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Lots of activities during final three days at Fowlerville Family Fair

There were lots of activities during the final three days at the Fowlerville Family Fair—held July 27th thru August 1st. Nice weather had been the hallmark for most of the week, with good attendance for the Grandstand shows and on the midway. That held true for Thursday and Friday, with the latter day seeing a large number of fair-goers, but a light rain on Saturday evening resulted in a smaller turnout.

The Small Animal Market Livestock Auction on Thursday, the Large Animal Market Livestock Auction of Friday, and the Still Life Auction of Saturday highlighted the Youth Show schedule at the tailend of the fair.

The Tractor & Truck Pull on Thursday evening, the Lost Nations Rodeo on Friday night, and the SuperCross bike races on Saturday were held in front of the Grandstand.

A program honoring veterans, current military personnel, and first responders took place at the Bingo Gazebo on Saturday afternoon.

Attendees could also visit the vendors in the Commercial Barn, see demonstrations under the Grandstand along with the arts & crafts exhibits, check out the buildings in the Livingston Centre Historical Village, enjoy the Farm to Fair display in the livestock barn, and see all of the livestock that 4-Hers and other youth show participants brought to the fair.

More fair photos inside beginning on page 12.

Samuel Waggoner, age 14 of Webberville, brought these pair of cross-bred pigs to the fair. One weighed 262 lbs and the other 245 lbs. He is a member of the Keeping It Country 4-H Club and will be a ninth grader at Webberville High School. This was his third time at the fair. He also brought two turkeys and was selling both the birds and pigs in the Market Livestock Auctions.



Luci Stoffer of Gregory entered this 'Doll Organizer' in the Open Class arts & crafts exhibition and won a 'Best of Show' ribbon.



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Bryce Engle.

‘Music at the Park’ concert featured Fowlerville singer-musician Bryce Engle

The ‘Music at the Park’ concert, held last Tuesday (August 4) at the Centennial Park, featured Fowlerville singer-musician Bryce Engle. Bryce did covers of Jim Croce, Joni Mitchell, Billy Joel, and Bob Dylan as well as some lesser-known singers, but also a few of his own compositions that he wrote and also produced. Bryce is a Fowlerville High School graduate who recently finished his studies at Lansing Community College and will now be attending the business school at Michigan State University. His concert was sponsored by the Fowlerville Rotary Club.

The final concert of the series will be this Tuesday, August 11th featuring another young Fowlerville singer-musician, Blake James. Blake performs country western standards, along with some blue grass favorites. He’s been a regular performer at the ‘Music at the Park’ series and is a student at Ferris State University. The rain date is Thursday, August 13th. His concert is sponsored by the ‘Fowlerville News & Views.’

St. Agnes Parish hosting trip to Firekeepers Casino on Sept. 16th

St. Agnes Parish is hosting a trip to Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek on Wednesday, Sept, 16. We will be offering a full hot breakfast at 9:00am, at St. Agnes Church, 855 E Grand River Avenue, Fowlerville, in the Lothamer Parish Center (LPC) prior to departing at 10:00am.

The cost is \$60 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.

A Blue Lakes Charter Motorcoach will leave the St. Agnes Church parking lot at 10:00am. Anticipated arrival time back in Fowlerville is 5:30pm. To pre-register: contact Lisa at the parish office at 517-223-8684 or email at stagnesfowlerville@gmail.com. First come first served, and ALL are welcome to join us for a fun day out!

Fowlerville High School News

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES TO NOTE:

Aug 11	Senior parking 9-2
Aug 13	Open building and parking 9-2
Aug 14	Open building and parking 9-2
Aug 19	District open house 4:30-6:00
Aug 24	Student 1 st day back
Sept 3	Picture Day

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please visit the Fowlerville High School website for more information.

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Local VFW & American Legion members receive ceremonial checks from Rep. Woolford at fair presentation

Members of VFW Post 6464 in Fowlerville and American Legion Post 141 in Howell were on hand at the Fowlerville Family Fair on Thursday, July 30th where they were presented with ceremonial checks by State Rep. Jason Woolford, recognizing major investments in these two organizations.

American Legion Post 141 received a \$1 million appropriation in last year’s State of Michigan budget to support facility improvements that will help strengthen and expand the services it provides to veterans and the broader Livingston County community, including holiday soup

kitchens, weekly community dinners, and emergency meal assistance in times of need.

In addition, the state’s recently passed FY27 budget includes a \$300,000 appropriation for VFW Post 6464 to support critical infrastructure upgrades, including a new roof, parking lot reconstruction to improve safety and drainage, installation of shower facilities to enhance the post’s emergency shelter capabilities, and replacement of two furnaces that are more than 40 years old.

“Whether assisting veterans or serving residents in times of need, both posts have become pillars of Livingston County,” said Woolford in making the presentation. “These investments will help ensure they can continue their missions and remain valuable community resources for years to come.”

St. Agnes Catholic Church to offer series on ‘What are you searching for?’

Is it success in your chosen career, a higher income, more friends, better health, a loving spouse, or perhaps, just to be happy? Our Christian faith encourages us to understand that a strong faith life can lead to a lasting happiness that endures even when life is hard.

In our Catholic tradition we have a process that leads seekers on a journey to discover a loving God and a supportive faith community. It is called the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. We begin with another group in early September,

meeting every Wednesday evening.

If you would like to know more about this process or just have questions about Catholicism, please email Marie Sheridan at msheridanre@gmail.com or Deacon Bill Kenney at wkenney8@sbcglobal.net or call the parish office at 517-223-8684, ext 309.



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Department to hold ‘Ready, Set,
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Kids ages 0-6 are still developing awareness and decision-making skills. Learning how to care for their bodies, recognize unsafe situations, and make healthy choices builds confidence and reduces preventable injuries. When children understand these concepts early, they carry those skills with them into school and everyday life. “Early childhood is a time when lifelong habits begin to form, that’s why learning opportunities like this are so important,” said Courtney Rynkiewicz, Health Promotion Coordinator for LCHD.

Event Highlights

At the event, families can take advantage of free dental and vision screenings, both required for kindergarten entry. These services help identify potential concerns early, supporting children’s health and readiness for school.

The University of Michigan’s Pop-up Safety Town will also be on-site to offer hands-on injury-prevention education. This includes pedestrian safety, medication safety, and dog bite prevention. Safety Town will distribute free helmets (while supplies last) to help keep kids safe during biking and other wheeled activities.

A LETS bus will be on site for children to explore, giving them a chance to see the inside of a bus and learn about safe riding practices.

Finally, community partners will host a variety of interactive booths featuring resources on health, education, physical activity, and more. Families can also enjoy free snacks, children’s books, yard games, and other fun experiences throughout the event.

For more information, visit milivcounty.gov/health/personal-health/ready-set-school.

66th Annual Howell Melon Festival
returns to Downtown on August 13-16

The Howell Melon Festival turns 66 this year! This annual community tradition celebrates Howell’s agricultural roots with headline events like the Howell Melon Run, live music, and of course delicious Howell Melon Ice Cream. The event will be held August 13-16 in Downtown area.

Thursday, August 13th is the grand opening of this year’s Festival Tent! Join us on State St. in Downtown Howell for a night of FREE Pub Trivia (5:30pm-7:30pm) followed by Live Music by The Dimes (8pm-10pm). **Friday, August 14th** the festival kicks off with the annual Howell Melon Run 5K and 1 Mile runs. The Howell Rotary Club will be selling Melon Ice Cream on the Courthouse Lawn and we’ll have food trucks set up on Walnut St. Be sure to stick around for the concert at the courthouse from the Livingston Arts Council and drinks at the festival tent on State St.!

Saturday, August 15th the festival kicks into full gear. Grand River will be closed down for our annual vendor show and we’ll have live music all day long at the Bank of Ann Arbor Mainstage. Be sure to check out other events/activities like the Einstein Dog Training Show, kids activities, sim racing, the classic car show, and of course Melon Ice Cream (while supplies last).

Sunday, August 16th is our final day of the festival. Grand River will be closed down for our annual vendor show and the Howell Farmer’s Market! We’ll have Mimosas served at the festival tent starting at 10am while supplies last as well as a painting class from a local artist. Be sure to check out everything we have going on at the Kids Melon Patch on Sunday including the Dinosaur Show, Bubble Party, and Slotcar Racing!

You can view a full list of events and activities at this year’s festival along with times and locations at: www.howellmelonfestival.com/festival-events

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Webberville, MI 48892**

The Iosco Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday August 26th, 2026, to review a petition for a zoning variance for the following:

A petition has been filed by Lowell Rose, 6115 Deacon Hill, Howell, MI 48843, Property ID # 4709-13-200-020, for a variance of the Iosco Township Zoning Ordinance at the property referenced above that would allow for a reduction in the side yard setback from the required 20 feet to 16 feet for the construction of an accessory structure.

The Public has the right to appear before the Zoning Board to express their views and opinions on the request. Written comments should be sent to the Township at the mailing address above, Attention: Harold Browning, ZBA Chair.

Julie Dailey
Iosco Township Clerk
(8-9-26 FNV)



Funeral Rites and Traditions Series: Understanding Catholic Funeral Masses

By Aaron Franks, 'Aaron the Funeral Guy'

As a funeral director, one privilege of my profession is learning about the many different traditions, beliefs, and customs that families bring with them when saying goodbye to someone they love. Every culture and every faith tradition has its own way of honoring the deceased. These traditions are not just ceremonies. They are expressions of faith, love, respect, and the belief that a person's life has meaning beyond their final moments.

Because every faith tradition has its own meaningful way of honoring life and mourning loss, I am starting a new series called "Funeral Rites and Traditions." In this series, I will explore different religious and cultural funeral customs, explaining the meaning behind the rituals families may encounter and why these traditions are important to the people who practice them.

My goal is not to teach theology or tell anyone what they should believe. Rather, I want to help families better understand the traditions they may experience and provide insight into the meaning behind the services we help facilitate every day.

