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Fowlerville students return to school classrooms last Monday

It was back to school for Fowlerville students last Monday (Aug. 25) with the start of a new year of classroom instruction and extracurricular activities. Students in Webberville and Williamston had returned the week before. Among those resuming their studies were these students from Kreeger Elementary, who were greeted by principal Jason Miller. From left, Aiden Soli, fifth grade; Natalie Orlando, third grade; Kason Esch, third grade; Brooklyn Soli, fourth grade; Macklynn Clapper, fifth grade; Jason Miller, principal; Calvin Wills, fourth grade; and Kinsler Giampaolo, fifth grade.

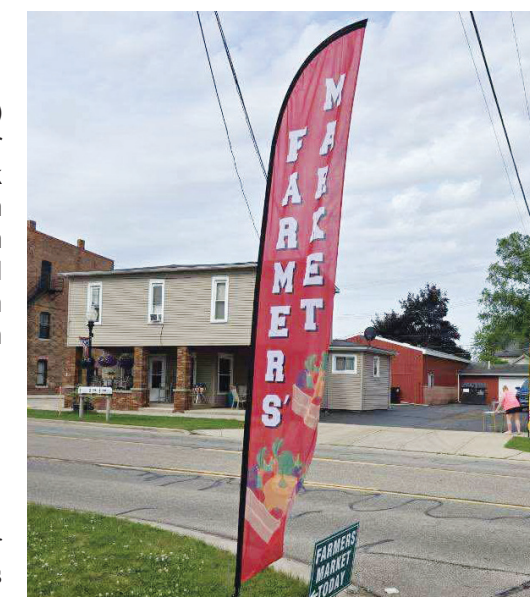
For more about the start of a new school year, see inside this issue.

Fowlerville Farmers Market to hold Customer Appreciation Day Sept. 6th

The Fowlerville Farmers Market started back on Mother's Day weekend after a hiatus of several years. Everyone attending, from the vendors to residents, has been having a good time at the market and are happy it is back.

The market is held every Saturday from 10am until 2pm on Mill Street in front

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The Fowlerville Farmers Market is holding a Customer Appreciation Day on Saturday, Sept. 6th.



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Matthew Stuard, the Superintendent of Fowlerville Community Schools, has been leading the preparations for the new school year that began this past Monday, Aug. 25th.

Fowlerville school superintendent outlines plans for coming year

By Steve Horton

While students, teachers, and many of the support staff have had the summer off, the administration and other staff have been busy making preparations for the start of a new school year which began this past Monday, Aug. 25. The work has included plans to improve and enhance classroom instruction and through that effort student performance as well as getting the buildings and grounds ready.

They’ve done this while also being in the midst of major construction projects at the high school, junior high, Kreeger Elementary, and the former Smith Elementary that have disrupted the normal summer routine.

The projects centered mainly on retrofitting those buildings with air conditioning (HVAC) systems, with Smith undergoing other remodeling to convert it into an Early Childhood Development Center.

Fowlerville School Superintendent Matthew Stuard in a recent interview talked about the goals for the coming year in the academic realm, the status of the construction work, along with the budget the board of education passed this past June and the current uncertainty of how much revenue the district will get from the State of Michigan due to the Legislature not yet having passed a new fiscal year school aid budget.

Here are some highlights of that interview.

FLEXIBILITY HAS BEEN NEEDED

At the start of the past two school years, the Fowlerville school superintendent addressed the staff at a ‘Welcome Back’ session, held prior to the first day of classes. The event included breakfast, remarks by Stuard, and the announcement of the district’s ‘Teacher of the Year’ and ‘Support Staff Person of the Year.’ He’s centered those remarks each time around a theme. Last year it was about ‘commitments’.

Stuard came to Fowlerville in the final weeks of the 2022-23 school year, which allowed him to become familiar with the system before starting a new year that July. He’s now at the beginning of his third full school year.

However, that planned event was altered.

With the final push to finish the installation of an air conditioning system at the high school, which then needed to be followed by a clean-up, coupled with the clean-up work that’s been going on at the Junior High School and Kreeger Elementary due to the HVAC installations at those buildings, the session was downscaled to breakfast.

“We had the teachers come in on Tuesday (August 19) as

well as the rest of the staff and had a light breakfast, but we released the teachers into their classrooms so they could get to work as they hadn’t been able to come into the buildings yet to do that,” noted Stuard. “For this particular year we felt like this was the priority. I did welcome the staff back during breakfast and thanked them for their flexibility and patience. I’ve been joking with everyone that this year our motto is ‘flexibility’ and that’s kind of the focus. So, the event was abbreviated.”

Stuard added that the announcement of the teacher and staff person awards will be done on Sept. 29th which is a scheduled Professional Development Day.

“Some of what we’d have done in our ‘Welcome Back’ session will take place on that date,” he said.

The retrofitting of the three buildings was part of the 2021 bond issue approved by voters. Work was held back while district officials concentrated on completing the new elementary school, which was done this past January.

Stuard pointed out that installing the HVAC systems in those buildings was a major undertaking, further pointing out that work couldn’t start at the Junior High and Kreeger until the end of classes last June.

ACADEMIC PLANS

A new reading curriculum for grades K-thru-5 called Magnetic and MagneticPortfolio was implemented last year, with the student performances monitored by ongoing assessments.

“It went really well,” said Stuard. “We saw some good success in our student data from fall to winter using our iReady benchmark assessments. We saw a pretty sizable increase in learning proficiency, especially for lower elementary, but also for upper elementary.”

Another initiative to improve student learning, mainly for those children experiencing a specific difficulty, was increasing the use of Academic Interventionists at the elementary and junior high school. Stuard explained that they were deployed to support kids who needed assistance in reading and math. In addition, a Literacy Coach was hired to further help students improve their reading skills and to also support the classroom teachers in their efforts.

“We do the assessments three times a year and analyze the data,” Stuard noted. “When we see a student struggling, we assign an Interventionist.”

Given the success at the lower grades, the plan is to expand this assistance to the high school and also add a Math Coach to the staff.

“At the elementary level is where this help has the greatest benefit,” the superintendent pointed out. “It lessens as the student grows older. At the high school it’s more about helping students earn credit for the class or helping them with homework. At the elementary and junior high they’re still working on specific skills involving reading and math as well as other subjects.”

For the coming school year, Fowlerville Elementary will have both a Literacy Interventionist and a Math Interventionist. These positions will also be in place at Kreeger Elementary, and the Junior High, while at the High School there will be three sections of math intervention support (essentially a half-time Interventionist)

“That’s approximately 6.5 total people across the district,” Stuard said, adding that additional Interventionists could be added if needed.

“The Literacy and Math Coaches are educators who have expertise in those subject areas and the teaching methods we’re employing. They are of particular value to our newer teachers.”

The superintendent said the use of specialists to teach Social Studies and Science at the two elementaries will

continue where students go to a classroom once-a-week for these subjects.

“Our goal is to eventually incorporate these two subjects into the regular classroom day, but with our reading and math initiatives, we didn’t want to overload our classroom teachers,” he said.

“A goal that was accomplished is that we brought Art back to the elementary school,” Stuard added.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The completion of the new Fowlerville Elementary was the major highlight of the last school year, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony held in the fall and the kindergarten and first and second-grade students starting classes there on the first day of the second semester in January.

“Everything went well,” Stuard noted. “I felt the ceremony was well attended and the actual opening went well. We’ve used it for a half year and now will start the first full year.”

As mentioned, the major project for this year was the installation of the HVAC systems during the summer.

“All the instructional spaces now have air conditioning,” Stuard said. “There’ll be some locations in the buildings without central air, but any place where students are going to be for a large amount of time will have air conditioning.”

“This was a huge job,” he added. “The community might not be aware of how big it was. At the high school, the contractor told me that the kind of HVAC system that was put in required literally miles of pipes that needed to be installed. He said this was the fifth largest building he’s retrofitted in Michigan. All of this, of course, had the narrow window of being done between the end of last school year and the start of the current one.”

The work at the Smith building, in addition to adding air conditioning, included the installation of new doors to enhance the security in the preschool and Little Glad Center area. The building will also house the recreation department and have storage areas.

“We did run into some delays,” Stuard said. “When Smith was an elementary school, we installed vertical unit ventilators in each classroom many years ago. These are what provides the heat and they’re gas fired. While the State of Michigan says these are perfectly OK in an elementary school for K-2 students, that is not the case for early childhood and preschool students. So the contractor will need to put fire-rated enclosures around them and this is slowing down progress. We’re hopeful of being done sometime this fall. Otherwise, the building inside looks beautiful and is ready to go.

While the bulk of the work at Smith has been installing HVAC units on the roof and the ventilators in the classrooms, along with other interior remodeling, money was also spent on adding new playground equipment that meets the criteria for younger-aged children.

“There are different requirements for different age groups,” Stuard explained. “Because this building will be used year-round, we added sun shades over some of the equipment and installed a rubberized covering over the ground to lessen any injuries when the children fall.”

Moving the students and staff from the current Munn Early Development Center to the new facility will probably occur at the start of the second semester, he noted.

Once the move is finished, the demolition of the Munn building will take place although a timetable has not yet been established.

“During the summer, we also added new grass turf to the infield of the track facility and did some concrete work at the high school,” Stuard pointed out.

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Fowlerville school superintendent, continued

NEW FISCAL YEAR BUDGET REFLECTS FEWER ANTICIPATED STUDENTS & STATUS QUO STATE AID

As required by state law, the Fowlerville Board of Education passed a new budget in June for the fiscal year that began on July 1st. As in past years, the number of students who will be attending is unknown. With state aid pegged at a ‘per pupil’ amount, the revenue that’s approved is “an educated guess.”

Complicating the situation is that, unlike recent years and despite a legal deadline of July 1st, the Michigan Legislature has yet to pass its new budget, including the school aid portion, for the fiscal year that begins on Oct. 1st.

“The budget which the board passed has revenues of \$33,272,519 and estimated expenditures of \$33,520,576, meaning that we did have to dip a little bit into our fund balance,” Stuard said, adding that the surplus is \$3,484,766 or about 10.1 percent.

This is based on 80 fewer students than last year’s official enrollment of 2,410 students.

Last year, the revenues were estimated at just over \$35 million and the expenditures were at around the same amount. The student enrollment from the year before was 2,503 students.

The loss of around 90 students at Fowlerville reflects a trend that’s been occurring in Fowlerville for more than a decade and one that’s part of a larger trend of declining student enrollment at Michigan’s public schools. It’s a far cry from a generation ago when the district had over 3,100 students.

Stuard said the declining enrollment is of concern and prompted the district to do an analysis last year on reasons that students are not returning.

“There were a significant number of parents who took jobs that resulted in their moving out of the district,” he pointed out. “We also lost a number of students to ‘School of Choice’ which can be parents feeling another district offers better opportunities or because their job commute makes it easier to drop off and pick up their kids at another school. We also have students who stopped attending because their parents decided to home school them.”

The other important factor in the revenue equation is the amount of ‘per pupil’ funding the state decides to give K-12 districts. Last year the amount was frozen at \$9,608 from the year before, but the state did grant school districts a one-time partial reduction of contributions to the teacher pension fund. This equated to \$360 per student.

“We don’t anticipate knowing what the final amount will be and whether there will be stipulations on how some of the money is spent until late September,” Stuard said.

“A lot of the state budget that is dedicated to schools comes through categorical grants which requires you to spend the money in a certain area,” he explained. “The state has really moved in that direction over the last decade. The House (which is controlled by Republicans) approved a proposal

that took away these categoricals and put it into a ‘per pupil’ increase. We anticipated that probably there will be fewer of these specific grants, but when it all washes out, we don’t foresee a large increase. We also don’t know what’s going to happen with the contribution of the teacher pension.”

With this uncertainty in mind, the district’s current budget reflects the same amount of ‘per pupil’ funding as last year’s.

The Fowlerville School District employs around 350 people, with 145 being teachers. This number has remained steady for the past couple of years.

Both the teachers and the support staff are in the final year of their respective contracts. Stuard said that agreements have already been reached with the transportation, food service, and administrative assistant & paraprofessional units, while talks will probably begin with the teachers’ bargaining team in late winter or early spring.

UPCOMING PLANS

Planning, both for academics and building & grounds, is an ongoing process. This reality was reflected with the start earlier this month of a New Facility & Grounds Assessment.

“Using the same construction and architectural team that we have, working on our current bond projects, we took a tour of the district to identify things that we need to focus on in the future,” Stuard said. “This included the boilers at the High School and Junior High, the parking lots at both of those schools, the Junior High and High School roofs, sidewalks, and the tennis courts. Those types of things.

“We’ll feed the findings into a master plan for the district and this will guide our maintenance in the future and also for potential bond initiatives down the road,” he said.

“We’re piloting a new Math curriculum for our elementary and Junior High and looking at adopting a new Math program next school year,” Stuard added. “We’re looking at expanding the iReady assessments we do at the two elementaries and Junior High and expanding it into the High School. This would be in addition to the other testing we do to gauge student performance.”

Still another new effort is mapping the water lines in the district. “We’re working with the Village of Fowlerville so we have a better knowledge of the system and can create a master plan for maintenance and any improvements,” Stuard said.

The superintendent concluded by noting that efforts will continue on maintaining and improving the security system that’s been put in place which includes security officers in each of the buildings, locked exterior doors during the schools day, training of staff, lock-down drills with students, and the monitoring cameras located at the front entrances of the school buildings.

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Please note: **Requests received after the deadline will be scheduled for Spring 2026 installation.**

We appreciate your attention to this deadline and thank you for your cooperation.

Jamie Hartman
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(8-31 & 9-7-25 FNV)

Good Times with Food, Exercise & Entertainment at Fowlerville Sr. Center

By Mark Thompson

Members of the Fowlerville Senior Center ventured forth this past week to Genitti’s Hole In The Wall restaurant and theatre, located in Northville.

We were transported by Livingston Essential Transportation Services (LETS) and our able and capable ride pilot was Tom Kujawn. Tom was on top of the traffic situation and advised there was a rollover semi-truck on I-96 and we would be taking a detour to bypass the traffic backup. And off we went, over hill and dale on our way to Northville and the ride was smooth and without any hysterics—except for a few bursts of laughter from our travelers...

Let’s just state for the record that the staff at Genitti’s was outstanding. Very friendly, professional, accommodating and attentive.

We were served a delicious seven-course meal consisting of soup, pasta in a cream sauce, Italian sausages, breaded

pork steak, baked chicken, cannoli bread sticks and salad. Nobody lost weight on this trip.

After our meal we were treated to a murder mystery show involving the cast of a game show called “Lucky Duck.” Every time the cast said, “Lucky Duck” the audience would call out “Quack Quack” - it was a hoot, and the cast sang a couple of songs.

The show included participants from the audience. Our LETS driver, Tom Kujawn got a surprise when they called him up onto the stage—when you sit with us, you are part of the group and all that it entails. Senior Center members, Rick McKenzie and Lori McKenzie, were also called up on stage at different times and enhanced the show with their presence.

Suffice it to say, we all had a very good time.

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You want me to laugh?

By Susan Kretchman

“A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones”. (Proverbs 17: 22)

Have you ever been around grumpy people? You know the ones...they aren’t happy unless complaining about something or someone else. It’s one thing to occasionally lament about a situation, but it’s entirely different to be surrounded by constant pessimism or a critical spirit. I prefer to be in the company of lighthearted individuals who can find joy in all circumstances, focus on silver linings in gray clouds, drinking from half full glasses versus seeing life as half empty. That’s why I love that God included this prescription for good health in the Old Testament Book of Proverbs—a cheerful heart is actually good for the human body.

