fear diversity. Embracing other cultures is the greatest form of love and acceptance. It’s not about understanding what is being said, it’s about emotions and humanity. Empathy and sympathy.

St. Francis of Assisi was said to be the author of the words “Preach the Gospel at all times and if necessary, use words” which emphasizes the importance of doing good works as a witness for the Gospel, rather than relying solely on words. So, the next time you are faced with the dilemma of a song or movie that isn’t in English, or the food at an ethnic-themed party brings you agita, think about what is trying to be shared and embrace it, don’t be afraid. Learn about others and in return share about you, that’s what makes AMERICA great.

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MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Marsha Reid aka Marsha B. Reid, a married person, and Steven C. Reid, her husband, whose address is 2561 Chilson Meadows, Howell, Michigan 48843, as original Mortgagors, to Bank of America, N.A., being a mortgage dated June 11, 2007, and recorded on June 18, 2007 with Document Number 2007R-021701, Livingston County Records, State of Michigan and assigned through mesne assignments by said mortgagee to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for Freddie Mac Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2024-1, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated June 27, 2024 and recorded on June 27, 2024 and given document number 2024R-011199 in Livingston County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWO HUNDRED FORTY-NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE AND 62/100 DOLLARS (\$249,173.62).

Said premises are situated in the Township of Genoa, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and are described as: PARCEL 1-B-2: PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 7, T2N-R5E, GENOA TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 7; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 7, SOUTH 00°07'27" WEST, 1344.92 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 49'06" EAST, 348.01 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 10'53" WEST 436.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 49'06" EAST 200.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 10'54" EAST, 436.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 49'06" WEST, 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SUBJECT TO AND INCLUDING THE USE OF A PRIVATE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES AS DESCRIBED BELOW AND INCLUDING THE USE OF A 66 FOOT WIDE PRIVATE EASEMENT AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1654, PAGES 0655-0656 AND LIBER 2131, PAGES 482-485, LIVINGSTON COUNTY RECORDS. PRIVATE 66 FEET INGRESS AND EGRESS EASEMENT; PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 7, T2N-R5E, GENOA TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 7; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 7, SOUTH 00 DEGREES 07'27" WEST 1344.92 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 49'06" EAST, 460.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 10'53" WEST 66.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 49'06" EAST 88.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 10'54" EAST, 66.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 49'06" WEST, 88.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Street Address: 2561 Chilson Meadows, Howell, Michigan 48843

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judiciary Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: February 1, 2026

For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 3650

Chicago, Illinois, 60602.
Telephone: (312) 541-9710
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Brad Scott, an unmarried person

Original Mortgagee: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Wells Fargo Home Equity Asset-Backed Securities 2004-2 Trust, Home Equity Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-2

Date of Mortgage: March 19, 2004

Date of Mortgage Recording: April 3, 2004

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$66,110.73

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Brighton, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 8 of Larkins Manor of Brighton, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 25 of Plats, Pages 33 through 36, Livingston County Records.

Common street address (if any): 11770 Larkins Rd, Brighton, MI 48114-9008

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

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

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

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE TO ALL PURCHASERS -

A lien has been recorded on behalf of Hampton Ridge Condominium Association. The lien was executed on October 22, 2025 and recorded on October 23, 2025, as Instrument No. 2025R-021406, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Four Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Eight Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$4,388.75).

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 judiciary 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, main entrance of the Judicial Center located in Howell, Michigan, on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 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 Cynthia Ann Stafford, and is situated in the Township of Genoa, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 34, Building 3, of Hampton Ridge Condominium, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 3044, Page 153 et seq., Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 224. Sidwell No. 11-04-303-034

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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.

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Mackinac Center releases policy recommendations, encourages rejection of new subsidy programs

By Clara Lincolnhol
Gongwer News Service

The Mackinac Center for Public Policy announced 2026 policy priorities, calling on lawmakers to expand the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and reject any new business subsidies. The Center is a conservative-oriented think tank based in Midland.

The group proposes that FOIA be amended to include the governor and Legislature and require the state to disclose how much money has been spent on corporate subsidies.

"Last year, we were encouraged to see lawmakers from both sides of the aisle come together to end a major business subsidy program in favor of funding our roads and to advance meaningful reforms that improve transparency and accountability, proving that pro-growth ideas can earn bipartisan support," Cami Pendell, vice president for government affairs at the Mackinac Center, said in a statement. "As we enter 2026, there is more good work to do, and we intend to build on that momentum by promoting policies that deliver measurable benefits for Michigan residents."

The Senate passed a FOIA expansion last year, but House

Speaker Matt Hall, R-Richland Township, has said he will not bring the bills (SB 1 and SB 2) up for a vote.

On the environmental and energy side, the Mackinac Center recommended replacing aging power plants with nuclear power as opposed to wind and solar. The group also encouraged lawmakers to delay coal-fired power plant closures until 2028, endorse the construction of Line 5 and propose that wildfire smoke from Canada should not affect whether Michigan is in attainment for National Ambient Air Quality standards.

Within education, the Mackinac Center expressed support for expanding school choice options, a requirement that schools post curriculum information online for public access and that every public school in the state should receive the same amount of funding. The group also said academic and financial standards should be set for all public schools.

Additionally, the Mackinac Center said the Legislature should pass statewide zoning requirements that can prevent local laws from limiting construction in efforts to increase the housing supply and that lawmakers should speed up the rate of processing construction permits.

The group also wants lawmakers to reduce scope-of-practice restrictions for health care providers and make it easier for people to receive occupational licenses.

The Mackinac Center has long opposed civil asset forfeiture and again called on lawmakers to end the practice.



Michigan House Report

By Jason Woolford,
50th District

Protecting Michigan Elections from Foreign Influence

Last week, I voted yes on a bill package designed to block foreign money from influencing Michigan elections and ballot initiatives.

While federal law prevents foreign nationals from donating to political candidates, it does not apply the same standard to ballot proposals. That loophole has allowed foreign-backed money to flow into campaigns aimed at changing Michigan law and even amending our state Constitution. Regardless of your political beliefs, that should concern all of us.

House Bill 5197 closes that gap by prohibiting foreign nationals from directly or indirectly funding ballot initiative campaigns in Michigan. Our Constitution is not for sale to overseas interests, and our state’s policies should not be shaped by individuals who do not live under the laws they are trying to influence.

The second bill, HB 5198, strengthens safeguards around election administration funding. Michigan’s Constitution already bans foreign funding of election operations, but enforcement mechanisms have been unclear. This bill requires anyone providing money, goods, or services for election administration to certify whether they receive foreign funding. It’s a commonsense transparency measure that helps ensure compliance with the law.

Together, these reforms reinforce a simple idea: Michigan elections belong to Michigan voters.

Protecting the integrity of our election process is about fairness, accountability, and preserving public trust. I will continue supporting policies that keep outside influence out and put Michigan residents first.

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

Gov. Whitmer presents her budget recommendation for 2026-27 fiscal year to Senate & House committees

By Kyle Davidson
Michigan Advance

Heading into her final budget season, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has proposed \$88.1 billion in funding for the 2027 Fiscal Year, a pitch she says would double down on her administration’s long-term priorities while looking to provide Michiganders with financial relief.

State Budget Director Jen Flood and Deputy Budget Director Kyle Guarrant, presented the Governor’s proposed budget to the House and Senate appropriations committees last Wednesday, Feb. 11th.

Of that \$88.1 billion, \$13.6 billion would be allocated to the state’s general fund and \$21.4 billion would go toward K-12 education. The governor also proposed a \$400 million withdrawal from the state’s rainy day fund, which is used to help stabilize revenue during economic downturns.

While Whitmer did not deliver her final budget recommendations in person, State budget officials laid out her proposal while highlighting the challenges heading into this year’s budget season, citing impacts from the federal One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

Although budget officials projected the federal law would cost the state \$10 billion by Fiscal Year 2032, State Budget Director Jen Flood said the state was able to take steps during last year’s budget process to mitigate some of those impacts. However, the policy is still expected to cost the state nearly \$4 billion by 2032 with costs increasing over time.

Heading into Fiscal Year 2027, the state is also facing a \$1.8 billion gap in funding which Flood said is largely driven by declines in revenue, rising health care costs, the direct fiscal impact of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and persistent inflation across sectors.

In response, the governor’s proposed budget includes a narrow set of investments to preserve access to health care, create jobs and keep communities safe, Flood said, calling

this budget a responsible mix of new revenue proposals, cuts and use of reserve funds.

“We’re confronting the numbers strategically, making deliberate choices to preserve what matters most,” Flood said. “By focusing our resources thoughtfully, we can protect our services, strengthen infrastructure and make targeted investments that help our communities thrive, even in the face of ongoing fiscal pressures.”

Lowering costs, supporting education and protecting access to health care and keeping communities safe were key priorities in the governor’s proposal, Flood said.

In line with those priorities, Whitmer recommended a \$250 increase in funding per student, for a total of \$10,300 per student.

The governor’s budget also sets aside \$200 million for the state’s free school meals program while asking the Legislature to cement the effort as a permanent piece of the school aid budget.

The proposal also includes \$625 million to support student literacy as the state continues to rank among the worst in the nation for fourth grade reading scores. The governor has set literacy as a top priority for her final year in office.