For the first article in this series, I want to begin with one of the most recognized funeral traditions in Christianity: **The Catholic Funeral Mass**. For many Catholics, the funeral is a sacred celebration centered around faith, the promise of resurrection, and the hope of eternal life.

The phrase **Mass of Christian Burial** emphasizes the Catholic belief that through baptism, a person becomes part of the Christian community. At death, that person is commended back to God and their earthly journey is completed. The phrase **Mass of the Resurrection** emphasizes the hope that death is not the end, but rather the promise of resurrection and eternal life through Jesus Christ. While these names may sound different, they refer to the same central celebration: a **Catholic Funeral Mass**. Each parish has their preference on the term used, which is why you will often see it listed differently among churches.

One of the most meaningful parts of a Catholic Funeral Mass begins before the casket ever enters the church. Once all the guests are seated, the priest meets the family at the casket outside the church. Before entering, the priest offers prayers with the family gathered around the casket. This moment allows the family to pause, reflect, and prepare themselves for the sacred service that is about to begin. After these prayers, the family pays their final respects, the casket is closed, and then the casket is brought into the church.

There is a very specific symbolism behind the way the casket enters. The deceased enters the church **feet first**. This tradition represents the person entering the church for the final time in the same way they lived their earthly life, following Christ. Because the person enters feet first, they also leave the church feet first. This is why you will often see the casket being rotated before the procession leaves the church. The funeral director is carefully turning the casket so the deceased exits feet first.

After entering the church, the casket traditionally stops at the baptismal font. The baptismal font holds great significance in the Catholic faith because baptism is the moment a person is welcomed into the Christian community. The priest will sprinkle the casket with holy water as a reminder of the person's baptism and their connection to Christ.

After the sprinkling with holy water, the casket is covered with a large white cloth called a **funeral pall**. The pall represents the baptismal garment that a person receives when they enter the Catholic faith. It symbolizes equality before God and reminds those gathered that the deceased person's identity is rooted in their baptism, not their accomplishments, possessions, or social status. The pall also serves as a reminder that the person who has died was a member of the Christian community.

After the pall is placed on the casket, the procession continues toward the altar. The person carrying a crucifix leads the procession. This individual is a member of the church or a liturgical minister. The crucifix is carried first because it represents Christ, whose death and resurrection are at the center of Catholic belief. It serves as a reminder that Christians believe death is not the final chapter.

Following the crucifix are the priest, the casket, and then the family. The procession stops once the casket reaches the large candle near the altar. This candle, often called the **Paschal candle**, represents the light of Christ and the hope of resurrection.

Another important part of many Catholic Funeral Masses is the use of incense. Near the conclusion of the Mass, the priest may walk around the casket and offer incense. The incense represents prayers rising to heaven. It is also a sign of respect and honor for the body, which Catholics believe was created by God and was the dwelling place of the person's soul during their earthly life.

For many years, the Catholic Church preferred burial and did not allow cremation except in certain circumstances. That changed in 1963 when the Catholic Church began allowing cremation, provided that the decision was not made as a rejection of Christian beliefs about the resurrection of the body.

Today, cremation is permitted within the Catholic Church. However, the Church does have specific guidelines regarding cremated remains. The Catholic Church teaches that cremated remains should be treated with the same dignity and respect as a traditional burial. The cremated remains should remain together in one appropriate container. They should not be divided among family members. They should not be scattered, turned into jewelry, keepsakes, or other memorial items.

The Church teaches that cremated remains should be placed in a sacred location, such as a cemetery burial plot, a columbarium, or a mausoleum niche. The reason behind this is that the Catholic Church believes the deceased remains part of the Christian community even after death. A permanent resting place provides a location for prayer, remembrance, and future generations to visit.

A Catholic Funeral Mass also includes many other meaningful traditions, including: scripture readings, the Liturgy of the word, the homily given by the priest, the presentation of gifts, the Eucharist, and final commendation prayers. Unlike some other funeral services, the focus of a Catholic Funeral Mass is not typically a long personal eulogy. Instead, the homily focuses on the life, faith, and hope found in Christ. Many families choose to have a visitation or gathering the night before the Funeral Mass, where memories and stories can be shared.

One of the things I appreciate most about Catholic Funeral Masses is the symbolism. Every element has meaning. The baptismal font. The holy water. The pall. The crucifix. The incense. The prayers. The procession. Nothing is done simply because it is tradition. Each part tells a story about faith, hope, and the belief that death is not the end.

As funeral directors, we have the privilege of helping families navigate these traditions during one of the most difficult moments of their lives. Understanding the meaning behind these rituals allows us to better serve families and honor their wishes. A large part of mortuary school is learning all of the different religions and funeral rites associated with each, so we can better serve families.

Whether a family chooses a Catholic Funeral Mass, another religious tradition, or a completely different way of honoring

their loved one, the goal remains the same: To remember a life. To support those who are grieving. And to say goodbye with dignity and love.

Next week, I will continue the **Funeral Rites and Traditions Series** by exploring **Jewish Funeral Traditions**, including the importance of burial, the timeline of Jewish funerals, the role of the Chevra Kadisha, and the traditions that guide families through mourning and remembrance.

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Date of Mortgage Recording: November 13, 2009

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Section 34, Town 3 North, Range 6 East, described as
follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said
Section 34; thence due North along the West line of
said Section, 820.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 29
minutes 55 seconds East, 334.61 feet to the point of be-
ginning of the parcel to be described; thence North 00
degrees 03 minutes 51 seconds West 1317.72 feet to the
centerline of Blaine Road; thence South 86 degrees 13
minutes 11 seconds East, along said centerline 424.96
feet; thence South 03 degrees 46 minutes 49 seconds
West 446.79 feet; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes
55 seconds West 36.94 feet; thence due South 847.32
feet; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 55 seconds
West, 356.18 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter
32 of the Revised 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 fore-
closure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the
property during the redemption period.

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ber on active duty, if your period of active duty has con-
cluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been or-
dered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the
party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number
stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: July 19, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE -
LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement.

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judi-
cature 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 Living-
ston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on Septem-
ber 02, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be
greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid
at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser
to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential
purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of
deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which
may charge a fee for this information.

MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Jason Gjura, a single man,
and Perparim Gjura, a married man

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

Date of mortgage: December 16, 2022

Recorded on December 19, 2022, in Document No.
2022R-031723,

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

Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Seven
Hundred Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Four and
57/100 Dollars (\$703,654.57)

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Livingston County, and
described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33,
Town 3 North, Range 5 East, Township of Oceola, Living-
ston County, Michigan, described as follows: Commenc-
ing at the Southwest corner of said Section 33; thence
along the West line of said Section and centerline of
Latson Road North 00 degrees 22 minutes 29 seconds
West, 404.45 feet to the point of beginning of the Parcel
to be described; thence continuing along said West line
and centerline North 00 degrees 22 minutes 26 seconds
West, 271.18 feet; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes
43 seconds East, 393.21 feet; thence South 68 degrees
16 minutes 53 seconds East, 51.13 feet; thence South
89 degrees 27 minutes 03 seconds East, 341.09 feet;
thence South 00 degrees 22 minutes 29 seconds East
384.57 feet; thence North 89 degrees 19 minutes 34
seconds West, 291.20 feet; thence North 03 degrees 12
minutes 21 seconds East, 66.00 feet; thence North 82
degrees 32 minutes 58 seconds West, 499.27 feet to the
point of beginning.

Commonly known as 100 N Latson Rd, Howell, MI 48843

The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of
such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in
which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the
date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b)
notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursu-
ant 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 mem-
ber on active duty, if your period of active duty has con-
cluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been or-
dered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the
party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number
stated in this notice.

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman P.C.

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Farmington Hills, MI 48335

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auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's
check at the place of holding the circuit court in Living-
ston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, August 26,
2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater
on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale
does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and
clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is
encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office
or a title insurance company, either of which may charge
a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain
mortgage made by Justin Hyatt-O'Shea and Tia Hy-
att-O'Shea husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic
Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as Nominee
for MB Financial Bank, N.A., its successors, and assigns,
Mortgagee, dated November 2, 2017, and recorded
on November 9, 2017, as Document Number: 2017R-
033070, Livingston County Records, said mortgage was
assigned to Fifth Third Bank, National Association, Suc-
cessor by Merger to MB Financial, N.A. by an Assign-
ment of Mortgage dated March 12, 2018 and recorded
March 12, 2018 by Document Number: 2018R-006137,
on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date
hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Six-
ty-One and 15/100 (\$111,061.15) including interest at the
rate of 6.37500% per annum. *

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

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

If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the
redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of
sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricul-
tural 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 per-
son who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure
sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property
during the redemption period.

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

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

Dated: July 19, 2026

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.

Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank, National Association,

Successor by Merger to MB Financial, N.A.

43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180,

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302,

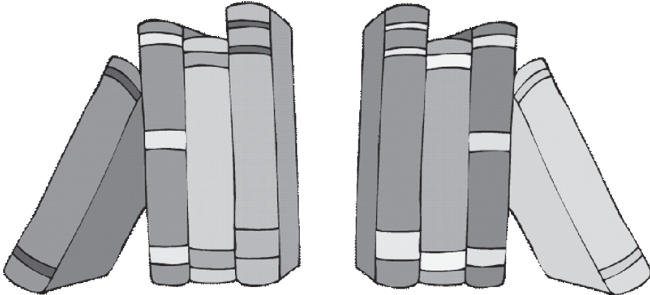
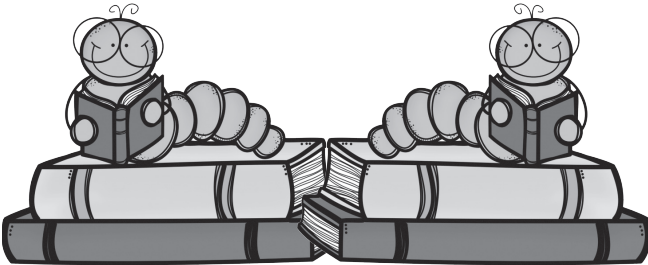
(248) 335-9200

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Case No. 26MI00203-2

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Michigan House Report

By State Rep.
Jason Woolford,
50th District

Keeping the American Dream Within Reach

For many Michigan families, buying a home has become more challenging than ever. Rising prices, limited inventory, and increased competition have made it harder for first-time homebuyers to find a place to call their own. One factor driving those challenges has been large corporations, hedge funds, and private equity firms purchasing single-family homes as investment properties. When billion-dollar investors compete against working families, it puts homeownership further out of reach for many Michiganders.

