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Fowlerville Football Seniors are: front row, from left, Erik Helminen, Jacob Hardies, Jackson Richmond, Tony Bergin, Dylan Soli, Justin Gutierrez, Cody Cruz, Tanner Dyer; back row, Xavier Littrup-Dean, Zach Juopperi, Sam Shrader, Layne O'Niel, Alex Figurski, Coach Matt Copeland, Landon Aeschliman, Carter Davison, Luke Dakota, and Brayden Packer.

Fowlerville High School sports teams launch fall seasons

The Fowlerville High School sports teams, who began their official practices earlier this month, are launching their respective fall seasons.

The Varsity Football Team hosts Corunna this Thursday, Aug. 28, and travels to Marshall on Friday, Sept. 5. The JV football team is also beginning its season.

The Varsity Volleyball Team was scheduled to host Charlotte this past Thursday, August 21, and will host Ovid-Elsie on Wednesday, August 27. They then resume action after the Labor Day weekend. The JV and Freshman Teams are also slated to see action.

The Boys & Girls Cross County Teams, the Girls Golf Team, the Boys Soccer Teams, and the Boys Tennis Team all saw early action during the past week and have meets or games scheduled this coming week.



Fowlerville Volleyball Seniors are, from left, Mya Murawski, McKenna Maybee, Izzy Cox, Coach Michelle Hardenbrook, Taylor Drenchen, Baily Armstrong and Tessa Smith.

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

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

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

- Luminous Loop 5K Run/Walk – a vibrant, glow-filled trek through Fowlerville.
- 1-Mile Flicker Fun Run – perfect for families and casual participants.
- Glow on the Go Virtual 5K – run or walk from anywhere, anytime during race week.

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

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

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

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

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

Fowlerville Farmers Market open this Saturday, August 30th

The Fowlerville Farmers Market will be open this Saturday, August 30th. The market is held every Saturday between 10am and 2pm on Mill Street, downtown Fowlerville. We usually have 20+ vendors every weekend. Please join us at the market. For more information, please contact Gabi at ffmarket2025@gmail.com.



Fowlerville police officer named August Livingston ‘Veteran of the Month’

Dennis Masterman, who has worked as an Officer with the Fowlerville Police Dept. for the past three years, has been named August ‘Veteran of the Month’ by Livingston County Veterans Council.

Sergeant Masterman served in the US Army from 2003 to 2009. He was an Infantryman for six years, serving as a Sniper completing two separate deployments in Iraq.

Billy Joel Tribute being performed by ‘Allentown’ in Howell on Friday

‘Concerts at the Courthouse’ season will be featuring ‘Allentown’ with its Billy Joel Tribute this Friday, August 29th for the final show of the summer series. The Livingston Historic Courthouse is located at 200 E. Grand River in downtown Howell. The concert begins at 7:00 pm; bring a chair or blanket, enjoy a meal at a local restaurant beforehand, and settle in for an evening of great entertainment.



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Fowlerville High School Fall PSAT/NMSQT Testing 2025!

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

Taken in 10th Grade- Extra Practice for SAT
Taken as 11th Grade- Qualifying scores for National Merit Recognition

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

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

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

Class of 2027 (11th) Code: 7dyj3md
Class of 2028 (10th) Code: bymkp2

Process:

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

Space is Limited

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

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

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Ordering Transcripts (Michigan eTranscripts) please visit the Fowlerville High School website for more information.

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Parents having trouble using MISTAR to view grades, e-mail questions to connect@fowlervilleschools.org

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Fowlerville Fire Department Report

August 14
8:45 a.m.--Medical response on Allen Rd in Conway Township.
6:52 p.m.--Medical response on Nicholson Rd in Conway Township.
7:41 p.m.--Medical response on Stow Rd in Conway Township.

August 15
6:59 p.m.--Medical response on Stow Rd in Handy Township.
8:38 p.m.--Medical response on Mackinaw Trl in Handy Township.

August 16
10:06 a.m.--Medical response on Nicholson Rd in Handy Township.
3:34 p.m.--Mutual aid to N.I.E.S.A. Fire Department for structure fire.
5:21 p.m.--Mutual aid to Brighton Fire Department for structure fire.
5:51 p.m.--Medical response on Stow Rd in Conway Township.

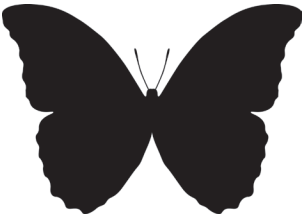
August 17
7:22 a.m.--Medical response on Nicholson Rd in Handy Township.
8:23 p.m.--Medical response on N Grand Ave in the Village.

August 18
8:34 a.m.--Mutual aid station stand-by for NIESA Fire Department
4:52 p.m.--Wire down on W Grand River in Handy Township.
5:56 p.m.--Medical response on Freddys Fwy in Handy Township.

7:19 p.m.--Medical response on Oak St in the Village.
9:44 p.m.--Medical response on Heidi Jane Ln in Handy Township.

August 19
8:11 p.m.--Medical response on N Collins St in the Village.

August 20
12:18 p.m.--Medical response on W Sharpe Rd in Handy Township.
5:49 p.m.--Medical response on Sargent Rd in Handy Township.
7:22 p.m.--Reported personal injury accident on Chase Lake Rd in Iosco Township.



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Stronghold Quartet closes out ‘Music at the Park’ season with gospel songs

Stronghold Quartet, an area gospel singing group, closed out the ‘Music at the Park’ season with their performance last Tuesday, August 19th at the Fowlerville Centennial Park.

This was a make-up concert for the group as their scheduled date in late June was cancelled due to rain. For a time it looked like history might repeat itself, but the rain system finally moved out of the area mid-afternoon and “the show went on.”

A decent-sized audience was in attendance and heard the quartet, which is observing its 20th year in October, sing a medley of gospel songs, including several familiar ones like “He’s a Chain Breaker.”



From left are Don Byers, Jim Kitchen, Dennis Byers, and Bill Neathamer—members of the Stronghold Quartet performing a gospel song last Tuesday at the Fowlerville Centennial Park.

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

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

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

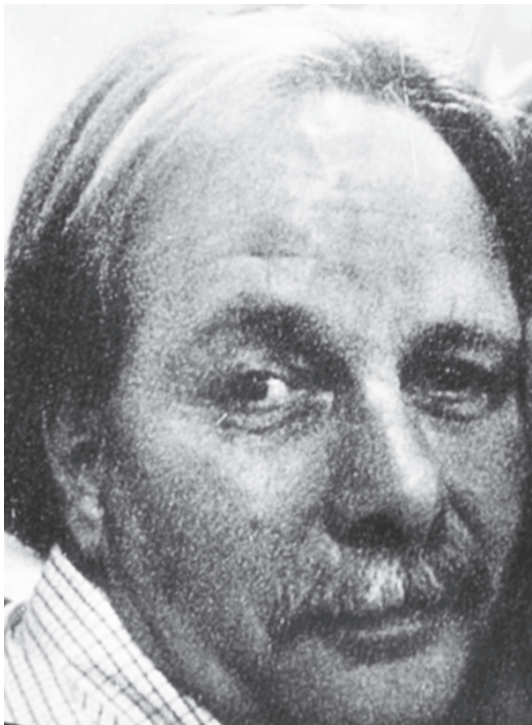
A Blue Lakes Charter Motorcoach will leave the St. Agnes Church parking lot at 10:00am. Anticipated arrival time back in Fowlerville is 5:30pm. To pre-register contact Lisa at the parish office at 517-223-8684 or email at stagnesfowlerville@sbcglobal.net. First come first served, and ALL are welcome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

MARION TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED MINUTES AUGUST 14, 2025

The regular meeting of the Marion Township Board was held on Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 7:30 pm. Members Present: Lloyd, Andersen, Witkowski, Donovan, Lowe, Beal, and Fenton. Members Absent: None. The following action was taken: 1) Call to Order. 2) Call to the Public. 3) Motion carried to approve agenda; motion carried to approve consent agenda. 4) Motion carried to adopt a resolution to authorize the clerk to apply for a Risk Reduction Grant through the PAR plan. 5) Motion carried to accept and sign the letter of engagement from Pfeffer, Hanniford & Palka. 6) Motion carried to admin zoning administrator’s report and notices from Bill Fenton into the official record for the Richardson show cause hearing. 7) Motion carried to admit information presented into the official record for the Gall show cause hearing. 8) Motion carried to go into closed session to discuss SG Savage Property Investments LLC settlement with the attorney; motion carried to come out of closed session; motion carried to authorize the attorney to proceed with making settlement offer as presented in closed session. 9) Correspondence & Updates. 10) Motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm.

Tammy L. Beal, MMC
Township Clerk
William Fenton
Township Supervisor
(8-24-25 FNV)

—Area Deaths—



William ‘Bill’ Gehringer

William “Bill” Gehringer, a man who loved life and lived it to the fullest despite many obstacles, passed away on August 13, 2025. After a long and courageous battle with various medical issues, he is now at peace.

Bill will be remembered for his infectious smile and his endless supply of stories. He had a way of connecting with everyone he met, leaving a lasting impression on all who knew him. Despite being blind, Bill never let his disability define or hold him back. For a time, he worked as a case manager where he dedicated himself to helping others with disabilities find the resources they needed to thrive.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lloyd Gehringer, and his wife, Jill (Delore).

He is survived by his mother, Jean Gehringer; his brothers, Kevin, David, and Allen Gehringer; his former wife, Angela Hustin; his two sons, Edward Gehringer (Katlin) and John Gehringer (Denise); his four grandchildren, Theodore and Oliver (Edward) Gehringer, and Blake and Ryan Leavitt (John); and his nephews, Joseph (Allen) and Daniel (David) Gehringer, who will all miss him dearly.

A gathering of family and friends to celebrate Bill’s life will be held at a later date. Details will follow.

Fowlerville scholar athlete named to 2024-25 MIAA Academic Honor Roll

Griffin Gonzalez was recently named to the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) 2024-25 Academic Honor Roll. During the 2024-25 academic year, Gonzalez was a member of Albion’s baseball team.

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

Gonzalez is a first-year student at Albion College. He is a resident of Fowlerville and a graduate of Fowlerville High School.

Albion College is a private liberal arts college of approximately 1,500 students and is nationally recognized for its academic excellence in the liberal arts tradition, a learning-centered commitment, and a future-oriented perspective.



Thomas John Parker Jr.

Thomas John Parker Jr. passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, August 14, 2025, with his devoted wife Kennedy by his side. Born June 10, 1955, in Lansing, Tom graduated from Everett High School in 1973. He lived in Charlotte, Williamston, and most recently Fowlerville, leaving a positive influence on each community. Known for his exceptional work ethic, he held management roles in Lansing for over four decades, demonstrating dedication and leadership throughout his career.

Sports were Tom’s passion but baseball was by far the one closest to his heart. So much so that even after breaking his arm as a child, he continued to play. As a young adult, he competed at Tiger Stadium with an All-Star team. Though honesty about his age cost him an MLB opportunity, his love for the sport endured. He went on to play for many years in a men’s league in Lansing at Kircher Municipal Field “Muni” and in 1998 this team won the Roy Hobbs World Series Championship. Coaching baseball was among his greatest joys—guiding his sons, Michael, Zachary, and Ryan, and later his grandson, leaving an enduring legacy “for the love of the game.”

Tom treasured family time, days on the golf course, supporting his wife to pursue her passion in the equestrian sport of Dressage and attending her competitions. He cherished simply being in his wife’s presence and sharing time on the beautiful farm they shared. He lived with a grateful heart. He served on the Conway Township Planning Commission to offer his support and commitment to the community around him.

Tom was the definition of selfless. A devoted family man, he would go to any length for those he loved, always ready to help. Gifted with the ability to fix anything, he shared his skills freely. Fierce in his belief in fairness and justice, his leadership, strength, and steady logic left a mark on everyone he met. Loyal, humble, and honest, he pushed others to be their best.

He is survived by his wife, Kennedy Maureen Parker; mother, Barbara Dodge; children, Michael,

Kaitlin, and Zachary Parker; stepson, Ryan Ramsey (Mary); siblings Mike (Cindy), Raymond (Michele), and Scott Parker; “chosen brother” and friend of over 30 years Aver Hamilton; childhood best friend Tom Boggs (late); Grandchildren Reagan, Brooks, Daisy, Jayvien, Layla, Aleah; Aunt Beverly Stone; and many extended family members and beloved animals.

Donations in Thomas’s name and honor can be sent to the charity of your choice

Visitation took place on Friday, August 22, at 10:00 am with a Memorial Mass at 11:00 am at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Fowlerville.

Arrangements entrusted to Herrmann Funeral Home. Online condolences may be expressed at piherrmannfuneralhome.com.



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Fowlerville High School 100 Seasons of Football

Fowlerville High School Football enjoyed a ‘golden era’ in 1960s

The decade of the 1960s was a ‘golden era’ for Fowlerville High School Football. The varsity had winning seasons all ten years (1960-1969) with an overall record of 64-20-2. The Gladiators won the Ingham County League championship in 1963, 1964, and 1967 and were co-champions in the 1961, 1962, 1965 and 1966 seasons.

1960 SEASON				
Sept. 16	(H)	win	27-0	Perry
Sept. 23	(H)	win	20-13	Leslie*
Sept. 30	(H)	win	7-0	Stockbridge*
Oct. 7	(H)	win	33-12	Webberville
Oct. 14	(A)	loss	32-14	Okemos*
Oct. 21	(H)	win	7-0	Williamston*
Oct. 28	(A)	win	27-6	Dansville*
Nov. 4	(A)	loss	14-7	Haslett*
*League games				
Record 6-2				
Information:				
• Bob Mohre was the head coach and Clem Spillane and Rex Richardson were assistant coaches.				
• Dave Roberts and Tony Eisele were co-captains of the team.				
• Ken Curtis, Bob Cheney, and Joe Perroud led the offense. Curtis threw four touchdown passes and ran in two touchdowns. Those two touchdown rushes, both quarterback sneaks, were the game winners in the 7-0 wins over Stockbridge and Williamston. Cheney ran for seven touchdowns, while Perroud rushed for four touchdowns, caught two touchdown passes, and kicked 16 PATs. Larry Langdon ran for a score. He also recovered a loose ball in the end zone in the Perry game after Perroud caught a pass, then fumbled it.				
• The Junior Varsity posted a 4-1 record.				