Whitmer also asked the Legislature to expand eligibility for the state’s Great Start Readiness program to provide free pre-K to all four year olds in the state, and to include new funding to encourage students in areas with high concentrations of poverty to take advantage of college dual enrollment opportunities.

Other highlights from Whitmer’s budget include:

- An expanded tax credit that would provide property tax relief to 335,000 seniors by refunding approximately 10% of their property taxes.
- A sales tax holiday on school supplies
- \$43.2 million for the Election Equipment Reserve Fund, which supports local election administration and maintenance of election equipment
- \$1.6 billion for Michigan road repairs and maintenance
- Continued tax exemptions on tips, overtime and social security

Amid federal cuts to health care, Whitmer also proposed several new revenue streams to support Michigan Medicaid, providing \$780.4 million in total. This includes, \$232 million through updates to Michigan’s tobacco tax rate, \$73.6 million from taxing vaping and non-tobacco nicotine products similarly to other tobacco products, a \$282 million through a tax on digital advertising and \$192.8 million from updating the state’s internet gaming, sports betting, and online gaming tax structure.

A portion of the vape tax revenues would also support programs to support smoking and cancer prevention and youth mental health.

“If we fail to fully fund Medicaid in Fiscal Year ‘27 the consequences will be real,” Deputy Budget Director Kyle Guarrant said. “Providers could face deeper financial strain, access to care could narrow, wait times could increase, and rural hospitals and long-term care facilities who are already operating on thin margins would be at great risk of closing.”

In order to implement federal changes to both Medicaid and SNAP, the federal low-income food assistance program, Whitmer recommended setting aside \$186.6 million to ensure compliance and help Michigan residents retain their benefits. \$60.4 million of that funding would go to the Department of Health and Human Services for ongoing staffing and beneficiary support, while \$30 million in ongoing funds are allocated to the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity for job search support and training, employment services and apprenticeships to help residents meet new work requirements.

With governor’s proposal on the table, the budget clock begins

With revenue estimates and the governor’s budget proposal in hand, the Democratic-led Senate and the Republican-led House are set to begin assembling their own budget proposals. However, last year’s tumultuous budget process, in which lawmakers blew past the state’s

legally-required July 1 budget deadline and nearly reached a government shutdown, continues to cast a shadow over this budget season.

“I think we would be kidding ourselves if we thought that last year was a successful process,” Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Sarah Anthony said, calling on her fellow senators in attendance to join her in recommitting themselves to professionalism and preparing to negotiate across the aisle.

However, Michigan House Speaker Matt Hall (R-Richland Township) has already ruled out any potential tax increases as well as withdrawing money from the rainy day fund, instead calling for \$1.2 billion in cuts to address the revenue shortfall.

“There will be no tax increases in this budget when we do this deal,” Hall told reporters at a press conference held ahead of the budget presentation. “Instead, we’re gonna have to live within our means just like the people of Michigan do when they have increased expenses.”

House Appropriations Chair Ann Bollin (R-Brighton Township) similarly told reporters after the presentation that she was skeptical of whether a revenue increase would be needed.

“Are they proposing revenue increases because they’ve expanded the size of government?” Bollin asked. “That’s a very different question than raising the revenue because there’s a need for it.”

Bollin and state Rep. Jim DeSana (R-Carleton) also said they would like to see property tax relief for residents across the board, rather than just seniors.

Heading into this budget cycle, Anthony acknowledged that the state would need to be creative given the restraints on state funding, but said that Republicans would need to show where funding cuts would come from if the state does not bring in additional tax revenue.

“My North Star goal is that we’re not harming people as we’re making those types of reductions and also not robbing the rainy day fund,” Anthony said. “So I think we have a lot of work to do to find the right balance, but ultimately, this is going to be a very difficult budget year.”



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Longtime wrestling coach Dan Coon resigns position, citing problem over discipline

Dan Coon, the longtime wrestling coach at Fowlerville High School, resigned his position, citing a problem with one of his player’s parents over discipline.

The news of his departure came in two forms. One was through an email that Athletic Director Jeff Finney sent to parents, students, and other community members. The other was a news story in the “Livingston Daily”. Finney’s email does not give any reason for the resignation which occurred just as the team was preparing for conference championships and post-season tournaments. Rather it thanks him for his service to the school.

“Coach Coon has been a pillar of the Fowlerville wrestling community for more than 25 years,” Finney wrote. “During his tenure, he led the program to numerous successes, including a state championship in 1994 and a state runner-up finish in 2025.

“We are deeply grateful for Coach Coon’s many years of service and his unwavering commitment to Fowlerville High School wrestling,” Finney added. “We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.”

The newspaper article, on the other hand, quoted a text by Coon that was sent to Sports Editor Bill Khan that stated: “I resigned when a couple of parents were not letting their son be held accountable for his actions.”

Neither Coon nor Finney elaborated on what those actions were or any other details on the situation.

It was subsequently reported that Bret Shrader, a teacher and coach at the high school and former wrestler, would serve as the head coach for the remainder of the season.

It was also announced by Shrader that assistant coaches Craig Zube and James Testerman would remain on the staff and that junior high coaches Sean Harvey and Caleb Medina have helped out at the high school level.

Coon is a member of the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the state wrestling coaches’ Hall of Fame. He graduated from Fowlerville High School in 1979 and while in high school was a state wrestling champion. He was an All-American wrestler while at Alma College, then coached and taught at several northern Michigan school districts before returning to his alma mater in 1989.



Dan Coon

He retired from teaching in 2018 but has continued on as the head wrestling coach.

Shrader was a member of Fowlerville’s 1994 Class B State championship team and was also an individual state champion that same year and has been a teacher-coach at the local school district for 27 years.

Fowlerville Wrestling Team wins Division and District Championships

The team won the CAAC Red Division Tournament earlier in the month, giving them the division title. They then hosted a Division 2 District tournament this past Wednesday and won their fourth straight district title by beating Lansing Eastern 75-4 in the first round and Williamston 55-20 in the finals. The team now advances to the regionals on Wednesday February 18 in Eaton Rapids.

The individual boys districts were scheduled for this past Saturday, Feb. 14, with any qualifiers moving onto the regionals this coming weekend. The individual girls districts were scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21, at Howell.

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Livingston County MEA Retired group to meet Feb. 17th in Howell

The Livingston County Michigan Education Association-Retired group is meeting Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 10:30am in the MEA office at 2566 Grand River, Howell. Our speaker, Ted Kroll of the Livingston Educational Service Agency, will present information on Alternative Education. All retired school personnel are welcome.

Old Saint Patrick’s of Ann Arbor to host Fish Friday during Lent season

Old Saint Patrick’s of Ann Arbor will host their 48th annual Fish Fry during Lent. The menu includes Alaskan Pollack, choice of potato or mac & cheese, salad bar, and beverage. Dessert (extra cost).

The meal will be served every Friday, February 20 - March 2, from 4:30 to 7 PM. Adults \$18, Seniors (60 and older) \$14, Children (5-12 years old) \$5, and Children 4 and under free. The church is located at 5671 Whitmore Lake Rd., Ann Arbor. Ph: 734-662-8141. www.stpatricka2.org.

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Homeschoolers presenting Valentines to Senior Center members.



Katie and Patty from Sharon's Heating and Cooling explaining Michigan's Home Energy Rebate program.



Sharon, Debbie, and Nancy teaching our Fowlerville High School volunteer Lila Ratliff how to play Farkle.



Becky and Kathy painting butterflies and their pet rocks.

Being active with friends at the Fowlerville Senior Center

By Mark Thompson

The Fowlerville Senior Center held its monthly Blood Pressure check from 9:30A - 10:30A. Members of the Fowlerville Fire Department, Assistant Chief Mike Lemieux, Fire Marshall Julie Dailey and Firefighter Tammy Lemieux checked the blood pressure of numerous Senior Center members and we all had one. The monthly Blood Pressure Screening is open to anyone in the community-- you do not have to be a member of the Senior Center to come in and have your blood pressure checked for free. You might even see some people you know and stay for a beverage.

The Fowlerville Senior Center hosted a Craft Sale this past weekend and the variety of crafts produced by the very talented vendors was astounding. The list of items and artwork presented is too lengthy to list but there was something for most everyone. And most of all a very good time was had by all.

The Fowlerville Senior Center's Executive Board met this week and discussed various Senior Center activities and business operations which included inviting Sharon's Heating and Cooling to our Community Meeting to discuss the Michigan Home Energy Rebates (MiHER), our new volunteer, Lila Ratliff, from Fowlerville High School and the decision-making process to utilize our grant from the Livingston Leadership Council on Aging (LLCOA) to purchase works of art for our Community Room.

Speaking of works of art, this week members participated in an art class and created butterflies which included painting their hands and then we painted our "Pet Rocks." Senior Center members are now discussing creating artwork to enter the 2026 Fowlerville Family Fair's Open Art Class which runs from Monday, July 27 through Saturday, August 1, 2026.

We want to thank the group of homeschoolers who came to the Fowlerville Senior Center and gave Valentine cards to

members. We have these beautiful cards on display in our hallway.

The Fowlerville Senior Center continues to host a monthly Community Lunch meal for members. This month we had Meals on Wheels cater our lunch and had the pleasure of musician Paul Garber playing his guitar and singing various songs. A very good meal, entertainment and a plethora of conversations and laughter.