That’s why I was proud to support legislation that is now Michigan law which prohibits these massive corporate investors from buying up single-family homes in our state. This new law is about putting Michigan families first. Homes should be places where people build their lives, raise their children, and invest in their communities, not just another asset in an investment portfolio. Will this solve every challenge in Michigan’s housing market? No. But it is an important step toward making the housing market fairer for the people who actually want to live here and call Michigan home. Homeownership has long been one of the strongest ways families build financial security and put down roots in their communities. Michigan’s housing market should work for Michigan families, not investors with billions of dollars at their disposal. I’m proud to have supported this legislation because it puts families first. As lawmakers, our responsibility is to remove barriers wherever we can and make sure the American Dream of homeownership remains within reach for the next generation of Michiganders.

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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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ferras Twal, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Caliber Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 29, 2021 and recorded July 16, 2021 in Instrument Number 2021R-030391 and Loan Modification Agreement recorded on July 24, 2025, in Instrument Number 2025R-014337, Livingston County Records, Michigan, and Affidavit Affecting Realty recorded July 20, 2026 in Instrument Number 2026R-015714 Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Forty Thousand One Hundred Forty-Three and 90/100 Dollars (\$340,143.90).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Livingston County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on SEPTEMBER 2, 2026.

Said premises are located in the Township of Hartland, Livingston County Michigan, and are described as: Unit 70, HERITAGE MEADOWS OF HARTLAND CONDOMINIUM, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2430, pages 409 through 476, inclusive, and any amendments thereto, Livingston County Records and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 150, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above described Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. 11263 Matthew Ln, Hartland, Michigan 48353

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. FinCEN reporting will be required of all successful purchasers, absent a lawful exemption.

Dated: August 2, 2026
File No. 26-004986
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Charles Cole, a single man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns
Date of mortgage: October 18, 2021
Recorded on October 22, 2021, in Document No. 2021R-042981,
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC
Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Five and 57/100 Dollars (\$154,545.57)
Mortgaged premises: Situated in Livingston County, and described as: LOT 24 DUNHAM LAKE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 11, PAGES 22 AND 23 OF PLATS, LIVINGSTON COUNTY RECORDS.
Commonly known as 3072 N Tipsico Lake Rd, Hartland, MI 48353

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

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

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

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BY ADVERTISEMENT**

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Dana Hansen, A Single Woman
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Highlands Residential Mortgage, LTD., its successors and assigns
Foreclosing Assignee: Onity Mortgage Corporation F/K/A PHH Mortgage Corporation
Date of Mortgage: September 8, 2020
Date of Mortgage Recording: September 9, 2020
Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$177,781.32
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Village of Fowlerville, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11 and 12, Addison Heights Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 7 of Plats, page(s) 36, Livingston County Records. Commonly Known as: 130 Addison Dr., Fowlerville, MI 48836

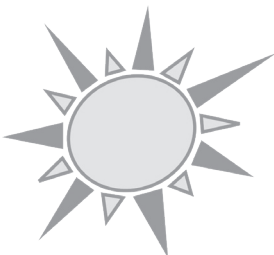
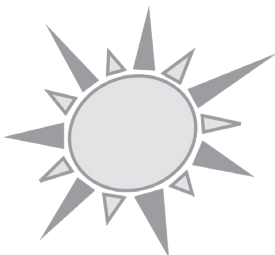
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Attention Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have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

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Date of notice: 07/19/2026
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248-853-4400
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An Enjoyable Fair, Delicious Luncheon and Entertainment & a Baseball Game
By Mark Thompson

The members of the Fowlerville Senior Center endeavor to be active in positive and fun ways. Last week we set a record being active and having fun and it was fabulous.

For the week the Fowlerville Senior Center had our very active totem pole carving exhibit where our participation expectations were vastly surpassed. The fun factor was off the charts, and we broke the smile-meter. Our finishing work includes printing the names of the 90-plus people who participated in this project on the backside of the totem pole, applying a water proof coating, permanently attaching the “Happiness Wing” to the totem pole and if the Fowlerville Family Fair accepts this totem pole gift, finding a permanent home at a place of their choosing. Now about next year...

The Fowlerville Senior Center had our monthly membership luncheon on Thursday where attendees dined on Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, bread and of course pie. nThis luncheon was sponsored by the Fowlerville Farms Restaurant and in partnership with Meals on Wheels and it was all delicious.

The Senior Center partnered with the Fowlerville Library to provide entertainment after the luncheon and members were regaled by the musical group ‘Ukulele Kings’. The ‘Ukulele Kings’ are an all-ukulele trio from Lansing made up of musicians Ben Hassenger, Pat Malloy, and Steve Szilagyi. They play a mix of upbeat originals and eclectic covers, and our members greatly enjoyed their performance. Thanks to Isabella Rowan, Director of the Fowlerville District Library, for partnering with the Center and helping to provide an exciting and fun experience.

On Sunday, senior center members will be traveling to Lansing to enjoy the Lansing Lug Nuts and Ohio’s Lake County Captains baseball game. Visiting Jackson Field is always fun, we have great seats and the Lug Nuts take very good care of our members. Senior center members pay \$40 which includes a game ticket, transportation and a meal at the stadium.

Free blood pressure checks by the Fowlerville Fire Department will be held on Monday, August 10 from 9:30A – 10:30A. This is open to anyone in our community.

Our Membership Community Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13 from 11A – 12P and our member Movie Day starting around 12P and ending when the movie does. Bring snacks and your drink and enjoy.

“Summer is a season of sunshine, smiles and new adventures – embrace every moment and make beautiful memories that last a lifetime.”



The almost complete totem pole and cleanup crew.

The Senior Center partnered with the Fowlerville Library to provide entertainment at the monthly meeting. The Ukulele Kings played a mix of upbeat originals and eclectic covers



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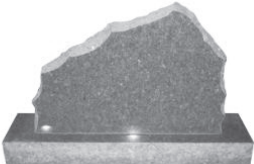


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Andrea Banfield.

Michigan Primary included two contested area races, plus five local ballot proposals

By Steve Horton

While the contested statewide and Congressional races gained most of the headlines and media attention during the recent Michigan Primary, there were two area races as well as five ballot proposals that were of interest to voters in Fowlerville and the rest of Livingston County.

Foremost was the Livingston County 44th Circuit Court judicial race that had five candidates seeking the seat. The two top vote-getters ended up being Andrea Banfield and Kristina Lyke. The two attorneys will now face off in the November General Election with the winner replacing Judge Suzanne Geddes.

Banfield, a Brighton area resident, received 11,769 votes, while Lyke, a Fowlerville resident, garnered 11,233 votes.

Finishing on the heels of Lyke was Howell attorney Mark Gatesman who had 11,212 votes—a difference of 21 ballots. The other two candidates in the non-partisan race were Christopher Candela with 7,772 votes and Mary Ellen Hayes with 3,488 votes.

Another contested race in this area of Livingston County was to fill a partial term for a trustee position on the Howell Township Board. In a three-way contest that was on the Republican Primary ballot, John Marhofer II won the nomination with 483 votes, outdistancing Laura Wilkinson who finished with 290 votes and Jeffrey Smith who had 179 votes.

All of the other races for partial terms on area township boards were uncontested, with all of the candidates running as Republicans.

The Democratic and Republican candidates running for the area state House and Senate seats were also uncontested on the Primary ballot, but the nominees for those elected



Kristina Lyke.

positions will now face each other in the November General Election.

As for the statewide races, Jocelyn Benson won the Democratic Party nomination for the Governor's office, easily beating Christopher Swanson. On the Republican side of the ballot, Congressman John James won the primary vote over businessman Perry Johnson.

The hot-disputed race for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by the retiring Gary Peters saw Abdul El-Sayed edge out Haley Stevens to gain the Democratic Party nomination. He'll face GOP standardbearer Mike Rogers who was unopposed on the ballot.

The race for the 7th Congressional House seat saw William Lawrence win the Democratic Party Primary with nearly 50 percent of the vote. The other two candidates vying for the nomination were Bridget Brink who finished second, just ahead of Matt Maasdam. Lawrence will now face Republican incumbent Tom Barrett who was unopposed for the GOP nomination. The 7th District includes Livingston and Ingham counties.

Area Ballot Proposals

There were several ballot proposals that area voters decided on, with most of them being millage renewal requests. The five proposals of local interest were all approved.

The Livingston County Veterans Services Program renewal was passed by a margin of 39,656 to 15,893.

The Fowlerville Community School District request to renew its 19 non-homestead millage levy saw 2,180 'yes' votes to 1,577 'no' votes.

The Village of Fowlerville Mosquito Control Program millage proposal was OKed

by a 388-to-114 margin.

The Cohoctah Township Road Millage Proposal was approved with 611 'yes' votes to 316 'no' votes.

The Howell Township Road Millage Renewal Proposal was passed with 1,314 'yes' votes to 668 'no' votes.

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The Fork in the Road

By Jace Arledge

The climate of the world feels so toxic these days. Don’t get me wrong, the world has always had its share of problems, but over the last ten to twenty years, it feels like things have become especially hard to watch. I worry about the future my children and grandchildren are growing up in.

Social media has made life more challenging in ways I don’t think we fully understand yet. Everywhere you look, there are videos capturing behavior that is just plain awful—atrocities committed by people we thought we knew, people we trusted, or people we believed would know better. Drones, hidden cameras, ring doorbells, and cell phone cameras have created a new kind of fear in society. There is almost always someone watching, recording, posting, or waiting for a moment to go viral.