1961 SEASON				
Co-Champions of the Ingham County League with Haslett				
Sept. 15	(A)	loss	12-7	Perry
Sept. 22	(H)	win	19-7	Leslie*
Sept. 29	(A)	tie	12-12	Haslett*
Oct. 6	(A)	win	7-0	Dansville*
Oct. 13	(H)	win	27-0	Stockbridge*
Oct. 20	(A)	win	34-6	Williamston*
Oct. 27	(H)	win	52-0	Webberville
Nov. 3	(H)	loss	26-19	Okemos*
*League games				
Record 5-2-1				
Information:				
• Bob Mohre was the head coach and Clem Spillane was the assistant coach.				
• Owen Judd and Ken Curtis were the co-captains of the team.				
• All-League selections were quarterback Ken Curtis an center Darrold Hoyland. They were also All-State Class C Honorable Mention players. All-League Honorable Mentions were halfback Pete Huskisson and fullback Jack Munn.				
• Fowlerville boasted a well-rounded offensive attack, scoring 177 points for the season. Ken Curtis ran for five touchdowns and threw two touchdown passes. He also returned a pass interception against Williamston for a score. Jack Munn, the fullback, ran in seven touchdowns, Pete Huskisson scored three, Bob Oliver rushed for two, Ed Helzerman ran for a touchdown and caught a touchdown pass, and John Douglass ran for a touchdown and returned a pass interception against Webberville into the end zone.				
• The Junior Varsity was undefeated at 7-0.				

1962 SEASON				
Co-Champions of the Ingham County League with Stockbridge				
Sept. 14	(H)	win	12-0	Perry
Sept. 21	(A)	win	27-7	Leslie*
Sept. 28	(H)	win	19-13	Haslett*
Oct. 5	(H)	win	34-0	Dansville*
Oct. 12	(A)	tie	0-0	Stockbridge*
Oct. 19	(H)	win	21-0	Williamston*
Oct. 26	(H)	win	46-0	Webberville
Nov. 2	(A)	win	28-7	Okemos*
*League games				
Record 7-0-1				
Information:				
• Bob Mohre was the head coach and Clem Spillane was the assistant coach.				
• Jack Munn and Darrold Hoyland were co-captains of the team.				
• All-League selections were halfback Bob Oliver, tack-				



1960 Fowlerville Varsity Football Team: First row (from left): Joe Perroud, Fred Devine, Edward Hiner, Tony Eisele, Dave Roberts, Rudy Osan, Charles Cool, Ken Curtis; Second row: Coach Bob Mohre, Bob Cheney, Donald Hauser, Terry Devine, Larry Langdon, Richard Roberts, Darrold Hoyland, Jack Munn; Third row: Coach Clem Spillane, John Damman, Jerry Allshouse, Hank Vaupel, John Wright, James Gruden, Owen Judd; Fourth row: Tom Tannar – Manager, Ken Wyzlic – Manager, Bill Onsted, Ed Helzerman, Randall Black and Ted Ketchum.



1961 Fowlerville Varsity Football Team: (from left) First row: Bill Onsted, Richard Roberts, John Wright, Ken Curtis, Owen Judd, Rode Adair, Bill Munsell; Second row: Jerry Allshouse, Robert Oliver, Barlow Kidd, Keith Lillywhite, Gordon Hetrick, Darrold Hoyland, Darrell Klein, Donald Gruden; Third row: Jack Munn, Wayne Roberts, Bill Cool, John Douglass, Terry Damell, Dick Gehringer, Ed Helzerman; Fourth row: Mr. Bob Mohre – Coach, Pat Devine – Manager, Mike Schuchaskie, Kenneth Glover, Fred Davis, Pete Huskisson, Dave Rossetter – Manager, and Mr. Clem Spillane – Coach.



1962 Fowlerville Varsity Football Team: First row (from left): Keith Lillywhite, Bill Cool, Darrold Hoyland, Jack Munn, Darrell Klein, Don Gruden, Rode Adair; Second row: Lee Hanna, Darryl Wilson, Bob Oliver, Gordon Hetrick, John Douglass, Ron Sober; Third row: Barlow Kidd, Fred Davis, Dennis Kreeger, Chuck Liverance, Pete Huskisson, Bill Munsell, Duane Herbert, Manager Dale Musoff, Jim Perroud, Wayne Roberts, Dick Gehringer, Coaches Clem Spillane and Bob Mohre.

le Bill Munsell, center Darrold Hoyland, and fullback Jack Munn.

- The offense was led by quarterback Gordon Hetrick, fullback Jack Munn, and halfback Bob Oliver. Hetrick ran for seven touchdowns and threw three touchdown passes. Oliver rushed for five touchdowns, including a 61-yarder against Leslie. Munn scored three touchdowns as fullback. Pete Huskisson ran for two touchdowns, Jake Allshouse caught two touchdown passes, and John Douglass ran for two touch-

downs. Darrold Hoyland caught a touchdown pass and returned a pass interception for a score. Jim Perroud booted nine PATs.

- In the scoreless tie against co-champion Stockbridge, Huskisson intercepted a pass in the closing seconds and ran all the way to the Stockbridge 10-yard line before being forced out-of-bounds.
- The Junior Varsity was undefeated with a 7-0 record.
- Haslett and Okemos both left the league after this season.

1963 SEASON

Ingham County League Champions

Sept. 13	(H)	win	13-7	Haslett
Sept. 20	(A)	win	29-6	Chesaning
Sept. 27	(H)	win	26-6	Stockbridge*
Oct. 4	(A)	win	40-19	Dansville*
Oct. 11	(A)	win	43-0	Williamston*
Oct. 18	(H)	win	51-0	Leslie*
Nov. 1	(H)	win	19-12	Corunna
Nov. 8	(A)	loss	19-14	Howell

*League games
Record 7-1

Information:

- Bob Mohre was the head coach and Chuck Brigham was the assistant coach.
- Fowlerville scored 235 points during the 8-game schedule, an average of 29.4 per game. They held their opponents to 69 points, an 8.6 average.
- All-League offense selections were guard Lee Hanna, halfback Bob Oliver, and quarterback Gordon Hetrick. On defense, end Fred Davis was picked. Honorable Mentions were tackle Ron Sober and fullback Wayne Roberts.
- On offense, Oliver ran for eight touchdowns, including a 56-yarder against Chesaning and a 59-yarder against Dansville. Hetrick scored seven touchdowns on the ground, including a 71-yarder against Leslie, and threw four scoring passes, Jim Perroud ran in for four touchdowns and kicked 17 PATs. Dave Copeland threw two touchdowns and scored one running. Wayne Roberts ran for a pair of touchdowns as did Larry Elliott. John Douglass scored two rushing touchdowns and returned a 35-yard pass interception against Chesaning for a score. He also booted several long punts. Chuck Liverance and Dick Donohue each caught a pair of touchdown passes.
- Fowlerville had 401 yards rushing and 47 yards passing in the Leslie contest.
- In the Williamston game two punts were blocked, including one by Fred Davis that he fell on in the end zone for a touchdown.
- Both Fowlerville and Howell were undefeated going into the final game. The two hadn't played each other since 1954. Several thousand fans from both teams attended the game at Page Field.
- The Junior Varsity posted a 5-2 record.

1964 SEASON

Ingham County League Champions

Sept. 18	(A)	win	14-13	Haslett
Sept. 25	(H)	win	40-12	Chesaning
Oct. 2	(A)	win	31-7	Stockbridge*
Oct. 9	(H)	win	32-0	Dansville*
Oct. 16	(H)	win	38-7	Williamston*
Oct. 23	(A)	win	28-0	Leslie*
Oct. 30	(H)	win	35-0	Pinckney*
Nov. 7	(A)	win	27-13	Corunna
Nov. 14	(H)	loss	14-7	Howell

*League games
Record 8-1

Information:

- Pinckney joins the ICL.
- Bob Mohre was the head coach and Chuck Brigham was the assistant coach.
- Duane Herbert was the team captain.
- Greg Braun was named an All-State Class C halfback, with guard Duane Herbert an Honorable Mention.
- All-League offense selections were quarterback Dave Copeland, halfback Greg Braun and guard Duane Herbert. All-League defensive selections were end Dick Donohue, tackle Allen Grostick, back Greg Braun, and guard Duane Herbert.
- The offense scored 252 points in nine games, a 28-per-game average. On defense they allowed only 66 points, a 7.3 point-per-game average.
- Scoring-wise, Greg Braun ran for 11 touchdowns and caught three touchdowns, and returned a kickoff 85 yards against Corunna for the six points. Chuck Liverance ran in four touchdowns, including an 85-yarder and 53-yarder against Chesaning. Dave Copeland, as quarterback, rushed for three touchdowns and threw five touchdown passes. On



1963 Fowlerville Varsity Football Team: First row (from left): John Douglass, Dennis Kreeger, Fred Davis, Gordon Hetrick, Ron Sober, Wayne Roberts, Pete Huskisson, Bob Oliver; Second row: Dick Donahue, Lee Hanna, Chuck Liverance, LaVern Nygren, Lanny Ebert, Terry Ganton, Allen Grostick, Dave Nelson, Gerald Austin; Third row: Randy Jackson – Manager, Butch Daly, Larry Elliott, Duane Herbert, Darryl Wilson, Don Grill, Bob Maleitzke, Ted Spaulding, Don Gruden, Gib Rossetter – Manager; Fourth row: Mr. Chuck Brigham, Donald Musolf, Bob Linman, Tom Tannar, Greg Braun, Jim Perroud, Rick Kreeger, Dave Copeland, and Mr. Bob Mohre.



1964 Fowlerville Varsity Football Team: First row (from left): Ron Kuch, Pat Devine, Ron Russell, Dan Perroud, Duane Herbert, Jim Perroud, Jack Hughes, Bob Linman; Second row: Mr. Brigham, Jim Edlund, Tom Tannar, Greg Braun, Glendon Daly, Rick Kreeger, Dave Nelson, Ted Spaulding, Mr. Mohre; Third row: Dave Copeland, Dave Rossetter, Don Grill, LaVern Nygren, Chuck Liverance, Fred Parisian, Alan Westmoreland, Dick Donohue; Fourth row: Bob Maleitzke, Richard Gruden, Dave Eisele, Eric Lutz, Gary Benjamin, Joe Ridley, Terry Ganton, Alan Grostick, and Lanny Ebert.



defense Copeland intercepted a Stockbridge pass at their goal line and returned it 100 yards for the score. Jim Perroud ran for four touchdowns and kicked seventeen PATs. His younger brother, Dan Perroud, scored two rushing touchdowns and caught a touchdown pass and converted seven PATs. Pat

Devine ran for four touchdowns.

- The Junior Varsity posted a perfect 7-0 record. The first-ever freshman team had a 3-1 mark.

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1965 SEASON

Co-Champions of the Ingham County League with Dansville				
Sept. 17	(H)	loss	7-0	Haslett
Sept. 24	(A)	loss	19-6	Chelsea
Oct. 1	(H)	win	32-13	Stockbridge*
Oct. 8	(A)	loss	12-6	Dansville*
Oct. 15	(A)	win	12-7	Williamston*
Oct. 22	(H)	win	33-0	Leslie*
Oct. 29	(A)	win	26-0	Pinckney*
Nov. 5	(H)	loss	28-12	Corunna
Nov. 12	(A)	win	13-0	Howell
*League games				
Record 5-4				

Information:

- Chuck Brigham was the head coach and Glen Arnold was the assistant coach.
- All-League offensive selections were end Gary Benjamin, tackle Allen Grostick, and halfback Larry Sparks. All-League defensive selections were linemen Terry Ganton and Joe Ridley.
- On offense quarterback Dave Rossetter threw four touchdown passes to Gary Benjamin and ran in a touchdown. Larry Sparks scored seven rushing touchdowns, including an 80-yarder against Corunna. Pat Devine ran in three touchdowns and Dan Perroud scored three. Bill Call ran in a touchdown, but also picked up a fumble in the Howell game and scampered 96 yards for a touchdown. The win over Howell was a highlight of the season for the Gladiator varsity.
- Mike Saunders returned a punt 60 yards in the Williamston game for six points, and Gary Kenroy returned a pass interception 40 yards against Leslie for a score.
- The Junior Varsity finished at 6-0-1.

