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Pictured here are the seniors with their Webberville FFA sashes. From left were Karley Williams, Matthew Howery, Ella Howard, Gavin Howery and Ethan West. The seniors will be graduating next month.

Webberville FFA holds 67th Annual Banquet last Sunday, April 19th

By Dawn Horton

The Webberville FFA held their 67th Annual Parent, Member and Alumni Banquet last Sunday, April 19th, at the high school cafetorium. Each family was asked to bring a dish to pass and a wide variety of delicious entrees were served.

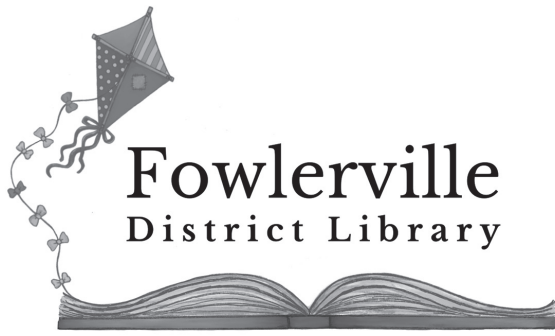
After the meal, there was the introduction of guests and recognition of the officers' parents, followed by the presentation of awards and a scholarship, along with the installation of the new officer team for the 2026-2027 school year.

Receiving the William "Bill" Wheeler Scholarship was senior Ethan West. The Webberville FFA Honorary Chapter Degree recipients were Terry & Elizabeth Howery and Matt & Melissa Williams. Both of these sets of parents have FFA members who are graduating next month.

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Don Lang of American Legion Devereaux Post 141 in Howell is the 'Livingston County Veteran of the Year' and Sheryl Pitt of American Legion Auxiliary Pinckney Memorial Unit 419 is the 'Livingston County Auxiliary Member of the Year.' See pages 6-7 for the story and additional photos of the event.



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KIDS & FAMILY

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, May 6 & 20 • 1-2pm

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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 MONSTER BLOOD by R. L. Stine. Mon, Apr 27 • 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.

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TEENS

Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 12-18) - Come play D&D 5th Edition! No prior experience needed. Wednesdays • 2:30-5pm

Switch Free Play (Ages 10-18) - Open gaming time with the library's Switch. Fridays • 2:30-5 pm

ADULTS

Board of Trustees Meeting - The Board will meet to discuss library business, the public is invited and encouraged to attend. Thurs, May 21 • 6pm

Writer's Group Meeting - Are you an established or aspiring author? You are not alone. There are many writers in Fowlerville and the surrounding areas. We will meet in the historical room. Fri. May 15 • 11am

The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere - Owen McMaster will be here in honor of our upcoming 250th Semiquincentennial, celebrating the signing of the Declaration of Independence 1776. Always an entertaining speaker, he will get us in the zone to feel proud of our country. Thurs, May 28 • 6pm

Cardmaking (Adults) - Enjoy camaraderie and cards at this popular program. You will make four different cards to take home. All supplies included. Registration is required. Thurs, May 21 • 6:00 pm & Fri, May 22 • 11 am

Scrapbooking (Adults) - Make the most of your memories and join us for a fun day of scrapbooking your favorite photos. Stay the whole time or for just a few hours. Everyone

gets their own table. Light refreshments will be provided. Registration is required. Sat. May 16 • 10:30 – 3:30pm

Shelf Indulgence Book Club (Adults) - Members take turns facilitating discussions. Come and enjoy some literary camaraderie! Register to get a free copy of the book, while supplies last. Registration begins one month before each scheduled meeting. Next meeting, we will discuss THE LOST STORY by Meg Shaffer. Thurs, May 21 • 2-3pm

Sewing (Adults) - Bring your sewing machine and learn from a master seamstress. All levels of skill are welcome. Registration is required. Wed, May 13 • 5:30pm & Fri, May 8 • 10-2 pm