There was a time when someone could get angry, say a few choice words, cool down, and move on. Now, too often, it doesn’t stop at words. Someone pulls out a phone, starts recording, and sometimes even eggs the person on. And let’s be honest, that can push even the calmest person past their limit. What can start as an argument can end with someone hurt, or tragically, with someone losing their life.

For what?
Let’s break it down. So much of what I see people fighting over comes down to opinions. You don’t like someone. You don’t like how they live, how they identify, how they love, how they worship, where they worship, the music they listen to, how they raise their children—the list just keeps going.

My opinion is this: if someone is hurting another person,

then yes, we are required to speak up. It is the right thing to do. But if what someone is doing is not affecting another person’s well-being, livelihood, health, safety, or peace, then I have to ask—why does it bother us so much? We are not required to like everything happening around us, but we also are not required to dictate how someone else lives their life unless they are hurting others or themselves. Otherwise, it is simply not our business.

And that is where the title of my piece comes from this week: *The Fork in the Road*. What path do we take when we are faced with something we don’t agree with? Do we talk it over with our spouse or a trusted friend just to get it out and process it? Or do we take it to a public meeting because a neighbor’s kids played in a mud puddle and got mud on the sidewalk, and somehow that makes the whole community look bad?

Do we write letters to the newspaper because we don’t like that a parent allows their child to read certain books or wear certain clothes? Do we take to Facebook, Instagram, or TikTok and post videos of things we don’t like just to stir up a whirlwind over something that, in the bigger picture, may not really matter?

And now, with the growing use of AI, it has become even harder for many people to tell what is real and what is not. People see something posted and believe it without stopping to question it. So what is the answer? How do we keep our sanity? How do we continue to love the way we were commanded to love?

I think part of the struggle is that many people have a hard time believing in a God they cannot see because too many

who claim to follow Him do not always walk the walk. If I tell you I am going to do something and then I don’t do it, how likely are you to trust me the next time? Probably not very.

I constantly hear people ask, “If there is a God, why is there war? Why do children get cancer?” and so many other heartbreaking questions. Honestly, I get it. I really do. But that is where faith comes in, especially when we reach the crossroads—the fork in the road. It is the choice to move one way when the rest of the world tells you to go the other. And that, my friends, may be one of the hardest things we are ever asked to do.

So maybe the question we should quietly carry with us is this: when we stand at our own fork in the road, will we ask God to help us see people with more grace, offer our hands where healing is needed most, and choose the harder path of love—not just for today, but for our children, our communities, and the future we are helping shape?

Til then
Stay kind and love unconditionally.

Fowlerville student named to 2025-26 MIAA Academic Honor Roll

Fowlerville student scholar athlete Marleigh Chapman was included in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) Academic Honor Roll for the 2025-26 year. Chapman is a member of Albion’s women’s soccer team and is receiving this honor for the first time.

The MIAA Academic Honor Roll recognizes student-athletes who maintain a 3.5 grade-point average for the academic year while earning a varsity letter in an MIAA-sponsored sport.

Chapman is majoring in psychology with a minor in kinesiology-exercise science with a concentration in neuroscience and is a member of the Lisa and James Wilson Institute for Medicine. Chapman is a resident of Fowlerville and is a graduate of Howell High School.

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Frank Sample, a Livingston County commissioner, passed way this past week.

Livingston County saddened by the passing of Commissioner Frank Sample

Livingston County is deeply saddened by the passing of Commissioner Frank Sample. In a press release announcing his death, officials noted that Commissioner Sample has been a member of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners since 2023, where he represented District 3 and served the residents of the County with honor and distinction. District 3 includes Handy Township south of I-96, Iosco Township, and Unadilla Township as well as the Pinckney area.

As a public servant, Commissioner Sample was an outstanding model of civility and dedication. He was continuously eager to provide leadership when called upon for various high impact projects that substantially benefited the entire community. By way of just one example,

Commissioner Sample played a monumentally pivotal role in helping lead the expansion of Livingston County’s EMS stations, particularly in the rural areas of the County, including the new Putnam EMS station. Serving as Chairman of the Personnel Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Courts, Public Safety & Infrastructure Development Committee, Commissioner Sample placed emphasis upon and was highly committed to supporting first responders, public safety, and the County’s veterans.

“Commissioner Frank Sample was an exceptional individual devoted to making Livingston County one of the greatest counties in Michigan,” said Livingston County Chairman Nick Fiani. “As a humble and loyal member of the community, he was the personification of public service. Without hesitation, Commissioner Sample was always willing to help in any capacity he could, and his invaluable contributions will be long remembered.”

County Administrator Nathan Burd also remembers Commissioner Sample as, “always kind and gracious in his interactions with county staff members and we knew he truly cared for the people who work for Livingston County. He carefully researched county matters and provided the kind of calm and steady leadership that every organization needs. He will be fondly remembered by all who have had the pleasure of working with him.”

Frank Sample was a leader whose modesty defined his character. For the last four years, Commissioner Sample dedicated himself to Livingston County’s employees and his constituents, working hard to make our community a wonderful place to call home. His thoughtful guidance and devotion to our county will be missed. During this difficult time, our thoughts and prayers are with Commissioner Sample’s family.



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Fowlerville Family Fair photos, continued



Mitch Keesler, an estimator with Weather Vane Roofing, manned the company booth in the Commercial Barn.



Todd LaMothe, owner of TL Seamless Gutters, a Fowlerville-based business, had a booth at the fair.



Luci Stoffer of Gregory was under the Grandstand Friday evening, offering a demonstration on crochet and knitting to interested fair-goers. Among those learning a few techniques was Mackenzie Horton.



Checking out the sheep were Erica (Steyskal) Bilicki and her 12-year-old daughter Everly. They reside in Raleigh, North Carolina where Erica works as a social influencer in the travel industry, focusing on both Michigan and North Carolina. She is a 1996 Fowlerville High School graduate and was back home to attend her class's 30th reunion. While here she visited the fair.



Carter Evanoff, age 9 of Fowlerville, shows his boer goat that he brought to the fair and planned to sell at the Market Auction. He also had a pen of chickens that won Grand Champion and sold for \$150 per pound, along with another pen of chickens. He is a member of the Barnyard Bunch 4-H Club and this was his second year of showing at the fair. He will be a fourth grader at Kreeger Elementary.



Addilyn Johnson, age 11 of Dansville, brought this market lamb to the fair. It weighed 110 lbs. She won second in the market class and fifth in showmanship. She also entered a Still Life project. She is a member of the Barnyard Bunch 4-H Club and will be a sixth grader and is home schooled.



Ruby Krebs, age 14 of Fowlerville, brought her feeder calf to the fair, along with a beef steer. She is a member of the Livingston Legacy 4-H Club and this was her eighth year of showing at the fair. She also brought a Still Life project. She will be a ninth grader at Fowlerville High School.



Nora Gilroy, age 6 of Fowlerville, was showing for the first time at the fair. She sold this jar of maple syrup at the Still Life Auction for \$650. She is a member of the Fuzzy Critters 4-H Club and will be a first grader at Fowlerville Elementary.



Madelyn Champagne, age 9 of Webberville, brought this show chicken to the fair, along with meat chickens and a goat. She is a member of the Little Barn 4-H Club and this was her second year of showing at the fair. She will be a fourth grader at Kreeger Elementary.



Tucker Budd, age 12 of Fowlerville, earned \$535 for this project he brought to the fair and then sold at the Still Life Auction. He also brought a boer goat and two pens of meat chickens. This is his fourth year of showing at the fair. He is homeschooled and is an eighth grader.



Jack Blair, age 10 of Fowlerville, sold this wooden bench at the Still Life Auction for \$625. He also brought two pens of meat chickens. He is a member of the Barnyard Bunch 4-H Club and this was his first year of showing at the fair. He is a fifth grader at Kreeger Elementary.

Fowlerville Family Fair photos, continued



Brooke Krueger was enjoying her final year of showing at the fair. She sold this strawberry-rubarb pie for \$425 and also brought a pen of chickens that she also sold at auction. Brooke attends Western Michigan University and is studying speech, language, and hearing sciences.



Declan Carroll, age 7 of Brighton, sold this birdfeeder for \$150 at the Still Life Auction. He is a member of the Canter-lopers 4-H Club and this was his second year of showing at the fair. He is a second grader at Horning Elementary.



Iseley Budd, age 10 of Fowlerville, sold this halter rack for \$300 at the Still Life Auction and also brought a pen of chickens. She is a fifth grader and is homeschooled.



Kilee Provencal, age 18 of Howell, sold this raised garden planter for \$450 at the Still Life Auction. She also brought a horse and a pen of meat chickens. She is a member of the Belt & Buckles 4-H Club and this was her first year of showing at the fair. She is a 2026 graduate of Howell High School and will be attending Washtenaw Community College, studying general science and math.



Serving as guides at the Kirkland House in the Livingston Centre Historical Village were, from left, Erin Voyles and Janie Willmsore.



These members of the Livingston Centre Historical Society were at the Coughrin School on Saturday, greeting visitors. From left were Rebecca Randolph, Rick Kastner, and Emily Brown.



Sherry McVay of Williamston and formerly of Fowlerville was demonstrating the art of Sashikostich—which translates to 'Little Stitch'—on Saturday afternoon under the Grandstand. This was one of several demonstrations and special events held throughout the fair week as part of the Open Class arts & crafts exhibition. This style of stitching is used to mend tears in clothing as well as for decorative purposes.



Veterans, current military personnel, and first responders were recognized at a special program held Saturday afternoon at the fair. These members of the Fowlerville Fire Department were in attendance. From left were Luke Lardie, Scott Hale, John Spisz, Chris Latson, Nathan Dixon, Tyler Small, Chris Joseph, Tammy Lemieux, Mike Lemieux, Josh Pionteck, Sean Donohoe, and Bob Feig.