The Fowlerville Senior Center continues to offer a variety

of activities for our members. Come visit us, get the grand tour and if so inclined to participate in a few of our activities. We like to say our members "run their own program" and participate in whatever activity they want, whenever they want. You can too and there might even be a smidgen of smiling, laughter and the opportunity to make new friends. Not a bad deal for \$25 a year.

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2025 Water Quality Report for Village of Webberville

Water Supply Serial Number: 06970

This report covers the drinking water quality for the Village of Webberville for the 2025 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2025. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from 3 groundwater wells, each over 200 feet in depth. Two wells are located at 425 Maple St. and one well located at 180 Pine St. The State performed an assessment of our source water to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from “very-low” to “very-high” based on geologic sensitivity, well construction, water chemistry and contamination sources. The susceptibility of our source is moderately high for each well.

There are no significant sources of contamination in our water supply. We are making efforts to protect our sources by participating in a wellhead protection program and conducting regular source water monitoring.

If you would like to know more about this report, please contact: Ryan Jones, Public Works Superintendent, at (517)375-8671 or rjones@webbvill.com.

Contaminants and their presence in water: Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the U.S. EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Vulnerability of sub-populations: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. U.S. EPA/ Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Sources of drinking water: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.



In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA prescribes regulations that limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Federal Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2025 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 through December 31, 2025. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **N/A:** Not applicable
- **ND:** not detectable at testing limit

- **ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter
- **ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter
- **ppt:** parts per trillion or nanograms per liter
- **pCi/L:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
- **Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
- **Level 1 Assessment:** A study of the water supply to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
- **Level 2 Assessment:** A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/ or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Arsenic (ppb)	10	0	7	N/A	2025	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.292	N/A	2025	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge of metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	ND	N/A	2025	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrite (ppm)	1	1	ND	N/A	2025	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Cyanide (ppm)	0.2	0.2	ND	N/A	2025	No	Industrial wastewater from metal finishing and chemical manufacturing.
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	Average 0.265	0.25-0.28	2025	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Sodium ¹ (ppm)	N/A	N/A	16	N/A	2025	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
SOC (synthetic organic chemicals)	N/A	N/A	ND	N/A	2025	No	Industrial and agricultural runoff.
TTHM Total Trihalo-methanes (ppb)	80	N/A	ND	N/A	2025	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
HAA5 Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	N/A	ND	N/A	2025	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
Chlorine ² (ppm)	4	4	Average 0.22	0.06-0.45	2025	No	Water additive used to control microbes.
Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	15	0	2.2	1.4-3.3	2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Combined radium (pCi/L)	5	0	4.3	N/A	2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Uranium (ppb)	30	0	ND	N/A	2024	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Total Coliform	TT	N/A	N/A	N/A	Monthly	No	Naturally present in the environment
E. coli in the distribution system (positive samples)	See E. coli note ³	0	0	N/A	Monthly	No	Human and animal fecal waste.
Fecal Indicator – E. coli at the source (positive samples)	TT	N/A	0	N/A	2025	No	Human and animal fecal waste.

¹ Sodium is not a regulated contaminant.

² The chlorine “Level Detected” was calculated using a running annual average.

³ E. coli MCL violation occurs if: (1) routine and repeat samples are total coliform-positive and either is E. coli-positive, or (2) the supply fails to take all required repeat samples following E. coli-positive routine sample, or (3) the supply fails to analyze total coliform-positive repeat sample for E. coli.

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Michigan is last state without a septic system code: Will that change?

By Justin Fox Clausen
Capital News Service

A new Senate bill has been introduced that would address the regulation, inspection and re-evaluation of septic systems. If passed, Michigan would become the last state to enact a comprehensive septic code intended to prevent contamination of drinking water.

Megan Tinsley, the water policy director of the Michigan Environmental Council, said that past efforts to adopt a statewide code have failed.

Tinsley said a higher percentage of Michigan households rely on septic systems than the national average.

According to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), more than 1.3 million septic systems are used across the state to treat wastewater before returning it to the environment.

EGLE also estimates that at least 20% of those systems are failing.

Tinsley said that failing systems release up to 31 million gallons of wastewater per day into state waters, posing a threat to both humans and the environment.

Joan Rose, a microbiologist at Michigan State University who specializes in water microbiology, studies the impact of septic systems on diseases in the environment.

She said the waterborne pathogens introduced by septic tanks include E. coli, salmonella and hepatitis A.

Rural communities across the state are at the highest

risk, with many relying on groundwater and wells. A lack of regular inspections, especially at older homes, increases this risk.

The new legislation is sponsored by Sen. Sam Singh, D-East Lansing, and cosponsored by Sens. Veronica Klinefelt, D-Eastpointe, Dayna Polehanki, D-Livonia and Sue Shink, D-Northfield Township.

The bill includes specifications for minimum distances between drinking water sources and septic tanks, along with mandatory inspections every 10 years on systems 30 years or older. It would put the responsibility to regulate and inspect septic systems on local public health departments.

Those potential new responsibilities raise concerns about the strain on staff and budgets for local health departments across the state.

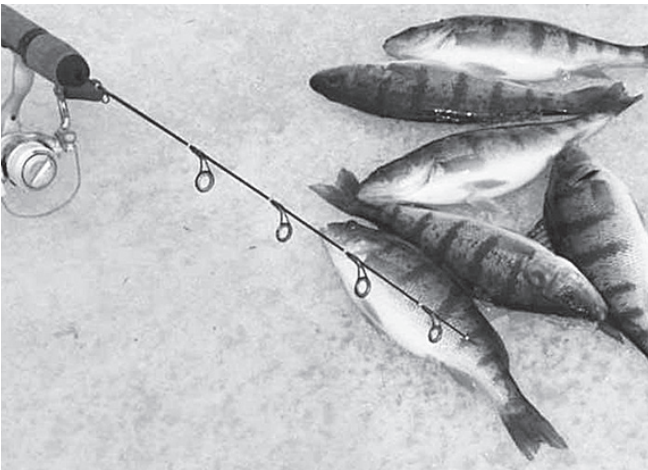
Norm Hess, the executive director of the Michigan Association for Local Public Health, said that despite the concerns, the state would benefit from having a statewide code.

“The Legislature is going to have to come up with the additional funding,” he said.

“I don’t want people to have the understanding that there is no one out there regulating septic systems,” Hess said, adding that there are still local codes to follow.

Hess added that a statewide code would also help those who own multiple homes, as they wouldn’t have to keep track of multiple septic regulation guidelines.

Currently, 11 of Michigan’s 83 counties have septic codes. They include Livingston, Ingham, Oakland, Washtenaw, Kent, Mackinac, and Grand Traverse.



Michigan DNR Fishing Tips—

With winter temperature changes try low-light periods

With fluctuating winter temperatures in Michigan, focus on fishing during low-light periods, early morning and late afternoon, when species like walleye and perch are most active. If you are marking fish but not getting bites, downsize your presentation and switch to lighter line, smaller tungsten jigs, or subtle jigging motions. In cold water, fish are often less aggressive, so a slower, more finesse-style approach can make a big difference.

2025 Water Quality Report for Village of Webberville, continued

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)							
Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Hexafluoro-propylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA) (ppt)	370	N/A	ND	0	2025	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities utilizing the Gen X chemical process.
Perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS) (ppt)	420	N/A	ND	0	2025	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments.
Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS) (ppt)	51	N/A	ND	0	2025	No	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities.
Perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA) (ppt)	400,000	N/A	ND	0	2025	No	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities.
Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) (ppt)	6	N/A	ND	0	2025	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; breakdown of precursor compounds.
Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) (ppt)	16	N/A	ND	0	2025	No	Firefighting foam; discharge from electroplating facilities; discharge and waste from industrial facilities.
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (ppt)	8	N/A	ND	0	2025	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments.

Inorganic Contaminant Subject to Action Levels (AL)	Action Level	MCLG	Your Water ⁴	Range of Results	Year Sampled	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	12	0	1	0-3	2024	0	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.1	0-0.2	2024	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

⁴ Ninety (90) percent of the samples collected were at or below the level reported for our water.

Information about lead: Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. The Village of Webberville is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the

variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family’s risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact the Village of Webberville at (517)521-3984 for available resources. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The Village of Webberville has zero lead service lines. We conducted our service line inventory and found no lead lines, 375 lead status unknown, and 472 total service lines. The service line inventory is available upon request by contacting the Village offices at (517)521-3984 between 8:00am and 4:00pm.

There is no safe level of lead in drinking water. Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of persons who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney, or nervous system problems.

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson’s Disease should consult their personal doctor.

While your drinking water meets the U.S. EPA standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The U.S EPA standard balances the current understanding of arsenic’s possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The U.S. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

Monitoring and Reporting to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Requirements: The State of Michigan and the U.S. EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2025.

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at Webberville Village Offices located at 115 S. Main St. Webberville, MI 48892. This report will not be sent to you.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. Village council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Village Offices located at 115 S. Main St. at 6 P.M. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact Ryan Jones, Public Works Superintendent at (517)371-8671 or rjones@webbvill.com. This report will be posted to the Village website at www.webbervillemi.com. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. EPA at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater>.

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Webberville Report

After all of the contests were done Webberville FFA contestants grouped together for a picture to capture the moment. Yazmine Beverly, Shawna Davis, Karley Williams, Ella Howard, Ethan West, Gavin Howery, Matthew Howery, Owen Derian, and Conor Kiernan.