Holistic Wellness (Adults) - Lyndsey Johnson from Natural Roots and Wellness presents workshops for promoting health and vitality through holistic practice. Registration is required. Mon, May 4 • 5pm

Patriotic Banner - Join us to help celebrate our Nation's 250th birthday by making a patriotic banner just in time for Memorial Day. All supplies will be included. Registration is required. Thurs, May 14 • 6pm

Repair Cafe - Don't throw it away! Bring your broken items here for repair and advice from handymen. Sat, May 30 • 10-12pm

Professional Pet Photos - Have a keepsake photo taken of your pet by a professional photographer here at the library. With your sign up, you will be given your own sitting time. We will ask what type of animal and how many humans in the picture. With your email address, the photos will be sent directly to you along with permission to print them. Tues, May 5 • 10-12pm & 5-7pm

Computer Assistance - Do you need help formatting a resume? Making columns on a document? Saving something to a flash drive? Whatever you may need help with, a computer expert will be here to assist you near the public computers. Mon 4/27 & 5/4 • 1-2pm

Senior Appy Hours - 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 tech expert. Wed, May 13 • 2-4pm

Library Lounge A Reading Ungroup for Grownups - Bring your own book, or read one of ours, and come to our monthly after-hours silent reading program. For adults 18+ only, you can imbibe with a non-alcoholic literary-themed signature MOCKTAIL, grab some pub snacks, then go find a comfy chair and read in uninterrupted delicious silence for an hour. Registration is required. Tues, May 12 • 7pm

All About Herbs - Are you wondering how to grow your own herbs? Maybe you want to learn about medicinal or culinary uses for herbs you are already growing. All these points will be explored and explained. Thursday, 04/30 • 6 pm. Registration is not required.

Fiber Arts Lounge - Spend some time with other fiber artists. Bring your latest project and share your passion for an hour or two. We will meet by the fireplace, as space allows. Thurs, May 7 • 6 pm. Registration is not required.

Fairy Door Decorating - Come and create a portal into the wonderful world of fairies. Whether inside your home or in the garden, these mythical creatures need a place to come and go between our worlds. Registration is required June 11 • 6 pm

All About Backyard Chickens - Having your own flock of chickens in the backyard can be so much fun and so rewarding. Learn the benefits and dirty bird truths about this fascinating hobby. Thursday May 28 • 6 pm. Registration is not required.

Fowlerville Area Historical Society Meeting - The Historical Society will meet here. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Thurs, May 7 • 6pm

Did You Know?

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

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Joyful Noise

By Susan Kretchman

“I learned I didn’t need to see or hear everything that happened.”

This simple quote was my grandma’s answer when my two aunts, Esther and Helen as adult women, asked the secret to her mothering skills, raising 11 children that spanned many years. As in any large family, that many children under one small roof was undoubtedly chaotic and challenging. Grandma didn’t have books on parenting like we do now, but she had the best book of all, her Bible. She had endless patience, arms always willing to hug, a twinkle in her eyes to speak a loving encouraging word. If I were challenged to describe her using only two words I would say “unconditional love.”

The challenges of raising children have not changed since my grandma’s years in that role, whether we are parenting one child or numerous ones. Now, though, we DO have parenting books and in my own frustrations years ago, I did read several, carefully choosing those written by Christian authors because I wanted deeper insight to scripture that would point me to being a good mother who could meet the needs of my children so they’d become awesome adults and be successful in their own futures.

Two of the best books I chose to read were *“How to Make Your Children Mind Without Losing Yours”* by Kevin Leaman. Using a lot of humor and true examples, Kevin’s approach is generally described as “reality discipline.” Simply put, offer genuine consequences to unwanted behavior, a penalty you’re sincere to carry through. One of the cutest examples he gave was from that of a mom whose children often chose to argue while she was on the phone. This was back when rotary and desk phones were the current technology. Calmly, she told her friend “excuse me, I’ll be right back” and set the receiver down. She scooped up her two small children and escorted them to the back patio, instructed them to remain outside until they could stop arguing. She slid the patio door shut and latched it, returned to the phone and resumed her conversation. After a very short while she heard a gentle tapping on the window. Her children had found a scrap of paper and crayon lying about and wrote “we’re sorry.” Opening the door, she asked “are you ready to come in and behave properly?”