In fact, Mayo Clinic has this information on their site regarding the benefits of laughter:

A good laugh has great short-term effects. When you start to laugh, it doesn’t just lighten your load mentally, it actually induces physical changes in your body. Laughter can:

- Stimulate many organs. Laughter enhances your intake of oxygen-rich air, stimulates your heart, lungs and muscles, and increases the endorphins that are released by your brain.
- Activate and relieve your stress response. A rollicking laugh fires up and then cools down your stress response, and it can increase and then decrease your heart rate and blood pressure. The result? A good, relaxed feeling.
- Soothe tension. Laughter can also stimulate circulation and aid muscle relaxation, both of which can help reduce some of the physical symptoms of stress.

Often, I include stories and experiences from my dad’s family to illustrate a thought or serve as an example for living life. Once again, I cannot help but reflect on my Jewell relatives for more material this week. My dad’s parents were anything but wealthy their entire lives. Don’t get me wrong, they always seemed to have their needs met—sometimes in practicality—yet always as a result of God’s care. At least, that’s how I prefer to perceive it based on grandma’s prayer life. Their lives were wrapped in hard work, challenges of raising 11 children, merely trudging along. My grandmother loved a good clean joke and she always had a hint of sparkle in her eyes. My dad and his brothers all possessed a keen ability to spin a story with just enough truth to turn it into a clever yarn. Their humor was based in gentle teasing, stretching out their stories of boyhood antics with a bit of “added details”, and pranks that really never hurt anyone other than prideful egos.

So, when a few of us Jewell families were at my grandparents’ last home on Sunday afternoons, I often took a chunk of time to sit in the living room with dad and his brothers, listening to their “tales”. I heard about Rowan tying Buddy to a tree during recess, on the side the teacher couldn’t see from the classroom. There was their favorite, convincing

a neighboring family of boys—the Dunham Brothers— that walking home in the dark through farmland and meadows was dangerous. They warned them that under a moonlit sky the “Hillgougers” would attack them. To make their story credible the Jewell boys actually hid behind trees one such night, and sure enough when their friends came strolling by from town, they jumped out to scare them and bellylaughed as they watched them run all the way home!, screaming “the Hillgougers, the Hillgougers!”

I’ll admit these childhood pranks might not be everyone’s cup of tea nowadays but I’m honestly not willing to back down from the reality that no one was hurt physically. Buddy was found in time to release him from the schoolyard tree and the Dunham boys remained friends with the Jewell guys until high school graduations took everyone on their own path for careers or further education. These guys were able to survive childhood pranks and enjoyed a lot of reminiscing about their adventures for years to come! I think that serves as a lesson not to hold grudges, build resentments, or be unwilling to accept good natured teasing.

Truth be told, I think our homes, businesses, schools, and anywhere we gather as groups of people, could use a bit more lightheartedness and laughter. Sometimes I think some of us folks are a wee bit too serious or work too hard manipulating others to feel guilty for not always being stoic. I’m not saying we need to tie up a friend on a tree or create imaginary spooky beings to scare others. Rather, let’s cultivate moments of laughter, kindness, and looking for positive things in each person and our interactions every day. And if we were to do so?

Well, we just might create a nicer gentler atmosphere

St. Agnes Catholic Church planning Firekeepers Casino trip on Sept. 17th

St. Agnes Catholic Church’s next scheduled trip to Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek is Wednesday, Sept. 17. We will be offering a full hot breakfast at 9:00am, in the Lothamer Parish Center prior to departing at 10:00am.

The cost is \$50 and includes round trip bus transportation, \$20 in free slot play and \$5 to use towards dining, slot play or in the gift shop. Returning guests who bring their Red Hot Rewards Club Card will get credits and points added to their existing card. Guests need to bring a valid ID to receive the group package. Those without Red Hot Rewards Cards will be issued them prior to entering the casino.

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around ourselves, making it possible that others will want to enjoy our company versus living in avoidance because we are acting old, crabby, settling for life in a half empty glass when I believe God wants us to enjoy abundance and blessings!

Need a place to start finding more laughter? Get around some children. Turn on a good clean comedy. Pull up comedians on FaceBook or YouTube. A few of my favorites are Jeff Allen, Nate Bargatze, Michael Jr. and Robin Williams. These guys are funny, taking everyday life and spinning it to make laughter erupt easily, all the while doing so with ease and perfect delivery! The best part? You can sit in your living room or any other place using your Smartphone to soak in a bit of laughter and joy throughout the hours of the day!

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Fowlerville High School 100 Seasons of Football

Fowlerville High School Football saw championships & losing seasons in 1970s

The decade of the 1970s started off strong for the Fowlerville varsity football teams. The Glads dominated the Ingham County League with the championship seasons in 1970, 1972, and 1973 and a co-championship in 1971. Their combined overall record in those four seasons was 29-5-2. There were two losing seasons after that and then in 1976 Fowlerville won the ICL and finished with an 8-1 record. The next year saw a 5-4 record, followed by two losing seasons.

1970 SEASON

Ingham County League Champions

Sept. 18	(A)	tie	0-0	Haslett
Sept. 23	(H)	win	39-6	Perry*
Oct. 2	(A)	win	37-0	Leslie*
Oct. 9	(H)	win	25-0	Pinckney*
Oct. 16	(H)	win	32-0	Dansville*
Oct. 23	(A)	win	51-0	Stockbridge*
Oct. 30	(A)	win	14-0	Bath*
Nov. 6	(H)	win	46-6	Williamston*
Nov. 13	(H)	loss	22-16	Howell

*League games

Record 7-1-1

Information:

- Chuck Brigham was the head coach and Bill Fineout was the assistant coach.
- Tom Ruttman was selected All-State Class C tackle.
- All-League offensive selections were end Joe Sober, tackle Tom Ruttman, and back Rick Grill. All-League defensive picks were backs Joe Sober and Ed Bailer, tackles Tom Ruttman and Roger Reason, and linebacker Brian Risdon.
- The offense scored 260 points, an average of 28.6 points-per-game. The defense held their opponents to only 12 points before the season closer against Howell and had six shut outs.
- Scoring-wise, quarterback Ed Bailer ran for eight touchdowns and passed for five touchdowns. Ric Lewis rushed for seven touchdowns, Rick Grill, Steve Crampton and Steve Carter each rushed for three touchdowns. Crampton also caught a touchdown pass. Joe Sober caught four touchdown passes. Mike McClure ran for two touchdowns. Mike Armstrong booted 15 PATs, ran in a two-point conversion, and kicked a 26-yard field goal.
- Defensive highlights included two pass interceptions by Rick Grill in the Stockbridge game, one returned 32 yards for a score and the second 42 yards for a touchdown. Ed Bailer intercepted a pass on the goal line against Bath and returned it 100 yards for a touchdown.
- The offense collected 399 rushing yards and 237 passing yards against Dansville for a total of 636. They had 369 yards in the Leslie contest and 348 yards against Pinckney.
- This was the first year for the two-point-conversion in high school play.
- The Junior Varsity boasted a 7-1-1 record and the freshmen team was 6-1.

1971 SEASON

Co-Champions of the Ingham County League with Perry

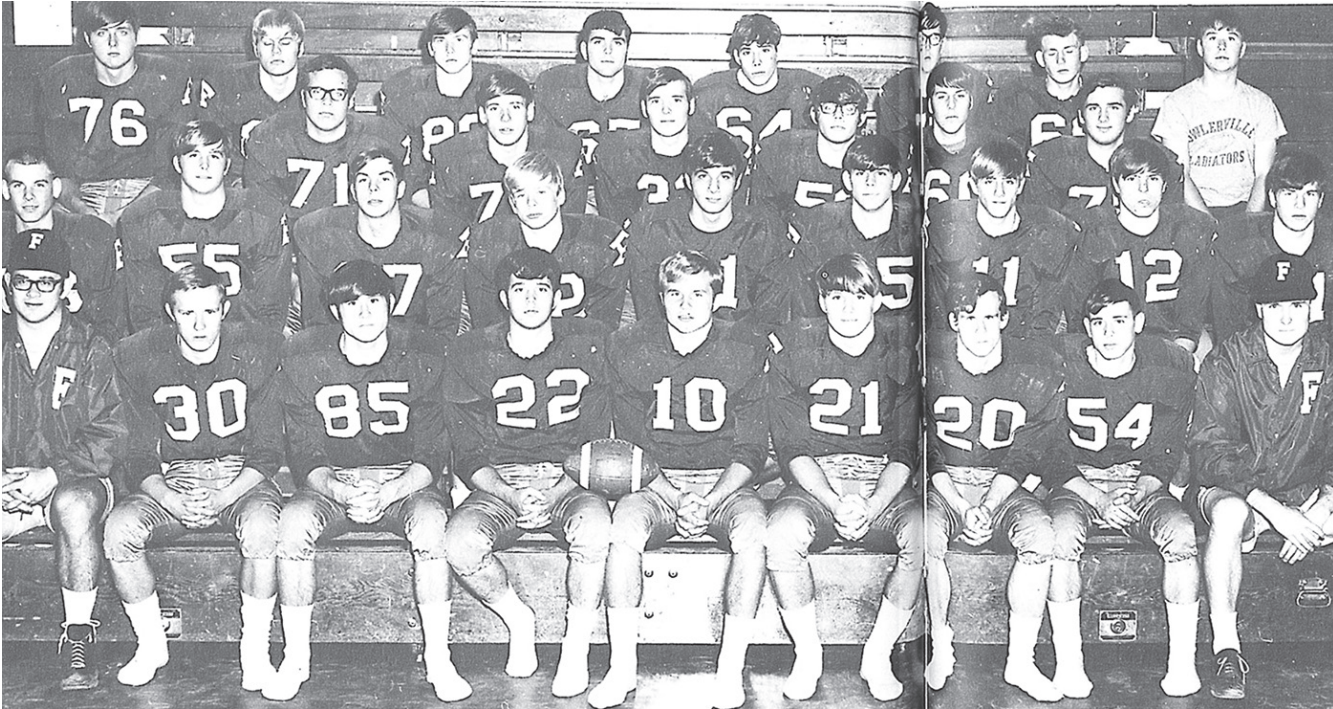
Sept. 17	(H)	loss	24-14	Haslett
Sept. 24	(A)	tie	0-0	Perry*
Oct. 1	(H)	win	23-6	Leslie*
Oct. 8	(A)	win	25-6	Pinckney*
Oct. 15	(A)	win	47-0	Dansville*
Oct. 22	(H)	win	24-0	Stockbridge*
Oct. 29	(H)	win	14-8	Bath*
Nov. 5	(A)	win	24-0	Williamston*
Nov. 12	(A)	tie	0-0	Howell

*League games

Record 6-1-2

Information:

- Ed Dubaj was the head coach and Mike Bull was the assistant coach.
- Bob Smith was the team captain.



1970 Fowlerville Varsity Football Team: (from left) First row: Coach Fineout, Bob Wellman, Rick Grill, Steve Crampton, Ed Bailer, Mike McClure, Steve Carter, Greg Crampton, Coach Brigham; Second row: Alvin Tomlin, Brian Risdon, Larry Davis, Bob Smith, Jeff Konopaska, Dave Branch, Ritchie Lewis, Mike Armstrong, Keith Roberts; Third row: Rick Tobia, Tom Ruttman, Ric Lewis, Tom Cox, Jim Carbary, Rick Cesarz; Fourth row: Ken Witt, John Backhuus, Joe Sober, Roger Reason, Jim Roche, Roger Skymn, Wayne Sessions and Manager – Mike Smith.



1971 Fowlerville Varsity Football Team: (from left) Top row: Coach Mike Bull, Greg Hall, Roger Skym, Rick Tobia, Mark Ruttman, Alden Killinger, John Kane, Joe Sober, Rick VanGilder, Tom Cox, Coach Ed Dubaj; Middle row: George Smith, Mike McClure, Dave Kirby, Ritchie Lewis, Roger Younce, Keith Roberts, Dave Branch, Marshall Copeland; Bottom row: Alvin Tomlin, David Mudri, Greg Crampton, Keith Bailer, Bob Smith, Jim Tait, Don Call, and Bob Wellman.

- Bob Smith was selected as an All-State Class B guard. Joe Sober, and end, was All-State Honorable Mention.
- All-League offensive selections were guard Bob Smith, end Joe Sober, and halfback Mike McClure. Smith and Sober were also All-League defensive picks.
- Quarterback Ritchie Lewis and runners Mike McClure and Bob Wellman led the scoring attack. Lewis threw eight touchdown passes, ran for one, and caught a scoring pass. McClure rushed for six scores and caught three touchdown passes. Wellman ran in six touchdowns, Joe Sober caught five touchdown passes. George Smith ran for two touchdowns.
- A defensive highlight was three pass interceptions by Don Call against Dansville, including one he returned 37 yards for a score. The secondary picked off five Aggie passes that game.
- In the Howell game the defense intercepted two passes and recovered three fumbles. The defense shut out five teams that season.
- The Junior Varsity had a 7-1-1 record, while the Freshmen squad was 2-4-1.



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1972 SEASON

Ingham County League Champions

Sept. 15	(A)	loss	22-0	Haslett
Sept. 22	(H)	win	28-0	Perry*
Sept. 29	(H)	win	15-7	Williamston*
Oct. 6	(A)	win	20-8	Leslie*
Oct. 13	(H)	win	26-13	Dansville*
Oct. 20	(H)	win	14-0	Pinckney*
Oct. 27	(A)	win	25-13	Stockbridge*
Nov. 3	(A)	win	32-0	Bath*
Nov. 10	(H)	win	12-0	Howell

*League games

Record 8-1

Information:

- Ed Dubaj was the head coach and Mike Bull was the assistant coach.
- George Smith was the team captain.
- Roger Younce, an end, was named All-State Class C.
- All-League offensive selections were end Roger Younce, tackle Mark Ruttman, and quarterback Dave Kirby. All-League defensive picks were back Don Call, end Bob Firebaugh, and linebacker George Smith.
- Dave Kirby, George Smith, Don Call, Doug Bennett, and Roger Younce led the scoring attack. Kirby threw three touchdown passes and ran for five touchdowns. Smith rushed for seven touchdowns, Call scored five, and Bennett four. Younce caught three touchdown passes.
- Don Call, on defense, intercepted a pitchout in the Williamston game and returned in 42 yards for the score.
- The Junior Varsity had a 1-7 record, and the freshmen team was 0-8.

1973 SEASON

Ingham County League Champions

Sept. 14	(H)	loss	34-6	Haslett
Sept. 21	(A)	win	21-0	Perry*
Sept. 28	(A)	win	32-15	Williamston*
Oct. 5	(H)	win	36-15	Leslie*
Oct. 12	(A)	win	27-0	Dansville*
Oct. 19	(A)	loss	39-20	Pinckney*
Oct. 26	(H)	win	15-8	Stockbridge*
Nov. 2	(H)	win	12-6	Bath*
Nov. 9	(A)	win	21-0	Howell

*League games

Record 7-2

Information:

- Ed Dubaj was the head coach, and Mike Bull the assistant coach.
- The loss to Pinckney ended Fowlerville’s 32-game winning streak in five years of league play.
- Dave Kirby, the quarterback, was a High School All-American and was an All-State Class C selection. Doug Bennett, a fullback, was All-State Honorable Mention.
- All-League offensive selections were quarterback Dave Kirby and tackle Cliff Gratz. All-League defensive pick was Doug Bennett at linebacker.
- Dave Kirby threw 11 touchdown passes and ran for four touchdowns, including a 72-yarder against Leslie. Doug Bennett rushed for 10 touchdowns and caught two scoring passes. He also kicked or ran in 14 after-touchdown points. Dave Hune ran in three touchdowns. Dennis Younce caught five touchdown passes, and Rob Simpson grabbed four that season.
- Doug Bennett gained 222 yards on 30 carries in the Stockbridge game.
- The Junior Varsity posted a 2-6 record, and the freshmen team was 4-2.