Webberville FFA Leadership Contest Teams makes their mark at Districts

By Karley Williams

Webberville's FFA Leadership Contest Teams attended Districts, held at Dansville High School on Jan. 29th, and they did not disappoint. The night was filled with outstanding performances and well-earned recognition.

The Agricultural Issues team—made up of Gavin Howery, Matthew Howery, Conor Kiernan, Yazmine Beverly, and Owen Derian—tackled the important topic of farmers' mental

health and earned an impressive 3rd place finish, securing their spot as an alternate to Regionals.

Ethan West delivered a standout prepared public speaking performance on lab grown meats, earning 2nd place and advancing on to Regionals.

Rounding out the night, Karley Williams, Shawna Davis, and Ella Howard demonstrated the steps to take care of a Christmas tree and claimed 3rd place and will also serve as an alternate to Regionals. An incredible night for Webberville FFA, and congratulations to all who competed!

Karley Williams, Shawna Davis, and Ella Howard pose together for a picture before performing their demonstration on caring from Christmas Trees titled *From seed to celebration: The Journey of a Christmas Tree*. For Shawna Davis, participating in FFA contests is always a highlight of the experience. "FFA contests are always fun," said Davis. "My favorite part is after you finish your contest and wait for scores, you get to watch other contests or sometimes play games."

Gavin Howery and Conor Kiernan during their Agricultural Issues presentation titled *The Budget Cuts: Necessary or Negligible*. Where they talked about Farmer mental health budgets. Conor Kiernan shared insight about the contests. "It was a fantastic experience to see all of my peers working as hard as I was to be committed to FFA. It was also awesome to meet the people who made the mental health program for farmers that we were researching for the competition."



The Winterfest Court included, from left Brody Teague, Alexis Beverly, Dylan Rhodes, Valerie Grosser, Karson Lycos, Samantha Hull, Gavin Howery and Karley Williams.



Webberville High School 2026 Winterfest Queen Valerie Grosser and King Gavin Howery.

Webberville hosts Winterfest basketball games, plus crowning of King & Queen

Written in collaboration with Makayla Culver

Webberville’s Winterfest basketball games took place on Feb. 6th, bringing the community together for an amazing night. The fun kicked off with varsity girls basketball facing off against Taylor Prep, with the Spartans easily earning the win by a score of 61-14. Leading the team was senior Jolie Bryan with 15 points and 10 rebounds, followed by senior Haley Proctor with 12 points and sophomore Jenna Lycos with 9 points.

In between that contest and ensuing varsity boys game, everyone took a moment to admire this year’s Winterfest Court. Representing the court were seniors Dylan Rhodes and Valerie Grosser, Karson Lycos and Samantha Hull, Brody Teague and Alexis Beverly, and Gavin Howery and Karley Williams. Stepping forward to present the crowns was last year’s queen, Mya Brozek. After much anticipation, Gavin Howery was crowned Winterfest King and Valerie Grosser was crowned Winterfest Queen.

To wrap up the evening, the varsity boys team took on Bentley. The Spartans maintained an edge for most of the game and easily dominated the Bulldogs, with the final score being 63-52. The team was led by junior Dominic Driver with 31 points, senior Dylan Rhodes with 25 points and junior Camdyn Bucchanon helping with 7 points. The exciting matchup also included a big milestone—Dominic Driver officially surpassed 1,000 career points! The win moves the Spartans to 15-2.



Dominic Driver celebrating his 1000 point milestone.

An ‘Evening to Remember’ at Webberville’s Winterfest

Written by Ella Howard

Webberville High School hosted Winterfest 2026 on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Students kicked off the evening by getting ready with friends and going out to eat before hitting the dance floor. Keifer Goble, a freshman, talks about his first Winterfest, and his experience: “The music was fun and exciting. The songs got me and a lot of people dancing!”

Makayla Culver, a senior, reminisced on her final Winterfest: “I love getting to spend every ‘last’ with all the people I’ve grown up with. Knowing we only have one senior dance left makes me emotional, but I’m excited for the next chapter in our lives.”

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The regular meeting was called to order by Supervisor Griffes at the Leroy Township Hall located at 1685 N M-52 in Webberville, MI. at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday **February 3, 2026.**

Members present: Supervisor Earl Griffes, Clerk Gina L. Whitehead, Treasurer Heide Ream, Trustee Loretta K. Benjamin and Trustee R. Scott Diederich.

Members absent:

Approval of January 13, 2026, meeting minutes **APPROVED**

2026 Local Road Program **BUDGETED \$150,000**

BS&A Net to Cloud **TO BE BUDGETED AT ANNUAL MEETING \$30,000**

MTA Principles of Governance **ADOPTED AND SIGNED BY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

New industrial coffee pot **APPROVED**

Payment of Bills **APPROVED \$28,607.68**

Adjournment at 7:47 P.M.

Next Board Meeting is on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

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Abraham Lincoln: A man who was both steel and velvet

By Steve Horton

An account of the speech suggests that as the white-haired gentleman prepared to address a combined session of Congress “the usual yawns, snores, whispers, and tapping pencils echoed through the hall.” In other words, business as usual.

The gentleman, 82 years of age on that date, was reportedly “unfazed” as he began to talk. He was Carl Sandburg and the date was Feb. 12, 1959, with the purpose of the speech and session being to observe the Sesquicentennial of Abraham Lincoln’s birthday.

Sandburg, like Lincoln, was from Illinois. He had been a newspaperman and poet in his earlier years.

He was a champion of the working class and downtrodden, the misused and abused, as evidenced in his description of Chicago “City of the Big Shoulders...Hog Butcher for the World, Tool Maker, Stacker of Wheat... Stormy, husky, brawling” and those final lines in *The People, Yes*

“Yet my voice shall linger on
and in the years yet to come
the young shall ask what was the idea
for which you gave me death
and what was I saying
that I must die for what I said?”

But it was not for his poetry, and certainly not these words, that brought the invitation. Rather it was his multi-volume

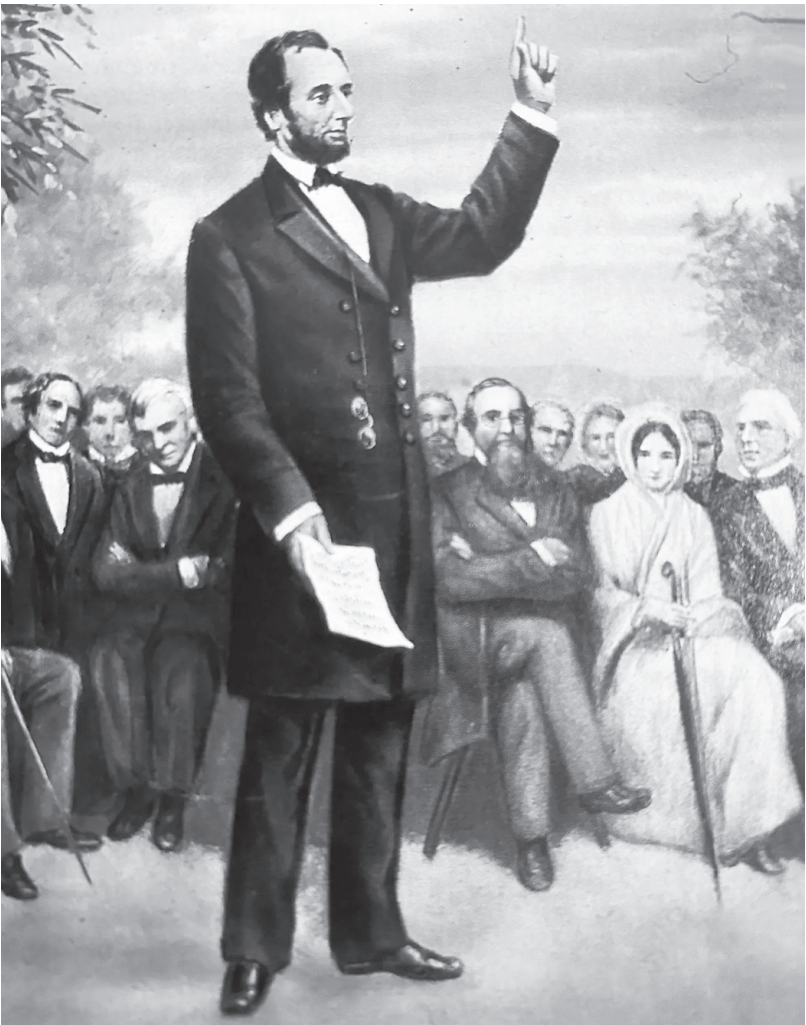
biography of Lincoln, work that had brought him renown, a Pulitzer Prize, and likely a bit of wealth—none of which is the usual reward for most newspaper reporters or poets.

The account noted that the legislators and others in the hall quickly fell quiet as they listened to his words, a captivating account that showcased the abilities of a skilled wordsmith who knew his subject matter.

“Carl Sandburg accomplished two nearly impossible feats today,” was how the report went. “He pulled the nation’s two parties together and, more remarkable, he reduced members of Congress to silence.”

The topic of Lincoln still fascinates many of us today as it apparently did on that occasion 67 years earlier. It’s now been 217 years since the 16th President of the United States was born in a log cabin in Kentucky and spent his formative years in humble conditions. His life, his words and deeds, his example—taken with the backdrop of the then American frontier and the Civil War—have mattered and continue to matter. Perhaps not as much as they once did, yet somehow the history of his life and times still resonates.