No one got hurt. Two small children learned very quickly that loud fights and being rude meant they’d be removed

from the surroundings.

The second book I read is *“8 Great Smarts”* by Kathy Koch. This short read is fascinating as Koch dedicates one chapter to each learning style, the unique ways God creates us as individuals, honing in on how we learn based on our distinct styles. I learned the characteristics displayed in our “logical” minded son... now years later seeing which of our four grandchildren are “body smart” or “creative.” By gleaning from her research, I’ve come to a better understanding of the scripture from Proverbs 22: 6 *“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is older he will not depart from it.”*

This verse is often used in sermons to assure parents that IF they take their kids to church and teach them about God they will never leave the Christian faith. While that may be true, another meaning behind these words is an instruction to parents to discover how their children are “wired”.... Athletic? Musical? Creative? Curious?.... and fuel those attributes.

Today, as I sat in my living room reading scripture, journaling, windows open to allow cool air in, sounds of little kids next door playing outside, laughing, made me smile. We live near homes that have families of many ages. We’ve watched a few of the kids grow up and enter high school. When the boys next door play basketball on their driveway, we can only hear the sounds of the ball on the pavement or bouncing off the rim; the trees between our two properties block the view of their hoop.

We like to hear the kids outside. We “like” to hear and see them enjoying fresh air, moving their bodies on bikes or playing childhood games in the yard. In contrast, when I drive by community parks with playground equipment, I’m saddened they are often empty. No legs hanging upside down on monkey bars or bottoms gliding down slides. Swings that hang idle. On some occasions, when we took our grandkids to the park, it was not uncommon for me to notice that while the kids played, mom or dad sat at a nearby table scrolling their phone, thus not being fully engaged with their child’s play.

My grandma chose a need not to be aware of every mischievous scuffle her boys or girls may have gotten into, but I know she loved bountiful joy received from watching them learn to read, help with chores in the field or inside, helping with the younger ones underfoot so she could prepare meals or do laundry. She also trained them up in God’s word, loved her children unconditionally, and prayed fervently for their salvation. Of those 11, I will honestly say that I’m not positive that one of my uncles chose to place faith in Christ. He received the same teachings as the other 10, yet formed an anger against God that when I think about it now, causes me grief. Thankfully, his eternal resting place is not mine to determine. His final

moments are between him and God.

There are a lot of good books on store shelves to help us in the journey of parenting. However, if you were to ask me for my humble opinion I’d suggest a few things. Get a Bible. Then read it, not once, but daily. Take your children to church, faithfully, not only when it’s convenient. Get them involved in ministry programs and activities that point them to Jesus. Surround yourself with like minded people who share your values and will become role models for your children. Turn off the TV, get off your phones and computers. Get outside and make some noise!

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Until I see it for myself...

By Jace Arledge

What does doubt look like for you? Many times, we are trying to avoid giving into what can seem like irrational ideas or unbelievable presumptions. And in the gospel where we see Thomas saying that until he puts his hands in the holes in Jesus's hands and side he isn't going to believe that he rose from the dead. Where have we seen this in the past few years? I mean since 2020 it has been such a huge part of our lives.

I can remember people getting so mad because of mask

restrictions and distance rules. There were many saying, "I don't see anyone getting sick, I'm not wearing a mask, I'm going where I want to!" until someone in their family or they (themselves) got sick. The only ones who actually were changed though are the ones who either were very sick or had someone die. Then I believe their doubt was gone.