1974 SEASON

Sept. 13	(A)	loss	14-0	Haslett
Sept. 20	(A)	loss	6-0	Bath*
Sept. 27	(H)	loss	19-0	Perry*
Oct. 4	(H)	loss	61-0	Williamston*
Oct. 11	(A)	loss	15-0	Leslie*
Oct. 18	(H)	win	33-6	Dansville*
Oct. 25	(A)	loss	55-7	Pinckney*
Nov. 1	(A)	loss	16-6	Stockbridge*
Nov. 8	(H)	loss	45-7	Howell

*League games

Record 1-8

Information:

- Bruce Hunting was the head coach, and Stuart Thorburn was the assistant coach.
- Dennis Younce and Randy Kleinschmidt were co-captains for the team.
- Jim Glover, a lineman, was the All-League offensive selection, and Randy Kleinschmidt, an end, was a defensive pick.
- In the lone win against Dansville, Randy Kleinschmidt ran for two touchdowns, while Dennis Younce, Steve Lintemuth and Scott House each rushed for one. House kicked three PATs. Kleinschmidt had a touchdown run against Pinckney, Younce threw a touchdown pass against Stockbridge, and House ran for a score in the season finale against



1972 Fowlerville Varsity Football Team: (from left) Back row: Gary Preisinger, Roger Younce, Robert Firebaugh, Mark Ruttman, Dave Mudri, Alden Killenger, Norman Grill, Clifford Gratz; Middle row: E. Washburn, Dave Kirby, LaVern Herbert, Kirt Moore, Dennis Peal, Randy Cesarz, George Smith, Manager Dave Bohm; Bottom row: Manager Scott Lockwood, Keith Bailer, Doug Bennett, Robert Simpson, Kenneth McClure, Don Call, Jim Tait, Pat O’Tremba, Manager Brian Dickerson, and Coach Ed Dubaj, Missing: Coach Mike Bull.



1973 Fowlerville Varsity Football Team: (from left) Front row: Don Hibbard, Barry Almendinger, Doug Bennett, Dave Kirby, Patrick Priest, Bradley Saunder, Steve Cox; Middle row: Randy Kleinschmidt, Jim Eaton, Paul Hicks, Gordon Benjamin, Mick Reynolds, Scott Bradley, J. Hicks; Top row: Dennis Peal, Dennis Younce, Robert Simpson, Brian Wallace, Jim Glover, Todd Carlin, Norman Grill, and Clifford Gratz.



1974 Fowlerville Varsity Football Team: (from top left): Norman Grill, Brian Wallace, Steve Cox, David Maleitzke, Everett Lober, Scott House, Pat Barnett, Jack Donohue, Jim Eaton, Mark Swidriski, Tim Sober, Brent Butler, Rodney Grill, Steve Lintemuth, Scott Bradley, Richard Haggerty, Paul Priest, Marty Calton, Joel Hughes, Robert Warnick, Jon McMahon, Coach Stuart Thorburn, Jeff Elliott, Randy Kleinschmidt, Dennis Younce, and Coach Bruce Hunting.



Howell.

- The Junior Varsity posted an 8-1 record, and the freshmen were 5-3.

Football coverage continues on next pages.

1975 SEASON				
Sept. 12	(H)	loss	24-14	Haslett
Sept. 19	(H)	win	12-6	Stockbridge*
Sept. 26	(H)	loss	54-0	Bath*
Oct. 3	(A)	loss	24-20	Perry*
Oct. 10	(A)	win	15-7	Williamston*
Oct. 17	(H)	win	28-12	Leslie*
Oct. 25	(A)	win	35-8	Dansville*
Oct. 31	(A)	loss	48-0	Pinckney*
Nov. 7	(A)	loss	35-11	Howell
*League games				
Record 4-5				

- Information:
- Bruce Hunting was the head coach and Bob Haines was the assistant coach.
 - Marty Calton and Rob Warnick were co-captains of the team.
 - Scott House led the scoring with eight rushing touchdowns, a 33-yard field goal against Howell, and 12 extra points (both from kicking and two-point runs). Dennis Kirby ran for four touchdowns and ran back a pass interception 42 yards against Leslie for a touchdown. Gerald Hively recovered a fumble in the Williamston end zone for a score and caught a touchdown pass from Marty Calton.
 - The Junior Varsity had a 3-5-1 record, and the freshmen team was 1-7.

1976 SEASON				
Ingham County League Champions				
Sept. 17	(A)	loss	20-0	Haslett
Sept. 24	(H)	win	12-8	Pinckney*
Oct. 1	(A)	win	13-6	Stockbridge*
Oct. 8	(A)	win	9-0	Bath*
Oct. 15	(H)	win	10-6	Perry*
Oct. 22	(H)	win	28-14	Williamston*
Oct. 29	(A)	win	13-7	Leslie*
Nov. 5	(H)	win	54-0	Dansville*
Nov. 12	(H)	win	21-14	Howell
*League games				
Record 8-1				

- Information:
- Bruce Hunting was the head coach and Bob Haines was the assistant coach.
 - Team tri-captains were Scott House, Steve Lintemuth, and Bob Warnick.
 - Scoring-wise, quarterback Dennis Kirby and runners Scott House and Steve Lintemuth led the team. Kirby ran for six touchdowns and threw for four touchdowns. House rushed for four touchdowns, hit three field goads, and kicked 15 PATs. Lintemuth ran for four touchdowns. Craig Huck caught two touchdown passes.
 - On defense, Huck intercepted a pass against Stockbridge and returned it 57 yards for six points. Kirby returned a Bath fumble 67 yards for a score.
 - Fowlerville and Leslie were tied 7-7 at the end of regulation play. Kirby’s quarterback sneak in the second overtime won the game and proved to be the title clincher.
 - Scott House, halfback, and Kery Arnold, a linebacker, were All-Lansing Area picks. All-League offensive selections were tackle Randy Showerman and halfback Scott House. All-League defensive selections were linebacker Kery Arnold, end Rollie Horton and linebacker Bob Warnick.
 - The Junior Varsity enjoyed an 8-1 record, while the freshmen team was 2-6.

1977 SEASON				
Sept. 9	(H)	win	12-6	Haslett
Sept. 16	(A)	win	16-8	Dansville*
Sept. 23	(A)	loss	18-6	Pinckney*
Sept. 30	(H)	win	10-7	Stockbridge*
Oct. 7	(H)	loss	8-0	Bath*
Oct. 14	(A)	loss	20-0	Perry*
Oct. 21	(A)	win	20-16	Williamston*
Oct. 28	(H)	win	25-6	Leslie*
Nov. 4	(A)	loss	27-8	Howell
*League games				
Record 5-4				

- Information:
- Bruce Hunting was the head coach and Bob Haines was the assistant coach.
 - Tri-captains were Dean Roberts, Scott Schultheis, and Steve House.
 - Gary Copeland ran for four touchdowns, including a 76-yarder against Haslett. Scott Schultheis ran for three touchdowns and threw a touchdown pass. Dan Coon rushed for two touchdowns as did Ron Rife.
 - In the Dansville game, Dan Coon intercepted a pass and ran it back 42 yards for six points. Later in the game, Tom Grill blocked a punt for a safety.
 - Steve Hanna’s field goal downed Stockbridge in a triple overtime win. He also kicked six PATs.
 - The Junior Varsity posted a 5-4 record, and the freshmen team was 3-3.



1975 Fowlerville Varsity Football Team: (from left) Bottom row: Mike DeTroyer; Row one: Rick McKenzie, Virgil Langstn; Row two: Brian Richards, Jon McMahon, Steve Varcoe; Row three: Jim Smyth, Dennis Kirby, Rick Nelson, Kery Arnold; Row four: Rollie Horton, Randy Showerman, Dave Burton, Ken Cozart, Joel Hughes; Row five: Steve Lintemuth, Rex Reyhl, Scott House, Craig Huck, Brent Butler, Gerald Hiveley; Top row: Coach Haines, Marty Calton, Rob Warnick, and Coach Hunting.



1976 Fowlerville Varsity Football Team: (from left) Top row: Gerald Hiveley, Pat Barnett, David Burton, Mitchell Glover, Rex Rehyl, Craig Huck, Bob Carbary, Rollin Hortn; Second row: Coach Bruce Hunting, Steve Varcoe, Rick Nelson, Joel Hughes, Scott, Randy Showerman, T. Wegienka, Gary Copeland, Jim Mills, D. Roberts, Coach Bob Haines; Third row: Kenneth Cozart, Scott Schulteis, Virgil Langston, Brian Richards, Mike DeTroyer, Kerry Arnold, Jim Smyth, Dennis Kirby; Bottom row: Steve Lintemuth, Scott House, and Robert Warnick.



1977 Fowlerville Varsity Football Team: (from left) Bottom row: Steve Hanna, Jim Mills, Dean Roberts, Scott Schultheis, Steve House, Gary Copeland, Mitchell Glover; Second row: Coach Bob Haines, Bob Bishop, Pringle, Bill Cox, S. Morgan, Doug Hughes, Ronald Rife, Mike Deladurantye, Coach Bruce Hunting; Third row: Russell Miles, Robert St. Charles, Dan Coon, Brian Dickerson, Leonard Hibbard, Kevin Phibbs; Top row: Manager R. Reyhl, Tim Peckens, Les Judd, Brian Bradley, Mark Cartier, Joe Showerman, Tom Johnson, and Manager Fred Watson.

1978 SEASON				
Sept. 8	(A)	loss	33-0	Haslett
Sept. 15	(A)	win	6-0	Leslie*
Sept. 22	(H)	win	26-12	Dansville*
Sept. 29	(H)	loss	38-14	Pinckney*
Oct. 6	(A)	loss	14-8	Stockbridge*
Oct. 13	(A)	loss	44-8	Bath*
Oct. 20	(H)	loss	17-8	Perry*
Oct. 27	(H)	loss	18-0	Williamston*
Nov. 3	(H)	loss	27-0	Howell
*League games				
Record 2-7				

Information:

- Bob Haines was the head coach and Jerry Ash was the assistant coach.
- Tri-captains were Dan Coon, Joe Showerman, and Bob Bishop.
- Dan Coon was an All-League selection and Joe Showerman was an Honorable Mention.
- Brian Bradley threw three touchdown passes, two of them to Steve Parrish. He also ran for a touchdown. Glenn Webb ran for two touchdowns against Dansville. Dan Coon also rushed for a pair of touchdowns during the season.
- The lone score in the Leslie win came when Jim Stephens returned a pass interception 45 yards.
- The Junior Varsity posted a 2-7 record. The freshmen squad, coached by newcomer Jack Wallace, enjoyed a perfect 8-0 record.

1979 SEASON				
Sept. 9	(H)	loss	20-12	Haslett
Sept. 14	(A)	loss	14-8	Williamston*
Sept. 21	(H)	win	19-6	Leslie*
Sept. 28	(A)	loss	6-0	Dansville*
Oct. 5	(H)	loss	7-6	New Lothrop
Oct. 12	(H)	loss	36-12	Stockbridge*
Oct. 19	(H)	loss	20-18	Bath*
Oct. 26	(A)	loss	20-8	Perry*
Nov. 2	(A)	win	20-6	Howell
*League games				
Record 2-7				

Information:

- Bob Haines was the head coach and Gerald Ash and Jack Wallace were the assistant coaches.
- All-League offensive selections were end Keith Hibbard and punter Richard Reyhl. Honorable Mentions were back Randy Miles and lineman Gerald Showerman.
- Quarterback Dave Bigos threw five touchdown passes and ran for a touchdown. Glenn Webb ran for three touchdowns, as did Richard Reyhl. Reyhl also caught a touchdown pass. Keith Hibbard and Rick Dodson each caught two touchdown passes. Keith Huck caught a 51-yard scoring pass in the Haslett opening game from Bigos.
- On defense, Rod Longstreet recovered a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown during the Perry game.

Fowlerville Glads have made several appearances in Football Playoffs--Part 2

October 20, 2006, the Fowlerville Gladiators were in the playoffs for the seventh time. The Glads entered the post-season with a 7-2 record. The first game was played against East Lansing. The team came away with a nice 24-10 victory. The second game was with Linden on their field and this time the Gladiators came away with a victory of 38-23.

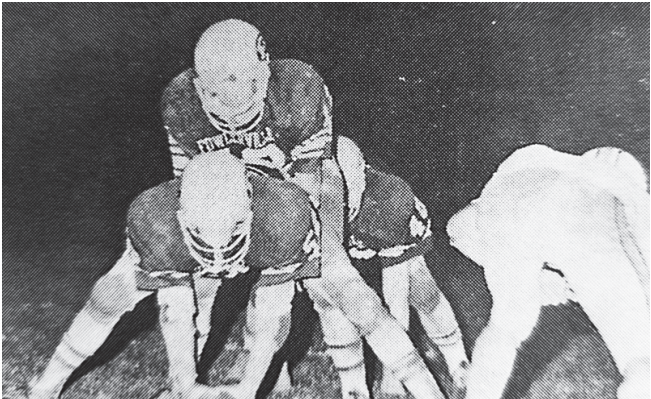
The following week of Nov. 10th, Fowlerville traveled south to Chelsea and, in a remarkably close game, came away with a 28-25 win. On Nov. 17th, the Gladiators were playing in the semifinals—the farthest a Fowlerville team has gone in the playoffs. Their opponent that day was Farmington Hills, a school that had taken the Gladiators out of the tournament on two previous occasions. The game was played on a neutral field at South Lyon. Once again the Fowlerville squad came out on the short end of the score, losing to the Hawks by a score of 41-7. The varsity completed the year with a fine record of 10-3.

October 26, 2007, the Gladiators were in the playoffs for an eighth time. This time Fowlerville played Adrian Maples. Adrian ran up 222 yards of total offense as the Gladiators season came to an end with a 30-14 loss. For the season, the Fowlerville eleven ended with a record of 8-2 and a second place finish in the CAAC Gold Division.

October 30, 2009, the Gladiators were in the playoffs for the ninth time. After placing second in the CAAC Gold Division, they hosted a home field game against the Lansing Sexton Big Reds. At halftime it looked like Sexton was going to run away with the game with a lead of 27-7. But the Gladiators came roaring back, narrowing the difference to 27-20. But the Big Reds rallied with a final score to win the game at 33-20. Fowlerville completed the season with a record of 8-2.



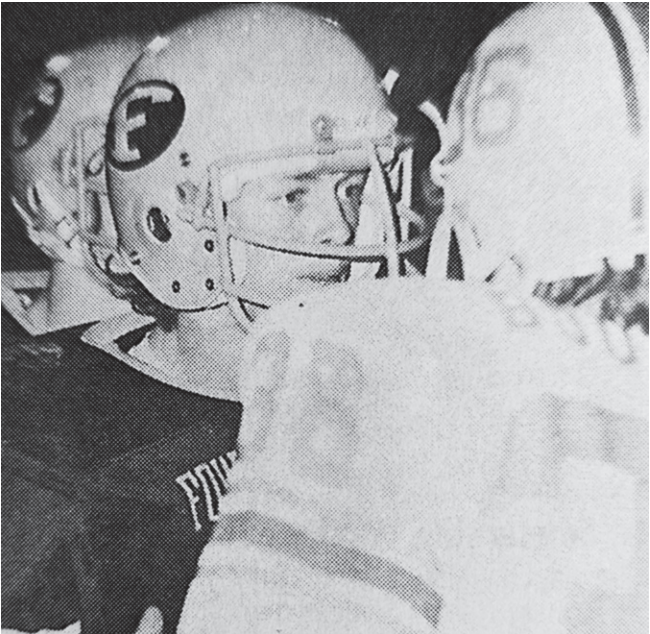
1978 Fowlerville Varsity Football Team: (from left) Coach Haines, Randy Schultheis, Scott Shoote, Mark Drozdowski, Joe Showerman, Jerry Showerman, Rick Pringle, Mike Bonnaville, Dave Bigos, Dave Novinski, Darryl Meadows, Coach Ash, Brian U'Ren, Schott Schellenburg, Glenn Webb, Marion Younce, Rick Reyhl, Jim Stephens, Jim Stephens, Randy Miles, Joe Hicks, Steve Parrish, Doug Hughes, Brian Bradley, Dan Coon, Bob Bishop, Richard Dodson, and Mark Franklin.