1966 SEASON

Co-Champions of the Ingham County League with Leslie				
Sept. 16	(A)	win	20-12	Haslett
Sept. 23	(H)	win	27-0	Chelsea
Sept. 30	(A)	win	19-0	Stockbridge*
Oct. 7	(H)	win	26-0	Dansville*
Oct. 14	(H)	win	34-0	Williamston*
Oct. 21	(A)	loss	27-12	Leslie*
Oct. 28	(H)	win	29-2	Pinckney*
Nov. 4	(A)	loss	19-10	Portland
Nov. 11	(H)	win	14-12	Howell
*League games				
Record 7-2				

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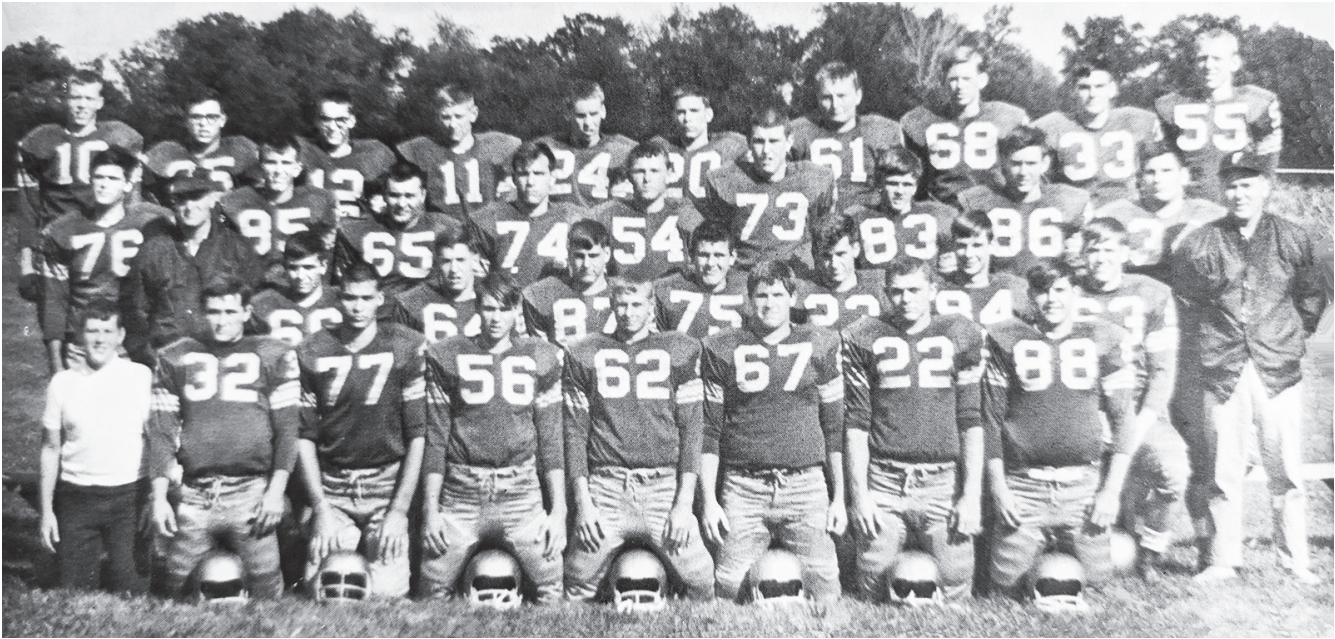
- Chuck Brigham was the head coach and Glen Arnold was the assistant coach.
- All-League offensive selections were halfback Dan Perroud and quarterback Gary Kenroy. All-League defensive picks were linemen John Glover and Dave Silver.
- On offense, Gary Kenroy ran for eight touchdowns, threw two touchdown passes to Dave Evans and kicked 33-yard field goals against Pinckney and Portland, and accounted for 12 extra points. Larry Sparks rushed for seven touchdowns, including a 67-yarder and a 59-yarder against Dansville. Dan Perroud scored eight touchdowns and kicked seven PATs. Marv Sober rushed for two touchdowns.
- Fowlerville scored all 14 points in the win over Howell in the final nine minutes of the game. John Allshouse scored the winning touchdown on a one-yard quarterback sneak.

1967 SEASON

Ingham County League Champions				
Sept. 15	(H)	win	26-19	Haslett
Sept. 22	(A)	loss	31-19	Flint Holy Redeemer
Sept. 29	(A)	win	31-13	Stockbridge*
Oct. 6	(H)	win	34-6	Pinckney*
Oct. 13	(H)	win	39-13	Dansville*
Oct. 20	(A)	win	30-21	Williamston*
Oct. 27	(H)	win	55-13	Leslie*
Nov. 3	(H)	win	44-6	Oxford
Nov. 10	(A)	win	34-12	Howell
*League games				
Record 8-1				



1965 Fowlerville Varsity Football Team: Top (from left): Coach Chuck Brigham, Dennis Horton, Fred Parisian, Gary Kenroy, Joe Ridley, Alan Grostick, Terry Ganton, Ben Purchase, John Glover, Coach Glenn Arnold; Row 3: Larry Davis – Manager, Erick Lutz, Ron Russell, Mike Saunders, Dave Evans, Alan Westmoreland, Rodney Bessert, Bob Carson, Herb Munsell; Row 2: James Smyth, Denny Lintemuth, Gary Benjamin, Dave Rossetter, Ken Copeland, Frank Geer, Dave Eisele, Rick Dey, John Hicks; Front row: Mark Lutz – Manager, Jack Hughes, Bill Rife, Pat Devine, Danny Perroud, Larry Sparks, Marvin Sobers, Ron Kuch, Bill Call, Randy Carson – Manager.



1966 Fowlerville Varsity Football Team: (from left) Row 1: Student Trainer Dick Lillywhite, Danny Perroud, Gerge Grostic, Rodney Bessert, Gordon Plourde, John Glover, Gary Kenroy, Bill Rife; Row 2: Coach Chuck Brigham, Bob Kuch, Mike Glover, Jim Oppper, Larry Reason, Larry Sparks, Joel Shaffer, Karl Linebaugh; Row 3: Chuck Hicks, Jack Branch, Dave Silver, Bill Tobia, Dick Brittan, Randy Jackson, Dean Patrick, Dave Evans, Kerry Nelson, Assistant Coach Glenn Arnold; Row 4: Ken Copeland, Bill Call, John Allshouse, John Gerych, Tom Silver, Gerald Reed, George Major, Danny Wilson, Marvin Sober, and Gaylord Dickerson.



1967 Fowlerville Varsity Football Team: First row (from left): Barry Allmendinger – Manager, Jim Kelly, Jim Oppper, Gordon Plourde, Marv Sober, Philip Tamlyn, Gib Rossetter, George Preisinger, Bill Call; Second row: John Allshouse, Gary Kenroy, Mel Lewis, Randy Jackson, Terry Huck, Larry Reason, Mike Glover, Tom Silver, Dick Lillywhite – student trainer; Third row: Mike Cool, Pat Glover, Ron Elliot, Jack Branch, Gaylord Dickerson, Kerry Nelson, Karl Linebaugh, Joe Cox; Fourth row: Dan Wilson, Larry Sparks, Marv Witt, Chuck Hicks, Bob Donohue, George Grostick, Bob Reilly, Lavern Reason, Arnold Tennant; Fifth row: Coach Brigham and Coach Arnold.

Information:

- Chuck Brigham was the head coach and Glen Arnold was the assistant coach.
- All-League offensive selections were halfback Larry Sparks, end Melvin Lewis, tackle Chuck Hicks, and halfback Gary Kenroy. All-League defensive picks were Chuck Hicks, Gary Kenroy, Mike Glover and John Allshouse.
- The offense piled up 312 points in nine games, a 34.7-per-game average.
- Larry Sparks ran for 15 touchdowns, including a 57-yarder against Dansville, a 58-yarder against Oxford, and a 63-yarder against Howell. Gary Kenroy rushed for six touchdowns, caught eight scoring passes, threw a touchdown pass, and returned a kickoff 81 yards against Pinckney for six points. John Allshouse threw 15 touchdown passes and ran in three touchdowns. End Mel Lewis caught seven touchdown passes. Marv Sober ran in two touchdowns, as did Jim Kelley, including a 70-yarder against Leslie.

1968 SEASON				
Sept. 13	(A)	win	14-6	Haslett
Sept. 20	(H)	loss	27-0	Flint Holy Redeemer
Sept. 27	(A)	loss	24-20	Leslie*
Oct. 4	(H)	win	32-0	Stockbridge*
Oct. 11	(A)	win	15-13	Perry*
Oct. 18	(H)	loss	19-6	Williamston*
Oct. 25	(A)	win	44-0	Pinckney*
Nov. 1	(H)	win	26-14	Dansville*
Nov. 8	(H)	loss	20-7	Howell
*League games				
Record 5-4				

Information:

- Perry joins the ICL.
- Chuck Bringham was head coach and John Swart the assistant coach.
- All-League offensive selection was guard Mike Glover. All-League defensive picks were linemen Mike Glover and John Firebaugh.
- Scoring-wise, George Preisinger ran for six touchdowns, three of them in the Pinckney win. He also caught a touchdown pass that season. Jim Kelley rushed for four touchdowns. Mike Cool scored three, and Rodney Majoy ran in two. Quarterback Dennis Evans threw three touchdowns and ran in one, he also kicked 12 PATs. Bill Smith scored twice against Stockbridge, including a long run and on a pass interception. John Bailke ran for a touchdown and caught a touchdown pass.
- The game with Howell was moved there to take advantage of the increased seating.
- The Junior Varsity posted a 4-2-1 record, while the freshmen were 2-5.

1969 SEASON				
Sept. 12	(H)	win	10-0	Haslett
Sept. 19	(A)	loss	8-0	Bath*
Sept. 26	(H)	loss	36-13	Leslie*
Oct. 3	(A)	win	14-0	Stockbridge*
Oct. 10	(H)	win	25-6	Perry*
Oct. 17	(A)	loss	12-8	Williamston*
Oct. 24	(H)	win	27-0	Pinckney*
Oct. 31	(A)	win	28-0	Dansville*
Nov. 8	(A)	win	29-6	Howell
*League games				
Record 6-3				

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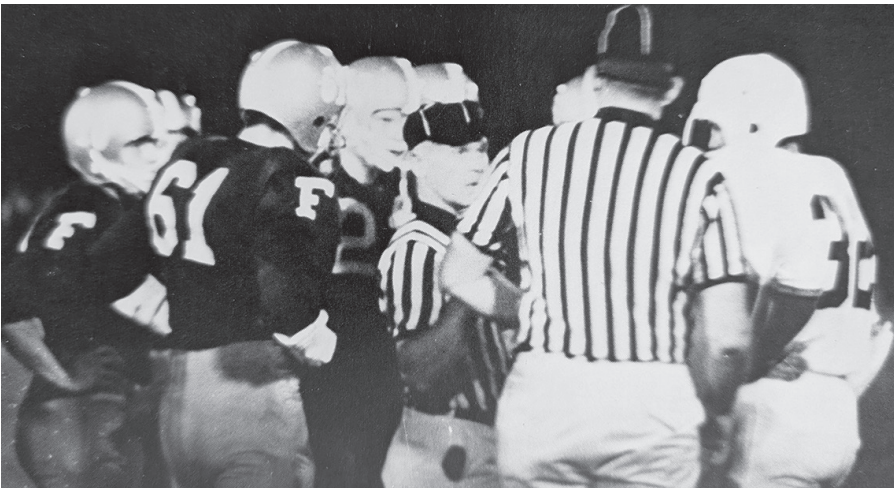
- Bath joins ICL.
- Chuck Bringham was the head coach and Kent Roberts was the assistant coach.
- All-Leage offensive selections were halfback Bill Smith and guard Pat Glover. Both Smith and Glover were also All-League defensive picks.
- The defense gave up 36 points to Leslie, but held their other eight opponents to only 32 points. They shut out four teams.
- On offense quarterback Ed Bailer threw eight touchdown passes and ran for two. John Bailke caught four touchdown passes and ran for two. Larry Davis caught four touchdown



1968 Fowlerville Varsity Football Team: Top row (from left): Gene Tomlin, Mark Lutz, Danny Kuch, Dale Horton, Joe Wise, George Preisinger, Brian Risdon; Second row: Chuck Bringham – Coach, Roger Reason, John Firebaugh, Melvin Lewis, Pat Glover, Dennis Monroe, Richard Carbary, LaVern Reason, George Grostick, John Swart - Coach; Third row: Jim Tait – Manager, Alfred Munsell, Bob Riley, Mike Glover, Larry Davis, Bill Smith, Dennis Evans, Marv Witt, Henry Dyko, Dick Lillywhite – student trainer; Bottom row: Dave Kirby – Manager, Gerald Shekell, Mike Cool, Rodney Major, Jim Kelly, Gerald Roberts, Jim Cox, McRoss Simpson, Ed Bailer, Berry Allmendinger – Manager, and Jeff Jackson, Manager.



Some photos from the 1969 football season. Team photo was unavailable.



passes. Bill Smith rushed for five touchdowns and caught a touchdown pass. Steve Crampton rushed for two touchdowns. Dennis Evans threw a touchdown pass and kicked a field goal in the 10-0 opening win over Haslett. He also converted 10 PATs and kicked a 25-yard field goal against Howell.

- The Junior Varsity had a 6-1 record and the freshmen were 5-2.

Fowlerville Glads have made several appearances in Football Playoffs--Part 1

By Bill Call

On November 4, 1995, Fowlerville varsity football played in their first Michigan High School Athletic Association playoff game. The opponent was Montrose High School, located near Saginaw. The school was better known for its State Championships in wrestling than football. The game started at 1:30 pm on the Fowlerville field in a snowstorm. Montrose won the game 27-0.

The Gladiators gained a total of 190 yards on offense for the game. Eric Hune completed 7 of 20 passes for 85 yards, while Ray Tyle led the rushing with 55 yards on 11 carries. Fowlerville had a great year as they finished 8-2 and second place in the ICL behind DeWitt, plus being one of the 16 teams out of 100 to make the class “B” school playoffs.

Fowlerville’s second appearance in the playoffs came in 1997 after the Glads had capped a fine season with an Ingham County League Championship and became the first varsity football team to go undefeated and untied during the regular season. This time Fowlerville traveled to Marshall to take on the Redskins, the defending Class “BB” state champs.

The Glads lost a close game, played on November 7, by a score of 26-21.

Other highlights of the season were the new Bringham football field being dedicated, halfback Ray Tyle setting a new school single-season rushing record of 2,030 yards, and Coach Jack Wallace winning his 100th game as the Gladiators Head Coach.

Fowlerville’s third trip to the MHSAA playoffs was

played on October 28, 1999, vs Battle Creek Harper Creek. The score was 23-15 with the Glads needing another TD and 2-point conversion to tie. Their hopes ended at their own 40-yard line when Harper Creek picked off a pass and ran out the clock. Fowlerville had 117 yards in the air to go along with 73 yards rushing. Fowlerville’s defensive tackle Lenny Davies had an outstanding night getting 25 tackles, followed by Brandon Harrison with 14 stops, while Brian Corl had 11. The Gladiators completed a fine season with 7 wins and just 3 losses.