We see that currently with what is happening with the world. No one wants to believe that anything is happening to others because it isn't happening to them, so without proof, it's not real, right? But that's where the problem is, because empathy has left the building. Compassion has been evicted and replaced with narcissism, pretentious behavior and conceitedness—all things that Jesus has told us aren't the behaviors to have.

The greatest thing about Thomas though was what he did after finding out that Jesus did resurrect... the most beautiful profession of faith, changing his life and being an inspiration for generations to come. Now if more people would just take note.

I know many of us walk around day after day with deep questions. Things that we want answers to but either don't know where to turn or are afraid of the answer we will get.

I wonder what it was like to be in the upper room, to listen to the stories of others seeing Jesus after the resurrection and then my eyes catching Thomas's. He hears the same words as I do, yet I can sense the doubt. The words haven't hit him the same, his heart is still hardened. He just can't believe it. How many times have you said that? Lived it? How many times have we let doubt about something block our faith, allowed distrust to stand in the way of trust, or better yet, feeling that guarding your heart was the safest option than giving it to someone.

These days it is especially tough given that we keep hearing news about what he said, she said and things are happening

in small towns and other countries that shouldn't be which gets everyone's hair to stand up on the back of their necks. We tend to believe and put our trust in those who we really should be asking "Should we be?"

I have made it a mission to educate myself on issues that are important to society. Important to my fellow man. Issues that can be life or death to others, inclusion or exclusion. I don't want to be on the wrong side of the truth. I don't want to be a member of the "ASSume" crew. When we don't take the time to discern the question "Is it true?", it shows our privilege, no matter if we like it or not. Truth hurts sometimes, and it is meant to. I think I said once before in an article, "You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometime, you just might find...you get what you need!!"

Til then...
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Memorial Services & Cremation: Clearing Up a Common Misconception

By Aaron Franks, "Aaron the Funeral Guy"

I recently had a reader reach out to me about a situation that, unfortunately, I've seen more than once. She had chosen a cremation society for her loved one, planning something simple. After some time had passed, she decided she wanted to hold a memorial service.

That's when she was told something that didn't sit right with her—and honestly, it shouldn't sit right with anyone.

She was told that in order to have a memorial service, the cremated remains **must** be present. On top of that, she was told the remains wouldn't be available for 30 days.

Let's talk about that.

First and most importantly, cremated remains do **not** have to be present in order to hold a memorial service. A memorial service, by definition, is a service that takes place without the body present. That's what separates it from a traditional funeral service. Families hold memorial services all the time without cremated remains, whether it's because of timing, travel, or simply personal preference.

A service is about honoring a life, sharing memories, and supporting one another—not about whether or not an urn is in the room.

Now let's address the second part—being told it would take 30 days to receive the cremated remains.

That is not typical. In fact, it should never take that long under normal circumstances, especially when the provider is local. While there are always exceptions depending on paperwork, permits, or unusual situations, most cremations are completed and returned to the family within a matter of days, not weeks.

Hearing something like that raises concerns, and it's exactly why I encourage families to ask questions and fully understand the process before making decisions. Not all providers operate the same way, and not all services offer the same level of care, communication, or flexibility.

This is one of the biggest differences between a full-service funeral home and a low-cost cremation provider. When you work with a funeral home, you typically have more options, more guidance, and more ability to adapt if your plans change. You're not locked into a rigid process.

I share this not to criticize any one provider, but to educate. Families deserve to know their options and understand what is—and is not—true.

If you ever find yourself being told something that doesn't feel right, it's okay to ask for clarification or even a second opinion. This is one of the most important moments in your life, and you deserve clear, honest information.

At the end of the day, a memorial service should happen when your family is ready—not when someone tells you it's allowed.

If you have questions about cremation timelines, memorial services, or anything else, I'm always here to help guide you through it.

Aaron Franks is a Funeral Director at Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes

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Mya Murawski - Mya is a 4-year Varsity player, co-captain, and one half of our 1 Doubles team. Mya always brings a positive attitude to each practice and has greatly improved her game since last season. Her strong serve and powerful forehand make her an impactful doubles player. Mya is expected to be a key contributor to a strong season for the team.