Novinski and Bigos starting the play.



Rick Reyhl going for yardage.



Joe Deludurantaye congratulating the Bath players.

Action shots of the 1979 Fowlerville Gladiators (team photo not available).



October 29, 2010, the Gladiators were in the playoffs for the tenth time. Fowlerville traveled west to meet the Mason Bulldogs in a Division 3 match-up. The Bulldogs controlled the game from kickoff to the final gun, coming out on top by a score of 56-13. The Gladiators finished second in the CAAC Gold Division and had an overall record of 6-4.

October 28, 2016, the Gladiators were in the playoffs for the eleventh time. Fowlerville and Mason met once again in the opening round of the Division 3 playoffs. Unfortunately for the Glads, the outcome was the same as it had been six years earlier with Mason coming away with a 35-28 win. The Gladiators completed the season with a 7-3 record.

November 1, 2019, the Gladiators were in the playoffs for the twelfth time. Unlike the previous post-season games, this time around Fowlerville was placed in Division 4. In that bracket, they played Goodrich for the first time ever with the game played at their opponent's field. It proved to be an exciting contest that saw the Gladiators win in overtime 29-28. The post-season victory was the first since the 2006 season. Next up for Fowlerville was Flint Powers Catholic. This proved to be a defensive game from the start with Flint

coming out on top with a 13-12 win. The Gladiators finished second in the CAAC Red Division and had a record of 6-4.

In 2020, the Gladiators were in the playoffs for the 13th time. The circumstances regarding post-season play were different due to COVID. The MHSAA granted all teams ‘willing and able’ a chance to take part in the playoffs. Fowlerville, with their 3-3 record, hosted their CAAC Red Division rivals from Haslett and the Gladiators came away with a 10-0 shutout victory. The team then moved on to the second round where they faced Mason. The third post-season encounter between the two schools turned out to be the same as Fowlerville lost to the Bulldogs by a score of 38-13. The varsity completed the season with a 4-4 record.

In observance of this 100th season of Fowlerville High School Football, the School Administration, Athletic Department, and members of Fowlerville Football Alumni will be sponsoring a program during halftime of the September 12th game with St. Johns High School. All former Fowlerville football players who were members of a varsity, JV, or freshman team are invited to attend and participate in the halftime celebration.

Torch 180’s ‘Guardians of the Glow 5K’ returns on Sept. 13

Downtown Fowlerville will shine brighter than ever this fall as Torch 180’s ‘Guardians of the Glow 5K’ invites the community to unite, ignite, and run bright in support of local neurodivergent young adults and others facing barriers to employment.

The evening race on Saturday, Sept. 13 will offer three ways to join the fun:

- Luminous Loop 5K Run/Walk – a vibrant, glow-filled trek through Fowlerville.

Report: Local communities worry about loss of federal, state funding

By Liz Nass

Gongwer News Service

Many local government officials are worried about the loss or pause of at least one type of federal or state funding, according to a report from the University of Michigan Center for Local, State and Urban Policy.

Around 40% of local officials are concerned, including 72% of cities, 68% of counties, 46% of villages and 30% of townships, the report said.

Most local governments say they are preparing, with 60% of officials saying they are preparing for a loss of funding. Counties and cities are more likely to say they are preparing. A substantial majority of villages and townships are currently not preparing, but they are also less likely to be concerned.

But around 44% of those who are worried about a loss of funding or pause are still not currently preparing for that possible funding cut.

This includes 31% of counties, 42% of cities, 59% of villages and 66% of townships.

From the federal funding stream of the American Rescue Plan Act, Michigan counties received a total of \$1.93 billion, 49 cities and townships received \$1.8 billion and a collection of smaller cities, townships and villages received \$664 million. Around 90% of those surveyed said these funds are applicable to their community and around one-third of counties, cities and villages said the upcoming end to that funding would be a problem.

Among officials that say their government is experiencing financial stress, 36% say the end of the funds will be an issue within the next five years, and 31% of jurisdictions that report medium levels of fiscal stress. Only 17% of jurisdictions are worried if they report low levels of stress.

In the money coming from the Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act, around 71% of officials say this money is relevant to their government, including 92% of cities, 88% of counties, 70% of villages and 65% of townships.

Around half of the cities believe the loss of this funding will be an issue, and 13% say it will be a significant problem. But the rest of the jurisdictions see this loss as less of a problem, with 37% of villages, 40% of counties and 24% of townships are worried about this loss.

In funding from state and federal agencies on housing, environmental remediation and roads, as well as general aid, 69% of jurisdictions use this funding, as well as 95% of cities and 88% of counties.

A majority of cities, counties and villages are worried about losing this, and more than a quarter of cities and counties say the loss of this could be a significant problem.

- 1-Mile Flicker Fun Run – perfect for families and casual participants.

- Glow on the Go Virtual 5K – run or walk from anywhere, anytime during race week.

With live entertainment, family-friendly activities, and glowing gear galore, the Guardians of the Glow 5K is more than a run—it’s a celebration of inclusivity, community spirit, and transformation.

Proceeds from the event will help power Torch 180’s nationally recognized award-winning programs. From hands-on café training to upcoming retail operations in a new facility, Torch 180 equips young adults with disabilities

and other disadvantages with the skills, confidence, and independence to thrive.

“Every step on the course is a step toward opportunity,” said Rhonda Callahan, Founder and Executive Director of Torch 180. “When you run, walk, sponsor, or cheer, you help us illuminate the path to employment and dignity for those we serve.”

Extras: Photo ops, outdoor games, face painting, Torch 180 Café specials, peer-to-peer fundraising, and prizes.

To Register or become a Sponsor, go to: runsignup.com/Race/MI/Fowlerville/Torch180s5K

LEGAL NOTICES

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - LIVINGSTON COUNTY

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MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): DANIELLE COPUS, A Married Woman

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

Date of mortgage: May 25, 2018 Recorded on May 31, 2018, in Document No. 2018R-014391, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC f/k/a New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Three and 70/100 Dollars (\$285,293.70)

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Livingston County, and described as: Part of the North 1/2 of Section 11, Town 2 North, Range 5 East, Genoa Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 11; thence along the North line of said Section 11 and the centerline of McClements Road (66 foot wide right of way), South 89 degrees 41 minutes 21 seconds West 1336.62 feet; thence along the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 11 and the centerline of Kellogg Road (66 foot wide right of way), South 00 degrees 24 minutes 33 seconds East, 200.00 feet, to the Point of Beginning of the parcel to be described; thence continuing along the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 11 and said centerline of Kellogg Road, South 00 degrees 24 minutes 33 seconds East, 200.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 41 minutes 21 seconds West, 435.70 feet; thence North 00 degrees 24 minutes 33 seconds West 200.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 41 minutes 21 seconds East, 435.70 feet to the Point of Beginning. Commonly known as 1054 Kellogg Rd, Brighton, MI 48114

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

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

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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 September 24, 2025. 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 Sean P. Crossman to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC dated March 22, 2018 and recorded March 30, 2018 as Instrument No. 2018R-007851, Livingston County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank, N.A. by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$118,072.19. Said premises are located in Livingston County, Michigan and are described as: Land situated in the Township of Hamburg, County of Livingston, State of MI described as follows: Lots 253 and 254 - Herndon's Rush Lake Estates, according to the plat thereof as recorded In Liber 2 of Plats, Page 87 Livingston County Records. Commonly known as 8611 Country Club Drive, Pinckney, MI Tax ID: 4715-17-404-133

Said property is commonly known as 8611 Country Club Dr, Pinckney, MI 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. 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: August 5, 2025 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 25-18969

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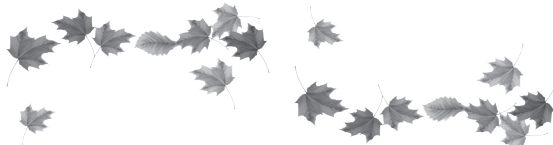
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Fowlerville High School News

OFFICE HOURS

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

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Fowlerville High School Fall PSAT/NMSQT Testing 2025!

Fowlerville High School is pleased to offer the optional PSAT/NMSQT to those 10-11 grade students interested in qualifying for National Merit Scholar opportunities and/or getting extra practice for the SAT. Testing will occur on October 23. This is NOT A MANDATORY TEST. *The cost of this optional test is \$20 (cash or check only, payable to Fowlerville Community Schools/Drop off in counseling office- Mr. Hardenbrook).

Taken in 10th Grade- Extra Practice for SAT

Taken as 11th Grade- Qualifying scores for National Merit Recognition

*As always, all FHS freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will take the standard PSAT or SAT in the spring of 2026 at no charge.

All 10-11 grade students received an email with directions on how to complete the registration process for the PSAT/NMSQT test in their school email. Parents also received directions for their students to complete the process.

The registration form is available in the students graduation year Google Classroom.

Class of 2027 (11th) Code: 7dyj3md

Class of 2028 (10th) Code: bymkpr2

Process:

1. Cost: \$20 due Friday September 19th.
 2. Cash or check payable to Fowlerville Community Schools.
 3. Submit to the high school counseling office.
 4. Students must complete the registration form by Friday, September 12th.
- Space is Limited

Testing will occur on October 23rd in The Alverson Center for Performing Arts Lobby during a normal school day (testing hours 1-3 and returning to regular 4th hour and lunch). Students will be excused from the necessary classes. Students who have registered and paid by the September 19th deadline will receive more information in their student email.

Please email Jamey Hardenbrook @ hardenbrookj@fowlervilleschools.org for questions.

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Lifetouch will be taking school pictures 9/2/25 from 7:30 to 1:00. Order today mylifetouch.com, picture day ID: EVTDF663Q

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Fowlerville FFA Joins Luke Bryan’s Can-Do Challenge

Fowlerville FFA is competing in country star Luke Bryan’s Can-Do Challenge, a national contest that turns canned goods into farm-themed sculptures while helping fight hunger. All cans used in the project will be donated to local food banks. Community members can support our effort by donating canned goods. Items may be dropped off at the Fowlerville High School main entrance. The deadline for donations is September 3. Join us in showing Fowlerville pride, supporting local families, and giving our FFA students a chance to shine!

Fowlerville Elementary School News

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

School Hours: 8:50 am – 3:32 pm

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 1 – Labor Day, NO SCHOOL

September 3 – Open House (4:30-6pm)

September 22-26 – Homecoming Spirit Week (days will be announced closer to time)

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We are excited to have our students back! Thank you for your patience with changes needed to be made during construction time within the district. Make note! Open Houses will still be taking place on September 3rd, our teachers look forward to meeting with parents.

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Attendance - Please call our attendance line 517-223-6400 if your child will be out of school for sickness or an appointment. Please call before 9:30am and leave a message so that your student will be excused. Your student’s name, your name, a phone number where you can be reached along with their teacher should be left so that your student will be marked accordingly.

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

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Gharet McGarry, a single man and Michael S. Lynn-McGarry, a single man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender’s successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC

Date of Mortgage: January 10, 2020
Date of Mortgage Recording: January 14, 2020
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$225,573.46
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Howell, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 22 , Assessor’s Plat No. 7, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4, Page 38 of Plats, Livingston County Records.
Common street address (if any): 627 E Washington St, Howell, MI 48843-2445
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: August 24, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jeffrey Robert Gontarski and Annette Gontarski, 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): United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC
Date of Mortgage: September 28, 2021
Date of Mortgage Recording: October 14, 2021
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$317,286.98
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Genoa, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 27, except the East 4 feet, and all of Lot 28, Round Lake Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 27, Livingston County Records.
Common street address (if any): 4401 Filbert Dr, Brighton, MI 48116-7704

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
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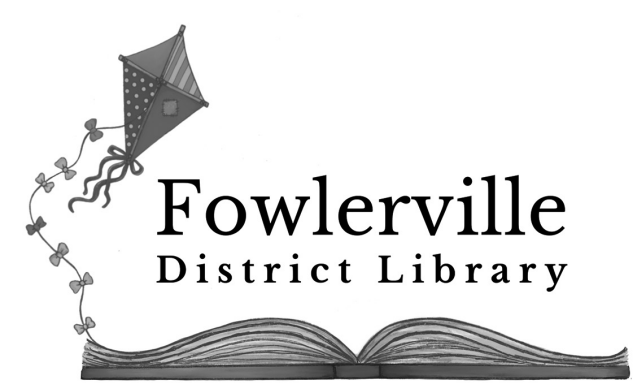
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Sascha Schwetschenau
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender’s successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): HSBC Bank USA, N.A.
Date of Mortgage: November 10, 2023
Date of Mortgage Recording: November 16, 2023
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$294,755.36
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Hamburg, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 38, Arrowhead Subdivision, Township of Hamburg, County of Livingston, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 16 of Plats, Page 47-54, Livingston County Records.
Common street address (if any): 5157 Navajo Trl, Pinckney, MI 48169-9397

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

Monday – Wednesday: 9:30 am to 7:00 pm
Thursday: 9:30 am to 8:00 pm
Friday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday: Closed
For any questions, or to register for programs, call us at 517-223-9089.