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Fowlerville Family Fair photos, continued



Miles Vohwinkle, age 15, sang the National Anthem at the start of the program held at the Bingo Gazebo. He is a 10th grader at Hartland High School and a member of the school's drama club. In his spare time he enjoys singing and dancing.

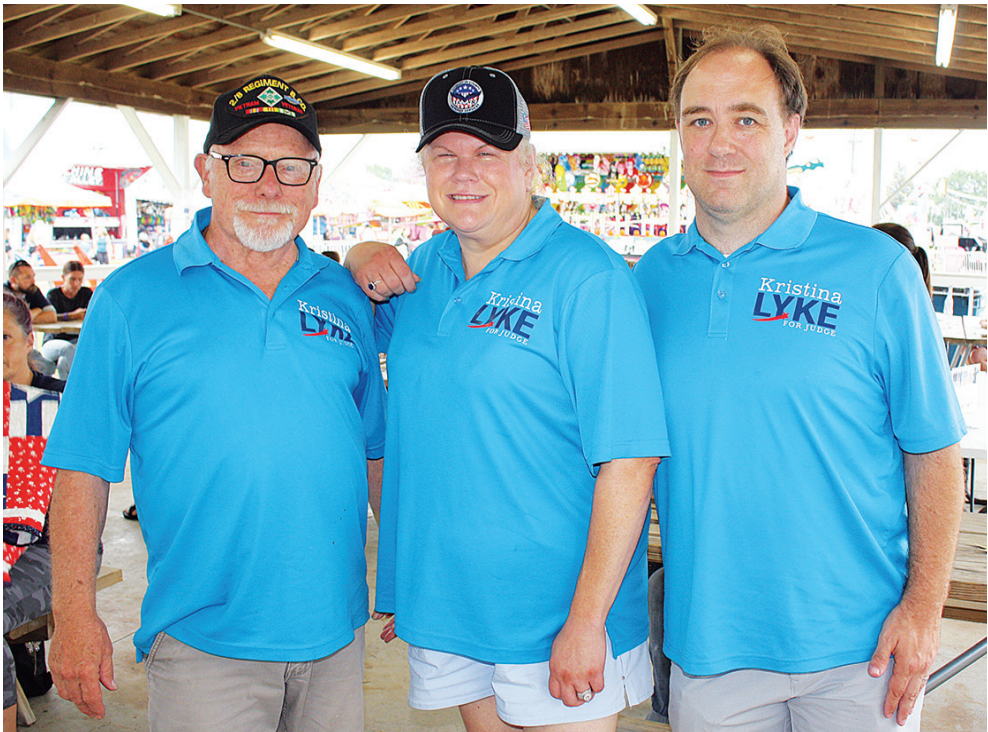


Among the veterans attending the program were Bobby Brite, left, and Big Frye—members of Howell American Legion Post 141.



Coordinating the special program for veterans, current military personnel, and first responders were Jill Thomas, left, and Michelle Spisz.

From left were Dave Roddy, Kristina Lyke and Dan Wholihan who attended the special program honoring veterans, current military personnel, and first responders. Dave served in the U.S. Army 1969-1970, including a tour in Vietnam. Kristina, who is a candidate for the Livingston County 44th Circuit Court judgeship, noted that she had two brothers who were in the service.



Caleb and Tom Christensen of Laingsburg attended the program at the Bingo Gazebo. Tom served in the U.S. Marines Corps and the National Guard and was stationed in Iraq in 2003.



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Cole Michael Tomlin

It is with deepest sorrow that his loved ones announce that Cole Michael Tomlin journeyed beyond the veil on August 2nd, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of laughter, love, and legendary mischief.

Cole was born in Fowlerville, Michigan to Marvin Tomlin Jr. and Nicole Tomlin on June 3, 2000 and most recently resided in Wixom, MI. Cole is survived by his parents, Nicole Tomlin and Marvin (Stacy) Tomlin Jr.; his siblings Garrett (Morgan) Tomlin, Megan (Brent) Morris, and stepsister Raven Hodgins; his siblings, Cora and Frederick Morris; his grandmother, Susan Rich; along with many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He also leaves behind his beloved feline, Beatrice. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Jean and Marvin Tomlin Sr. and Alan Rich.

During the early years of Cole’s family campaign, he was in cub scouts and was a member of the County Line Rebels 4-H Club, showing animals and creative projects at the Fowlerville Fair-- his greatest accomplishments being Grand Champion Beef Steer in 2013 and Best Still Exhibit in 2014 with his tractor-part scarecrow. He attended Fowlerville Schools, graduating in 2018. Throughout his school years, Cole acted in several productions put on by the high school theater including “You Can’t Take it With You”, “Radium Girls”, and “39 Steps.” Like your typical bard, he also loved music throughout his life: playing trombone and tuba in the school band and finding joy in listening to the radio, top hits as well as off-the-wall indie artists.

Cole was most recently employed by Pirtek USA in Wixom, MI and in his downtime enjoyed playing disc golf or online games with his friends--caring more about sharing laughter than whatever the score was. Dungeons and Dragons was a great love of his, creating and running epic campaigns as Dungeonmaster or playing a hobbit bard in the adventuring party. Cole also loved to tinker and craft, creating silly computer art to make him and his friends laugh--in 2025 he created a piece of art every single day.

Everything about Cole was big: his heart, his mind, his laugh, his love, his hugs, (and his shoes)... His personality was larger than life and he played the comedic bard wherever he was--making good-natured jabs both with words and his finger in your ribs. He leaves an even bigger hole in his loved ones lives but we know his great big belly laughs resonate across the realms.

A celebration of Cole’s life will take place on August 23rd from 2-5pm (open house style) at Aberrant Ales, 219 W. Grand River Ave, Howell, MI. We invite fellow adventurers, family, and friends to share stories and treasured memories as we honor a life well played.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to your local animal shelter, nature center, or to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in his honor. You may also share the suicide hotline: 988 for calls and 741-741 for text.



Merna Mackenzie

Merna Mackenzie, age 91, of Portage, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 30, 2026, at Heritage House in Portage.

Merna was born on October 15, 1934, to Harry and Omadell Wagner. She grew up in Fowlerville, Michigan, where she graduated from Fowlerville High School.

On August 22, 1958, she married the love of her life, Virgil Mackenzie, in Fowlerville, Michigan. Throughout her working years, Merna was employed as a jeweler’s assistant and later worked as a school cook, where she enjoyed serving others.

Merna found joy in the simple pleasures of life. She loved tending to her garden, spending time reading, taking trips with her sisters, and doting on her beloved little dog, Ernie.

She is survived by her daughter Debra Mackenzie and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Virgil; siblings Lorene Morgan, Phillis Lillard, James Wagner, Joan Steel, Patricia Bowers, John Wagner, Wanda Rathbun and Carolyn Young.

A special thank you to the staff at Heritage House in Portage for their compassionate care of Merna, Portage EMS, and Grasse Funeral Service. Memorials may be sent to the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society in honor of Merna.

A Celebration of Life was held Wednesday, August 5, 2026 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at Grasse Funeral Home in Pardeeville. Online condolences may be made at www.grassefs.com. Grasse Funeral Service in Pardeeville is serving the family.



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Williamston Farm & Artisan Market celebrates zucchini, hosts Nature Discovery special exhibit this Aug. 9th

The Williamston Farm & Artisan Market continues this Sunday, August 9th, in the large parking lot of McCormick Park, 123 High Street in Williamston, from 10am to 2pm, rain or shine. This week's Market celebrates *Zucchini* and *Nature Discovery* is back with their monthly special exhibit: *Michigan Snakes!*

The Market will have over 25 vendors, and the bounty of the harvest from farmers and gardeners is what we've been waiting for all these months: fresh, locally grown zucchini! sweet corn, tomatoes, blueberries, cherries, peaches, squash, peppers, cucumbers, all kinds of leafy greens like kale, cabbage, lettuce and spinach, garlic, beans, microgreens and onions, along with a wide variety of home made/ grown/ raised items including your favorite meats (poultry, ham, bacon, jerky, lamb, beef, brats), eggs, cheese, baked goods, cookies, freshly popped kettle corn, fresh squeezed lemonade, hot and iced coffee and teas in many flavors, dog treats, canned goods, dolls and doll clothes, artisan crafted items of paper, ceramic, glass, acrylic, fabric, candles, knife sharpening, gorgeous cut flowers, and so much more.

The Market is grateful to its *Silver Level Annual Market Sponsors*, *KP Dentistry* and *Little Leap Learning Center*, both based in Williamston.

In the *Pollination Station* this week, stop by and meet representatives of the local non-profit community service organization, *Oliver's Stones*. This group's purpose is to provide headstones at no cost to families who have lost a loved one too soon. Find out how you can support their mission.

Jim and Carol McGrath, owners of Williamston's own Nature Discovery returns with their monthly exhibit, *Michigan Snakes!* Visitors to their booth will learn about the importance of snakes in a healthy ecosystem. Find out more about the work done by these local nature and wildlife educators by visiting their website (NatureDiscovery.net) which also has their latest monthly newsletter: Wild Times newsletter July-2026.

While shopping at the Market this week, enjoy the ambience of live *mellow Market music*, starting in the morning with local jazz / pop songwriter, singer, multi-instrumentalist Alan Hsiao who brings his original songs, mixes and some cover tunes too. Beginning at noon, enjoy Diya & Carter, new performers at the Market, who rescheduled after getting rained out last month. They happen to be members of the School of Rock E Lansing House Band which represents the School at various local events. You'll hear a variety of tunes from this duo, ranging from numbers by Olivia Rodrigo to The Goo Goo Dolls. Carter's guitar will accompany Diya's vocals. Listen to Carter's music on instagram: Carter.S.Music Continuing this Sunday, the POP CLUB for kids is back. The Power of Produce (POP) Club is designed for kids ages 4-12 and they meet at the Market in the *Seedlings and Sprouts* booth for the 2nd of four Sundays in August (9th, 16th, 23rd). In the brief 10-15 minute session, they will learn about fruits and vegetables in general, enjoy a food sample made with the produce of the week, and receive \$2 in POP Club tokens to spend on produce at the Market! Sign up is onsite and is *free*.