Taylor Drenchen - Taylor is also a 4-year Varsity player, co-captain, and one half of our 1 Doubles team. Taylor consistently brings an unmatched competitive edge to practices and matches and has displayed a great work ethic. Her strong backhand and aggressiveness at the net have allowed her to excel as a doubles player. Taylor is also expected to be a key contributor this season, as her and Mya continue to set the tone for our doubles lineup.

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

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Gladiator Gazette

News of Fowlerville Community Schools Big Growth, Strong Results and a Few Surprises in our School Climate Data Survey

What do students, families and staff say about their experience in Fowlerville Community Schools? The answers might surprise you, in a good way.

Over the next few editions of the Gladiator Gazette, we'll be sharing several encouraging and sometimes surprising insights from our school climate and culture surveys. Each spring, students, families and staff share their perspectives so we can better understand how people are experiencing our schools and where we can continue improving for children.

The surveys were originally developed through our partnership with the Michigan Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports Technical Assistance Center (MiMTSS). While our formal partnership ended last year, Fowlerville Community Schools will continue using the survey and expanding questions this spring because the feedback from students, families and staff helps us keep strengthening our schools.

When we looked at survey results from Spring 2023 through Spring 2025, several areas showed meaningful growth. In some cases, results increased by 10 percentage points or more. In other areas, results were already exceptionally strong, with 90% or more of respondents sharing positive feedback.

Staff Safety and Support

One of the more striking findings from our recent school climate surveys is just how strong staff support and safety results were in 2025. In fact, 100% of staff reported feeling safe entering and leaving the school building. Nearly 99% said they feel safe at school, and nearly 99% also said they feel supported by other teachers and get along well with other staff. Another notable shift was in materials and resources. Staff reporting that instructional materials are up to date and in good condition increased by about 11 percentage points from 2023 to 2025. These results suggest a district culture where staff feel safe, connected and supported in their daily work.

In the coming editions of the *Gladiator Gazette*, we will highlight more of these survey "surprises" and what they tell us about the continued growth of our district's culture, safety, communication, and support for every child.

Fowlerville District Library to Host Kids and Teens Craft Show

Fowlerville District Library (FDL) will be hosting a Kids and Teens Craft Show on Friday, July 24, from 12:30-3:00 PM. Here are the details:

Who: For kids and teens ages 8-17

What: The FDL Kids and Teens Craft Show is an opportunity for kids and teens to sell their handmade crafts. Food items, including pet treats, are prohibited due to Health Department regulations.

Where: Inside the Fowlerville District Library, 130 S. Grand Ave. Tables will be provided.

Why: This is a great opportunity to show off your crafting talents, learn about business and make some money!

How to apply: Applications will be available at the Fowlerville District Library beginning Friday, May 1. Completed applications will be accepted through Friday, May 22, or until the event is full. Crafters must submit a clear photo of their craft(s) with their application. A complete list of crafter responsibilities will be outlined in the application brochure. Approved kid and teen crafters will be notified via phone or email. For questions, contact Aislynn Neitzke.

FHS Marketing II Class Visits Cleary University

Fowlerville High School juniors in the Marketing II class recently had the opportunity to explore college life firsthand during a field trip to Cleary University. A group of 22 students participated in a full day of activities designed to give them a glimpse into the college experience.

The day began with a tour of the residence halls, giving students a better understanding of campus living. They also visited the Arthur Secunda Art Museum, enjoyed lunch on campus, and explored Cleary's E-Sports facility.

Students toured the campus and learned more about academic programs and student life. They also attended a student panel, where current Cleary students shared insights and answered questions about college expectations, classes and campus involvement.

This engaging experience provided valuable exposure to college opportunities and helped students begin thinking about their future educational paths.