KIDS & FAMILY

Homeschool Round-Up

Calling all homeschooling families! Join us to learn more about library resources that are perfect for homeschooling, meet other families, swap educational materials and enjoy a snack. Wed, Sept 3 ● 1-3pm

Homeschool Hangout

This is a fun drop-in program for homeschoolers to connect with one another over games and activities. Each session includes a STEAM activity. Wed, Sept 17 ● 1-2pm

Family Storytime (Ages 1-5) On Break

For families with “littles” to learn, play and grow through a variety of stories, songs, rhymes, movements, and activities. Playtime and crafts included! Story times begin again on Tues, Sept 9 ● 10-11am

Toddler Storytime (Ages 0-3) On Break

A storytime for the “littlest littles” to learn, play, and grow through a variety of stories, songs, rhymes and movements that appeal to short attention spans. Story times begin again on Wed, Sept 10 ● 10-11am

Kids Club (Ages 6-12)

All the fun of Lego Club, but with more! Now you can play a game, complete a craft or activity, and still build with your favorite bricks. Thurs ● 4pm

Graphic Novel Book Club

Read the book and then come to discuss it. Snacks provided. Books are available at the front desk and are yours to keep. We will be discussing PACEY PACKER UNICORN TRACKER by J. C. Phillips. Mon, Sept 29 ● 4pm

Book Boxes (All ages)

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

Reading Dragons (All Ages)

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

Live Homework Help

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

Sensory Playtime (Ages 2-5)

This is a drop-in playtime filled with unstructured, sensory fun! Watch your littles use their imaginations to turn everyday things into toys. Caregiver supervision is required. Friday, Sept 19 ● 10-11am

Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 12-18)

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

Switch Free Play (Ages 10-18)

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

Maker Space Open House (All Ages)

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

Origami (Teens 13+)

Learn or practice your origami skills. Instructions will be available, all levels of skill are welcome. Thurs, Sept 4 ● 3-4pm

Build Your Own Touchscreen Gloves (Teens 13+)

Get ready for cooler temps by upgrading your gloves and making them work with your touchscreen. Bring your own gloves. Tues, Sept 9 ● 3-4pm

ADULTS

Board of Trustees Meeting

The library board will meet. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Thurs., Sept 25 ● 6pm

Find Your People at the Library

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. Please note this change in day. Wed, Sept 10 ● 2-3pm

Jam Session (Adults and teens)

Open Jam Sessions are becoming a monthly tradition here at the library. Led by community members who love to learn, share and connect; all levels, instruments and genres are welcome! Newcomers are encouraged to lead tunes when they feel called. Song leads call out chords and changes. Questions? Email kjdamerow@gmail.com with Open Jam in the subject line. Tues, Sept 16 ● 5:30-6:45pm

Senior “Appy Hour”

Sign up at the Front Desk to

reserve a time for one on one help with all your technology needs. Bring your phone, tablet or laptop and have your own personal time with our technology expert. Wed, Sept 17, Oct 22, Nov 5 ● 2-4pm

Dried Flower Bookmark (Adults)

Join us to make a pretty bookmark with dried flowers. Wouldn’t it be fun to make and give as a gift with a book? All supplies included. Registration is required. Thurs, Sept 11 ● 6pm

Gardening Class

Nan-Marie will be here to discuss harvest season and tips for preparing your garden for Fall. Thurs, Sept 11 ● 2:30pm

Cardmaking (Adults)

Greet your friends and loved ones with beautiful homemade greeting cards-made by you! You will make four different cards to take home. All supplies included. Registration is required. Thurs, Sept 18 ● 6:00pm & Fri, Sept 19 ● 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. Sept 20 ● 10:30am – 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 WOMAN, CAPTAIN, REBEL by Margaret Willson. Sept. 18 ● 2-3pm

Sewing (Adults)

Bring your sewing machine and learn from a master seamstress. All levels of skill are welcome. Registration is required. Wed, Sept 17 ● 5:30pm & Fri, Sept 12 ● 10-2pm

Small Towns, Big Stories

The Livingston Centre Historical Society (LCHS) invites you to this collaborative seminar for residents and visitors alike to share personal stories and family histories from Livingston County. Mon, Sept 8 ● 5pm

Repair Cafe

Don’t throw it away! Bring your broken items here for repair and advice from handymen. Sat, Sept 27 ● 10-12pm

Did You Know?

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

A Friendly Reminder

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

Library Closed

The library will be closed on Saturday, Aug 30 and on Monday, Sept 1 in observance of Labor Day.

St. Agnes Catholic Church accepting registrations for Faith Formation classes

St. Agnes Catholic Church is now registering for Faith Formation classes for children 3 years old through 9th grade. We are offering catechesis of the Good Shepherd process for children up to sixth grade. Seventh grade through ninth grade will begin confirmation preparation. Please contact Iris Winiarski at 517-223-8684x 304 or email at winiarskiiris@gmail.com.

Beginning this fall we will offer adult formation and bible study as well as those needing to catch up on sacraments. For adult formation please contact Marie Sheridan at 517-223 8684 x 309 or email at msheridandre@gmail.com.

Howell United Methodist Women holding fall rummage sale Sept. 26-27

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



SEPTEMBER Specials!

Back to School Glow Package!



Spray Tan (\$45-\$60)

You’ll also receive a teeth whitening kit for 50% off, regularly \$42!

Don’t forget to book your Home Coming Spray Tan!

*Student Discount With ID | \$5.00 OFF ANY SPRAY!

8079 COUNTRY CORNER DR., FOWLerville, MI 48836.

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Fowlerville Community School News

School Year Off to a Great Start, Open House Scheduled for September 3

It’s been great having staff and students back in the halls of our school buildings this past week at Fowlerville Community Schools. Everyone has been working together, finding their way and students and teachers are already making some great connections!

We want to once again thank families for your understanding as we navigate the final stages of construction projects in several of our buildings. This was a large undertaking in a short window of time. We promise, the improved and more comfortable learning environments for students will make these short term hurdles worth the wait. Please keep in mind the new air conditioning systems will take several days to stabilize and begin effectively cooling spaces - particularly at the high school.

We look forward to seeing families at our **District Wide Open House on Wednesday, September 3** from 4:30-6:00 pm. Families can meet teachers, explore classrooms, and other areas of the building. Administrators will also be on hand to answer any questions. Immediately following the open house, sixth grade families are invited to a Parent Meeting in the Junior High auditorium from 6:00-6:30 pm.

We want to thank the Fowlerville Education Association (FEA) and its leadership team for working with the district in rescheduling the open house. The collaborative spirit as we worked through some challenges with the final stages of construction was greatly appreciated. Here’s to a great year! Go Gladiators!

Fowlerville Community Schools Welcomes New Staff

Fowlerville Community Schools is pleased to welcome three new members to our Gladiator team for the 2025-26 school year. Sharon Tewes will be joining us as the Kreeger Elementary Art Teacher, Angela Zuellig will be a sixth grade teacher at the Fowlerville Junior High and Marc McKay joins Central Office as the district’s Chief Financial Officer. Here we share a little about each of them.

Sharon Tewes: Sharon holds a BA in Art Education and has been teaching elementary school for over 20 years. She is originally from Illinois and attended college in Wisconsin. She moved to Michigan in the mid 90’s. Outside of school she enjoys spending time at the lake and with her family and friends. Sharon is excited to join the team at Kreeger.

Angela Zuellig: Angela has also been in education for over 20 years. She started her career in Belleville teaching high school and middle school English. Since moving here from Fraser, she has been substitute teaching in Howell Public Schools, where her two children attend. She enjoys reading, sports, coffee and Buc-ee’s. Angela is excited to join the team at the Junior High.

Marc McKay: Marc comes to Fowlerville after 3.5 years at Howell Public Schools as the District Accountant. Prior to his time at Howell, he worked in the private sector supporting financial operations for a real estate development company. Outside of work, you can find him spending time with family and friends on the golf course, running or enjoying time in Northern Michigan. Marc is excited to join the Central Office team.

Shout Out to Our Custodial & Maintenance Staff Members

We would like to send a special shout out of thanks to our school buildings’ custodial and district maintenance staff members for going above and beyond in preparing our buildings for students this week. With our construction teams continuing to work late last week, there was a significant amount of extra work that took place to have classrooms ready for teachers and students. Your hard work and dedication to making these learning environments welcoming does not go unnoticed! We appreciate your Gladiator Pride!

Still Time to Enroll for the 2025-26 School Year Little Glad Early Childhood Program

The Little Glad Early Childhood Center offers multiple programming options for families. There are year-round preschool programs for children ages 18 months until ready for Kindergarten. Three tuition-based classrooms are available, two Great Start Readiness Programs (GSRP) for 4-year olds, as well as the Out of School Time program for children enrolled in Kindergarten through fifth grade. Give the office a call today at 517.223.6472 to get started with registration.

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great option!

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Kindergarten Registration

If your little one is ready to get started on their educational journey, Fowlerville Elementary School is a great place to start! We are still accepting registrations for our Kindergarten classrooms. Families can begin the registration process online and then stop into the office to complete paperwork. If families need assistance, please call the school office at 517.223.6008.

Fowlerville Online Learning Academy

Fowlerville Community Schools also allows students to attend school through a web-based program called the Fowlerville Online Learning Academy (FOLA). All classes are monitored by a certified teacher and a local mentor. Students will have access to a staffed support lab while school is in session. This program includes options for elementary and junior high students as well as the specialized TradPath for high school students. Students must be enrolled in Fowlerville Community Schools to participate. Contact Principal, Nick Zajas with any questions.

Fowlerville Community Schools Awarded MDE Early Literacy Grant

Fowlerville Community Schools has been awarded a \$244,588 Section 35m grant from the Michigan Department of Education’s Early Literacy Division. The grant will be used to further support the K-5 Magnetic Reading Foundations curriculum.

Grant funds can be used to purchase select literacy material or resources from the Committee for Literacy Achievement (CLA) approved rankings lists, materials needed for implementation including licenses, instructional manuals, textbooks, decodables, manipulatives, etc.

Update on School Meals for the 2025-26 School Year

As you know, for the past few years, breakfast and lunch have been provided to students at school at no cost to their families. As of today, this will continue through September 30, 2025. Because the state has not yet passed its budget, we are unsure at this time if the budget will continue to support these meals for families at school. As soon as we have more information, we will share it.

In the meantime, if you think your family may qualify for either free or reduced meals, we highly encourage you to complete the Free & Reduced Meals Application now to allow for a seamless transition should the state decide not to continue the program after September 30.

VFW Scholarships Available for Grades 6-12

The Veterans of Foreign Wars has scholarship opportunities for students in grades 6-12. Patriot’s Pen is a nationwide youth essay competition for students in grades 6-8. This competition gives students the challenge of writing an essay on this year’s theme of “How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support For Our Country?” More than \$55,000 will be awarded nationwide and applications are due by October 31, 2025. An application tutorial is available for assistance.

For students in grades 9-12, The Voice of Democracy competition challenges students to write and record an audio essay on this year’s theme of “How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?” Each year, nearly 26,000 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives. Applications are also due by October 31, 2025. An application tutorial is available for assistance.

George Wygant at Fowlerville’s VFW Post 6464 can answer questions or accept essays. He can be reached at 517.515.0471 or via email.

Reminder from Fowlerville Elementary School

If your child will have

an alternate end of day routine, please call the office at 517.223.6008 and notify us of that change by 3:00 pm. Please do not rely on Class DoJo or emails for this information to be received. It is not always possible for our teachers or office staff to view these electronic messages. By calling and speaking with a staff member, we can ensure an appropriate response to your request. We appreciate your cooperation.

What’s Coming Up in Our Schools: September

- 01 - No School, Labor Day Recess
- 03 - District-Wide Open House, 4:30-6:00 pm
- 03 - Sixth Grade Orientation, Junior High Auditorium, 6:00-6:30 pm
- 12 - 100 Seasons of Fowlerville Football Celebration, Halftime of the game
- 13 - Fowlerville Fall Fest, Livingston Centre Historical Village, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- 16 - Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 29 - No School, Teacher Professional Development Day

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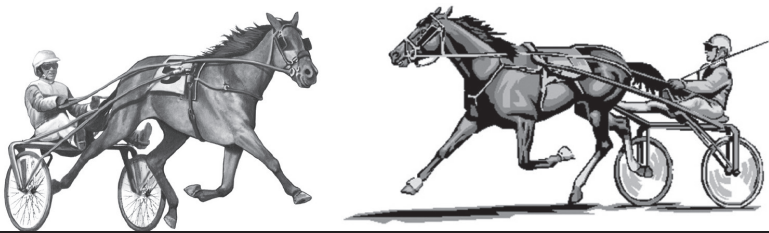
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Fowlerville Fire Dept. provides training to Mexican firefighters

By Steve Horton

The Fowlerville Fire Department, assisted by the Brighton and Howell departments, hosted 10 firefighters from Mexico this past week for a joint training exercise that was intended to enhance the visitors ability to respond to emergencies in their home communities.

“During their stay, we introduced them to a variety of tactics and perspectives, expanding the range of skills they can apply in the field,” said Fowlerville Fire Chief Bob Feig, adding that the training sessions covered vehicle extrication, forcible entry, search and rescue, medical emergencies

and patient care, firefighter survival, ladder operations, ventilation techniques, and victim rescue.

The visiting group arrived in Detroit Metro Airport on Sunday, August 24 and were scheduled to depart this Sunday, August 31. In between their arrival in Michigan and departure, they had a busy schedule

On Monday they were assigned gear that the local department had stored,



Getting ready to practice the extrication of a driver from a car that’s been involved in a simulated wreck were these Mexican and American firefighters. From left were Edgar Vega, Andres Irfibe, Jose Manuel Montoya, Omar Carranza, Carolos Ramirez, Julie Dailey, Patricio Ontiveros, Cesar Hiraes, Said Perez, Leonardo Jimenz Herrera, Kyle deBoer of Impact Rescue.

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but no longer used due to governmental safety regulations. They also toured the Turnout Management Facility that maintains and repairs equipment for Fowlerville and other fire departments.

On Tuesday and Wednesday several training sessions were held at the Fowlerville station, beginning with a vehicle extrication and how to care for and transport the accident victim.

“Wednesday night was our department’s normal training session, so our firefighters came in as usual at seven o’clock and worked alongside our Mexican partners on different techniques and use of equipment,” Feig explained.

On Thursday they did some training at the Brighton station and also spent time at that department’s 911 Memorial.

“The guys told me that this visit to the 911 site was something they wanted to do, explaining that it’s not just an American thing, but a tragedy all firefighters can relate to,” Feig noted.

On Friday a final training session was held at the Howell station.

“We also planned to take them to the Livingston County EMS Building in Howell Township,” Feig said. “The U of M Survival Helicopter is stationed there and they were excited about seeing it.”

Feig added that while the main purpose of the Mexican firefighters visit was to improve their skills, learn about various equipment, and interact with their American counterparts,

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Fowlerville Fire Dept., continued

some socializing and sightseeing were included in the itinerary.

“The Fowlerville Rotary served them lunch at the club’s Wednesday noon meeting, the Brighton department served them a meal during that visit, and we had a barbeque at the Fowlerville station on Friday afternoon,” he said. “There were also a couple of recreational outings.”

The Mexican firefighters come from three neighboring cities—Epalme, Guaymas, and Hermosillo—in the western state of Sonora. It is the area where Feig and his co-partner Doug Burnie have been delivering used firefighting gear and outdated but serviceable equipment collected from departments in Livingston County and neighboring Michigan communities since 2013.

“Because of regulations in Michigan that departments operate under, a lot of gear and firefighting accessories and even vehicles have to be retired after a certain amount of use,” Feig noted. “Rather than having some of these items discarded, we’ve collected them and every so often transport them to the departments in these Mexican towns. Over the years, we’ve also been able to deliver two fire apparatus and three ambulances, along with countless pieces of equipment that were donated to us.

“One of the reasons we stopped at the Turnout Management Facility is that the company collects this outdated gear and equipment and, a few years ago, after I talked with them, those items are now donated to us,” he said.



Alberto Pienna was part of the group of firefighters from Mexico.



Those trips have included other first responders from the area who have joined Feig in providing some training sessions while in the Mexican communities.

“The ten visitors this week are among the firefighters we’ve met and become friends with during our trips to Sonora,” Feig pointed out.

“A couple of the fellows have visited Fowlerville previously but it was the first time for the rest of them,” he pointed out. “They’d been talking about coming here for a joint training exercise and to see our stations and equipment for some time. They were finally able to come this summer.”

He added that the visiting firefighters paid for their plane tickets, but additional expenses, mainly the cost of meals, were covered thanks to contributions by members of the Fowlerville Fire Association and others in the community.

“Several of the guys stayed in the sleeping quarters we have at the station, a couple of others used a motor home we brought in, and two of them were hosted by the Burnie family,” Feig pointed out.

He said that another Gear & Equipment Delivery is planned to Mexico in October.

“These fire departments operate with limited means, so the assistance is appreciated,” Feig pointed out. “What we’re giving them is still serviceable, but due to the standards we have in Michigan, this stuff can no longer be used. These guys are dedicated to serving their communities and this partnership we’ve established has been nice.”

The members of the Fowlerville Firefighters Association are shown here with gear and equipment that was collected and then delivered to fire departments in Sonora, Mexico. Another delivery is planned this October.