This week the *POP Club* will feature tomatoes, and the food sample will be *pico de gallo* with nacho chips.

Visitors of any age are encouraged to stop by the interactive art *Creation Station* booth, hosted by local artist volunteer, Scott VanAllsburg, to channel their inner artist and create a Market Masterpiece with chalk on paper canvas to take home.

The Market accepts *Bridge cards* and provides double-up food bucks, so the buying power of shoppers using their EBT

card is doubled when purchasing fruits and veggies.

Next week, on Sunday, August 16, the Market celebrates *Honey Bee Day!!*

Also next week, enjoy live *mellow Market music* while you shop, starting in the morning with Diya & Carter, with an encore performance (they also played last week), with Carter and his guitar accompanying Diya's vocals. Listen to Carter's music on instagram: Carter.S.Music. Then in the afternoon, longtime Market musician DJ Clarinet is back with his instrumental versions of familiar tunes.

Continuing next week the POP CLUB for kids: Power of Produce (POP) meets in the kids *Seedlings and Sprouts* booth for week 3 of 4 Sundays in August (and August 23). Next week's POP Club *produce of the week* will be seasonal vegetables and the food sample will be a *veggie kabob*. Each enrolled child receives \$2 in POP Club tokens to spend on produce at the Market! Sign up is onsite and is *free*.

Visitors of any age are encouraged to stop by the interactive art *Creation Station* booth each week, hosted by local artist volunteer, Scott VanAllsburg, to channel their inner artist and create a Market Masterpiece with chalk on paper canvas to take home.

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

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

**Michigan DNR Fishing Tips—
Bluegills move to deeper water after spawning**

After spawning, bluegills will move to deeper water for the rest of the summer, and larger bluegills can be hard to locate. They can be found living near the top of the thermocline (the layer of water between the deep and surface water), where water temperatures approach 69 degrees. Depending on the lake, this depth usually will be somewhere between 12 and 18 feet.

To locate this depth, either use a lake thermometer, available at most larger tackle stores, or contact the nearest DNR office. If the lake has a public access site, fisheries biologists will have surveyed it and will have a temperature-oxygen profile of the lake. This chart will identify the depth with a temperature near 69 degrees.

Try fishing at this depth, where the 69-degree temperature is close to the bottom – usually at the deep edge of weed beds. Use light line (4-pound test or less) tipped with a white ice-fishing teardrop jig baited with a wax worm. Some anglers use slip bobbers, while others fish European-style with very long fiberglass poles. Early morning and dusk are most productive.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the Livingston County Courthouse (place of holding the circuit court) in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2026. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If the property described in this Notice is sold at the foreclosure sale referred to above, the mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the Mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period as provided by MCL 600.3278 or otherwise by law.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of the sale unless the property is determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.

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Dated: July 12, 2026

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on August 26, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

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

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: October 23, 2018

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 25, 2018

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

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

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

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: July 26, 2026

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Fowlerville Fire Department Report

July 30
7:24 p.m.--Medical response on Hogback Rd in Handy Township.
7:29 p.m.--Personal injury accident on Cemetery Rd in Handy Township.
July 31
2:41 p.m.--Medical response on Heatherwood Trl in Conway Township.
3:36 p.m.--Structure fire on Crofoot Rd in Iosco Township.
6:23 p.m.--Medical response on Robb Rd in Conway Township.
August 1
5:15 a.m.--Medical response on N Ann St in the Village.
10:59 a.m.--Personal injury accident on W Grand River in Handy Township.

1:13 p.m.--Medical response on Renee Ct in Handy Township.
9:29 p.m.--Medical response on Nicholson Rd in Handy Township.
August 2
4:33 p.m.--Tree down on Bell Oak Rd in Conway Township.
August 3
2:28 p.m.--Medical response on Ruger Ridge in Conway Township.
2:49 p.m.--Medical response on Nicholson Rd in Handy Township.
5:21 p.m.--Medical response on N Ann St in the Village.
5:26 p.m.--Medical response on Red Pine St in the Village.
August 4
3:16 a.m.--Medical response on Coon Lake Rd in Iosco Township.
10:49 a.m.--Medical response on N Ann St in the Village.

12:49 p.m.--Medical response on W Allen Rd in Handy Township.
9:36 p.m.--Medical response on Mackinaw Trl in Handy Township.
10:41 p.m.--Controlled burn on Iosco Rd in Iosco Township.
August 5
12:27 a.m.--Medical response on Cedar River Dr in the Village.
4:35 a.m.--Medical response on Heidi Jane Ln in Handy Township.
1:40 p.m.--Medical response on Hogback Rd in Handy Township.
3:09 p.m.--Medical response on Cedar River Dr in the Village.
5:16 p.m.--Medical response on Little Rascal Dr in Handy Township.
10:00 p.m.--Medical response on N Ann St in the Village.

LEGAL NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICE (Livingston County)
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 (at the main entrance of the Judicial Center, 204 S. Highlander Way in the City of Howell, Livingston County, Michigan), starting promptly at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Wednesday, August 26, 2026.
Default has been made in the terms and conditions of the mortgage made by Alan D. Pettit, an unmarried man and Janet M. Pettit, an unmarried woman, as original mortgagors, to 1st National Bank in Howell, as original mortgagee, dated December 15, 2004, and recorded on March 30, 2005, at the Livingston County, Michigan Register of Deeds, in Liber 4752, commencing on Page 337, which mortgage is now held by Bank of Ann Arbor, successor in interest by merger to 1st National Bank in Howell.
The amount claimed to be due on this mortgage, on the date of this notice, was \$39,530.30.
The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
The description of the mortgaged premises is all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Genoa, in the County of Livingston and State of Michigan further described as follows: Lot(s) 113, Red Oaks of Chemung No. 4, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 14 of Plats, Page(s) 41 and 42, Livingston County Records.
Commonly known as: 5662 Chippewa Dr., Howell, MI
The redemption period shall be Twelve (12) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale or when the time to provide the notice required by MCLA 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later or unless the redemption period is shortened in accordance with MCLA 600.3238. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA 600.3278, the borrower and mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention Homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Attention Purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.
Shaheen, Jacobs & Ross, P.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect this debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Dated: July 17, 2026
Bank of Ann Arbor Mortgagee
SHAHEEN, JACOBS & ROSS, P.C.
By: Eric J. Carmichael, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee
615 Griswold St., Suite 1425
Detroit, Michigan 48226-3993
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised 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, Michigan starting promptly at 10:00 a.m. on September 2, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Mortgage (the "Mortgage") made by Matthew Allen Crawford aka Matthew Crawford and Rachel Crawford, husband and wife, joint tenants of 3546 Habitat Trl., Pinckney, MI 48169 (Borrower), Destruction Depot, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company (Borrower) as Mortgagor, to Metro Community Development, Inc., a Michigan Non-profit Corporation, dated April 6, 2023, and recorded on April 26, 2023, in Instrument No. 2023R-007586, Livingston County Records, Livingston County, Michigan.
The balance owing on the Mortgage is \$635,517.54 at the time of this Notice. The Mortgage contains a power of sale and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part of the Mortgage. The Mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt secured by the Mortgage as stated above, plus interest on the amount due at the rate of 9.00% per annum; all legal costs and expenses, including attorney's fees allowed by law; and also any amount paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.
The property to be sold at foreclosure is all of that real estate situated in the Township of Hamburg, County of Livingston, State of Michigan described more fully as: Unit 23, Hidden Valley Estates, a condominium, (formerly known as Robin Egg Estates) according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2055, Pages 355 through 413, Livingston County Records, and amended in Liber 2464, Page 262, and amended by First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 2483, Pages 311, 312, and 313, Livingston County Records, designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 89, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.
Tax ID Number: 4715-29-205-023
Commonly Known as: 3546 Habitat Trl., Pinckney, MI 48169
The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale pursuant to MCLA 600.3240(8). Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Dated: July 8, 2026
METRO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, INC.
Mortgagee
Plunkett Cooney
Lisa A. Hall
Attorney for Mortgagee
333 Bridge Street NW, Suite 530
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504
(616) 752-4615

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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on AUGUST 26, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael Kiker, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 21, 2023 and recorded November 27, 2023 in Instrument Number 2023R-021602 Livingston County Records, Michigan, and Affidavit Affecting Realty recorded July 20, 2026 in Instrument Number 2026R-015712 Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Four and 71/100 Dollars (\$298,674.71).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Livingston County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on AUGUST 26, 2026.
Said premises are located in the Township of Fowlerville, Livingston County Michigan, and are described as:
PARCEL 1: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 4 North, Range 3 East, Conway Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 3, Town 4 North, Range 3 East, thence North 89 degrees 40' 38" West 480.26 feet along the South line of said Section and the centerline of Horn Road for a place of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 40' 38" West 179.18 feet; thence North 01 degrees 45' 41" West 668.32 feet along the West line of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section; thence South 89 degrees 42' 57" East 181.42 feet; thence South 01 degrees 34' 09" East 666.37 feet (previously recorded as 668.37 feet) to the place of beginning.
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The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
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Dated: July 26, 2026
File No. 26-006597
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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Decedent’s Estate
CASE NO. and JUDGE
26-24253-DE
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Estate of Vaughn P. Bennett
Date of Birth: 9/27/1950

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Vaughn P. Bennett, died 11/11/2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Teresa Jones, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 204 S Highlander Way #2, Howell, MI 48843 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: August 4, 2026

Attorney:
David M. Radner P38509
31313 Northwestern Hwy., #224
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
248-932-9300

Personal Representative:
Teresa Jones
166 Fellspoint Rd.
Mooresville, NC 28115
810-287-9019

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
LIVINGSTON COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent’s Estate
CASE NO. and JUDGE
2026-024168-DE
Judge Miriam A. Cavanaugh
Court address and telephone no.
204 S Highlander Way # 2, Howell, MI 48843
(517) 546-3750

Estate of Stanley R. Steinke, Sr., a/k/a/ Stanley Russell Steinke
Date of Birth: January 12, 1933

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Stanley R. Steinke, Sr., a/k/a/ Stanley Russell Steinke, died November 10, 2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Donald S. Steinke, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 204 S Highlander Way #2, Howell, MI 48843 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: August 4, 2026

Attorney:
Jennifer K. Johnson P55560
Couzens, Lansky, Fealk, Ellis, Roeder, & Lazar, P.C.
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Farmington Hills, MI 48331
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A Buoy, a Sea Lion & a Bald Eagle

By Susan Kretchman

Don't let anyone steal your joy. How many times have I heard this inside church walls or heard it coming from my own lips. Life can be hard. For some, their experiences that drive them to a depth of despair wanes in comparison to those of us fortunate to escape the grip that devastation can leash upon us. It seems that attacks come when least expected and especially when minding our own business. A great image illustrating juggling life's needs was shown during our time on Alaskan waters to observe whales.