Friday, October 26, 2001, was the date of Fowlerville’s fourth trip to the playoffs. As luck would have it, their opponent was five-time defending state champion Farmington Hills Harrison. The Gladiators played a heck of a first quarter, holding a team that was averaging over 40 points a game to a minus one yard. Offensively, a penalty nullified a 30-yard touchdown run by Tim Scott in the first period. Early in the second quarter Zack Douglass broke loose on a quarterback keeper and went 65 yards for the score. He then booted the PAT, and the Glads led 7-0.

With about four minutes to go in the second stanza, Farmington Hills finally got its offense untracked. They scored on a long pass to tie the game up at 7-7. Shortly thereafter they put up two more touchdowns to take a halftime lead of 21-7.

The second half was a continuation of those offensive fireworks, with Farmington Hills scoring four more times and winning the game 49- 7.

Fowlerville played the Redford Thurston Eagles on October 31, 2003, on the Gladiators’ field in their next play-

off appearance. Redford, meanwhile, was playing for the third time in the MHSAA playoffs. They had finished in second place in the Michigan Mega League – Blue Division behind the Trenton Trojans. The Eagles averaged 35.6 points per game while allowing just 13.1.

The ending was the stuff of a Hollywood movie. With their backs to the wall, time running out, and the game tied at 21 each, the Gladiator defense stepped up and stopped Redford Thurston on a fourth and goal. The offense then marched downfield and scored the game-winning touchdown with just 37 seconds left on the clock.

With the victory the 2003 team become the first team in school history to win 10 or more games in a season.

The next round for the Glads was a rematch with Farmington Hills Harrison and a less-dramatic outcome. The Hawks won by a final score of 29-14, putting an end to a very fine 10-1 season with a record.

October 28, 2005, was Fowlerville making the playoffs for a sixth time. With the luck of the draw they come up with Bloomfield Hills Lahser which finished the regular season with a record of 9-0. Fowlerville came in with a 6-3 record. Lahser took the Glad’s out of the game with a very good defense and even better offense. The final score was 21-0.

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

Time to fund special education based on what students actually need

Commentary by Dr. Scott Koenigsnecht

As a parent of a child with a disability, a longtime educator, and an advocate for students with disabilities, I’ve seen firsthand how Michigan’s current special education funding system falls short. It falls short of what schools need, and most importantly, it falls short of what students deserve.

That’s why I’m proud to support the Michigan Special Education Finance Reform Blueprint, better known as the MI Blueprint. It’s a once-in-a-generation opportunity to build a smarter and more equitable funding model for special education. One that puts students, not systems, at the center.

The good news is that the momentum is real, and it’s been building for a long time.

Over the last seven months, more than 1,000 Michiganders have helped shape the MI Blueprint through surveys, stakeholder meetings, and open conversations across the state. Parents, educators, advocates, and school leaders have

brought their insight to the table, working together to co-create a model that reflects what students actually need. This has been a transparent and inclusive process from the start, grounded in Michigan experiences and shaped by Michigan voices.

That community-driven momentum is being echoed at the highest levels. As we draw nearer to Michigan’s 2026 gubernatorial election, candidates have begun sharing their education platforms with some including education funding reform as a priority. Transitioning Michigan’s education funding approach to a weighted student funding formula that is decoupled from local property wealth and instead focused on what students need just makes sense. This alignment– from families and advocates to statewide leaders– underscores the urgency and the opportunity in front of us.

Right now, Michigan reimburses districts for just 28.6 percent of special education costs. That’s one of the lowest rates in the country. This leaves districts scrambling to meet their legal and moral obligations with insufficient state support. The burden falls hardest on low-wealth communities that can’t raise additional local revenue and are restricted by caps on millage increases, deepening existing disparities and limiting opportunity for the students who need the most.

This is not just a budgeting problem. It is a civil rights issue.

The MI Blueprint project was launched in response to this challenge, through bipartisan action by the state legislature. Since then, we’ve drawn from the best available research, including recent costing-out studies in neighboring Ohio and

the groundbreaking School Finance Research Collaborative adequacy study here in Michigan, and applied it to local data, policy context, and lived experience.

Now we are in the home stretch with the model taking shape and a final report due to the legislature this October. It will include a clear and actionable framework with a new weighted funding formula that can create a fairer, more predictable system.

This is not a theoretical exercise. It is a blueprint for change, and it has the backing of many advocates, educators, and families across Michigan.

To fellow educators and district leaders: you’ve helped shape this process every step of the way. Your continued engagement matters. Let’s finish strong.

To families across Michigan: this is about your children. Their needs and your voices are the backbone of this effort. Every child deserves the resources they need to succeed, no matter where they live or how much support they need, and the MI Blueprint helps us get there.

And to our legislative leaders: the table is set. You asked for an objective, data-informed framework, and the MI Blueprint delivers. As you consider education priorities this fall, this is an opportunity to follow-through on what you asked Michiganders to deliver to you.

We don’t get opportunities like this very often. Let’s seize it, together.

Dr. Scott Koenigsnecht is the Superintendent of the Clinton County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA), appointed in July 2023. This article is reprinted with permission of ‘Michigan Advance’, an online news site. www.michiganadvance.com

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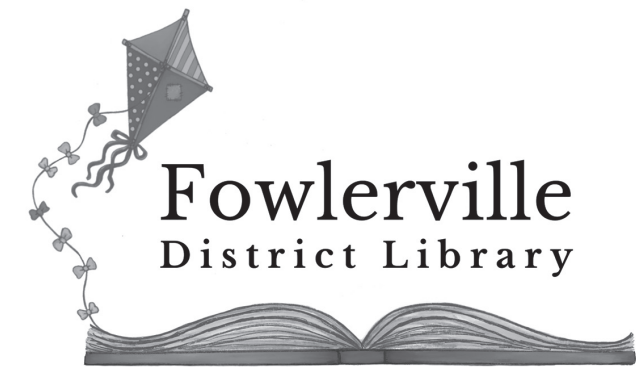
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Friday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday: Closed

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

KIDS & FAMILY

Homeschool Round-Up

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

Homeschool Hangout

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

Family Storytime (Ages 1-5) On Break

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

Toddler Storytime (Ages 0-3) On Break

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

Kids Club (Ages 6-12)

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

Graphic Novel Book Club

Read the book and then come to discuss it. Snacks provided. Books are available at the front desk and are yours to keep. We will be discussing SUPER PANCAKE by Megan Wagner Lloyd. Mon, Aug 25 ● 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)

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Live Homework Help

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

Sensory Playtime (Ages 2-5)

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

Sea Shanty Singalong (All Ages)

Ben Traverse, folksinger, balladeer, educator and songwriter will be here with an entertaining program in our side yard. You won’t want to miss the fun. Thurs, Aug 28 ● 6pm

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 ● 2:30-5pm

Maker Space Open House (All Ages)

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

Applied Science (13+)

Have you ever extracted DNA from a strawberry or made sparks with steel wool? Join us for some STEM activities and fun with science. Tues, Aug 26 ● 3-4pm

Origami (Teens 13+)

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

Build Your Own Touchscreen Gloves (Teens 13+)

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

ADULTS

Board of Trustees Meeting

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

Find Your People at the Library

We are thrilled to continue this popular working group to explore the Ancestry Library Edition and other valuable genealogy resources. Bring your laptop or use one of our computers. Please note this change in day. Wed, Sept 10 ● 2-3pm

Jam Session (Adults and teens)

Open Jam Sessions are becoming a monthly tradition here at the library. Led by community members who love to learn, share and connect; all levels, instruments and genres are welcome! Newcomers are encouraged to lead tunes when they feel called. Song leads call out chords and changes.

Questions? Email kjdamerow@gmail.com with Open Jam in the subject line. Tues, Sept 16 ● 5:30-6:45pm

Senior “Appy Hour”

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

Dried Flower Bookmark (Adults)

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

Gardening Class

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

Cardmaking (Adults)

Greet your friends and loved ones with beautiful homemade greeting cards-made by you! You will make four different cards to take home. All supplies included. Registration is required. Thurs, Sept 18 ● 6:00pm & Fri, Sept 19 ● 11am

Scrapbooking (Adults)

Make the most of your memories and join us for a fun day of scrapbooking your favorite photos. Stay the whole time or for just a few hours. Everyone gets their own table. Light refreshments will be provided. Registration is required. Sat. Sept 20 ● 10:30am – 3:30pm

Shelf Indulgence Book Club (Adults)

Members take turns facilitating the discussions. Come and enjoy some literary camaraderie! Register to get a free copy of the book, while supplies last. Registration begins one month before each scheduled meeting. Next up we will discuss WOMAN, CAPTAIN, REBEL by Margaret Willson. Aug 21 ● 2pm

Sewing (Adults)

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

Small Towns, Big Stories

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

Repair Cafe

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

Did You Know?

Did you know that we are a food collection location for the Family Impact Center? Non-perishable food 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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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on September 24, 2025. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

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

Said property is commonly known as 8611 Country Club Dr, Pinckney, MI 48169. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

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

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

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

Dated: August 5, 2025

Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage:
Thomas E. McDonald (P39312)
Brock & Scott, PLLC
5431 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403
PHONE: (844) 856-6646
File No. 25-18969

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NIESA Fire Report (Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority)

On Wednesday August 13, 2025 NIESA responded to seven calls. Five calls were in the City of Williamston with four being medical responses and one a citizen assist. One call was in the Village of Webberville for a medical response. One call was in Leroy Township for a fire response.

On Thursday August 14, 2025 NIESA responded to three calls. Two calls were in the City of Williamston with one a citizen assist and one a fire response. One call was in Williamstown Township for a citizen assist.

On Friday August 15, 2025 NIESA responded to three calls. Two calls were in the City of Williamston with one a medical response and one a Co2 Alarm. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a medical response.

On Saturday August 16, 2025 NIESA responded to eight calls. Five calls were in Wheatfield Township with one a

SHORT 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, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on September 10, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): DANIELLE COPUS, A Married Woman
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns
Date of mortgage: May 25, 2018 Recorded on May 31, 2018, in Document No. 2018R-014391, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC f/k/a New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Three and 70/100 Dollars (\$285,293.70)

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

The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale will be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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

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

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medical response, three of them utility responses, and one a vehicle accident on I-96. One call was in the Village of Webberville for a medical response. Two calls were in the City of Williamston with both being fire responses.

On Sunday August 17, 2025 NIESA responded to three calls. One call was in Leroy Township for a medical response. One call was in the City of Williamston also for a medical response. One call was in Williamstown Township for a utility response.

On Monday August 18, 2025 NIESA responded to four calls. One call was in Leroy Township for a vehicle accident. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a medical response. Two calls were in Williamstown Township with both being

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Bryan Michael Killop and Erin Elizabeth Killop, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
Date of Mortgage: March 14, 2013
Date of Mortgage Recording: April 2, 2013
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$90,598.98
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Oceola, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Parcel C-1: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 26, Town 3 North, Range 5 East, Oceola Township, Livingston County, Michigan; thence South 00 degrees 20 minutes 40 seconds East 845.45 feet along the West line of said Section and the centerline of Argentine Road for a place of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 41 minutes 02 seconds East, 660.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 20 minutes 40 seconds East 165.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 41 minutes 02 seconds West, 660.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 20 minutes 40 seconds West, 165.00 feet along said West line and centerline to the place of Beginning. Being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 3 North, Range 5 East, Oceola Township, Livingston County, Michigan, being subject to a 66.00 foot wide private easement for ingress, egress and utilities as described below.

Easement Parcel: A 66.00 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and public utilities having a centerline described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 26, Town 3 North, Range 5 East, Oceola Township. Livingston County, Michigan; thence South 00 degrees 20 minutes 40 seconds East along the West line of said section and the centerline of Argentine Road, 878.45 feet for a place of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 41 minutes 02 seconds East, 476.00 feet; thence South 74 degrees 24 minutes 13 seconds East 192.39 feet to the place of ending.

Common street address (if any): 1832 Argentine Rd, Howell, MI 48843-9019

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

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

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Date of notice: August 24, 2025
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medical responses.

On Tuesday August 19, 2025 NIESA responded to four calls. Two calls were in the City of Williamston with one a citizen assist, and one a medical response. Two calls were in the Village of Webberville with both being fire responses.



Fowlerville Senior Center operates Medical Equipment Loan Program

By Mark Thompson

We want to remind our community that the Fowlerville Senior Center continues to have a Medical Equipment Loan Program. All medical equipment is available to any person in need, anywhere. The Fowlerville Senior Center has loaned medical equipment within and outside of the Livingston County area. Our furthest medical equipment loans were to a person in Virginia and to a person from the State of Washington.

We have a multitude of medical equipment to loan, including hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers, toilet seats, shower chairs, knee scooters, canes and crutches. We even have one specialty electric wheelchair sized for a child and



can be operated by the person using the chair or an attendant.

Our next CPR, AED, NARCAN class will be Saturday, Sept. 27 from 10:00A – 12:00P. Successful completion of the class will result in a Certificate of Completion from the Emergency Care and Safety Institute. This is a free class for anyone who would like to learn more about these lifesaving medical techniques. The Fowlerville Senior Center has monthly classes scheduled through December 2025.

Just a little forward planning, the Fowlerville Senior Center’s October trip will be to Frankenmuth. We will be stopping at Bronner’s Christmas Land, lunch at Zehnder’s and maybe a riverboat trip on the Bavarian Belle. Exact date to be determined. This is a Senior Center member only trip, so stop in and become a member and enjoy the fun and camaraderie.