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Republican-led Michigan House passes budget with substantial cuts

By Elena Durnbaugh
Gongwer News Service

A spending plan with cuts in nearly every department passed the House this past Tuesday (Aug. 26) quickly after it was presented for the first time following weeks of Democrats calling on majority House Republicans to show their cards on the budget.

The House Republican budget makes cuts to almost every budget area, despite objections from Democrats.

HB 4706 includes the House Republican proposal for the state’s departments and agencies. It totals \$54.6 billion (\$12.09 billion General Fund). The Executive Office, Legislature, Department of Auditor General, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and Department of Transportation are the only areas that wouldn’t be cut under the plan.

The bill passed 59-45. Rep. Karen Whitsett, D-Detroit, voted with the Republican majority.

“We’ve been hounded by the press, by the Senate – we’ve said, the governor’s said, show us your roads plan,” House Appropriations Chair Rep. Ann Bollin, R-Brighton, said. “Well, guess what, they have our whole budget now. We did it. ... We’re not budging as much as they’re going to have to budge if they want to get a budget done.”

Coupled with the spending plans for community colleges, higher education and K-12 schools, the Republican budget proposal is nearly \$79 billion. The budget passed by the Senate totaled \$84.6 billion, and the executive recommendation proposed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer totaled \$83.5 billion.

House Republicans acted well after the July 1 statutory deadline for a budget to be signed into law. The move comes after weeks of Democrats and other stakeholders calling for a Republican budget so negotiations could begin in earnest.

Also on Tuesday, a little over a month until the end of the fiscal year, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, House Speaker Matt Hall R-Richland Township, and Senate Majority Leader

Winnie Brinks, D-Grand Rapids, met on the budget.

The House Republican plan does boost road funding by more than \$3 billion or 50 percent. Republicans also moved to require departments to prioritize in-person work, report on severance pay to top officials and provide information on work project status.

Some of the larger cuts are for the Department of Attorney General (down \$38.4 million, a 29.6% reduction), Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (down \$200 million, a 19.2% reduction) and the Department of Labor and Economic Development (down \$1.1 billion, a 46.7% reduction).

The Department of Health and Human Services is split into three categories: Medicaid, Public Health and Human Services. All saw cuts, The Medicaid portion of the budget was cut by \$3.7 billion, the Public Health portion \$92.5 million and the Human Services portion by about \$1 billion. The budget would cut grant programs and the Strategic Outreach Attraction and Reserve Fund. It also eliminates 4,300 unfilled positions, which House Republicans say will free up \$560 million, and it requires state employees to return to in-person work.

Additionally, the budget cut the Department of Corrections (down \$28.5 million or 1.3%) and the Department of State Police (down \$66.3 million, or 7%).

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House Democrats criticized the process.

“This has to be the least transparent budget that I have even been a part of, which is more than ironic coming from a speaker who prided himself on being very transparent,” House Minority Leader Rep. Ranjeev Puri, D-Canton Township, said. “There was no time for us to review an 800-page document to understand what we were voting on. ... They didn’t allow HFA to give us a full analysis, so we have not been able to review that. This was very authoritarian in terms of how this was presented to us.”

Rep. Alabas Farhat, D-Dearborn, former minority vice chair of the House Appropriations Committee, said the process needed to be better.

“The speaker continues to operate in a silo in the four walls of his office, not engaging with Democratic values at all, with the Senate or the governor,” he said. “The governor and (Senate Majority Leader) Winnie Brinks are ready to negotiate a budget and to avert a government shutdown, and you’ve seen the speaker instead come out and slam the governor for her inaction ... on a ‘road funding plan for over two terms.’ ... Democrats are ready. We’re here. They can reach out to us.”

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House Republicans defended the process, saying they held 137 hours of public testimony on the budget, though much of that testimony was dedicated to legislative earmarks.

“We went through the budget, and we eliminated the waste, fraud and abuse in government,” Hall said. “Our subcommittee chairs have never been more engaged in the process. ... I would just say, as we’re going forward, (legislative Democrats are) a very negative group of people that have no intention of advocating for a position or supporting any budget. We couldn’t even find a vice chair of the Appropriations Committee on the Democrat side who wants to solve problems and get a budget done, so we just said, look, this committee’s broken. We’re going to move forward with the budget because the people of Michigan expect this budget to be done on time.”

Bollin said transparency looked different during this budget process.

“We have hearings almost every single week. Hearings that ask questions about programs, about projects, not about where you want to go and where you want to spend more but really getting into the meat and potatoes of whether or not these programs and projects are delivering,” she said. “Does that transparency look a little different on the budget? Yes.”

House Republicans touted their spending plan as including \$3.1 billion for roads, eliminating taxes on tips and overtime, including \$140 million for new public safety investments and making more than \$5 billion in cuts.

“Our budget plan transitions Michigan from a status quo to a let’s go for the taxpayers,” Bollin said during a floor speech. “Instead of adding 3 or 4% to last year’s top line, we poured through it, line by line. We asked tough questions about what was working, what wasn’t working. We followed the money. We shined a light on the prices for tax dollars were being wasted and abused.”

House Democrats objected strongly to House Republican’s proposal.

“Who are we defending in this budget?” Farhat said during a floor speech. “Are we defending the working families of our state?... Or are we trying to defend special interest of the state ... when I look at this document that we got about an hour ago, I can only see how much further we’re allowing our state to slide back into a position of mediocrity instead of leading.”

House Democrats did not say they were against any cuts, though.

“We’re all for efficient, effective government,” Farhat said. “We’re all for making sure that we’re delivering the highest level of customer service every single day for Michiganders. ... That’s what we all stand for here. We all believe that government can be the best through staunch accountability.”

In the Department of Corrections budget, the House cuts funding for higher education, transitional housing development and does not include any funding for reimbursing ambulance service providers. Elsewhere in the General Fund budget, however, \$6 million in unexpended funds from work projects are made available in the Department of Technology, Management and Budget to compensate ambulance providers (editor’s note: an earlier version of this story incorrectly stated the status of emergency service reimbursements). The Corrections budget also includes \$50 million in General Fund dollars to provide pay increases for corrections officers.

House Republicans said their budget will protect Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Medicaid.

“What we did with Medicaid is we said, let’s tailor Medicaid to make it work so that everyone who’s eligible can continue to use Medicaid,” Hall said.

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Hospitals criticized the House budget.

“The proposed state budget from the Michigan House of Representatives guts hospital funding and would be disastrous if even a semblance of the cuts eventually makes it into the state budget,” said Brian Peters, CEO of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, in a statement. “Michigan hospitals already stand to lose more than \$6 billion over the next ten years due to federal budget cuts. Slashing more funding that supports delivering healthcare services and the nurses, physicians and other staff employed by hospitals harms Michigan and our more than 10 million residents.”

Hall defended cuts to rural hospitals.

“Our budget funds \$250 million for rural hospitals, and they know that,” he said. “I would caution the hospitals. They’re really getting a little too political and they’re siding too much with the Democrats... I really think they should pick their battles because everything they say is going to put them out of business.”

On the cuts to State Police, House Republicans said they wanted to invest in local police because of the controversy with the Director James Grady.

“We’re trying to make investment in local police and county sheriffs so that they can go and lower our violent crime rates,” Hall said.

House Democrats, however, are already accusing potentially vulnerable House Republicans who voted for the proposal of defunding the police.

A Whitmer spokesperson for Brinks addressed the meeting with Hall on the budget ahead of the House’s action.

“It was a productive meeting, and our team will stay in close touch with legislators and their staff over the next month to get this done,” a spokesperson for Whitmer said before the House acted on its plan.

Brinks, also before the House presented then passed its proposal, said she has made her frustrations about a lack of proposal heading into September “abundantly clear.”

“It’s 36 days until October 1, and we have a lot of work to do,” she said. “It’s work that we can accomplish, but the games and distractions need to end.”

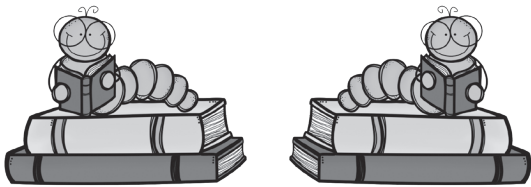
Michigan Democrats criticize cuts in GOP House budget

Commentary by Curtis Hertel
Chair of Michigan Democratic Party

In case you missed it, months after Senate Dems released their budget and months after their July 1 deadline, state House Republicans passed their budget this past week that cut thousands of jobs, defunded the police, and threatened hospitals across the state. Instead of working with Senate Dems or creating a functional budget, Matt Hall and his Republican caucus took a chainsaw to the state budget—while still bringing the state closer to a shutdown.

Just like their disastrous federal counterparts, state House Republicans passed a budget that kills jobs and could cause even more Michigan hospitals to close. They cut millions from the state police and the Department of Corrections, endangering the safety and security of communities across Michigan.

This House Republican budget makes one thing crystal clear: they would rather hurt our communities and our economy than give up one inch of their extremist agenda. Every single House Republican should answer where they stand on these major cuts.





Michigan House Report

By State Rep.
Jason Woolford,
50th District

The House approved a state budget

This week brought important progress in Lansing. The House approved a new state budget that balances responsibility with real priorities for Michigan families. Our plan totals \$78.5 billion, which is a 3.7% decrease from last year's spending. That's a \$5 billion cut from the overall budget. It's also smaller than both the governor's and Senate's proposals which is a clear sign that House Republicans are committed to protecting taxpayers while still delivering results.

This budget makes record investments in education, while also ensuring public safety and our roads remain top priorities. I firmly believe the government should serve the people, not burden them. That's why we cut waste, pushed back against reckless spending, and focused on what matters most to everyday families.

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Testified on Waste, fraud and abuse in Oversight

I also had the opportunity to testify before the House Oversight Committee this week about troubling issues within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Our food assistance program, SNAP, has an overpayment error rate near 10%, which is far higher than the national average of 6%. That means hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars are being wasted, when that money could be strengthening schools, repairing roads, or helping families who truly need support.

Another issue is that the current system relies heavily on self-attestation. In other words, people can claim benefits by providing just a name, address, and a few other pieces of

Free school meals need to stay on the table

Commentary by Alexandra Stamm

Education Policy Analyst

with the Michigan League for Public Policy

On June 25, the Michigan League for Public Policy joined advocates from the American Heart Association and Healthy School Meals for All Coalition at the state Capitol for an advocacy day.

We showed up in droves to urge the Legislature to continue including free school meals in the fiscal year 2026 School Aid budget. We greeted members of the House and Senate with paper lunch bags filled with stories from across the state about the benefits of providing school meals for all students.

These stories included "thank you's" from multiple perspectives: kids who come from families with low incomes shared that with free school meals, they can attend school without going hungry; administrators wrote stories about how giving all kids access to the same food has created a more inclusive environment in their schools; middle-class families expressed relief that their grocery bills are lower during the school year in a time when prices continue to rise.

We know these stories are true because we have seen them play out since Michigan's School Meals program was introduced in the 2024 state budget. More kids are eating breakfast (31% increase) and lunch (25% increase) at school, and families are saving an estimated \$850 per student each school year on grocery bills. I spoke with a rising senior at a local high school who said that he appreciates the shift he has seen at his school since all students had access to free meals.

"I remember back in elementary school there used to be a stigma around kids getting free school lunch. It created a divide and class system that's now completely gone."

Upon hearing the news that school lunches for all students might not be provided next school year, he responded with an emphatic groan, resounding "no," and "I can't pack my own lunch again!"

Since our day at the Capitol, little progress has been made on the state budgets, but school meals for all has remained a hot topic in advocacy circles and in budget negotiations. Both the governor and the Senate included funding for school meals in their budgets, but the House eliminated the line item for school meals in its budget.

While budget negotiations drag on, teachers are beginning to set up their classrooms and families are tackling the back-to-school lists. On the other hand, school administrators are beginning to question whether or not funding for certain programs will be included in the state education budget.

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information with little verification required. Phone interviews have replaced in-person checks, and home visits are almost never conducted. This creates serious vulnerabilities and opens the door to abuse.

That's why I'm calling for reforms that require verification of Social Security numbers, identity, and residency, while ending self-attestation practices that invite fraud. The error rate of nearly 10% will result in the federal government making us pay \$450 million dollars. With that money, including the millions of dollars that are already being wasted, these reforms have the ability to save a minimum of \$700 million. Taxpayers deserve transparency and struggling families deserve a system that actually works for them, not one that gets drained by criminals who exploit weak oversight.

From Washington to Lansing, people are fed up with unaccountable government. My goal is simple: cut waste, hold agencies accountable, and make sure your tax dollars are spent wisely. I'll continue fighting for responsible budgets and a stronger, fairer system for the people of Michigan.

As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions

or input you would like to share. You can call my office at (517) 373-3906 or email me at JasonWoolford@House.MI.Gov.



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Field day activities



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I Have Called You

By Jace Arledge

These days are a time of uncertainty for many. I won't delve into the issues that people are facing but it's not just here, it is everywhere in the world. So much divisiveness, the normalization of making fun of others because they are different, and the list goes on.

For some folks it takes a toll on their mental health. I know it does mine. I've often wondered why I care so much about what others think, or how they feel. It's as if the pain and hurt others experience, I feel it. I've always been this way. So, the state of the world we live in currently is very painful for my heart.

Years ago, I had a tattoo placed on my left inner forearm, where I could see it very clear (I write and eat with my left hand so the tattoo faces up at me). It says, “Be Not Afraid for I make all things new ~ Jesus.” The message has brought much comfort on the days when my heart is heavy.

Every day I listen to an app on my phone called Hallow, where I can listen to testimonies of past religious and prayers and historical information, a great asset to my day. One of the daily devotionals was about never being alone. It presented scripture to reference of promises made by God to the people, of never leaving and always walking beside us.

A few of the scripture verses were:

Deut 31:8 ~ *It is the Lord who goes before you; he will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you; do not fear or be dismayed.*

Romans 8:28 ~ *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

Romans 12:12 ~ Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.

Mt 5:14 ~ You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid.

John 16:33 ~ I have said this to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

When I read these verses, I am filled with hope just knowing that I am not alone even when times are tough. That if I remain hopeful and faithful, Jesus is doing his Jesus thing. Like we have read about in other scripture, they are drawing good out of all things and though we live in a world where so many struggle to believe, I (we) are not called to be of this world.

We aren't called to think, to act and respond like them, with fear and unbelief and hate on our hearts. No. We have been called to be a light, a reflection of Jesus in every situation that we encounter, every circumstance we find ourselves

in. By showing hope, joy and patience in our affliction and persevering in prayer we are hopefully a beacon for those who are lost.

When we feel that the world is bringing us too much sorrow and trouble, we must be courageous, and the reason is clear...

JESUS ALREADY CONQUERED THE WORLD, so what do we have to fear? Fear is a liar.

For those who don't believe in God, this is still for you. This message is for everyone: Buddhist, Hindi, Muslim, Atheist, Agnostic. . . it doesn't matter because we as humans have not been given a spirit of fear. We are all courageous, we all know right from wrong, and we all know when to stand up for those who are afflicted by the powers that be.

BE that light in the dark, the beacon that just may be the saving light in someone's life. Sharing peace and love with you all!

Til Next Time. . .

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Free school meals, continued

Just down the road from the Capitol, a school district announced that it will be ending its school meals for all program due to the budget uncertainty. Other districts are warning families that unless the state budget provides funds for school meals, they will end the program when funds run out at the end of September. The Michigan Department of Education and the State Superintendent are encouraging schools to continue providing school meals for all students, even if funding is not included in the final budget.

The importance of providing school meals in the 2026 state budget is even more critical after the passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Due to tax changes in the bill, an estimated 18 million students could lose access to free school meals nationwide. Cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will cost about 74,000 Michiganders their benefits, and cuts to Medicaid puts health care coverage for more than 500,000 people at risk.