But then Carl Sandburg, not to mention Lincoln, require no long detailed introduction by yours truly to put them in proper context. They can speak for themselves.



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Address of Carl Sandburg before the Joint Session of Congress FEBRUARY 12, 1959

Not often in the story of mankind does a man arrive on earth who is both steel and velvet, who is as hard as rock and soft as drifting fog, who holds in his heart and mind the paradox of terrible storm and peace unspeakable and perfect. Here and there across centuries come reports of men alleged to have these contrasts.

And the incomparable Abraham Lincoln born 150 years ago this day, is an approach if not a perfect realization of this character. In the time of the April lilacs in the year 1865, on his death, on the casket with his body was carried north and west a thousand miles; and the American people wept as never before; bells sobbed, cities wore crepe; people stood in tears and with hats off as the railroad burial car paused in the leading cities of seven states ending its journey at Springfield, Illinois, the hometown.

During the four years he was President he at times, especially in the first three months, took to himself the powers of a dictator; he commanded the most powerful army still then assembled in modern warfare; he enforced conscription of soldiers for the first time in American History; under imperative necessity he abolished the right of habeas corpus; he directed politically and spiritually the wild, massive, turbulent forces let loose in Civil War.

He argued and pleaded for compensated emancipation of the slaves. The slaves were property, they were on the tax books along with horses and cattle, the valuation of each slave next to his name on the tax assessor’s books. Failing to get action on compensated emancipation, as a Chief Executive having war powers he issued the paper by which he declared the slaves to be free under “military necessity.”

In the end, nearly \$4,000,000 worth of property was taken away from those who were legal owners of it, property confiscated, wiped out as by fire and turned to ashes, at his instigation and executive direction. Chattel property recognized and lawful for 300 years was expropriated, seized without payment.

In the month the war began, he told his secretary, John Hay, —“My policy is to have no policy.” Three years later in a letter to a Kentucky friend made public, he confessed plainly, “I have been controlled by events.”

His words at Gettysburg were sacred, yet strange with a color of the familiar: “We cannot consecrate – we cannot hallow – this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far beyond our poor power to add or detract.” He could have said “The brave union men.” Did he have a purpose in omitting the word “union?” Was he keeping himself and his utterance clear of the passion that would not be good to look back on when the time came for peace and reconciliation? Did he mean to leave an implication that there were brave Union men and brave Confederate men, living and dead, who had struggled there? We do not know, of a certainty.

Was he thinking of the Kentucky father whose two sons died in battle, one in Union blue, the other in Confederate gray, the father inscribing on the stone over their double

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Abraham Lincoln, continued

grave, “God knows which was right?” We do not know.

His changing policies from time to time aimed at saving the Union. In the end his armies won and his nation became a world power. In August of 1864, he wrote a memorandum that he expected to lose the next November election; sudden military victory brought the tide his way; the vote was 2,200,000 for him and 1,800,000 against him. Among his bitter opponents were such figures as Samuel F. B. Morse, inventor of the telegraph, and Cyrus H. McCormick, inventor of the farm reaper. In all its essential propositions the Southern Confederacy had the moral support of powerful, respectable elements throughout the north, probably more than a million voters believing in the justice of the Southern cause.

While the war winds howled he insisted that the Mississippi was one river meant to belong to one country, that railroad connection from coast to coast must be pushed through and the Union Pacific Railroad a reality. While the luck of war wavered and broke and came again, as generals failed and campaigns were lost, he held enough forces of the Union together to raise new armies and supply them, until generals were found who made war as victorious war has always been made, with terror, frightfulness, destruction, and on both sides, north and south, valor and sacrifice past words of man to tell.

In the mixed shame and blame of the immense wrongs of two crashing civilizations, often with nothing to say, he said nothing, slept not at all, and on occasions he was seen to weep in a way that made weeping appropriate, decent, majestic. As he rode alone on horseback near soldiers home on the edge of Washington one night his hat was shot off; a son he loved died as he watched at the bed; his wife was accused of betraying information to the enemy, until denials from him were necessary.

An Indiana man at the White House heard him say, “Voorhees, don’t it seem strange to you that I, who could never so much as cut off the head of a chicken, should be elected, or selected, into the midst of all this blood?”

He tried to guide general Nathaniel Prentiss Banks, a Democrat, three times Governor of Massachusetts, in the governing of some 17 of the 48 parishes of Louisiana controlled by the Union armies, an area holding a fourth of the slaves of Louisiana. He would like to see the state recognize the Emancipation Proclamation, “And while she is at it, I think it would not be objectionable for her to adopt some practical system by which the two races could gradually live themselves out of their old relation to each other, and both come out better prepared for the new. Education for the young blacks should be included in the plan.”

To Governor Michel Hahn elected in 1864 by a majority of the 11,000 white male voters who had taken the oath of allegiance to the Union, Lincoln wrote, “Now that you are about to have a convention which, among other things, will probably define the elective franchise, I barely suggest for your private consideration, whether some of the colored

people may not be let in – as for instance, the very intelligent and especially those who have fought gallantly in our ranks.”

Among the million words in the Lincoln utterance record, he interprets himself with a more keen precision than someone else offering to explain him. His simple opening of the house divided speech in 1858 serves for today: “If we could first know where we are, and whither we are tending we could better judge what to do, and how to do it.”

To his Kentucky friend, Joshua F. Speed, he wrote in 1855, “Our progress in degeneracy appears to me to be pretty rapid. As a nation we began by declaring that ‘All men are created equal, except Negroes’. When the know-nothings get control, it will read ‘All men are created equal except Negroes and foreigners and Catholics.’ When it comes to this, I shall prefer emigrating to some country where they make no pretense of loving liberty.”

Infinitely tender was his word from a White House balcony to a crowd on the White House lawn, “I have not willingly planted a thorn in any man’s bosom,” or a military governor, “I shall do nothing through malice; what I deal with is too vast for malice.” He wrote for Congress to read on December 1, 1863, “In times like the present men should utter nothing for which they would not willingly be responsible through time and eternity.”

Like an ancient psalmist he warned Congress, “Fellow citizens, we cannot escape history. We will be remembered in spite of ourselves. No personal significance or insignificance can spare one or another of us. The fiery trial through which we pass will light us down in honor or dishonor to the latest generation.”

Wanting Congress to break and forget past traditions his words came keen and flashing. “The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate for the stormy present. We must think anew, we must act anew, we must disenthral ourselves.”

They are the sort of words that actuated the mind and will of the men who created and navigated that marvel of the sea, the nautilus, and her voyage from Pearl Harbor and under the North Pole Icecap.

The people of many other countries take Lincoln now for their own. He belongs to them. He stands for decency, honest dealing, plain talk, and funny stories. “Look where he came from—don’t he know all us strugglers and wasn’t he a kind of tough struggler all his life right up to the finish?” Something like that you can hear in any nearby neighborhood and across the seas. Millions there are who take him as a personal treasure.

He had something they would like to see spread everywhere over the world. Democracy? We can’t say exactly what it is, but he had it. In his blood and bones he carried it. In the breath of his speeches and writings it is there. Popular government? Republican institutions? Government where the people have the say-so, one way or another telling their elected rulers what they want? He had the idea. It’s there in the lights and shadows of his personality, a mystery that can be lived but never fully spoken in words.

Our good friend the poet and playwright Mark Van Doren, tells us, “To me, Lincoln seems, in some ways, the most interesting man who ever lived . . . He was gentle but this gentleness was combined with a terrific toughness, an iron strength.”

How did he say he would like to be remembered? His beloved friend, Representative Owen Lovejoy of Illinois, had died in May of 1864, and friends wrote to Lincoln and he replied that the pressure of duties kept him from joining them in efforts for a marble monument to Lovejoy. The last sentence of his letter saying, “Let him have the marble monument along with the well assured and more enduring one in the hearts of those who love liberty, unselfishly, for all men.”

So perhaps we may say that the well assured and most enduring memorial to Lincoln is invisibly there, today, tomorrow and for a long time yet to come in the hearts of lovers of liberty, men and women who understand that wherever there is freedom there have been those who fought and sacrificed for it.

This article was originally published two years ago on my Substack newsletter website. With this being President’s Day weekend, I thought it worth running again. I’ve updated the timeline to reflect the current year of 2026.



Livingston Conservation District Annual Meeting
Monday, February 23, 2026
Marion Township Hall, 2877 W Coon Lake Rd, Howell, MI
6:00pm – Reception
6:30pm – Opening Comments, Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation
Clark Humrich – Chairman, Livingston Conservation District
6:45pm – Dinner
7:45pm – Business Meeting
Introduction of Guests, Directors and Staff
Updates on Conservation Programs and Practices
Director Election
Candidates (two open seats)
Matt Munsell
Clark Humrich

Door Prizes

Register by email to: admin@livingstoncd.org
Phone: (517) 861-9485

If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, and you are a resident of Livingston County, you may request an absentee ballot by contacting the Livingston Conservation District at (517) 861-9485 or via email at: admin@livingstoncd.org.

Williamston Area Senior Center

500 Williamston Center Road - 517-655-5173
February 2026 Events

Monday, Feb. 16th - Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Massage 9am, Exercise 10:30am, Lunch 11:45am, Bingo 12:30pm.