“The highest of distinctions, is service to others” – King George VI



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

Date of Mortgage: January 10, 2020
Date of Mortgage Recording: January 14, 2020
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$225,573.46
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Howell, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 22 , Assessor’s Plat No. 7, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4, Page 38 of Plats, Livingston County Records.
Common street address (if any): 627 E Washington St, Howell, MI 48843-2445

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

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jeffrey Robert Gontarski and Annette Gontarski, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender’s successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC

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

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

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Keith A Cliette, a married man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender’s successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lake Michigan Credit Union

Date of Mortgage: August 18, 2023
Date of Mortgage Recording: August 23, 2023
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$317,997.75
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Brighton, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 66 of FAIRWAY TRAILS SUBDIVISION NO. 2, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 19 of Plats, Pages 46 and 47, Livingston County Records.
Common street address (if any): 713 Oak Ridge Dr, Brighton, MI 48116-1747

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

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Members of the Fowlerville Area Fire Department were, front row, from left, Jason Kozmyna, Jared Jones, Jason Thomas, Lauren Muller, Chris Joseph with ‘Hallie’, Wayne Martin, Angela McKinney, J.T. Klarman, Cooper Shaw; top row, Bob Feig, Eric Lardie, Morgan Jeffries, Luke Lardie, Katie Bollwhan, Josh Ramey, John Spisz, Tim Kuch, Nathan Meloche, Ryan Carroway, Josh Piontek, and Sean Donohoe.



Checking out the resuscitation dummy were, from left, June Gay, Alyss Slobin, and Leana Gay of Fowlerville.

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Fowlerville Area Fire Dept. holds
Open House last Saturday, Aug. 16th

The Fowlerville Area Fire Dept. held an Open House last Saturday, Aug. 16, at the Main Station 41 on West Grand River. With a larger facility and extra open space around the station, the event was able to feature a number of demonstrations and activities during the four hours it ran.

The most popular offering was the landing and then departure of the U of M Medical Flight helicopter. In between, the pilot and three

registered nurses greeted the public and answered questions. The Livingston County Sheriff Marine Patrol had a boat and officers present. Also on hand were a Michigan State Police trooper with a patrol car, Livingston EMS with a rescue vehicle, and officials from Central 911 Dispatch.

The Fowlerville firefighters conducted tours of the station and fire trucks, along with conducting demonstrations on vehicle extrication, resuscitation methods using a dummy, and the use of a fire extinguisher.

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Getting ready to put on a vehicle extrication demonstration were these Fowlerville firefighters: Wayne Martin (kneeling) and standing, from left, Josh Piontek, Sgt. Nathan Meloche, Jason Thomase, and Sgt. Josh Ramey.



From left were Livingston County Sheriff Deputy Tom Stocker, Michigan State Trooper Andrew Edwards, and Sheriff Deputy Brian Chuff.



Among the families attending the event were, from left, Morgan Hamann, Lukas Hamann, Oliver Fox, Chelsea Fox, and Rowan Fox.



Operating an informational table for Livingston County 911 Central Dispatch were, from left, Ella Kloeckner of Perry and Kecia Williams, director of 911.



Shown here were firefighter Lauren Mueller holding nine-day-old Julianna Brunger, firefighter Morgan Jeffries, and Lizzie Brunger.

These three ladies, who are spouses of Fowlerville Area Fire Department members, were assisting at the event. From left were Michelle Spisz, Roberta Jones, and Kaily Stewart.



Jason Thomas, a member of the Fowlerville Area Fire Department, brought his wife Shondell and daughter Riley to the Open House.

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Historical Corner

by the Livingston Centre Historical Society

The Livingston Centre Historic Society continues preparations for the annual Fowlerville Fall Festival, Sat., Sept. 13, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$7/adults, \$5/ages 4 - 18. Entrance fee includes parking and self-guided, self-paced tours of the Historic Village, as well as all entertainment and events.

Several corporate or personal sponsorships are still available. Sponsoring an activity at the Fall Fest is a great way to help build community in Fowlerville and Livingston County while supporting efforts to preserve and maintain local history. Various events remain available; sponsoring businesses will receive 2 free tickets, a 10' x 10' vendor booth, and a staked sign advertising the sponsor. Anyone interested can call Erin (the historic society chair) at 540-589-2934 or email the committee for information at FOWLERVILLEFALLFEST@gmail.com. Please consider stepping forward to help make the Fall Fest a great success.

Volunteers are also needed to help the fair host a successful event. This is a great opportunity for teenagers, community groups, or anyone needing community service hours.

A few inside vendor spaces remain open, please visit Facebook/Fowlerville Fall Fest for details and an application. Coordinator contact is provided there.

See you at Fall Fest!

Michigan unemployment rates rose in most labor market areas in July

Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates rose in 15 of Michigan's 18 labor market areas over the month, according to data released Thursday by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

Livingston County was tied with Mackinac County for the lowest unemployment rate in July at 4.1 percent.

According to a release, Michigan regional unemployment rates ranged from 5.0 to 7.9 percent in July, with a median rate gain of 0.3 percentage points. The largest rate increase occurred in the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn metropolitan statistical area, with an unemployment rate gain of 1.2 percentage points.

—Area Deaths—



Larry Humrich

Larry R. Humrich, age 80, of Stockbridge, MI, passed away on August 19, 2025 at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI. Larry was born on April 21, 1945 in Howell, MI, the son of Ralph and Kathryn (Roberts) Humrich.

Larry had lived in the Stockbridge area all of his life where he worked as a farmer. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam Era. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, fishing, and hunting. He was an avid bowler, winning state championships and traveling to national tournaments. Larry married Lorraine (Blanton) on February 26, 1994, and she survives. Also surviving are three children, Sherry (Chris) Cain of Texas, James White of Fowlerville, and Brenda (Matt) Brockway of Fowlerville; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; his siblings: Gary (Kathryn) Humrich, Ronald (Lynda) Humrich, Linda (Robert) Vogel, Carol (Ralph) Goerge, and Elaine (Mike) Boyd; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a nephew, Benjermin Humrich.

Visitation was being held at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home on Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 2-4 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home on Sunday, August 24, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., with Rev. Paula Vergowven officiating. Burial will follow at Plainfield Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Plainfield United Methodist Church.

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“Eutropalia”

By Jace Arledge

Can we talk about virtue for a minute. Virtue is according to Cambridge “a good moral quality in a person, or the general quality of being morally good.” Yet it isn’t just doing things.

Virtue is also a spiritual muscle, power of the soul to do hard things more easily so that it becomes more natural to do the things you know you should and avoid bad behaviors or vices. And since I said VICE that is a perfect word to highlight the opposite of virtue. What is a vice, according to Cambridge “a moral fault or weakness in someone’s character.” It is something that grips or binds you, while a virtue, sets you free.

You’re still wondering what is eutropalia so I will say that this represents FREEDOM, as in its power in your soul to have good, clean fun and often.

The great philosophers wrote about this virtue and G.K. Chesterton said “Angels can fly because they take themselves lightly, and Satan fell by force of gravity. He took himself very seriously, friends.” No fun for Satan!!

I have often longed to be able to just take off and do some wild and crazy fun (legal mind you). But I am quickly reminded that it may not be appropriate due to my job or being a parent, because you know parents are supposed to be subdued and in control. Well, some are. I think it’s overrated.

Being judged by your actions and the position you hold is an unfair judgement if you ask me. Fun should be exactly that... fun. It should be taken seriously. Fun puts the passing stuff of this life in its proper place and if you don’t have fun, what was that saying, “No fun makes Johnny a dull boy.” Everything becomes too serious and everything that really shouldn’t be overly important takes the place of the things that should be important and matter the most.

So, take that vacation, use the PTO time, and do the things that matter. ‘Yes’, your responsibility to provide for your family is important and serious, BUT that job can and will be there tomorrow. Life isn’t promised, time isn’t guaranteed. Don’t let worry consume your life and keep you from having eutropalia!!

In scripture, we are given instruction and warnings of being worried about things. Matthew 13 Jesus says his words are like a seed that is scattered among the thorns and don’t produce fruit. He tells us “The seed falling among thorns refers to someone who hears the words, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.”

What I believe that passage is saying is ‘don’t take the things of this world so seriously while dissing the really

important things, such as family, friends, playing at the park, camping, you know the really fun stuff that creates memories and brings love to everyone.’

Your happiness and everything that is important to you should hold top priority. So fun is serious business, it puts the passing stuff of this life into perspective and gives it its place. And fun that has no purpose, well it’s a great reminder that you are a human being, not a human doing. You have worth, dignity and existence even when you’re not producing something.

Lastly, having fun elevates the things that matter most. I know that when I am struggling with my marriage or my children, I take the time to watch a movie or play games to alleviate the stress that has no place in my life. What does one day of worry do for us? We were meant to have fun and enjoy our lives, that’s what our lives were/are supposed to be like.

So, the next time things start to get a little crazy, take a deep breath, close your eyes and count to 10 and hopefully at the end of that count you’ll say “Ready or not here I come!!!”

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Webberville Report



Webberville High Seniors are, back row, from left, Braden Kephart, Kyle Kubiak, Hunter Pendell, Matthew Howery, Richard Fletcher, Gavin Howery, Kaleb Matiyow, Brodee Tyler, Daxten Feguer, Joshua Boschma, Karson Lycos, Brody Teague; middle row: Jolie Bryan, Lexi Proctor, Mackenzie Wyatt, Karley Williams, Haley Proctor, Valerie Grosser, Ella Howard, Payten Sholty, Samantha Hull, Makayla Culver; front row, Dylan Rhodes, Ethan West, and Colt Blanchard.

Webberville Class of 2026 kicks off senior year with Sunrise Gathering

Members of the Webberville Class of 2026 came together on Monday, August 18, for a very special event—their last, first day of school. The seniors gathered to watch the sunrise, share memories, and set the tone for a memorable year ahead.

While not everyone could attend, those who did enjoyed cinnamon rolls, muffins, plenty of conversation, and lots of smiles during photo opportunities.

A special thanks goes to April Vogel for rising extra early to help make the morning possible for this awesome group of students! Best wishes for an incredible year, Class of 2026!

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Michigan House Report

By Jason Woolford,
50th District

This week, I stood alongside my colleague Rep. Jay DeBoyer as he introduced legislation, which I proudly co-sponsored, to strengthen transparency and accountability in state government by protecting whistleblowers. Too often, the people who see the corruption, waste, or mismanagement inside the government are the ones pressured to keep quiet. And too often, people do the right thing and are punished for it. That has to stop. This plan gives whistleblowers the assurance that when they come forward, they won’t lose their livelihood. If we’re serious about restoring trust in government, we must protect those who are willing to speak truth to power.

I’m also excited about my legislation, House Bill 4746, advancing through committee this week. The House Committee on Government Operations advanced House Bill 4746, which would require that all individuals receiving food or cash assistance be issued a chip-enabled Michigan Bridge Card. Adding this security feature will help prevent fraud and ensure benefits are going to the families who actually need them and not being abused by bad actors. Michiganders work hard for every dollar they send to Lansing, and they deserve to know those dollars are being managed with integrity.

The House voted this week on House Bill 4707, which I supported, to prohibit ranked-choice voting in our state. Ranked-choice voting might sound good on paper, but in practice it confuses voters, discourages participation, and forces taxpayers to foot the bill for costly new voting machines. At a time when people already question the integrity of our elections, we don’t need another layer of

confusion. What we do need is a system that’s simple, secure, and fair where every legal vote is counted and every voter’s voice is heard.

Finally, I had the privilege of testifying before the House Committee on Natural Resources on behalf of my bill, HB 4743. This legislation would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to provide a free Recreation Passport to any honorably discharged military veteran who is a Michigan resident. Our veterans have sacrificed so much to protect our freedoms, and this bill is a small but meaningful way to say thank you while encouraging them to enjoy the natural beauty Michigan has to offer. From our lakes and forests to our state parks and trails, Michigan is a place of unparalleled outdoor opportunities, and every veteran should have the chance to experience it without financial barriers.

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.

Reps. DeBoyer, Woolford unveil whistleblower protection plan

House Oversight Chair Jay DeBoyer (R-Clay Township) and fellow House Oversight Committee member Jason Woolford (R-Howell) today stressed the need for greater accountability mechanisms in government.

Protections for whistleblowers who report violations of law, participate in investigations, take part in related legal proceedings or communicate with representatives of the people regarding missteps or potentially illegal acts within state government are a critical part of this equation. The legislators’ soon-to-be-introduced plan addresses gaps in current law that lead to less communication, transparency, and ways to fix issues that arise.

“Our role on the House Oversight Committee is to hold government accountable to the people and investigate potential instances where public dollars are being misused or there has been a violation of the public’s trust,” DeBoyer said. “I can tell you, our committee – and Oversight panels

to the leaders, who said it is designed for consistency within the current legislative session. They believe the items can be completed within reasonable time and “reflect bipartisan effort.”

“Michigan’s economic future demands consistency and a commitment that keeps us competitive for decades to come. EDLM’s framework provides our communities with the resources to transform potential into lasting prosperity,”

Kevin Johnson, president and CEO of the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, said. “We can’t coast on yesterday’s victories when competitor states are accelerating their efforts to attract the businesses and talent that drive sustainable growth. This strategic approach ensures Michigan doesn’t just compete in tomorrow’s economy—we lead it.”

The coalition also emphasized a “holistic” approach to economic development including focusing on training and employment opportunities as well as creating attractive places to work by addressing the housing shortage and invest in infrastructure like roads, utilities and water.

“If Michigan is serious about long-term economic stability, we need to continue to invest in order to generate economic returns today and tomorrow,” Jennifer Owens, President of Lakeshore Advantage, said. “The ten legislative priorities championed by Economic Development Leaders for Michigan represent the high-return tools our state needs to retain and attract the next generation of talent and businesses. A robust, fully funded economic development toolbox doesn’t just help local businesses succeed, it drives good jobs for our residents, strengthens our communities, and grows our state’s revenues over time. These are the tools we need to do just that.”