Times are about to get tougher for many Michigan families who will be forced to decide whether to get prescriptions filled or pay utilities. Food insecurity will grow. Students will be less healthy and more hungry, making attending and succeeding in school more difficult. If putting breakfast and lunch in front of our children at school everyday supports their health and educational attainment (leading to higher outcomes later in life), putting universal school meals in the state budget is a win for all of us.

At the League, we love to remind people that the budget is a reflection of our state's priorities. Let's make sure that kids don't go hungry, schools continue to be inclusive, and families aren't forced to bear the cost of legislative inaction.

School meals for all students is just one line item in question without a passed budget, though. Funding for literacy programs, mental health services, resources for English-language learners and more are all up in the air as the Legislature continues to negotiate on the K-12 budget. We will be watching the budget closely and keeping you up to date at www.mlpp.org.

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Fowlerville Varsity Tennis Team shuts out Charlotte in dual meet

The Fowlerville Varsity Tennis Team shut out Charlotte by an 8-0 score in a duel meet played at their opponent's court on Tuesday, August 26th.

Singles:

No. 1 - Grant Wilkinson, Fowlerville def. Logan Wonch,
Charlotte, 6-2 , 6-1

No. 2 - Lon Pringle, Fowlerville def. Diego Hodge,
Charlotte, 6-0 , 6-2

No. 3 - Preston Browne, Fowlerville def. Elijah Surdenik,
Charlotte, 6-1 , 6-1

No. 4 - Nick Harmon, Fowlerville def. Paxton Tucker, Charlotte, 6-0 , 6-0

Doubles:

No. 1 - Nathan Sommer, Fowlerville - Tommy Cox,
Fowlerville def. Peyton Edick, Charlotte - Doug Hack,
Charlotte. 6-0 , 6-1

No. 2 - Remi Losey, Fowlerville - Keegan McClanahan, Fowlerville def. Max Wildern, Charlotte - Robby Phelps, Charlotte. 6-0, 6-0

No. 3 - John Cram, Fowlerville - Grant Fruchey, Fowlerville
def. Robert Williams, Charlotte - Alex Stahl, Charlotte, 6-0 ,
6-0

No. 4 - Archer Losey, Fowlerville - Hunter Plunkett, Fowlerville def. Cleto Cabrini, Charlotte - Ben Emerson, Charlotte. 6-0 , 6-2

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Fowlerville High School's "ATHLETES" OF THE WEEK

Boys Tennis

Preston Browne (sr) 3 singles - Preston is in his 4th year in the program and his 3rd on the varsity team. Over the years he has improved each and every year. Starting at doubles as a sophomore, then 4 singles last year and 3 singles this year. He has worked tirelessly on his game and is poised to have a great year this fall. Keep it up Preston!!

Grant Wilkinson (sr) 1 singles - Grant is in his 4th year on the varsity Tennis team. He is playing 1 singles this fall. He has worked very hard on his game and is making a big jump from doubles to 1 singles. Grant is poised to have a great senior year. He is currently 6th in the all times wins list and with a big year he could move into the top spot! Congrats Grant!!

JUD'S FOOTBALL FORECAST

THURSDAY, SEPT. 4

Dallas 24 at Philadelphia 28

FRIDAY, SEPT. 5

Kansas City 27 at LA Chargers 24

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7

Tampa Bay 28 at Atlanta 24

Cincinnati 34 at Cleveland 17

Miami 28 at Indianapolis 21

Las Vegas 24 at New England 28

Arizona 28 at New Orleans 17

Pittsburg 24 at NY Jets 17
NY Giants 24 at Washington 31
Carolina 21 at Jacksonville 28
Tennessee 17 at Denver 28
San Francisco 28 at Seattle 24
Detroit 30 at Green Bay 24
Houston 24 at LA Rams 28
Baltimore 28 at Buffalo 31

MONDAY, SEPT. 8

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—Area Deaths—



Kate Elizabeth Rudnicki

Kate Elizabeth Rudnicki, age 92, formerly of Fowlerville and Zephyrhills, Florida, passed away peacefully on August 27, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of love, warmth, and quiet strength that touched all who knew her.

Kate was born on February 10, 1933, in Detroit, Michigan, to Elmer Schirmer and Flora (Stockbridge) Schirmer. She lived a life rooted in devotion to her family, creativity, and community.

Known for her deep love of old movies and her beautiful knitting, Kate once earned a blue ribbon at the Fowlerville Fair for her craftsmanship. Her passion for baking brought people together, and many were blessed to share a seat at the Rudnicki dining room table, where love was served alongside every meal.

Kate shared 68 devoted years of marriage with her beloved husband, Richard Rudnicki, before his passing in 2020. Together, they built a home and raised a family in the Fowlerville community, creating countless memories that will live on through the generations.

Kate is survived by her loving children: Pamela Potter of Indiana, Andrea Lowinski of West Virginia, Brad (Kris) Rudnicki of Michigan, and Stacia DeNoyer of Florida. She also leaves behind nine grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren, all of whom carry her spirit and legacy.

She will be lovingly remembered by her sisters-in-law Kathryn Sovie, Judith Haskill, and Linda (Al) Sliwinski, and her brother-in-law James (Dixie) Rudnicki.

Kate was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Warren Hayden, and her husband Richard.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Fowlerville, as well as Trinity United Methodist Church in Zephyrhills, Florida.

Kate will be laid to eternal rest alongside Richard at the National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida—a final reunion with the love of her life. Following Kate’s wishes there will be no formal service and cremation has taken place.

Her strength, generosity, and gentle presence will be deeply missed and forever treasured by all who knew her.

Fowlerville Farmers Market, continued

of the Torch 180. The last event for this season will be on October 11th, 2025.

The market managers, Jessica Mills and Gabi Bresett, would like to say ‘thank you’ for welcoming this market into the community with open arms and being patient with the learning curve and changes as the market is growing.

With the fall season now at hand, they would like to invite everyone to a Customer Appreciation Day on Sept. 6th. They will have a fire truck and a police car as well as stick-on face or arm tattoos, a coloring station for the children, and free hot dogs for the first 250 visitors.



Sharon M. Showerman

Sharon M. Showerman, age 84, of Webberville, MI, passed away surrounded by loved ones on August 25, 2025. She was born in Williamston, MI on April 19, 1941, the daughter of Lester and Mildred (Wilkinson) May. On September 1, 1961, Sharon married Gary Lee Showerman, and together they shared nearly 64 years of marriage. A lifelong resident of the Webberville area, Sharon often remarked that she had kept the same phone number her entire life.

Sharon worked for many years as a seamstress, sewing for many friends, family, and neighbors over the years. She loved cooking and baking, and she also enjoyed horseback riding. Sharon was a member of Millville United Methodist Church, where she organized funeral luncheons for many years. She is survived by her husband, Gary; two children, Todd (Christie) Showerman of Webberville, and Wanda (Carl) Kester-Smith of Kentucky; one granddaughter, Sydney Kester; and a brother, Warren May of Colorado. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A Memorial Service was held on Thursday, August 28, 2025, 12:00 noon, at Millville United Methodist Church, with Pastor Rhonda Osterman officiating. The family received friends at the church from 10:30 a.m. until the time of service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Millville United Methodist Women or Elara Caring Hospice. Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge.

Michigan DNR Fishing Tips--

Use slower presentations with cold temperatures

With cold temperatures, fish metabolism slows down significantly, so they become less aggressive and feed less frequently. Try using slower presentations like a jig tipped with live bait or soft plastics, and target deeper waters where fish tend to hold in the winter months. Downsizing your bait and using lighter line can also make a big difference when bites are subtle.



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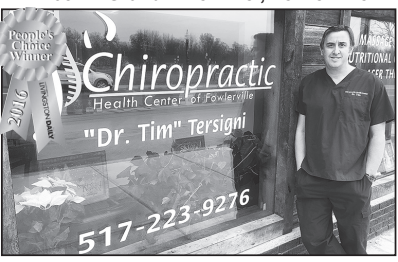
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Webberville Community gathers for recent ‘Meet the Spartans’ at school
By Payten Sholty

Every fall, the Webberville community comes together to celebrate its student-athletes during the annual “Meet the Spartans” event. From the youngest WJAA (Webberville Junior Athletic Association) players to high school varsity athletes, the gathering highlights the strength of Spartan Pride across all age groups.

Held at Webberville Community Schools, ‘Meet the Spartans’ serves as both a season kickoff and a spirited fundraiser, a place when teams are introduced to the crowd and they raise money for their programs.

For many families, the event is a marker of tradition. It’s where younger siblings watch older brothers and sisters take the field and where former athletes return to reconnect with former teammates and coaches. For the youngest participants in WJAA, it’s an inspiring glimpse of where their journey might lead.

With community events becoming increasingly rare, Webberville’s ‘Meet the Spartans’ continues to thrive—proof that small towns can rally behind big dreams.

As fall sports get underway, this annual event is a powerful reminder that in Webberville, being a Spartan means being part of something bigger—on and off the field.



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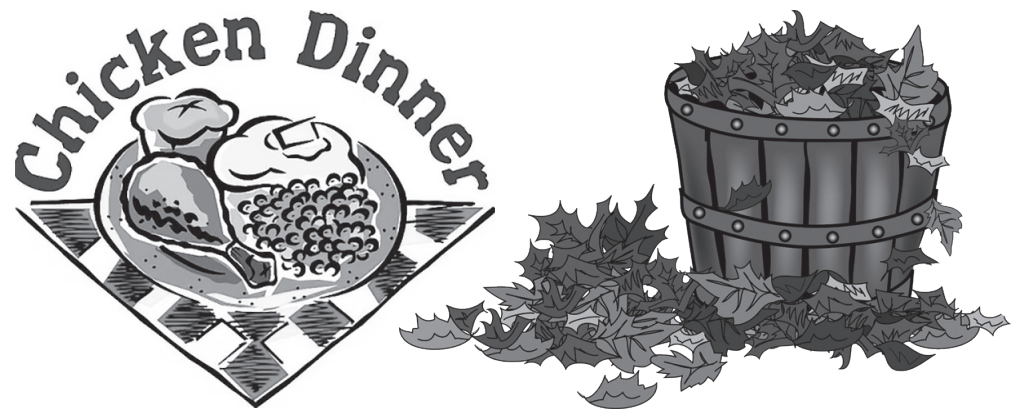
Cross Country Team members.



Varsity Football Team members.

Webberville United Methodist Church to serve Chicken Dinner on Sept. 13th

Webberville United Methodist Church, located at 4215 E. Holt Rd. is having a ‘drive through’ chicken dinner on Saturday, Sept. 13. **Note for this September only dinner is on second Saturday of the month.** The dinner includes two pieces oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, green beans, corn casserole, coleslaw, roll and cookies. All for \$10. Dinner served 5 to 7 pm or until we run out.



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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 September 10, 2025. 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): Shuan Wang, a married man

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: August 10, 2012

Date of Mortgage Recording: August 23, 2012

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$45,488.51

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Genoa, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Unit 123, Building 11 of Hampton Ridge Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 3044, Page 153, First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 3081, page 993, Second Amendment to Master Deed in Liber 3708, Page 4 and Third Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 3986, Page 518 Livingston County Records and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 224, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in the above Master Deed and any amendment thereto and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended

Common street address (if any): 4046 Kirkway Ct, Howell, MI 48843-5507

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, HENRY B. SCHLENKE, who lived at 10456 Viewtop Court, Hartland, Livingston County, Michigan 48353, died on August 5, 2025. There is no personal representative of the decedent's estate to whom letters of administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Henry B. Schlenke Revocable Trust dated June 30, 2015 (now irrevocable), will be forever barred unless presented to Robert Schlenke, 11951 Parkin Lane, Fenton, MI 48430 within four (4) months after date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: August 26, 2025

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Robert Schlenke, Trustee
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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, October 1, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property.

A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Paul Lewis By Hannah Lewis, as attorney in fact And Hannah Lewis, Husband And Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as Nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC DBA Veterans United Home Loans, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 25, 2023, and recorded on July 27, 2023, as Document Number: 2023R-013807, Livingston County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Mortgage Research Center, LLC d/b/a Veterans United Home Loans, a Missouri Limited Liability Company by an Assignment of Mortgage dated July 08, 2025 and recorded July 16, 2025 by Document Number: 2025R-013648, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Four Hundred Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Six and 93/100 (\$403,966.93) including interest at the rate of 7.12500% per annum.

Said premises are situated in the Township of MARION, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit (s) 4, Hometown Village of Marion Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2812, Page 215, Livingston County Records, and any amendments thereto, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 198, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Commonly known as: 88 CHAMPLAIN BLVD, 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: August 31, 2025

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.

Attorneys for Mortgage Research Center, LLC

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MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Richard E. Savela, an unmarried man, whose address is 5436 Kenicott Trail, Brighton, Michigan 48114, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Greenlight Loans, being a mortgage dated July 13, 2016, and recorded on July 19, 2016 with Document Number 2016R-021485, Livingston County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated June 24, 2025 and recorded on June 24, 2025 and given document number 2025R-012046 in Livingston County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND 01/100 DOLLARS (\$98,400.01).

Said premises are situated in the Township of Brighton, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and are described as: LOT 243, GREENFIELD SHORES NO. 4. ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT LIBER 10, PAGE 6 AND 7, LIVINGSTON COUNTY RECORDS. Street Address: 5436 Kenicott Trail, Brighton, Michigan 48114

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: August 24, 2025

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

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Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC,
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Telephone: (312) 541-9710.

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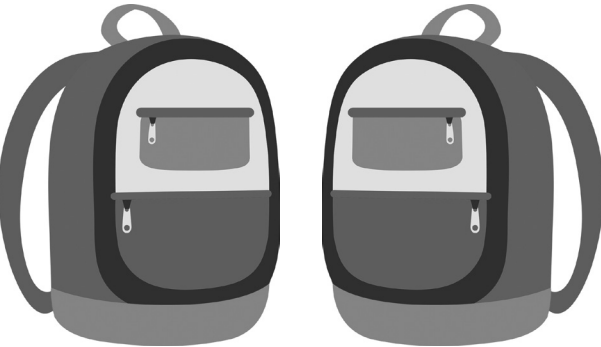
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Family Impact Centers Update

90+ Families a Week.
12,000 lbs of Food.
Here's What's Next.
By Michael Shafer,
Executive Director

In the heart of Fowlerville, something remarkable is happening. What began as a small-town food pantry has grown into a vital lifeline for hundreds of families across Livingston County — and it's

growing faster than ever before.

Just one year ago, Family Impact Centers was serving about 25 families a week and distributing approximately 4,000 pounds of food. Today, we're serving over 90 families each week and distributing nearly 12,000 pounds of food — every single week.

This growth reflects both the urgent needs in our community and the commitment of those who continue to support our mission.

Through new partnerships and more efficient sourcing, we've reduced our cost per pound of food from 73 cents last year to just 4 cents this year. This means every dollar now stretches nearly 17 times farther — resulting in more food, more families helped, and more hope delivered.

But with growth comes new challenges.

We are now turning away food donations simply because we lack the storage space. To address this, we are inviting the community to take part in a campaign to install custom-



built, heavy-duty shelving units designed specifically for our pantry space.

Each shelving unit costs \$379 and stores approximately 1,500 pounds of food. Donors can sponsor a unit in their name, their business, or in honor of a loved one. As of this month, we've already reached 75 percent of our Phase 1 goal.