FHS Student Places First at SkillsUSA, Headed to Nationals

Gabriel Steadman, a Fowlerville High School senior who attends the Criminal Justice program at the Wilson Talent Center recently competed in the SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference in Grand Rapids. Gabriel took first place in his

category, Job Skills Demonstration, earning himself a spot to attend the SkillsUSA National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, where he will represent the state of Michigan in this category. Congratulations to Gabriel!

A Warm Welcome to our Future Gladiators

Fowlerville Elementary School recently hosted Kindergarten Round Up and it was a huge success! It was wonderful to meet so many new faces and welcome the Class of 2038 into our building. If you still need to enroll or know someone that has a child ready for Kindergarten but missed our event, please contact the main office as soon as possible at 517-223-6008. We want to ensure every student is registered and ready for their first day this fall.

The ABC Countdown is Coming to Fowlerville Elementary

Get ready for one of our favorite traditions! In just a few weeks, we will begin our ABC Countdown to celebrate the final 26 days of school. Each day corresponds to a letter of the alphabet with a special theme or activity.

Keep an eye on your child's folder and our social media pages for the official calendar. We can't wait to celebrate the end of a fantastic year-- from A all the way to Z!

Virtual Program Available to Students, Includes a Support Lab

The Fowlerville Online Learning Academy (FOLA) is currently accepting students. The program allows students to attend school through a virtual program. All classes are monitored by a certified teacher and a local mentor. Students who have an IEP can be supported in this program. Students will also have access to a staffed support lab that is open when school is in session. There are four program options:

- Virtual Learning Academy Consortium (Elementary)
- Junior College (Junior High)
- TradPath (High School)
- AITech (High School)

Please visit our Fowlerville Online Learning Academy webpage to learn more about these options. If you have questions, please reach out to Principal Nicholas Zajas.

What's Coming Up in Our Schools

April

- 29 - CAAC Scholar Athlete Awards, Alverson Performing Arts Center (by invitation)

May

- 03 - Fowlerville FFA Chapter Banquet, Fowlerville High School
- 03 - High School Band Concert, 1:00 PM
- 06 - Fowlerville High School Senior Honors Night
- 08 - FHS Prom, Stonehouse Farm, 7:00-10:00 PM
- 11 - Fowlerville High School, Band/Choir Awards Night
- 12 - First Grade Spring Concert, Alverson Performing Arts Center
- 14 - Senior Sunset
- 15 - Tractor Day, 7:00 AM
- 15 - Junior High Semi Formal Dance, Fowlerville Junior

- High, 6:00-8:00 PM
- 18 - FHS Seniors Last Day
- 19 - Junior High Band Concert, 6:00-8:00 PM
- 20 - Junior High Awards Night (by invitation), 6:00-7:00 PM
- 21 - Junior High Play, 6:00 PM
- 25 - No School, Memorial Day
- 27 - National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- 28 - Senior Graduation Breakfast
- 29 - Little Glad Graduation, Alverson Performing Arts Center, 6:00 PM
- 31 - Fowlerville High School Graduation, 1:00 PM

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Among those paying tribute to the recipients were, these state legislators, from left, Rep. Ann Bollin, Rep. Jennifer Conlin, Sen. Lana Theis, and Rep. Jason Woolford.



The current officers of the Livingston County Veterans Council are, from left, Steve Whitney, vice commander; Yvonne Mester, community outreach; Becky Adams, chaplain; Kristy Garofalo, finance officer; Joan Beaudoin, adjutant; and Dave Mester, commander.



Among those attending the event were, from left, County Commissioner Mel Paunovich, Carol Paunovich, Kristina Lyke (a candidate for Livingston County Circuit Court judge), and Gerald Shipley.



The music combo of Brian Pearson, left, and Tim Meizner, who are known as the 'Brian & Tim Show', entertained attendees with a variety of songs.