The coalition also emphasized the states that Michigan is competing with including Ohio, which generated \$20 billion in capital investment in 2024, Indiana, which signed billion in deals since the 1990s through a performance-based payroll tax capture, Texas and Virginia, which both integrate economic development and their universities and many other southern states that attract business with low taxes and energy costs as well as streamlined permitting and ready sites.

“A competitive economic development toolbox locally impacts all elements of a community — from small businesses, startups and entrepreneurs, to placemaking projects like farmers markets, and to successfully attracting brand-new investment and good jobs,” Bob Trezise, president and CEO of Lansing Economic Area Partnership, said. “The better funded and more robust our state economic development toolbox and programs are, the more revenue we will generate for the state, supporting the quality services we all want.”

before us – have had numerous people who work for state departments say that they’d love to come and talk about what’s happening and what’s gone wrong, but they can’t do so on the record out of fear for their job or even their well-being. I’ve had people tell me they can’t meet with me at the state Capitol or our House Office Building to talk about some of these things. That’s not right, and it’s unacceptable to hit those types of roadblocks when we are trying to get answers for hardworking taxpayers and the people of our state. That is not how government should work.”

The sponsors said that the bill strengthens the existing Whistleblowers’ Protection Act by allowing for a court to order reinstatement of an employee, payment of three times the amount of back wages owed to an employee, full reinstatement of fringe benefits and seniority rights, damages, or any combination of damages.

A person in violation of the law will be subject to a fine of \$2,000, which is up from the current \$500. Any fines would be deposited into the state’s general fund.

“People who want to step up and do the right thing when they feel a wrong thing has occurred should not fear retaliation or feel like they’re risking their career to speak up,” Woolford said. “They deserve real protection. With this bill, we’re sending a resounding message that we will protect whistleblowers that expose waste, fraud and abuse. My duty as an elected official and a member of the House Oversight Committee is to hold our state government accountable and ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely, ethically, and transparently.”

The legislators noted that parameters of the existing law have not tipped the scales far enough to ensure communication and proper reporting from employees who wish to step forward. Critical whistleblower protections were also scaled back in previous budgets.

“This will put it in law,” DeBoyer said. “Not negotiated away at the last minute. Not pushed to another year. People are tired of government acting superior to them and acting as if government is above the law. This will protect individuals who seek to do the right thing and disclose acts of wrongdoing within government when they have occurred.”

The plan will soon be formally read into the record.

Economic development leaders narrow down top 10 priorities for growth

By Liz Nass
Gongwer News Service

The Economic Development Leaders for Michigan announced a list of the coalition’s top priorities for growth and prosperity in the business realm in a Tuesday (Aug. 19) press release, outlining its goals to increase funding for research and development and maintaining key attraction programs.

“EDLM’s legislative priorities reflect the need to keep Michigan competitive with sustainable, long-term economic development strategies,” Maureen Donohue Krauss, President & CEO of the Detroit Regional Partnership, said in a statement. “As economic developers, we know that stability and consistency are key factors to a company’s expansion decision. These tools will give regions across the state the edge they need to win key investments, attract and retain talent, and build stronger communities, now and in the future.”

The group’s priorities include:

- Maintaining the Business Development Program at \$100 million for job-creating investments;
- Adopting a performance-based withholding tax incentive to support project attraction;
- Renewing the Revitalization and Placemaking Program at \$50 million;
- Renewing the Community Revitalization Program at \$50 million;
- Modernizing locally driven programs like SmartZone and Transformational Brownfield Programs;
- Funding the Regional Strategic Site Readiness Program at \$50 million;
- Maintaining the Going PRO Talent Fund for growth in advanced manufacturing;
- Establishing a \$10 million Regional Talent Attraction and Retention Fund to support local workforce initiatives;
- Doubling the state’s R&D Tax Credit to \$200 million for more private-sector innovation; and
- Recommitting to regionally led Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programming at \$100 million, restoring the funding to 2012 levels.

The coalition said these priorities could be funded through a withholding tax credit and research and development credit, which could both be tied to company activity, which only brings additional revenue to the state when businesses generate economic activity.

The 10 goals are “ambitious, yet achievable,” according

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By Jim Miller

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Frustrated Beneficiary

Dear Beneficiary,
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So, what does that mean?
First, it means that your medical condition must be serious enough that you need an ambulance to transport you safely to a hospital or other facility where you can receive care that Medicare covers.
If a car or taxi could transport you without endangering your health, Medicare won't pay. For example, Medicare probably won't pay for an ambulance to take someone with an arm fracture to a hospital. But if the patient goes into shock, or is prone to internal bleeding, ambulance transport may be medically necessary to ensure their safety on the way. The details make a difference.
Second, the ambulance must take you to the nearest appropriate medical facility. If you choose to be transported to a facility farther away because the doctor you prefer has staff privileges there, expect to pay a greater share of the bill. Medicare will only cover the cost of ambulance transport to the nearest appropriate facility and no more.
Medicare may also pay for an emergency flight by plane or helicopter to the nearest appropriate medical center if the trip would take too long on the ground and endanger your health.
Nonemergency Situations
Medicare may also cover ambulance transportation in some cases when you're not facing a medical emergency. But to receive this coverage, your doctor needs to write an order stating that an ambulance is medically necessary because other ways to get you to an appointment could endanger your health.
For example, if you've been diagnosed with end-stage renal disease, Medicare may pay if you have a doctor's order stating that it is medically necessary for you to use an ambulance to take you to and from a dialysis center.
You also need to know that in nonemergency situations, ambulance companies are required to give you an Advance Beneficiary Notice of Non-coverage or ABN if they believe Medicare may not

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Ambulance Costs
Ambulance rides can vary from several hundred to several thousand dollars depending on where you live and how far you're transported.
Medicare Part B pays 80 percent of the Medicare-approved ambulance rides after you've met your annual Part B deductible (\$257 in 2025). You, or your Medicare supplemental policy (if you have one), are responsible for the remaining 20 percent.
If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan, it must cover the same services as original Medicare, and may offer some additional transportation services. You'll need to check with your plan for details.
How to Appeal
If an ambulance company bills you for services after Medicare denies payment, but you think the ride was medically necessary, you can appeal – see *Medicare.gov*, click on "Providers & Services" followed by "Claims, Appeals, and Complaints." To help your case, ask the doctor who treated you for documentation that you needed an ambulance.
If you need some help, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), who can help you file an appeal. Go to *ShipHelp.org* or call 877-839-2675 for contact information.
Send your questions or comments to questions@savvysenior.org, or to Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070.

**VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE
213 SOUTH GRAND AVENUE
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517-223-3771**

VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES *SYNOPSIS MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025

*A Synopsis is a summary of the motions made at the meeting. The complete set of minutes can be viewed on the website at www.Fowlerville.org.
The Village Council Public Hearing Meeting was called to order by President Hill at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers.
Trustees Present: Hardenbrook, Helfmann, Hernden, Mayhew, and Hill.
Absent: Curtis and Heath.
COUNCIL MEMBER MAYHEW MOVED; COUNCIL MEMBER HERNDEN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS AMENDED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
COUNCIL MEMBER HELFMANN MOVED; COUNCIL MEMBER MAYHEW SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, CONSISTING OF ITEMS 6. a. THROUGH 6. i., AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
COUNCIL MEMBER HARDENBROOK MOVED; COUNCIL MEMBER HERNDEN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE LADIES NIGHT OUT COMMITTEE, CONTINGENT UPON THE COMMITTEE COORDINATING WITH DPW SUPERVISOR CATHY ELLIOTT AND CHIEF OF POLICE JOHN TYLER REGARDING THE EVENT'S START TIME. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
COUNCIL MEMBER HERNDEN MOVED; COUNCIL MEMBER MAYHEW SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-22, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION REQUEST. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE-HERNDEN, MAYHEW, HARDENBROOK, HELFMANN, AND HILL. NAY-NONE. ABSENT-CURITS AND HEATH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
COUNCIL MEMBER HELFMANN MOVED; COUNCIL MEMBER MAYHEW SECONDED TO ADOPT THE REVISED RESOLUTION NO. 25-23, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PERSONAL ACTION REQUEST. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE-HELFMANN, MAYHEW, HERNDEN, HARDENBROOK, AND HILL. NAY-NONE. ABSENT-CURTIS AND HEATH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
COUNCIL MEMBER HERNDEN MOVED; COUNCIL MEMBER MAYHEW SECONDED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 499, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1302 OF ORDINANCE NO. 346. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE-HERNDEN, MAYHEW, HARDENBROOK, HELFMANN, AND HILL. NAY-NONE. ABSENT-CURTIS AND HEATH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
COUNCIL MEMBER HARDENBROOK MOVED; COUNCIL MEMBER MAYHEW SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT FOR SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES (SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER) FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE-HARDENBROOK, MAYHEW, HELFMANN, HERNDEN, AND HILL. NAY-NONE. ABSENT-CURTIS AND HEATH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
COUNCIL MEMBER HARDENBROOK MOVED; COUNCIL MEMBER HERNDEN SECONDED TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:11 P.M. TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION AS ALLOWED BY section 8(e) OF THE OPEN MEETING ACT, MCL 15.268(e). ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE-HARDENBROOK, HERNDEN, HELFMANN, MAYHEW, AND HILL. NAY-NONE. ABSENT-CURTIS AND HEATH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
COUNCIL MEMBER HARDENBROOK MOVED; COUNCIL MEMBER HELFMANN SECONDED TO ADJOURN THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:29 PM. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Hartman
Village Deputy Clerk
(8-24-25 FNV)

NOTICE: FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Fowlerville Department of Public Works will begin flushing fire hydrants throughout the Village of Fowlerville on **Monday, September 8, 2025**.
Regular hydrant flushing is essential for two reasons:
1. To remove mineral deposits that accumulate in water lines.
2. To ensure fire hydrants are functioning properly and performing as expected.
This process does not affect the safety of the water supply. However, if you experience cloudy or discolored water, we recommend running an outside faucet or the cold-water taps inside your home or business until the water runs clear.
If you are driving in areas where hydrant flushing is in progress, please proceed with caution.
We appreciate your cooperation with this important seasonal maintenance in the Village of Fowlerville.

Jamie Hartman
Village Deputy Clerk
(8-24 & 8-31-25 FNV)

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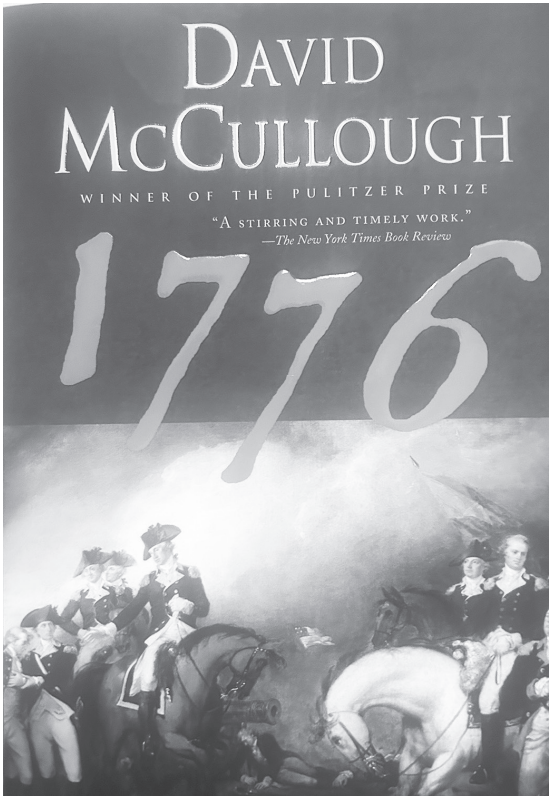
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The Lessons of ‘1776’ & George Washington’s example

Historical chronicle tells story of nation’s founding year
Commentary by Steve Horton

I recently finished *1776*, the historical chronicle of the United States’ founding year. The author is the popular historian David McCullough and a description on the back page of the softcover version states that he “tells the intensely human story of those who marched with General George Washington in the year of the Declaration of Independence—when the whole American cause was riding on their success, without which all hope for independence would have been dashed and the noble ideals of the Declaration would have amounted to little more than words on paper.”

The book is 294 pages long, hardly the exhaustive look at a historical topic we usually associate with these sorts of retrospect. But it’s richly detailed and, as we’re told, based “on extensive research in both American and British archives.”

I should add that the book, which won the Pulitzer Prize, was published in 2005. I came across this past February while pursuing the Horizon Book Store during a brief sojourn to Traverse City. We were in that Northern Michigan city for our annual President’s Day get-away.

I’d read McCullough’s biography on John Adams, to which *1776* was called a companion piece, and (like many others) was entertained by his narration of Ken Burn’s Civil War documentary. So, given this familiarity, it seemed like it might be an interesting read, plus it was being offered at a reduced price.

At the time I bought it, I did not glean that we, as a nation, were about to embark on our 250th birthday within a few weeks. The Boston Marathon, which coincides with the anniversary of the Battle of Lexington (“the shot heard around the world”) and of Concord, alerted me to what was coming. The recent 250th birthday of the U.S. Army—which coincides with the birthday of our current chief executive Donald Trump—was a further reminder.

Both those battles, which effectively launched the Revolutionary War, followed soon after by the Continental Congress establishing a national Army with George Washington named as its commanding general, are part of the book’s early pages. However, these events occurred in 1775. Also, the Virginian actually took over command of the New England militias who were laying siege to the British Army holed up in Boston. These New England troops had built fortifications on the three sides of land that overlooked the city, while the British still had access to the sea with their ships. Militia troops from nearby colonies joined Washington and the combination of those already present and the new arrivals became the Continental Army.

The book, however, starts off with a chapter on King George III and his attitude towards the rebellious American colonies as well the divisions in the British government over how to handle the situation, including those members of Parliament sympathetic to the colonists’ grievances concerning taxation and treatment by Royal authorities as well as those in London who advocated even sterner measures.

The narrative, as it moves forward, juxtaposes the perspectives from each side, adding a more interesting look at this historical account. The ‘what ifs’ abound in the emerging story.