Here is what sponsorship means in terms of weekly impact:

- 1 unit: \$379 — stores 1,500 pounds, supports 37+ families
- 2 units: \$758 — stores 3,000 pounds, supports 75+ families
- 3 units: \$1,137 — stores 4,500 pounds, supports 112+ families
- 5 units: \$1,895 — stores 7,500 pounds, supports over half our weekly needs
- 10 units: \$3,790 — stores 15,000 pounds, enough to meet our entire weekly food volume

Those interested in sponsoring a shelving unit or making a one-time gift can do so by visiting our website or contacting our team directly.

In addition to food assistance, Family Impact Centers offers spiritual and emotional care, seasonal outreach programs, and opportunities for community members to serve. We are actively seeking volunteers for weekday shifts, from stocking and sorting to packing food boxes and greeting families.

Several events are also planned for the coming months:

On Saturday, Sept. 27, we will host Men's Warrior Day—an all-day gathering for men that includes meals, devotionals, target shooting, and fellowship. Men are encouraged to invite friends, Bible study groups, and family members. Registration is available online.

In October, Family Impact Centers will serve as a simulcast site for the Verity Women's Conference. The event will take place October 4–5 and feature worship, teaching, and community connection. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch on Saturday. Women can register for the event online through the Family Impact Centers website.

On November 1, we will hold our Fall Fundraiser Banquet featuring Bob Cates, an award-winning clean comedian, juggler, and Christian entertainer. The event will raise funds to support our food assistance programs and further our outreach efforts.

At Family Impact Centers, we believe no family should go hungry and no one should feel alone in their time of need. Together, we are building a stronger, more hopeful community — one family, one meal, and one shelving unit at a time.

To learn more, volunteer, or make a gift, visit www.familyimpactcenters.com or email pantry@familyimpactcenters.com.

IOSCO TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED MINUTES August 21st, 2025

The regular meeting of the Iosco Township Board was held on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. Members Present: Bonnaville, Dailey, Harman, Miller & Parker. The following action was taken: 1) Motion to approve the agenda. 2) 1st. Call to the Public: The public was heard from. 3) Motion to adopt the proposed Regular Meeting Minutes from 7/17/2025 4) Clerk's report. 5) Treasurer's report. 6) Motion to pay \$85,753.22 in Township bills. 7) Fire Board update was heard. 8) Planning Commission update was heard. 9) Assessor & Zoning Administrator's report was heard. 10) Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-6 a Resolution Establishing the Milage Rate. 11) Motion to approve Justice Fence Co. quote for \$14,000.00 for the installation of 330' of 6' tall wood privacy fencing, the installation of one 8' wide 4' tall chain link gate into the existing line, the addition of 24 stub ups to the existing line post, to raise the fence off the grass for weed whipping, and the addition of ten 3" stub ups to the terminal post. 12) Motion to move into closed session at 7:34 pm to review the opinion of legal counsel pursuant to MCL 15.268 (h). 13) Motion to come out of closed session at 8:32pm. 14) After discussion no action was taken on the Amendment Ordinance (Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinance) to the Iosco Township Zoning Ordinance to modify Section 13.19 to address solar energy facilities subject to Public Act 233 of 2023 or the DTE rezoning applications. An additional public hearing has been requested under Michigan Zoning Enabling Act MCL 125.3401(4). 15) Motion to hold the requested public hearing at the Regular September Board meeting. 16) Motion to pre-buy \$2,652.18 in propane through Swan Fuel Service Inc. for the 2025/2026 winter season. 17) Motion to approve the Agreement for Supplemental Law Enforcement Services (School Liaison officer) with Iosco Township contributing \$10,000 for the 2025/2026 school year. 18) 2nd Call to the Public: There were no requests to be heard. 19) Motion to adjourn at 8:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Dailey
Iosco Township Clerk
(8-31-25 FNV)



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VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Fowlerville Planning Commission will hold a **public hearing** on **Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 7:00 PM** in the **Village Council Chambers** at **213 S. Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, Michigan**.

The purpose of the hearing is to solicit public comments to consider two proposed amendments to the Village of Fowlerville Zoning Ordinance.

- Amendment to Ordinance No. 346, Sec. 612- Fences, walls, and screens.
- Amendment to Ordinance No. 345, Sec. 620- Supplementary dwelling regulations.

Comments can be submitted in writing prior to the Public Hearing to:

Kathryn Rajala-Gutzki, CMMC, MiPMC
213 S. Grand Ave.
Fowlerville, MI 48836
or
e-mail: krajala@fowlerville.org

(8-31-25 FNV)



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St. Agnes Parish holds Family Tri-Festa last Saturday & Sunday

St. Anges Catholic Parish held its annual Family Tri-Festa last Saturday and Sunday (August 23-24), with a variety of activities taking place.

Saturday afternoon events included kids games and craft making, while in the evening there was the Knights of Columbus fish fry, a pie contest and auction, a corn hole tournament, and live music by Kari Holmes.

Sunday afternoon was a combination of breakfast served at the Parish Hall, along with bingo, a raffle drawing for prizes, and an auction for everything from a bass fishing tour on Lake St. Clair to Luke Bryan concert tickets to a golf package to a Pope Leo XIV Fan Club Package. Kids outdoor games were offered in back of the Hall as well.

Selling the meal tickets at the front entrance of Lothamer Hall were Lynn Romain, left, and Maryann Przebienea.

Diana Peters, left, and Debbie Collins were selling raffle tickets.

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St. Agnes Parish holds Family Tri-Festa, continued



Kathi & John Backhuus were selling 50/50 tickets.



Enjoying the early afternoon activities at St. Agnes Church were, Randy & Kellie Cook with granddaughter Piper Rose.



Demonstrating the art of making a French omelet was Richard Turner.



Among those serving the breakfast were, from left, Roy Czopek, Shannon Marschall, Clara Marschall, and Matt Marschall.



Kendra Forster, left, and Rose Snyder were calling out the bingo numbers and posting them.



Getting ready to run the auction was Larry Sheridan.

Father Nate Sokol was preparing to draw the lucky tickets in the raffle drawing.



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3rd annual Red Cedar River Day being held at McCormick Park on Sept. 7th

The 3rd annual Red Cedar River Day will be Sunday Sept. 7; 10am - 4pm at McCormick Park in Williamston. This will be a day of appreciation of the Red Cedar River.

The day will feature Kayak/Canoe Sprint Races (register by 10:30am) and kayak rentals for a river paddle. Also on hand will be river-themed artists, education booths, and river oral history recording. The Michigan DNR will have a “fish plant” from the Fisheries Division, off the Putnam Street Bridge at noon. Guided History Walks offered at 1:30 and 3pm, featuring the riverfront, mill history, and park and garden history. Music will be performed by the ‘Cover Girls’ and ‘The Red Cedar River Boys’.



Kayaking on the Red Cedar River will be part of the planned activities at McCormick Park in Williamston.

FREE KAYAK giveaway at 3:50pm for any and all participants! Red Cedar River Day is a Williamston Rotary event. For more information, go to: redcedarriver.org.

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YOU RECEIVE EVERYTHING YOU WILL NEED
THROUGH KNOWING HIM AND
READING HIS WORD. REMEMBER THAT EVERY
ONE OF HIS PROMISES IS
FOR YOU. WHICH OF HIS PROMISES DO YOU
ESPECIALLY NEED
TO REMEMBER AND BELIEVE RIGHT NOW?
(2 PETER 1:3)

Laying hold of the promises of God through faith. The price, and process of progress is simple but not easy. It begins in our mind. We must develop a new way of thinking. Of deliberately spending time in God’s presence. Crying out to him for help must become a prayer.

WE MUST BE DETERMINED TO PRACTICE “RE-SPONDING” RATHER THAN “RE-ACTING.”

Satan wages war in the realm of our thoughts because he knows if he can control our thoughts, he controls us and our destinies. As we live out our lives and pursue our destinies, there will be times of fighting the good fight of faith, and if we win enough battles, we will win the war.

[BUT FIRST]: “WE DESTROY ARGUMENTS AND EVERY LOFTY [OR PROUD] OPINION RAISED AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF

GOD, AND [SECOND WE] TAKE EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE.” IT’S LIKE WHEN YOU MOVE IN A BATTLE:
YOU DESTROY THE FORTRESS, AND THEN YOU TAKE CAPTIVES. WE “TAKE EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE TO OBEY CHRIST.”
(2 CORINTHIANS 10:5 AMP)

Have you ever wondered why, at times, it seems as if the finished works of Jesus Christ are not manifesting themselves in our life at the level and degree to which we would like? It is critical that we understand the part that our faith plays in laying hold of what Grace has already made available to us.

The physical realm begins in the Spiritual realm, so to experience physical blessings you must first receive Spiritual Blessings. These Blessings are in Christ, and when Christ is in us, we realize that God has already placed what we need inside of us. Believing this strengthens our faith. This concept is simple but elusive if you are still trying to operate according to Self-Effort or are still trying to get God to do something for you.

GOD HAS ALREADY GIVEN US EVERYTHING WE NEED TO LIVE A VICTORIOUS LIFE.

The promises contained within the Bible are based upon the finished works of Jesus, not on our good works. We have everything pertaining to life and godliness through the knowledge of him who has called us.

Submitted by Deandra (Dora Ann Smith)

Ingham County Comments, continued

Earlier this week, we saw just how much our community cares. Over 100 residents attended the Human Services Committee meeting to speak out, share their stories, and show their support for finding the funding needed to continue these programs. Because of their voices, a motion to maintain proper funding for MSU Extension passed by a narrow 3–2 vote. That slim margin serves as a poignant reminder of just how close we are to losing something so essential to our community.

As your Commissioner, I believe in utilizing our tax dollars responsibly and prioritizing programs that directly impact all of Ingham County. With a \$115 million general fund budget, we should be able to provide appropriate funding to fully support MSU Extension and protect these services that benefit residents across every district.

This is why your involvement is more important than ever. The next step in this process is the Ingham County Finance Committee meeting on: Wednesday, September 10, 6:15PM at the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing.

There will be public comment opportunities before and after the meeting. For those unable to attend in person, you can watch and participate via Zoom at: <https://ingham.zoom.us/j/83587032242>.

If these programs have touched your life—or the lives of your family, friends, and neighbors—I encourage you to send a letter of support to the Ingham County Board of Commissioners Director, bbennett@ingham.org, mschafer@ingham.org, or directly to the Commissioner who represents your district. You can find your Commissioner’s name and contact information by visiting bc.ingham.org. Your stories and voices matter, and they truly make a difference in these decisions.

Thank you for trusting me to be your voice on this issue. I am honored to serve District 15 and will continue to advocate for financially responsible programs that make our community stronger, healthier, safer, and more connected.



Former local resident operating café in Upper Peninsula town of Houghton

If you’re heading to Michigan’s Upper Peninsula and your route takes you west to the Keweenaw Peninsula and the town of Houghton, check out the Prickly Pine Café at 524 Sheldon Avenue.

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The Howell Gun Club is proud to announce our Fourth Veterans on Target NRA Day event. We are proudly sponsoring this event to honor the men and women who are dedicated to the service of our country and the protection of our freedoms.

The event will be held on September 6th, 2025. This event is open to All Active & Former Military Service Members, Men, and Women. Limited to 50 veterans.

No personal firearms, Howell Gun Club will supply All Firearms and Ammo.

Itinerary:	Ranges
8:00 am - 9:00 am Shooter Registration 9:00 am – 9:30 am HGC Range Rules & Safety Instruction **Participants must attend Orientation** 9:30am-9:45am GROUP PHOTO 10:00 am Shooting begins on the Action Bays 12:00 pm - 1:30pm Lunch 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm back to the ranges for more shooting	Archery Steel Challenge IDPA Running Man Texas Star – Steel Pistol Caliber Carbine Shotgun Continental Breakfast Lunch Raffles

Registration Aug. 1, 2025	Register Online: Email -TBD
Free To Veterans	Howell Gun Club Location: 3210 Jewell Rd, Howell, MI 4884
	\$500 Value
	Secretary Barb Hamann, For Questions Contact-E-mail: VOT@howellgunclub.org

Registration Starts August 1, 2025

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U.S. Congress Report

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

Touts American Energy Dominance, One Big Beautiful Bill at Stockbridge Oil Storage Facility

Congressman Tom Barrett (MI-07) met this past Wednesday with workers and leaders in Michigan’s energy industry who voiced support for the One Big Beautiful Bill’s steps to spur domestic energy production, unleash American energy dominance, and provide reliable, affordable power for Michigan.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which Barrett helped



Congressman Tom Barrett is shown here at a roundtable discussion with domestic energy production leaders held last Wednesday in Stockbridge.

pass and was signed into law by President Donald Trump in July, boosts American energy production by authorizing new oil and gas leases and undoing red tape imposed during the Biden administration. The historic law removes subsidies and carveouts for special interests, providing a level playing field to allow companies producing oil, natural gas, wind, solar, nuclear, or other energy sources to compete, innovate, and provide more efficient, more affordable energy.

Barrett has long been a leading advocate for cutting unnecessary red tape to encourage all kinds of energy production and reduce energy costs for Michigan families. This year, he co-sponsored the Energy Choice Act to prevent state and local politicians from banning natural gas, hydrogen, and other fuels. He is also a co-sponsor of the Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act to ensure a fair, objective process for approving liquefied natural gas projects.

Barrett also toured Enbridge’s Stockbridge Terminal — an oil storage facility — after hosting a roundtable conversation with leaders from Enbridge, the American Petroleum Institute, and other energy organizations.

“Unleashing American energy will make paying the electric bill and filling up the gas tank more affordable for mid-Michigan families,” Barrett said. “That’s exactly what the One Big Beautiful Bill delivers by rolling back red tape and ending taxpayer-funded favors for special interests. We’re finally restoring American energy dominance and opening up the free market to encourage more competition, innovation, and energy production here at home. From lowering energy prices to eliminating tax on overtime for hard workers in the energy sector, the One Big Beautiful Bill is all about lowering costs for working families.”

Stockbridge Terminal has nine above-ground crude oil storage tanks, which store oil arriving via Line 78 from Griffith, Indiana, before transporting it out through Line 78 to Sarnia, Ontario, Line 17 to Toledo, Ohio, and Line 79 to Detroit. Enbridge employs 15 Michigan workers at the facility.

The Congressman and industry leaders discussed further policy proposals to build on the wins of the One Big Beautiful Bill, cut more red tape, and provide long-term certainty for the energy industry with long-overdue permitting reform.

“Permitting reform is a key pillar of achieving American energy dominance,” said Chris Zeigler of the American Petroleum Institute, who spoke at the roundtable. “Without efficient, predictable permitting processes, America can’t meet its growing energy needs. Advancing critical infrastructure projects like the Line 5 Great Lakes Tunnel, which is essential to meeting Michigan’s energy needs, bolsters U.S. energy security and reliability.”

Hartland Audubon Nature Club begins new program season Sept. 2

The Hartland Audubon Nature Club will open the 2025-2026 program season on Sept. 2nd, with Laurel Zoet, co-owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Green Oak Township, who will explain what makes finches special, such as social behaviors and adaptability to various environments.

If you have a bird feeder in Michigan, a charm (flock) of house finches and gold finches are frequent visitors. Finches are known for their vibrant colors, seed-based diet and gregarious behavior which makes them intriguing for birdwatchers. In Native American culture, a finch visit indicates happiness and joy. Laurel will help us identify fascinating finches that bring good tidings to our back yards.

Join us Tuesday, Sept. 2nd at 7 PM, at the Hartland Education Support Service Center, 9525 E. Highland Road, Howell. Use the west entrance and look for our sign in the hall. Meetings are free, open to the public and all ages and levels of expertise are welcomed. For more information go to www.hartlandaudubon.weebly.com or visit us on Facebook.

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