Tuesday, Feb. 17th - Cards 9am - 11:45am, Lunch 11:45am, Mind Benders with CADL/Jackie 12:30pm.

Wednesday, Feb. 18th - Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise 9:30am, Exercise 10:30am, Lunch 11:45am, Yoga for All 12:30am, Needle Work Group 1-3pm.

Thursday, Feb. 19th - Cards 9am - 11:45am, Exercise 10:30am, Lunch 11:45am, CADL Jackie – Cookie Decorating 12:30pm.

Monday, Feb. 23rd - Cards 9am - 11:45am, Exercise 10:30am, CADL Tech Support Help 10:45am, Lunch 11:45am, Movie Day 12:30pm.

Tuesday, Feb. 24th - Cards 9am - 11:45am, Lunch 11:45am, Cards & Games.

Wednesday, Feb. 25th - Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise 9:30am, Exercise 10:30am, Lunch 11:45am, Nurse Chat w/Michelle Noon, Needle Work Group 1-3pm.

Thursday, Feb. 26th - Cards 9am - 11:45am, Exercise 10:30am, Lunch 11:45am, Book Club 12:30pm.



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

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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

Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by EARL HALL AND RENNEE JOY HALL to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS MORTGAGEE, AS NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS INC., original Mortgagee, for a mortgage dated January 30, 2008, and recorded on February 22, 2008, as document number 2008R-005088 in the Livingston County Register of Deeds. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC., as documented by an assignment of mortgage dated March 23, 2018, and recorded on March 26, 2018, as document number 2018R-007380 in the Livingston County Register of Deeds, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$46,857.12.

Under the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court within LIVINGSTON County, Michigan on March 04, 2026 at 10:00 am.

Said premises are located in the city of SOUTH LYON in LIVINGSTON County, Michigan and are described as: LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GREEN OAK IN THE COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON IN THE STATE OF MI PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST, GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 24; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 24 AND THE CENTERLINE OF DIXBORO ROAD NORTH 02 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST (RECORDED AS NORTH 02 DEGREES 55 MINUTES WEST), 106.41 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF TEN MILE ROAD, SOUTHWESTERLY ON AN ARC RIGHT, HAVING A LENGTH OF 110.01 FEET, A RADIUS OF 1823.30 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 03 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 25 SECONDS AND A LONG CHORD WHICH BEARS SOUTH 77 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST, 109.99 FEET; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST, 303.18 FEET; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST, 108.36 FEET; THENCE ALONG SAID EAST LINE OF SECTION 24, SOUTH 02 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST, 286.02 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Property Address: 13931 10 MILE RD., SOUTH LYON, MI 48178 Tax ID No. 4716-24-400-011

The redemption period shall be Six (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. If this 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 sale or to the Mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC.,

Mortgagee/Assignee

February 1st, 2026

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC

Attorney for Mortgagee/Assignee

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jacquelyn M. Doyle, an unmarried woman

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, not individually but solely as trustee for FINANCE OF AMERICA STRUCTURED SECURITIES ACQUISITION TRUST 2019-HB1

Date of Mortgage: June 28, 2013

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 8, 2013

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$620,213.81

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Marion, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Unit 11, Lake In The Pines, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2335, Pages 380 through 447, inclusive and all amendments thereto, Livingston County Records and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 140, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in above Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Common street address (if any): 3322 Peregrine Way #11, Howell, MI 48843-2956

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.

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This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: February 15, 2026

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Williamston Farm & Artisan Market Bottle-Can Fundraiser on Feb. 15th

The Williamston Farm & Artisan Market holds twice-monthly bottle and can collection fundraisers, located in the large parking lot of McCormick Park, 123 High Street in Williamston, from 11am to 1pm, no matter the weather. The next one is this Sunday, Feb. 15th.

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

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

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

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MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Tina Socha, unmarried woman, whose address is 4127 Peach Tree Lane, #19, Howell, Michigan 48843, as original Mortgageors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Union Home Mortgage Corp., being a mortgage dated August 25, 2021, and recorded on August 31, 2021 with Document Number 2021R036042, Livingston County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated April 3, 2025 and recorded on April 9, 2025 and given document number 2025R006633 in Livingston County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO AND 60/100 DOLLARS (\$321,482.60).

Said premises are situated in the Township of Oceola, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and are described as: UNIT NO. 19, ORCHARD PARK VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED RECORDED IN INSTRUMENT NO. 2006R-021045, AS AMENDED, AND DESIGNATED AS LIVINGSTON COUNTY CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION PLAN NO. 364, 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. Street Address: 4127 Peach Tree Lane, #19, Howell, Michigan 48843

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judiciary Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: February 1, 2026

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

Robert A. Blumberg (P87490),
Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC,
30 North LaSalle St., Suite 3650
Chicago, Illinois, 60602.
Telephone: (312) 541-9710
File No.: MI 26 6945

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

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

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



Christopher Candela

Christopher Candela announces run for Livingston County Circuit Court Judge

Genoa Township resident Christopher Candela has announced his candidacy for Livingston County Circuit Court Judge. The position will replace Judge Susan Geddis, who retires at the end of this year.

Candela, 30, currently serves as a Senior Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Eaton County under prosecutor and current attorney general candidate Doug Lloyd. With extensive experience in appellate and circuit court litigation, Candela said “his dedication to strict adherence to the law and philosophical belief that personal views and agendas be left out of the courtroom makes him an excellent candidate for this year’s judicial election.”

“I am running because our community deserves another judge who will apply the law as written, respect the separate roles of government, and put public safety and accountability first,” said Candela. “Adhering to the law without bias is

essential to maintaining public trust in the courts.” The Wayne State University undergrad and graduate of Michigan State University College of Law stated that his career has focused on the careful application of the law – both at the trial and appellate levels. In his announcement, Candela said that his experience regarding extensive motion practice, appellate advocacy, and advising on legally-complex and precedent-setting matters have well-prepared him for the duties of being a circuit court judge. Candela emphasized that his decision to run is grounded in a long-term commitment to the Livingston County community. “My wife and I made a deliberate decision to build our lives and careers here,” he said. “The decisions made in the Livingston County Circuit Court shape the direction of our community for years to come. I take that responsibility very seriously.” For more information about Christopher Candela and his campaign, visit www.candelaforjudge.com.

LEGAL NOTICES

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - LIVINGSTON COUNTY

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MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Richard Munro and Dawn Munro, husband and wife

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

Date of mortgage: December 18, 2013

Recorded on January 8, 2014, in Document No. 2014R-000450, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC

Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Four and 11/100 Dollars (\$114,344.11)

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Livingston County, and described as: UNIT NO. 76, HICKORY HILLS CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1908, PAGES 151 THROUGH 239, INCLUSIVE, AND FIRST AMENDMENT RECORDED IN LIBER 2121, PAGES 180 THROUGH 198, INCLUSIVE AND SECOND AMENDMENT RECORDED IN LIBER 2121, PAGES 199 THROUGH 227, INCLUSIVE, LIVINGSTON COUNTY RECORDS DESIGNATED AS LIVINGSTON COUNTY CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION PLAN NO. 71. TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHTS IN GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN SAID MASTER DEED AND AS DESCRIBED IN ACT 59 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978 AS AMENDED

Commonly known as 2378 Hickory Circle Dr, 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.

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

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

Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman P.C.

23938 Research Dr, Suite 300

Farmington Hills, MI 48335

248.539.7400

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

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 25, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Robert Thomas Pignanello and Rashell Lynn Pignanello, 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): Selene Finance LP

Date of Mortgage: October 25, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 8, 2017

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$152,821.12

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Unadilla, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 1 North, Range 3 East, Commencing at the West 1/4 corner South 2 degrees 33 minutes 53 seconds East 1325 feet; thence South 87 degrees 52 minutes 06 seconds East 986.51 feet; thence South 50 degrees 46 minutes 50 seconds East 97.00 feet; thence North 39 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds East 198.33 feet; thence South 50 degrees 46 minutes 50 seconds East 379.86 feet; thence South 39 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds West 33.00 feet; thence an arc right, radius 481.85 feet, chord bearing South 26 degrees 29 minutes 27 seconds East 396.41 feet; thence South 2 degrees 12 minutes 05 seconds East 59.68 feet for the point of beginning; thence South 2 degrees 12 minutes 05 seconds East 125.27 feet; thence North 87 degrees 52 minutes 18 seconds West 363.00 feet; thence North 125.00 feet; thence South 87 degrees 52 minutes 18 seconds East 358.18 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 18551 Williamsville Rd, Gregory, MI 48137-9426

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 25, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Matthew Allen Crawford aka Matthew Crawford and Rachel Crawford, husband and wife, joint tenants, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Highland Residential Mortgage, LTD, Mortgagee, dated July 22, 2020 and recorded August 4, 2020 in Instrument Number 2020R-025792 Livingston County Records, Michigan, and Affidavit Affecting Realty recorded January 9, 2026 in Instrument Number 2026R-000675 Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by PHH Mortgage Corporation, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Seven and 31/100 Dollars (\$263,457.31).

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 25, 2026.

Said premises are located in the Township of Hamburg, Livingston County Michigan, and are described as: Unit No. 23, HIDDEN VALLEY ESTATES FKA ROBIN EGG ESTATES, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2055, Page 355, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 89, 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.