As our boat pilot made the way back to the harbor, we passed a buoy where sea lions were sunbathing. Every inch of the buoy's base was covered by these magnificent playful creatures, yet displaying their human-like emotions too. We watched as a sea lion who was swimming at the base of the buoy kept attempting to jump up and join in leisure time. Each attempt was met with one of his buddies pushing him back. Selfishness and an unwillingness to share was quite evident. He never did succeed, choosing to remain swimming nearby instead.

Shortly after witnessing our swimmer's attempts to sunbathe, we came in view of another sea lion who had caught his mid-afternoon snack, holding a salmon in his mouth as he tilted his head back to chew and digest. From out of nowhere a bald eagle swooped down in an attempt to steal the salmon. Not

wanting to give up his tasty morsel or have his successful catch of the day be stolen, our sea lion held onto his meal, kept his head above water and came out victorious. The eagle retreated, most likely in search of another opportunity to rob a fellow creature of its meal or hopefully catch his own.

Isn't this what we often do, too? How many times do we become another person's irritant or bully? Are there too many occasions where our words or actions do more harm than good?

In 1 Thessalonians we read *"So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing."* It's important to read what comes before the "So"...*"For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us. Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever."* Paul, the writer of the book, goes on to tell us to "honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work."

"Show them great respect." "Live peacefully with each other." "Take tender care of those who are weak... be patient with everyone." "See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people." "Always be joyful." Chapter 5 contains a rich list of how God would have us conduct ourselves inside and outside of our churches.

So, my encouragement to you today is that 1) maybe you'd take time to read Chapter 5 in 1 Thessalonians and circle the action phrases 2) ask yourself this question: am I swooping in to steal what isn't mine and am I choosing to be an encourager? 3) Do the words and conversations I engage in build others up or am I consumed by a critical spirit?

Another writer found in the New Testament is James who wrote these words found in Chapter 3. *"People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, but no one can tame the tongue. It is*

restless and evil, full of deadly poison. Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God."

How wonderful and grateful I am that an afternoon encounter between a sea lion and bald eagle taught me the depth of meaning in James' words to Christians. Rather than steal someone's joy, I can join in celebrating with them. Instead of taking credit for someone else's hard work, offer respect and acknowledgement for a job well done.

So, if you're trying to join your buddies in an afternoon of laziness, only to find yourself being pushed away or bullied, find new friends. The buoy might be crowded... there's other places to lounge under blue skies and sunshine. It's okay to hold onto what you've worked hard to obtain, while still pondering generosity to others at the same time.



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Improvements to Michigan's county roads decreased in 2025

By Liz Nass
Gongwer News Service

The Michigan County Road Association found in a new report that less roads were improved in 2025 than the previous year.

The 2025 County Road Progress Report found that 68 fewer miles were improved in 2025, representing a 1% decrease in improvements. This is the first time road improvements have been fewer than the year before.

The CRA considers road improvements to be anything from road resurfacing and chip sealing to gravel replenishment, total reconstruction and crack sealing.

"This newly compiled data represents a complete stall and underscores the fact that the 2025 Road Funding Package is badly needed," Denise Donohue, CRA CEO said in a statement "It was a bit of a surprise when we processed the data to find that 'miles improved' had actually dropped. We knew that most counties had been making lesser fixes to stretch the dollars across more miles, but even that fiscal strategy couldn't help counties keep up. We certainly didn't gain on our road conditions last summer."

However, the road funding package is now just beginning to be disbursed to the county road agencies for use, so Donohue predicts the spending and improvements will start to show up during the 2027 construction season.

The goal, Ed Noyola, CRA Chief Deputy and Legislative

Director, said in a statement, is to improve 15% of each county's road miles every year, which is around 13,500 miles.

Noyola said they would need more money to make that happen, and that he predicts 2026 will have the same dreary outcome.

CRA reported that an additional \$2.4 billion was needed annually to eventually meet their good and fair road eligibility.

The CRA's continuous goal is for 90% good or fair federal aid-eligible roads, while 66% of those roads have been reported as good or fair. For the local roads, the goal is 60%, while the reality is around 46%.

The 2025 report also found that 65% of county road funding goes to work on roads, 14% for equipment, 4% to bridges, 3% to buildings, 7% to administration and another 4% for other expenses.



FOWLERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

2026-2027 Board of Education School Board & Committee Meeting Schedule

July	Day	Time	January	Day	Time
*Finance	10	7:00 AM	Curriculum & Technology	11	4:00 PM
Policy	14	6:00 PM	BOARD MEETING	11	7:00 PM
Personnel	21	4:00 PM	Personnel	12	4:00 PM
Curriculum & Technology	21	6:00 PM	Asset Management	19	6:00 PM
BOARD MEETING	27	7:00 PM	Policy	26	6:00 PM
Asset Management	28	6:00 PM	* Finance	29	7:00 AM
August	Day	Time	February	Day	Time
Policy	11	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology	1	4:00 PM
*Finance	14	7:00 AM	BOARD MEETING	1	7:00 PM
Personnel	18	4:00 PM	Personnel	2	4:00 PM
Curriculum & Technology	24	4:00 PM	Asset Management	9	6:00 PM
BOARD MEETING	24	7:00 PM	*Finance	19	7:00 AM
Asset Management	25	6:00 PM	Policy	23	6:00 PM
September	Day	Time	March	Day	Time
Policy	8	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology	1	4:00 PM
*Finance	11	7:00 AM	BOARD MEETING	1	7:00 PM
Curriculum & Technology	14	4:00 PM	Personnel	2	4:00 PM
BOARD MEETING	14	7:00 PM	Asset Management	9	6:00 PM
Personnel	15	4:00 PM	Policy	16	6:00 PM
Asset Management	15	6:00 PM	*Finance	19	7:00 AM
October	Day	Time	April	Day	Time
*Finance	2	7:00 AM	Personnel	6	4:00 PM
Personnel	13	4:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology	12	4:00 PM
Curriculum & Technology	19	4:00 PM	BOARD MEETING	12	7:00 PM
BOARD MEETING	19	7:00 PM	Asset Management	13	6:00 PM
Asset Management	20	6:00 PM	Policy	20	6:00 PM
Policy	27	6:00 PM	*Finance	23	7:00 AM
November	Day	Time	May	Day	Time
Curriculum & Technology	9	4:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology	3	4:00 PM
BOARD MEETING	9	7:00 PM	BOARD MEETING	3	7:00 PM
Personnel	10	4:00 PM	Asset Management	4	6:00 PM
Asset Management	17	6:00 PM	Policy	11	6:00 PM
*Finance	20	7:00 AM	*Finance	21	7:00 AM
Policy	24	6:00 PM	Personnel	25	4:00 PM
December	Day	Time	June	Day	Time
Curriculum & Technology	7	4:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology	7	4:00 PM
BOARD MEETING	7	7:00 PM	BOARD MEETING #1	7	7:00 PM
Personnel	8	4:00 PM	Personnel	8	4:00 PM
Asset Management	15	6:00 PM	Asset Management	15	6:00 PM
*Finance	18	7:00 AM	*Finance	18	7:00 AM
No Policy in December			Policy	22	6:00 PM
			BOARD MEETING #2	28	7:00 PM

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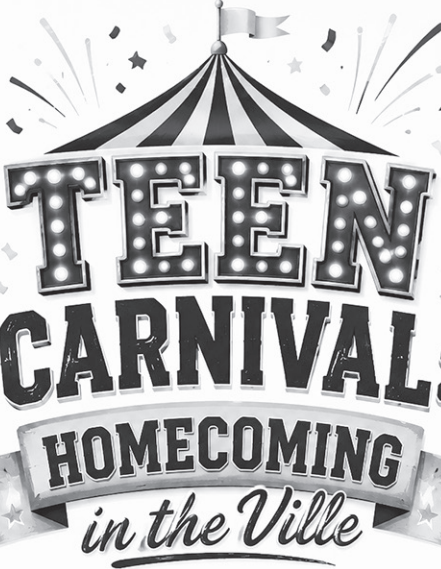
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Unofficial turnout shows roughly 2.4 million people voted, with Dems having lopsided edge

By Alethia Kasben
Gongwer News Service

A little more than 2.4 million voters participated in last Tuesday’s primary election with a lopsided edge in participation from Democrats.

Unofficial numbers posted on county clerk websites and submitted to the Department of State showed 1.49 million people voted in the Democratic gubernatorial primary, where Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson easily defeated Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson.

The Republicans, although they had arguably a more competitive primary, saw fewer voters. Another 928,767 voters participated in the GOP gubernatorial race.

The 2.4 million voter turnout is high compared to recent years.

In 2022, 2 million voters came out to vote in the gubernatorial primary with 1.1 million voting for Republican candidates and about 1 million voting for Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, who did not have a contested primary.

Democrats won the Michigan House and Senate, and Democratic incumbents, including Whitmer, won reelection to three state executive posts in November 2022.

In 2018, with contested primaries on both sides, 2.2 million individuals voted. In 2010, 1.67 million people voted.