There’s certainly not enough room in the space of this column to go over what happened in those final months of

1775 and the nation’s founding year of 1776. McCullough takes us from the success of the Siege of Boston when American optimism was at an understandable high pitch to the Port of New York City where we become immersed in the details of military preparation by Washington on Long Island, the arrival of a huge contingency of British Army and Naval forces led by the brothers General William Howe and Admiral Richard Howe, and then the disastrous outcomes for American forces in the ensuing battles.

There was a reason why we never heard much about the Battle of Brooklyn in our school-day history classes.

McCullough pulls no punches on Washington’s questionable strategic decisions, indecisiveness, and lack of battlefield experience that nearly resulted in the Army’s total defeat. Yet the General managed to pull off a couple of retreats across rivers that saved his fighting force, and in the midst of calamity he served as an example of calm and dignity that kept his ragtag outfit together. He was faced with ill-equipped and ill-trained troops, widespread disease and desertion, a large number of loyalists in the area who supported the British, and those who thought his fellow general, Charles Lee, would be a better choice as commander.

While outlining these flaws and challenges, along with the near-fatal outcome for the American cause, the author also examines the British side. This included an arrogant view towards this makeshift band of rebels, a conviction that the colonials would soon “come to their senses” in the face of superior force and abandon their mistaken path, and their own misjudgments in battle resulted in missed opportunities to strike a decisive blow.

Despite my knowing the final outcome of the war, we are after all observing our 250th birthday, I found the unfolding story of what happened in New York and then the retreat across New Jersey to be depressing. Our nation, in those dreary days, literally “survived by the skin of our teeth.”

But what the reader learns is Washington somehow held it together. He was aided in doing so by loyal subordinates like Nathanael Greene and Henry Knox, a pair of young men who came to the fight without any military experience but rose to the occasion. He would also be helped by the capture of General Lee which removed this rival and ended any further questions of a change in command. He was sustained as well by his belief in the cause of independence, underpinned by a determination and an inner strength that sustained him during these trials and tribulations. Finally, he survived because enough troops believed in the cause, as he did, and were inspired by his leadership.

We learn also that Washington, from the very beginning, accepted the civilian control by Congress over the Army and of his being subordinate to their authority; a belief that continued even after victory in Yorktown a few years later and one which set an example of putting the nation’s interest over that of personal gain. It would be further manifested by his leaving the Presidency after two terms of office, handing over the reins of his office to John Adams and returning to Mount Vernon—the shining example of a peaceful transfer of power.

The book ends with the famous retelling of Washington crossing the Delaware during a brutal snowstorm on Christmas night and attacking the Hussian forces headquartered for the winter in Trenton, followed by a similar victory in Princeton.

Neither battle was seemingly major in size and scope; in fact, the overall plan for sending forces into New Jersey fell short of its intent due to the storm. Yet when news of the success started spreading across the new nation, it served as ‘a light at the end of a dark tunnel,’ a reason for hope after weeks of dismay and discouragement.

What lay ahead on the battlefield, it seemed, did not have to be a continual tale of defeat and retreat. The American Army, as evidenced by this attack, was capable of besting the mighty British and their German mercenaries.

As the history of the Revolutionary War tells us, the dark days were not over. The crucible of Valley Forge lay ahead. Although not immediately evident, the decision by France to support the fledgling nation with supplies and naval power would eventually help balance and then tip the scales.

But, as McCullough wrote at the end of this chronicle, “Without Washington’s leadership and unrelenting perseverance, the revolution almost certainly would have failed,” adding that “As Nathanael Greene foresaw as the war went on. “He will be the deliverer of his own country.”

Now, 250 years after this beginning, we will pause to celebrate all that has been brought forth across this wide land during this span of time. Like most chronicles of human activity, which is what history is mainly about and what constitutes its importance, there is much to be proud of in the American story and a number of things to regret.

The nation—’We the People’— are still a work-in-progress, yet with courage and perseverance, with a

faithfulness to those high ideals expressed in the Declaration of Independence. and with a determination to maintain this democratic republic and our liberties and rights, we’ll continue to build a society that sustains and nourishes each of us. . . and all of us.

It is the legacy we inherited and that which we should strive to protect and maintain for “ourselves and our posterity.”

This commentary was first published in my Substack newsletter.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing to consider a request for a rezoning submitted by Elm Street Wholesale will be held on **September 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at Conway Township Hall, 8015 N. Fowlerville Rd., Fowlerville, MI 48836**, at a meeting of the Township Planning Commission.

The parcels requested to be rezoned are 4701-14-200-005 and 4701-14-200-006, commonly known as 7398 Hayner Rd., Fowlerville, MI 48836. The request seeks to change zoning on the parcel from Agricultural to Light Industrial.

The rezoning application may be examined at the Conway Township Hall, 8015 N. Fowlerville Rd., Fowlerville, MI 48836 during regular business hours. Written comments regarding the application may be submitted in care of Tara Foote, Conway Township Clerk at 8015 N. Fowlerville Rd., Fowlerville, MI 48836 before 4:00 P.M. the day prior to the hearing.

August 20, 2025

Tara Foote

Conway Township Clerk

8015 N. Fowlerville Rd., Fowlerville, MI 48836

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services who are planning to attend the hearing should notify Tara Foote at (517) 223-0358 within a reasonable time in advance of the date of the hearing.

(8-24 & 9-7-25 FNV)

CONWAY TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF CONWAY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: August 25, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

AT THE CONWAY TOWNSHIP HALL

Address: 8015 N. Fowlerville Rd., Fowlerville, MI 48836

TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission of Conway Township, will hold a special meeting on August 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at the Conway Township Hall at 8015 N. Fowlerville Rd., Fowlerville, MI 48836. The purpose of the special meeting will be to discuss the site plan and request for a special land use permit submitted by Headland Solar, LLC, to construct and operate a utility-scale solar energy facility, and to consider any other business that may come before the Planning Commission

This notice is posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

August 20, 2025

Tara Foote

Conway Township Clerk

8015 N. Fowlerville Rd., Fowlerville, MI 48836

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(8-24-25 FNV)



Hartland Audubon Nature Club begins new program season Sept. 2

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

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

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

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on September 24, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Sascha Schwetschenau
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): HSBC Bank USA, N.A.
Date of Mortgage: November 10, 2023

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 16, 2023
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$294,755.36

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Hamburg, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 38, Arrowhead Subdivision, Township of Hamburg, County of Livingston, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 16 of Plats, Page 47-54, Livingston County Records.

Common street address (if any): 5157 Navajo Trl, Pinckney, MI 48169-9397

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

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: August 24, 2025

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Farmington Hills, MI 48334

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(8-24, 8-31, 9-7 & 9-14-25 FNV)

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT LIVINGSTON COUNTY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE NOTICE TO THE FRIEND OF THE COURT

CASE NO. and JUDGE
2023-21768-DE

Hon. Miriam Cavanaugh

Court address and telephone no.

204 S Highlander Way Ste 2, Howell, MI 48843

(517) 546-3750

In the matter of Dennis Carnes

Personal Representative:

Thomas Langan

24725 W. 12 Mile Rd. Ste. 110

Southfield, MI 48034

(248) 945-1111

Personal Representative's Attorney:

Jordan R. Smith P87095

24725 W. 12 Mile Rd. Ste. 110

Southfield, MI 48034

(248) 945-1111

Instructions to the Personal Representative: This notice must be completed and provided to the friend of the court in the county where the decedent's estate is being administered within 28 days of your appointment.

1. The decedent's identifying information is Dennis Carnes
2. As required by MCL 700.3705(6), I am providing the friend of the court, in the county where this estate is being administered, with the names and addresses of the decedent's surviving spouse and the devisees (testate estate) or the heirs (intestate estate).

The estate is being administered in Livingston County. The probate court file number is Case No. 2023-0000021768-DE

3. Name of surviving spouse:

Barbara Carnes

1200 Chemung Dr.

Howell, MI 48843

Name of devisee/heir:

Stephanie Carnes

39759 Peters Dr.

Canton, MI 48187

Name of devisee/heir:

Jodi Garman

3 Lockwood Ln.

Orchard Park, NY 14127

Date: 8-12-25

(8-24-25 FNV)

PUBLICATION NOTICE TO CREDITORS TRUST ESTATE STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Livingston.

In the matter of the Bidlack Revocable Family Trust dated November 24, 2003.

Decedent's date of birth: December 8, 1944.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in this matter may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, Nany Bidlack, lived at 11410 Tall Shadows Court, Pinckney, Michigan 48169, and died July 25, 2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all decedent's assets were held by the Trustee at decedent's death, and the decedent has no probate estate. Creditors of the decedent are further notified that all claims against the trust estate will be forever barred unless presented to: Lisa Saladin, Trustee, at 133 Alabama Ave., Asheville, North Carolina 28806 within four (4) months of the publication of this notice. This notice is published pursuant to MCL 700.7608. If a probate estate is opened in the future for the decedent, this notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of MCL 700.3801. Notice is further given that the trust estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Attorney

Virginia A. Cardwell (P47349)

Ferguson Widmayer & Clark PC

538 North Division

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

(734) 662-0222

(08-24)

(8-24-25 FNV)

SHORT 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, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on September 03, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Erin Landino, a single woman

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

Date of mortgage: April 27, 2018

Recorded on May 3, 2018, in Document No. 2018R-011858, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC

Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Four and 34/100 Dollars (\$153,674.34)

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Livingston County, and described as: Unit 76 of RIVER DOWNS, according to the Master Deed thereof, recorded in Liber 1992, page 158 through 220, inclusive, Livingston County Records, designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 82, and all recorded amendments thereof, if any, together with the rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Commonly known as 2697 Thistlewood Dr, 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 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.

Nationstar Mortgage LLC Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman P.C.

23938 Research Dr, Suite 300

Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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(08-03)(08-24)

(8-3, 8-10, 8-17 & 8-24-25 FNV)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS OF NATURAL AGGREGATES CORPORATION

Creditors and claimants of Natural Aggregates Corporation, a Michigan corporation, are hereby notified that the corporation was dissolved as a corporation under the Michigan Business Corporation Act, effective August 8, 2025.

If you have a claim against the corporation, you are requested to comply with the following:

- a. Prepare a written statement of your claim, describing the nature of the claim, the dollar amount of the claim, if known, and if not known, an estimate, and the circumstances on which it is based. Include the name, address, and phone number of a person who can provide information about your claim if the corporation wishes to obtain additional information.
- b. Mail the written statement to National Aggregates Corporation: P.O. Box 2183, Brighton, MI 48116

Your claim will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within one year after the date of publication of this notice.

This notice is given pursuant to Section 842a of the Michigan Business Corporation Act, MCL 450.1842a.

(08-24)

(8-24-25 FNV)

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How Michigan is trying to stop the box tree moth; Livingston County included in quarantine area

By Rachel Lewis
Capital News Service

Boxwood shrubs are popular in Michigan. Gardeners like them because their evergreen foliage brings much-needed greenery in the winter months.

Plus, deer don’t like to eat them.

Boxwoods were imported from Europe in the 17th century. Without any native predators, they thrived in the U.S.

That was until 2021, when the box tree moth was discovered in New York.

Soon after, this pest made its second U.S. appearance in a homeowner’s yard in Michigan. This prompted the state Department of Agriculture and Rural Development to issue a quarantine on the movement of infested boxwood shrub plants to prevent harm to other plants.

“The purpose of our quarantine is to slow the spread,” said Andria McCubbin, a nursery, seed & apiary specialist at the department. ”We say ‘slow the spread’ because eradication is not really an option. This is a very prolific pest. It flies really well.”

“But one of the major ways it spreads is through humans,” she said.

In the past two years, the quarantine area has grown from 11 to 13 counties in Southeast Michigan. That’s in addition to a federal quarantine imposed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The counties are Clinton, Lapeer, St. Clair, Eaton, Ingham, Livingston, Oakland, Macomb, Jackson, Washtenaw, Wayne, Lenawee and Monroe.

The quarantine means that every boxwood plant coming to the nurseries in these counties must comply with insecticide treatments and inspections from the Department. Michigan State University Extension has been closely tracking the spread of the box tree moth.

“What homeowners should be doing is making sure that if they are pulling out plants that have been heavily infested, they’re double bagging those plants and putting them in the municipal waste, not the yard waste,” said Caitlin Splawski, a greenhouse and floriculture educator.

She added that the most important thing for homeowners to do is report any infestations to MSU Extension if they appear outside the quarantine zone.

June through September are the most common months for infestations.

Splawski said people should be on the lookout for brown leaves or a loss of leaves.

“Most often, people are going to notice the damage right around now when the caterpillars are feeding pretty aggressively,” she said. “They actually eat the leaves, so what you’ll end up seeing is defoliation of the plant.” She said caterpillar droppings and webbings are other good ways to tell if there is an infestation.

She said although the boxwood is not native to the state, it still plays an important role in its landscape.

“There’s not quite an exact replacement for it,” Splawski said.

She said there are alternatives, but none exactly match the purpose of this plant.

“It’s going to change the landscape quite a bit. And I think it’s going to impact folks the most where there are high deer populations,” she said.

McCubbin added that if the infestation is caught early on, sometimes just cutting back the plant and letting it regrow

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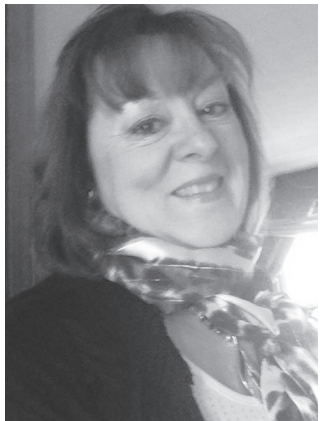
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Train, Teach, Encourage

By Susan Kretchman

“Train up a child in the way he should go (teaching him to seek God’s wisdom and will for his abilities and talents). Even when he is old he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22: 6)

This verse has often been used as encouragement within the walls of our churches to our parents struggling with prodigal children. The encourager’s intentions are not wrong, however, a deeper understanding what’s being said is as parents, when we get to know our children, how they’re wired, gifted, their talents, we can better direct them towards activities and proper academics to hone in on their particular “bent”--how they learn, what excites them and what brings utter lack of enthusiasm.