3546 Habitat Trail, Pinckney, Michigan 48169

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 25, 2026

File No. 25-015499

Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC

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

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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On Thursday February 5, 2026 NIESA responded to four calls. One call was in the City of Williamston for a medical response. Two calls were in Wheatfield Township with one a medical response and one a vehicle accident. One call was a Community Service call.

On Friday February 6, 2026 NIESA responded to two calls with both being medical responses in the City of Williamston.

On Saturday February 7, 2026 NIESA responded to a vehicle accident in Wheatfield Township.

On Sunday February 8, 2026 NIESA responded to three calls. One call was in the City of Williamston for a medical response. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a medical response. One call was in Williamstown Township also for a medical response.

On Monday February 9, 2026 NIESA responded to five calls. One call was in the City of Williamston for a medical response. One call was in Leroy Township for a vehicle accident in Leroy Township. Two calls were in Locke Township both being medical responses. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a fire response.

On Tuesday February 10, 2026 NIESA responded to six calls. One call was in Leroy Township for a medical response. Three calls were in Wheatfield Township with two being vehicle accidents and one a utility response. One call was in Williamstown Township for a medical response. One call was in the Village of Webberville also for a medical response.

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Campaign to regulate AI use at federal & state level launched by Future of Life Institute

By Liz Nass
Gongwer News Services

Alongside legislation to protect children from artificial intelligence and online chatbots, a campaign to rally for AI regulation at both the federal and state level was launched last week.

The Future of Life Institute launched “Protect What’s Human” to take the AI debate from D.C. and the Silicon Valley to state legislatures, including Michigan, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine and North Carolina.

The campaign plans to spend up to \$8 million on advertisements to engage voters ahead of the 2026 election cycle to stress the importance of human workers and not replacing people with machines because “intelligence is human,” the ads argue, and “the hands who built this country must build what comes next.”

The group says the campaign arises in the face of anti-regulation PACS from the big tech world pouring resources into political candidates that are “Silicon Valley-anointed,” but many Americans outside of the big-tech bubble show bipartisan support to regulate AI.

“Silicon Valley corporations are creating technology designed not to help us, but to replace us. AI is already erasing human jobs, creeping into our most intimate spaces, and influencing young minds in deeply troubling ways. That’s why we need to act now to put common-sense safety standards in place, just as we’ve done with every other powerful technology and industry,” CEO of the Future of Life Institute Anthony Aguirre said in a statement. “This campaign isn’t anti-tech, it’s pro-human. We believe in progress and innovation, but never at the expense of our dignity, our communities, or our families.”

The campaign is also making “an initial six to seven figure investment in each state as several consider new AI regulation laws to protect their residents’ safety, privacy, jobs, and healthcare,” according to the institute.

Last month, Sen. Dayna Polehanki, D-Livonia, introduced SB 760, which would create a Leading Ethical AI Development for Kids Act, which would block minors from accessing AI chatbots that could direct minors toward illegal activities. The bill was referred to the Senate Finance, Insurance and Consumer Protection Committee, and a hearing has not yet been scheduled.

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2-1 White Spruce	12"-18"	\$40.00	\$60.00	\$125.00	\$210.00		
2-1 Colorado Blue Spruce	10"-16"	\$40.00	\$60.00	\$125.00	\$210.00		
2-0 Concolor Fir	8"-14"	\$35.00	\$55.00	\$120.00	\$200.00		
P+2 Fraser Fir	8"-12"	\$35.00	\$55.00	\$120.00	\$200.00		
2-0 Douglas Fir	12"-18"	\$35.00	\$55.00	\$120.00	\$200.00		
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2-0 White Oak	18"-24"	\$55.00	\$80.00				
1-0 Black Gum	18"-24"	\$55.00	\$80.00				
1-0 American Chestnut	18"-24"	\$55.00	\$80.00				
1-0 Sycamore	18"-24"	\$55.00	\$80.00				
2-0 Paw Paw	12"-18"	\$55.00	\$80.00				
Quaking Aspen	2' - 3'	\$65.00	\$90.00				
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1-0 Persimmon	18"-24"	\$50.00	\$75.00				
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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 11, 2026. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Barbara A. Novak to PNC Bank, National Association dated March 1, 2017 and recorded March 10, 2017 as Instrument No. 2017R-007048, Livingston County, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$151,503.77.

Said premises are located in Livingston County, Michigan and are described as: SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON AND STATE OF MICHIGAN TO-WIT: PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWN 3 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE DUE NORTH ALONG THE NORTH AND SOUTH QUARTER LINE 894.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 224.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES EAST 250.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 224.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES WEST 250.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESERVATIONS, LEASES AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, ALL LEGAL HIGHWAYS, ALL RIGHTS OF WAY, ALL ZONING, BUILDING AND OTHER LAWS, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS, ALL RIGHTS OF TENANTS IN POSSESSION, AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS NOT YET DUE AND PAYABLE. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED BY DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 1349, PAGE 387, OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN RECORDS. Said property is commonly known as 4742 Crandall Rd, Howell, MI 48855.

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 29, 2026

Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312)

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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 25, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Michelle Rhyne and Alexander Brown, wife and husband

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

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

Date of Mortgage: October 12, 2021

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 20, 2021

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$160,408.31

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Genoa, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 75, Grand Beach No. 3, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 16 of Plats, Page 9, Livingston County Records

Common street address (if any): 6915 Rink Dr, Brighton, MI 48114-9440

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 25, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.

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

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(1-25, 2-1, 2-8 & 2-15-26 FNV)

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON**

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO.
2026-23998-DE

In the matter of Susan Marie Gallup
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Joseph Cheney whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on March 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. at 204 S. Highlander Way, Howell, Michigan 48843 before Judge Miriam A. Cavanaugh P61875 for the following purpose:

Petition for Probate and Appointment of Personal Representative

Date: February 12, 2026

Attorney:

Law Offices of Parker and Parker
Tara A. Pearson P69746
704 E. Grand River, P.O. Box 888
Howell, MI 48844-0888 (517) 546-4864

Petitioner:

Charles Jones
7555 Crofoot Road
Fowlerville, Michigan 48836 (517) 304-0069

(2-15-26 FNV)

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
44TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY PROBATE**

**ORDER REGARDING
ALTERNATE SERVICE**

CASE NO. and JUDGE
26-33116-CZ Judge Susan Longsworth
Court address and telephone no.
204 S. Highlander Way, Ste. 5,
Howell, MI 48843
(517) 546-9816

Plaintiff name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s)
BUTLER HOMES MI LLC
c/o Swistak Levine, P.C.

Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.
Jarrett E. Levine (P71902)
30833 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 120
Farmington Hills, Michigan, 48334
(248) 851-8000

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Defendent name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).
JOHN DOE
11724 Valerie Ln.,
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

THE COURT FINDS:

- ☒ 1. Service of process upon the defendant, JOHN DOE, cannot reasonably be made as provided in
☒ MCR 2.105 ☐ MCR 2.107(B)(1)(b)
and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

- ☒ 2. Service of the ☒ summons and complaint
☐ other:
and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method(s).
☒ a. First-class mail to 11724 Valerie Ln., Whitmore Lake, MI 48189
☒ b. Tacking or firmly affixing to the door at 11724 Valerie Ln., Whitmore Lake, MI 48189
☐ c. Delivering at _____
to a member of the defendant's household who is of suitable age and discretion to receive process, with instructions to deliver it promptly to the defendant.
☒ d. Other: Certified Mail, return receipt requested to: 11724 Valerie Ln., Whitmore Lake, MI 48189 and by publication in Livingston County Legal News for three consecutive weeks based on MCR 2.106.
For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.
☐ 3. The motion for alternate service is denied.

Date: 1-27-2026

Judge: Hon. Susan Longsworth P-65575

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U.S. Congress Report

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

Launches Second Pillar of Blueprint for a Better America to Revive the American Dream
Congressman Tom Barrett (MI-07) has launched the second pillar of his Blueprint for a Better America: Reviving the American Dream. This sweeping package of four bills aims to tackle the growing issue of housing affordability in the United States by lowering costs for homebuyers, boosting construction, and more.

“Too many families in mid-Michigan are being priced out of the American Dream. They just can’t afford a home that works for them,” said Barrett. “That’s why I’m introducing bills to make housing more affordable for Michiganders. These proposals will help first-time buyers make a down payment, boost new home construction, protect grieving spouses from unfair tax burdens, and ensure that homes go to families who need them — not just big investment corporations looking to profit. It’s time we build a housing market focused on putting families in homes rather than pricing them out.”

Last week, Barrett introduced the Time to Heal Act (H.R. 7349). This bill would eliminate the requirement that widowed spouses must sell their home within two years of their spouse’s death to receive the \$500,000 exemption on capital gains taxes for married couples, rather than the \$250,000 exemption for single sellers. By easing the financial burden on individuals downsizing years after a spouse’s death, the bill would encourage surviving spouses to put their homes on the market for new buyers — without forcing them to rush to sell their house while grieving.

“The Time to Heal Act is a commonsense fix to the tax code that recognizes the real-life challenges surviving spouses face after the loss of a loved one,” said Shannon McGahn, executive vice president and chief advocacy officer of the National Association of REALTORS®. “No one should be penalized for needing time to grieve before making major housing decisions. By extending the \$500,000 capital gains exclusion

to widows and widowers who otherwise met the ownership and use requirements, this bill provides fairness, certainty, and flexibility, while including appropriate safeguards to prevent abuse. The National Association of REALTORS® applauds Rep. Tom Barrett for introducing legislation that puts people first and ensures the tax code does not add financial hardship to an already difficult moment.”