The 566,014-vote gap between the total number of voters in the Democratic gubernatorial race and the Republican gubernatorial race is significant. It is another sign that Democrats remain enthused heading into the general election.

In 2010, there was a similar 500,000 vote gap between the parties. A little more than 1 million people voted in the Republican primary and about 500,000 voted in the Democratic primary. Later that year, Republicans flipped 20 seats in the Michigan House and four seats in the Senate to win a supermajority in that chamber.

In 2022, when Republicans had a more competitive primary to choose a candidate to take on Whitmer, the gap was not as large. And in that year, Whitmer was running for reelection, so Democrats did not have a key statewide primary contest.

LEGAL NOTICES

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

DEFAULT having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Carlyle S. Cafini, II, a single man, whose mailing address is 6481 Marcy Street, Brighton, MI 48116 to Orsa Credit Union f/k/a Community Financial Credit Union, whose address is 500 S. Harvey, P.O. Box 5050, Plymouth, MI 48170, on April 4, 2019 and recorded on April 17, 2019, at Document No. 2019R-009212, Livingston County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE AND 39/100 DOLLARS (\$5,485.39), plus interest, at a rate of 5.740% per annum, together with any additional sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage, including all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: Property situated in the Township of Brighton, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Lot 80, WILLMOR SUBDIVISION NO. 1, as recorded in Liber 8, Page 46 of Plats, Livingston County Records. Commonly known as: 6481 Marcy Street, Brighton, MI 48116 Tax ID No. 16-05-103-081

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Dated: August 9, 2026

Mortgagee Orsa Credit Union f/k/a Community Financial Credit Union
500 S. Harvey, P.O. Box 5050
Plymouth, MI 48170
Pamela S. Ritter (P47886)
Attorney for Mortgagee Orsa Credit Union
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Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Danae Ann Moore, a single woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as Nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC , its successors, and assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 6, 2023, and recorded on June 23, 2023, as Document Number: 2023R-011575, Livingston County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated November 13, 2025 and recorded November 19, 2025 by Document Number: 2025R-023451, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Eight and 70/100 (\$327,688.70) including interest at the rate of 6.62500% per annum.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Handy, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit No. 38, Red Cedar Crossing West according to the Master Deed recorded in Instrument No. 2019R-004371, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 427, together with rights in the general common elements and the limited common elements as shown on the Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Commonly known as: 2817 JORDAN RIVER DR, FOWL-ERVILLE, MI 48836

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

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

Dated: August 9, 2026

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180,
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302,
(248) 335-9200
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Case No. 25MI00820-4

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Norbert Kaczor and Janet L. Kaczor and Tracey L. Parchman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Summit Funding, Inc, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 25, 2020 and recorded December 1, 2020 in Instrument Number 2020R-044013 Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by PNC Bank, National Association, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Six and 67/100 Dollars (\$110,656.67).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Livingston County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on SEPTEMBER 16, 2026.

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

A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, IOSCO TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 34, THENCE SOUTH 0°29’16” EAST, ALONG THE EAST SECTION LINE OF SAID SECTION 34, 972.49 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 0°29’16” EAST ALONG SAID SECTION LINE 313.61 FEET: THENCE NORTH 89°50’25” WEST 1399.93 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF BULL RUN ROAD, THENCE NORTH 3°06’05” EAST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, 314.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°50’25” EAST 1380.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. FinCEN reporting will be required of all successful purchasers, absent a lawful exemption.

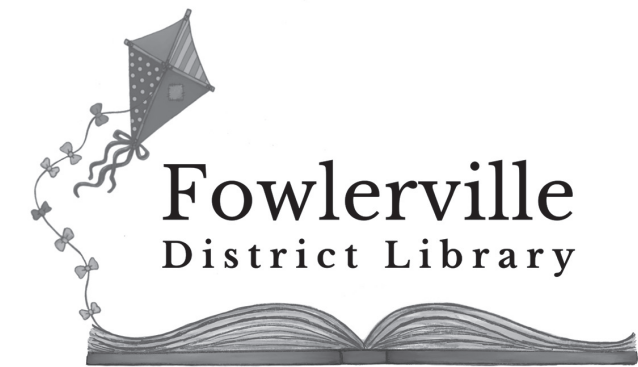
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Monday – Wednesday: 9:30 am to 7:00 pm
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Friday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday: Closed

For any questions, or to register for programs, call us at 517-223-9089.

KIDS & FAMILY

Family Storytime (Ages 1-5)

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

Toddler Storytime (Ages 0-3)

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

Kids Club (Ages 6-12)

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

Graphic Novel Book Club

Read the book and then come to discuss it. Snacks provided. Books are available at the front desk and are yours to keep. We will be discussing SUMMER VAMP by Violet Chan Karim. Mon, Aug. 24 • 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.

Reading with Remington (Ages 6-12)

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

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, Aug. 21 • 10-11am

TEENS

Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 12-18)

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

Switch Free Play (Ages 10-18)

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

ADULTS

Board of Trustees Meeting

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

Writer’s Group Meeting

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

So You Think You Can Puzzle! Puzzle Challenge

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

Route 66 Speaker

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

Fabric Ring Flowers

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

Cardmaking (Adults)

Enjoy camaraderie and cards at this popular program. You will make four different cards to take home. All supplies included. Registration is required, sign ups begin on Aug 6. Thurs., Aug. 20 • 6pm & Fri., Aug. 21 • 11 am

Scrapbooking (Adults)

Make the most of your memories and join us for a fun day of scrapbooking your favorite photos. Stay the whole time or for just a few hours. Everyone gets their own table. Light refreshments will be provided. Sat., Aug 15 • 10:30 – 3:30pm

Shelf Indulgence Book Club (Adults)

Members take turns facilitating discussions. Come and enjoy some literary camaraderie! Register to get a free copy of the book, while supplies last. Registration begins one month before each scheduled meeting. Next meeting, we will discuss THE LIES THEY TOLD by Ellen Wiseman. Thurs, Aug. 20 • 2-3pm

Sewing (Adults)

Bring your sewing machine and learn from a master seamstress. All levels of skill are welcome. Registration is required. (Please notice the change in date), Wed, Aug. 26 • 5:30pm & Fri, Aug. 14 • 10-2 pm

Holistic Wellness (Adults)

Lyndsey Johnson from Natural Roots and Wellness presents workshops for promoting health and vitality through holistic practice. In this class, we will discuss gut health for prevention of illness and proper nourishment. Registration is required. Mon, Sept. 14 • 5pm

Heartfulness Relaxation & Meditation (Adults)

Join us for a meditation session to help you de-stress, find inner calm, improve sleep and for general emotional well

being. This one hour session is free and will put you in a meditative state. Registration is required, as space is limited. Tues, Aug. 25 • 5:30pm

Urban Pole Walking (Adult)

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

Mixed Media With Craft and Hobby

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

Repair Cafe

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

Fowlerville Area Historical Society Meeting

The Historical Society will meet here. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Thurs, Sept. 3 • 6pm

Did You Know?

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

A Friendly Reminder

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



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Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

Robotic Pets Can Provide Comfort to Elderly Seniors

Dear Savvy Senior,

My mother, who has dementia, recently moved into an assisted living facility that doesn't allow pets. I'm thinking about getting her a robotic pet to cheer her up. Are they worth it, and if so, which one do you recommend?

--Inquiring Daughter

Dear Inquiring,

It's completely natural to want to bring a little furry joy into your mom's life. Moving into a new home without her

pets can be tough, and sometimes even a small companion can make a big difference. Robotic pets – lifelike, interactive companions – can brighten the days of seniors with dementia in ways you might not expect. They're more than just cute gadgets; they offer comfort, companionship, and a sense of purpose, along with plenty of smiles and fun. Before you pick one, here's what you should know.

Why pets matter

Pets aren't just cute – they're family. They bring happiness, companionship, and even a gentle sense of routine. Studies have shown that pets can help reduce stress, anxiety, and depression, encourage light activity, and improve overall well-being. They can also provide a sense of connection, which can be especially grounding for seniors living with cognitive changes.

Unfortunately, many seniors, like your mom, have to give up pets when they move into care facilities or can no longer care for them on their own. That's where robotic pets can step in. Many studies have shown that robotic companion animals can improve quality of life by offering comfort, interaction, and a sense of companionship.

Still, it's important to remember that not all seniors connect with robotic pets. Some may ignore them completely, while others enjoy holding them or respond positively to a lifelike companion that reacts and even "talks back."

Best options

If you're looking for a high-tech option, Jennie, a new Labrador puppy from Tombot (tombot.com), is the most impressive option available. Soft, cuddly, and very lifelike, she reacts to touch and voice, moves naturally, and even barks on command. A smartphone app lets you name her, customize her behavior, and track interactions. She runs on a rechargeable battery and is expected to cost around \$1,500, with financing available. Jennie is currently on back order, with new units expected this summer or fall, so interested buyers may need to join a waitlist.

If that's more than you want to spend, Joy for All Companion Pets (joyforall.com) are a wonderful alternative. These cats and dogs cost \$160 or \$180 and respond to touch with purring or barking. They can move their heads, lift their paws, and open and close their eyes. With soft, brushable fur and a gentle "heartbeat," they feel surprisingly real. They also give seniors a comforting routine, like stroking or "feeding" their pet, which can be both calming and engaging.

For seniors who use a walker, the Walker Squawker bird (\$65), also available from Joy for All, attaches to the device and chirps when the walker stops moving. It responds to touch and sound, offering a playful companion and gentle encouragement to stay active. Small touches like this can make a big difference in lifting spirits and keeping seniors engaged.

Robotic pets aren't a replacement for real animals, but they can bring companionship, comfort, and joy to seniors who can no longer have a furry friend. They are especially well-suited for seniors with dementia, providing interaction, routine, and a sense of connection. Whether you choose a sophisticated option like Jennie or a more affordable Joy for All pet, these interactive companions can turn moments of loneliness into smiles, connection, and a little extra joy every day.

Send your questions or comments to questions@savvysenior.org, or to Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070.

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