Often, I draw on my father’s family for numerous life experiences that are the backdrop for examples or topics for my weekly writing. This week is no different. As I look back on each of my uncles and aunts lives, including my dad’s, I can truly note where their childhood experiences and talents took them in life.

My Aunt Joy was the second oldest. As she grew old enough to help grandma, quite often she helped care for the younger ones. Helping in the kitchen and chores with grandma were normal. It’s no wonder that as added income for her own family, she cared for several elderly women who actually lived with Joy in their large home. This was a “side gig” she did even after Uncle Ed had passed away. Joy was loving, compassionate, kind, and very patient dealing with aging minds and weary bodies.

Lyle was 17, working in one of the farm fields, when a small plane flew overhead. This disruption in his duties distracted him long enough to pause, looking up as he shielded his eyes to watch this “marvelous machine” pass over the family farm. “One day I’m going to fly, too”, he said. And fly he did. Lyle served in the Air Force as a pilot, retiring as a Colonel.

Grandpa had a pile of what we’d call common “junk” nowadays. Worn out wood, metal scraps, odd and ends from farm materials, and discarded wheels in a variety of sizes were piled next to the barn. If the boys wanted a sled, well they made one. In summer months they longed for a wagon, so one of them figured out how to fashion one from the pile. Nothing went to waste in the Depression years. Access to materials--old or fairly new--was the drafting table for all kinds of things to enhance childhood years. I don’t know the quality of the things the boys made but I do know that all of them had a love and great ability to build anything from a wagon, pair of snow skis, to furniture and homes.

My four aunts inherited grandma’s sewing abilities. Lots of clothing, and later on, numerous quilts were constructed by careful hands and an eye for design. Reading was a favorite pastime as there was no TV or radio in the home. My Aunt Esther was the only girl to graduate college and taught elementary age children until retiring. She had a passion to learn which overlapped with a deep desire to teach.

So, with the start of another school year, it’s my hope that our young parents--our guardians, our grandparents,

will embrace how God has created our “littles” as unique individuals. Not every child will excel on an athletic field. Reading may be boring to some while others will tuck themselves into a corner to bury their nose in a books pages. Drawing and creating works of art from raw materials will soothe and fill the child whose creative mind is chomping to test and explore the beauty of color. Create a stack of small musical instruments and watch who will wander over and pick one up to test what kind of sound it makes.

The worst thing I think we as parents can do is forcing our child to do and be what goes against their natural inclinations. A great book I read years ago is “Eight Great Smarts: Develop & Nurture Your Child’s Intelligences” (available on Amazon). Each chapter is a short read and helps identify each way a child has been created to learn. And, each chapter will give you guidance on how to develop the hidden stuff in your child!

My Aunt Esther, the avid reader of the girls, preferred books over household chores. Pulling her away from a book to help in the kitchen was a disruption to where exciting novels and non-fiction materials could take her young mind. She was also bold and not afraid to climb trees. She even climbed a water tower in one of the small towns the family lived in for a stretch of time. She had a keen ability to memorize children’s storybooks and often acted them out with silly props for her young students. Her favorites were any of the Dr. Seuss storybooks.

It’s a new school year, from kindergarten to college courses and even trade schools or military enlistments! No matter the age, no matter the path of education, let’s all work together to train, guide and encourage our children along their unique avenues of learning. And let us not forget our wonderful teachers, these men and women who are challenged with 20 plus kids every day, who learn differently. Some will be daydreamers. Others will stay on task. Some will be anxious to get outside to run, jump, play, and climb. There will be those who are content to sit on the sidelines and merely watch, while contemplating what’s next in their day. All of their differences combined which cause minds and bodies to be going in numerous directions are not bad, merely different. Different is not bad. May we embrace “different” and properly fuel busy little people and our young adults, too.

Blessings on a new school year! I’m thankful for teachers who encouraged

me to read, helped me get through math that made no sense... brought out my love for vocal music... honed my skills that lead to a passion for writing...my dad who drove me to the library week after week for a new stack of books. Now, I still have stacks of books in different rooms of our home, waiting to be picked up to be devoured, filling my mind with new information! Guess I better buckle down and join all the students who have returned to classrooms!



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It’s been 40 years since the governors of the Great Lakes states and the premiers of Ontario and Quebec signed a non-binding agreement called the Great Lakes Charter, designed to unite the region against the threat of water transfers out of the five lakes to other watersheds.

No environmental issue I’ve worked on has resulted in such unity in our region. *Everybody* (almost) wants to keep Great Lakes water where it is. The exception comes when the water level of the Lakes rises and shoreline property owners want to pull the plug. So far, water levels have fallen before they can motivate government to oblige.



Citizens in northern Wisconsin organized to stop a proposal to bottle water from the Lake Superior watershed. The state Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal earlier this year.

The threat that led to the 1985 Charter was the economic rise of the Sunbelt states and the corresponding decline of the Great Lakes economy. As the population and political power of the southwestern U.S. grew, so did fears that the arid states would come for Great Lakes water.

photo

But it was a threat from the north that led to the enactment of a Great Lakes diversion ban with teeth. A Canadian firm called The Nova Group touched off a furor when it received government authorization in 1998 to ship 50 tankers per year of Lake Superior water to unspecified Asian markets. Public opinion killed the proposal.

The popular revulsion at the idea motivated the Great Lakes governors and premiers to negotiate two agreements. One, known as the Great Lakes Compact, was approved by the US Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2008. It bans most diversions, with limited exceptions for communities just outside the Great Lakes watershed but within Great Lakes states. The most famous exception, for the City of Waukesha, was approved by Great Lakes governors in 2016.

It’s also important to note that by far the biggest water diversion out of the Great Lakes is at Chicago. Operating since 1900, it consumes 3200 cubic feet per second of Lake

Michigan water under a U.S. Supreme Court order. This water flows into the Mississippi River watershed.

Recently, the City of Chicago has sold an increment of its legally diverted water to Joliet, a city outside the Great Lakes basin. This is also legal under the terms of the diversion.

Some in the Western U.S. continue to dream of the Great Lakes as the answer to their water needs, despite the vexing logistical problems and staggering costs that would be borne by taxpayers. In 2021, a commentator for an Idaho radio station put it simply.

“Popular will is the key,” he said. “Millions of thirsty western voters will have a lot of pull on policy. As the region grows, so does its power in the United States House of Representatives. By its design, the Senate is already favorable to western concerns. Lake Michigan may be coming to Idaho.”



The making of the Chicago diversion, which reversed the flow of the Chicago River to flush the city’s waste away from its Lake Michigan drinking water supply.

That’s all pretty technical. But important. The question is whether our collective opposition to water transfers out of the Great Lakes is about more than protectionism. The Great Lakes are not “our” water. They aren’t anyone’s water. But as those who live on the lands that drain into the Great Lakes, we have a special responsibility to be good stewards. So ask yourself:

1. Are you willing, in one of the most water-rich zones on Earth, to cut back on your water use — watering lawns, taking showers — to help the Lakes, and/or provide water for an ever-growing population migrating to this region as the climate changes?
2. Are you willing to forego the purchase of water bottled from the Great Lakes or their tributaries to express a belief that Great Lakes water is not a commercial product?
3. Can you envision any circumstance leading you to support a Great Lakes water diversion?

There’s been plenty of brave talk about saving the Great Lakes. But are we ready to reflect deeply and act appropriately to conserve them?

One more thing: if you’re interested in the issue of Great Lakes water use and diversion, you have until August 31 to comment on this draft report prepared for the International Joint Commission. The report updates the status of efforts to

stop water diversions and to conserve water within the Great Lakes basin.

Dave Dempsey has worked on Great Lakes environmental policy since 1982 and has authored eight books on environmental topics.

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE Marion Township Board scheduled for Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 7:30 pm has been rescheduled to a special meeting of Monday, August 25, 2025, at 3:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Marion Township’s Assembly Hall, 2877 W. Coon Lake Road, Howell, MI 48843

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HANDY TOWNSHIP
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AUGUST 20, 2025
SYNOPSIS

The regular meeting of the Handy Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Hinton at 7:00 P.M. in the Handy Township Board Room. Present: Clerk Eisele, Treasurer Shear and Trustees Munsell and Redinger. Absent: None. Also present: Twp. Atty: Homier (via Zoom), and residents Chuck Wright and Howard Green.

The meeting was opened with a moment of silent reflection followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. At the Handy Township Board meeting the following motions were made:

To approve the agenda as amended
To approve minutes of 7-21-25 as presented
To pay the bills in the amount of \$146,272.64
To enter into agreement for Supplemental Law Enforcement Services
To approve purchase of laptop for Supervisor
To reschedule Board meetings as presented
To adjourn meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Laura A. Eisele
Handy Township Clerk
(8-24-25 FNV)

How Michigan is trying to stop the
box tree moth, continued

can do the trick.

“The smaller the caterpillar, the easier it is to control,” she said. “We’re still learning, and it’s only our third year into this.”

McCubbin said preserving the boxwood is important to the department.

“We want to protect the green industry. It’s a big plant for our nurseries, and no homeowner wants to see their shrub eaten up.”



A healthy boxwood.



This boxwood was heavily damaged by box tree moth caterpillars.

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Michigan DNR has stocked 18.9 million fish so far in 2025

April showers bring May flowers, and spring and summer fish stocking bring fall fishing! This spring and summer, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources stocked a total of 18,958,970 fish that weighed more than 331.5 tons and consisted of 10 different species and one hybrid.

Fish stocking is an important activity to provide both Michigan residents and visitors with quality fishing opportunities. These efforts help bring an

estimated \$3.9 billion into the state’s economy through the sportfishing industry, tourism and related businesses.

To complete the task of stocking, it took 417 stocking trips and 2,345 hours. Crews traveled just over 91,000 miles in 17 specialized stocking trucks to get to the 716 stocking sites. Despite the severe ice storm that affected northern Michigan, which caused a loss of power and transition to backup power for several days at Oden State Fish Hatchery, no fish were lost due to the storm, allowing the DNR to meet its stocking goals.

“We had another excellent spring and summer stocking season that will bring ecological benefits and fishing opportunities to Michigan anglers,” said Aaron Switzer, DNR fish production manager. “Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our staff, healthy, high-quality fish were reared and delivered to stocking sites in excellent condition. The numbers produced and stocked hit the targets for most areas.”

The number and type of fish produced varies by hatchery, as each location’s ability to rear fish depends on the source and temperature of the rearing water. Fish are reared in Michigan’s state fish hatcheries anywhere from one to 18 months before they are stocked.

In Michigan, there are six state hatcheries and two cooperative hatcheries that work together to produce the species, strain and size of fish needed for fisheries managers. These fish must then be delivered and stocked at a specific time and location to ensure their success.

- Each hatchery stocked the following fish this spring:
- **Marquette State Fish Hatchery** (near Marquette) stocked 368,452 yearling lake trout, brook trout and splake (a hybrid of lake trout and brook trout) that in total weighed 49,355 pounds. In addition to yearling trout, Marquette also stocked 457 adult lake and brook trout. This hatchery stocked a total of 94 inland and Great Lakes sites.
 - **Thompson State Fish Hatchery** (near Manistique) stocked 2,397,307 fish, which included yearling steelhead, spring fingerling Chinook salmon, yearling muskellunge and spring fingerling walleye. These fish weighed 69,598 pounds in total. This hatchery stocked 51 sites, the majority located on the Great Lakes.
 - **Oden State Fish Hatchery** (near Petoskey) stocked 737,604 yearling brown trout and rainbow trout that in total weighed 129,072 pounds. Oden also stocked 6,270 adult brown and rainbow trout that in total weighed 12,330 pounds. This hatchery stocked 98 inland and Great Lakes sites.
 - **Harrietta State Fish Hatchery** (in Harrietta) stocked 825,388 yearling brown trout and rainbow trout that in total weighed 117,875 pounds. This hatchery stocked 171 sites, the majority located inland.
 - **Platte River State Fish Hatchery** (near Honor) stocked 4,892,188 fish, which included yearling Atlantic salmon and coho salmon and spring fingerling Chinook salmon that in total weighed 157,584 pounds. Platte River also stocked 31,722 Skamania steelhead obtained from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources that in total weighed 4,209 pounds. This hatchery stocked 30 sites, the majority located on the Great Lakes.
 - **Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery** (near Kalamazoo) stocked 7,198,561 fish that included yearling steelhead and spring fingerling Chinook salmon, which in total weighed 122,878 pounds. Wolf Lake also stocked 29,759 channel catfish obtained from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources that in total weighed 758 pounds. This hatchery stocked 49 sites, the majority located on the Great Lakes.
 - A cooperative teaching hatchery at Lake Superior State University (in Sault Saint Marie) stocked 23,378 Atlantic salmon weighing 1,811 pounds into the St. Marys River.

Included in this year’s total are just over 2.5 million walleye spring fingerlings. These fish were reared in ponds by the DNR, with extensive support provided by local sporting organizations. These fish were stocked at 61 inland lakes and rivers and Lake Michigan.

Some hatcheries will also provide fish for a few additional stockings – consisting of brook trout, Atlantic salmon, walleye, lake sturgeon and muskellunge – to be made this fall. The lake sturgeon will come from the cooperative hatchery in Tower, Michigan, operated with Michigan State University.

The public is welcome at any of Michigan’s state fish hatcheries to see the fish-rearing process firsthand. For more information or to plan your trip, visit Michigan.gov/Hatcheries.

To find out where many of these fish were stocked, check out the DNR’s Fish Stocking Database at MichiganDNR.com/FishStock.

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