“MBA welcomes the introduction of Rep. Tom Barrett’s legislation to give surviving spouses parity with married couples regarding the primary home ‘gain on sale’ exclusion,” said Bill Killmer, senior vice president of legislative & political affairs of the Mortgage Bankers Association. “Not only would the bill give those navigating such a major life change more ‘time to heal,’ it will also help address the ‘lock-in’ effect plaguing so many markets across the United States — and increase the inventory of available homes being made ready for sale.”

Barrett also announced his support and co-sponsorship of the following proposals:

- Uplifting First-Time Homebuyers Act (H.R. 3526): This bill would increase the IRA first-time homebuyer exemption to allow families to withdraw up to \$50,000 from an IRA without owing the 10% early withdrawal penalty. The current exemption for first-time homebuyers only allows up to \$10,000 penalty-free, but that amount hasn’t changed since it was created in 1997. The higher exemption would better reflect the rising cost of homes and give first-time homebuyers access to more capital to make a down payment.
 - Housing Supply Framework Act (H.R. 2840): This bill would require the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to develop best practices playbooks to help state and local governments cut red tape to build more housing – increasing supply and reducing costs.
 - Families First Housing Act (H.R. 6962): This bill would limit the ability of large corporations to buy up homes before families have a chance. It would create a 180-day “first look” period for single-family homes put on the market by the Federal Housing Administration, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and other federal housing and lending agencies. During the first-look period for a home, only individuals, families, housing nonprofits, local governments, and community land trusts would be eligible buyers.
- These new proposals build on two additional pieces of legislation Barrett introduced last month to make homeownership more affordable, including:
- Home Affordability for Guard and Reserve Act (H.R. 7009) to expand eligibility for VA home loans for members of

- the National Guard and Armed Forces Reserve.
- American Dream Act (H.R. 7051) to incentivize older Americans to sell their homes, including secondary properties like rentals and vacation homes, by expanding the waiver of capital gains taxes on a sale to a first-time homebuyer.
- About Barrett’s Blueprint for a Better America**
Reviving the American Dream is the second of five pillars of Barrett’s Blueprint for a Better America. The congressman will continue to unveil additional proposals in the coming weeks to address all of the five key policy areas this agenda is built on:
- Restoring Trust in Government: Making Government Serve the People, Not Special Interests
 - Reviving the American Dream: Helping Families Afford Homes in Mid-Michigan
 - Making Health Care Affordable Again: Lowering Costs for Working Families
 - Recalibrating American Foreign Policy: Ending Endless Wars and Promoting Peace Through Strength
 - Reforming Campaign Finance: Putting Governing Before Campaigning

LEGAL NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Brandon McIntyre and Leah Houghtaling to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as Nominee for Primelending, A Plainscapital Company, its successors, and assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 3, 2022, and recorded on June 9, 2022, as Document Number: 2022R-016527, Livingston County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 19, 2025 and recorded February 19, 2025 by Document Number: 2025R-002920, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Four and 24/100 (\$313,904.24) including interest at the rate of 4.75000% per annum.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Marion, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: The land referred to in this commitment is located in the Township of Marion, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is described as follows: Lot 7, Towne Square Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 15 of Plats, Page(s) 29 and 30, Livingston County Records. Commonly known as: 3040 W COON LAKE RD, HOWELL, MI 48843

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: February 15, 2026
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180,
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302,
(248) 335-9200
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Case No. 26MI00030-1

(02-15)(03-08)

(2-15, 2-22, 3-1 & 3-8-26 FNV)

LEROY TOWNSHIP 2026 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The organizational meeting of the March Board of Review will be at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at Leroy Township Hall. No appeals will be heard at this meeting. The completed 2026 Assessment Roll will be presented to the Board of Review at this meeting.

The Board of Review Public Appeals will be heard at the Leroy Township Hall 1685 N. M-52, Webberville on Monday, March 9, 2026 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 10, 2026 from 3:00-9:00 p.m.

The Leroy Township Board of Review will meet by appointment only, please call:

517-521-3729 for an appointment.

A written appeal by mail may be made by residents and non-residents and must be received no later than Monday, March 9, 2026 Please include your property identification number in your letter. Mail letter of protest to:

Leroy Township Board of Review
1685 N. M-52
Webberville, MI 48892

CLASS	RATIO	MULTIPLIERS
Agricultural	44.15	1.13251
Commercial	48.34	1.03434
Industrial	46.71	1.07044
Residential	46.39	1.07782
Personal	50.00	1.00000

(ADA) Americans With Disabilities Notice

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 5 days notice. The building has a barrier free entrance.

John Cunningham
Leroy Township Assessor
(2-15, 2-22 & 3-1-26 FNV)

2026 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE Locke Township, Ingham County

The Locke Township Board of Review for March 2026 will be held in-person at the Locke Township Hall, 3805 Bell Oak Road Williamston, MI 48895. Taxpayers are able to protest by letter sent to: Board of Review, 3805 Bell Oak Road Williamston, MI 48895, provided protest is received prior to March 10, 2026.

The Locke Township March Board of Review will meet on the following dates:

- Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - **Organizational Meeting**
- Monday, March 9, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - **Appeal Hearing**
- Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - **Appeal Hearing**
- Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - **Appeal Hearing**

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2026 are as follows:

- * Agricultural.....46.76%.....1.06929
- * Commercial.....44.12%.....1.13328
- * Industrial.....48.99%.....1.02062
- * Residential.....43.52%.....1.14890
- * Personal Property....50.00%.....1.00000

Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 2 day notice. Contact: Mary Shinkle, Clerk, 3805 Bell Oak Road Williamston, MI 48895 or 517-468-3405

John Cunningham,
Locke Township Assessor
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Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

How To Turn Down the Volume on Tinnitus

Dear Savvy Senior,
What treatments are recommended to help with tinnitus? I started noticing a subtle ringing in my ears about 10 years ago, but it's gotten much more bothersome since I turned 60.
Ringing Ronnie

Dear Ronnie,
Tinnitus is actually one of the most common health conditions in the country. According to the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders around 10 percent of the U.S. adult population – over 25 million Americans – experience some form of tinnitus.

For most people tinnitus is merely annoying, but roughly 5 million people struggle with chronic tinnitus and 2 million find it debilitating.

While there's no cure, there are a range of different strategies you can employ to reduce the symptoms to make it less bothersome. Here's what you should know.

What is Tinnitus?
Tinnitus (pronounced TIN-a-tus or tin-NIGHT-us) is the sensation of hearing a ringing, buzzing, roaring, hissing or whistling sound in one or both ears when no external sound is present.

The sounds, which can vary in pitch and loudness, are usually worse when background noise is low, so you may be more aware of it at night when you're trying to fall asleep in a quiet room.

Tinnitus itself is not a disease, but rather a symptom of some other underlying health condition. The best way to find out what's causing your tinnitus is to see an audiologist, or an otolaryngologist – a doctor who specializes in ear, nose and throat diseases (commonly called an ENT). The various things that can cause tinnitus are:

- Hearing loss, which is the most common cause.
- Middle ear obstructions usually caused by a build-up of earwax deep in the ear canal.
- Side effects of many different prescription and over-the-counter medicines like aspirin, ibuprofen, certain blood pressure medicines and diuretics, some antidepressants, cancer medicines and antibiotics.
- Various medical conditions such as high blood pressure, vascular disease, diabetes, allergies, thyroid problems, ear or sinus infections, Meniere's disease, Lyme disease, fibromyalgia, otosclerosis, temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorder, a tumor, an injury to the head or neck, traumatic brain injury, depression, stress and more.

Treatment Strategies
There are many ways to treat tinnitus depending on the cause. For example, if your tinnitus is caused by a wax build-up in your ears or a medical condition like high blood pressure or a thyroid problem, treating the problem may reduce or eliminate the noise.

Or, if you're taking a medication that's causing the problem, switching to a different drug or lowering the dosage may provide some relief. If you have hearing loss, getting a hearing aid can help mask your tinnitus by improving your ability to hear actual sounds.

Another strategy that can help suppress or mask the sound so it's less bothersome is "sound therapy." This can be as simple as a fan or white noise machine, or you can use sound therapy apps like ReSound Tinnitus Relief, myNoise or NatureSpace.

Cognitive behavioral therapy and psychological counseling can also be helpful, as can tinnitus retraining therapy (TNT). This combines counseling and sound therapy to train your brain to ignore the sound in your ears. The new MindEar app offers TNT.

There are even new innovations like the FDA approved device Lenire (lenire.com) that uses electrical stimulation of the tongue to alleviate symptoms.

There are also certain medications that may help. While there's no FDA approved drugs specifically designed to treat tinnitus, some antianxiety drugs and antidepressants have been effective in relieving symptoms.

Your audiologist or ENT can help you figure out the best treatment options.

Other things you can do to help quiet the noise is to avoid things that can aggravate the problem like fatty foods, salt, artificial sweeteners, sugar, alcohol, tonic water, tobacco and caffeine. Also be sure to drink plenty of water as dehydration can worsen symptoms. And protect yourself from loud noises by wearing earplugs.

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