Livingston County 'Veteran of the Year' & 'Auxiliary Member of the Year' recognized during April 21st program

By Steve Horton

The Livingston County 'Veteran of the Year' and 'Auxiliary Member of the Year' were recognized during a program held last Tuesday, April 21st. The event, which included a banquet prior to the awards ceremony, was held at American Legion Devereaux Post 1141 in Howell.

The annual awards ceremony is put on by the Livingston County Veterans Council, a consortium of posts and councils in the county.

Emceeding the program was David Mester, the Council commander.

This year's recipients were Don Lang of American Legion Devereaux Post 141 in Howell, who is the 2026 'Veteran of the Year' and Sheryl Pitt of American Legion Auxiliary Pinckney Memorial Unit 419, who is the 2026 'Auxiliary Member of the Year.'

On hand to make presentations in their honor were area state legislators Sen. Lana Theis, State Rep. Ann Bollin, State Rep. Jason Woolford, and State Rep. Jennifer Conlin, joined by Livingston County commissioners Nick Fianni and Doug Helzerman, Dave Lewis who was representing Congressman Tom Barrett, and Fowlerville Police Chief John Tyler.

During the meal, attendees were entertained by the 'Brian & Tim Show'—a local musical duo who played a variety of songs. Preceding it was the presentation of Post Colors by the 141 Honor Guard, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a 'Moment of Silence' for "fallen veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice at the Alter of Freedom."

The program began with Mester making introductions of the various dignitaries present.

He noted that the Livingston County Veterans Council "is a community of 16 posts that include the American Legion & VFW located in Livingston County. There are approximately 20 – 30 participants who meet once a month at the Livingston County Service Office. The membership includes current and past commanders, auxiliary, and Sons of the Legion. The group experience exceeds more than 150 years.

"The Council honors a veteran male or female of the month who has served both the military or community with honor," Mester noted. "Working in conjunction with the Veterans Service Office, we help guide those veterans who seek information and help."

He added that the Council also provides feedback to elected officials which has resulted in a positive outcome for veterans of our community.

He noted that the Council members volunteer to take part in the Resource Fair, the 911 Never Forget 5K Run, and fundraisers that benefit the council.

"The council wishes to thank all of the posts for their devotion to veterans and community support," Mester concluded.

Prior to the main event, names of past award recipients which date back to 1978, were read aloud by Becky Adams, the Council chaplain, and her daughter. Many of the recent recipients were in attendance and were recognized.

Mester then read the following biography of Sheryl Pitt and she was then brought up for the various tributes.

"This lady's commitment to Veterans runs deep. Eligible through her father, WWII Veteran James Bouton, she joined the 419 Unit in 2019 and has been a force of nature ever since. She balances two daughters, five grandchildren, and a schedule that would exhaust most of us — yet she willingly shows up, again and again, wherever there is a need." "Many saw her at the Moving Wall, volunteering the entire weekend with two of her grandchildren. Others know her from blood drives, memorial tidying, the Veterans Breakfast, or simply from the way she steps in without hesitation when something needs to be accomplished." "But if you have ever attended a Post event, you know Sheryl's superpower of fundraising. For two years running, she has raised more than \$10,000 annually — and she did not stop there. She introduced the pull tab program, which has helped support disaster relief efforts across the country, fundraising for service dog programs, assist local food banks, Post Improvements, contribute to the development of Freedom River, and Veterans camp that will serve generations to come."

"And when the Post needed someone behind the bar on Saturdays, she didn't wait to be asked twice. She just stepped up — and became the smiling face to greet everyone who walked in."

"Sheryl brings energy, enthusiasm, and a genuine love for our Veterans to everything she touches. Her work has strengthened the Pinckney Post, supported our community, and honored those who served. For all of that — and for the example she sets, a woman who shows us what it looks like when compassion meets action."

"Tonight, we have the privilege of honoring someone whose service, spirit, and sheer determination that has lifted this entire community."

Mester then read the following biography of Don Lang (also called 'Papa Don') and he, too, was brought up for the tributes.

"Today, we honor a man whose life of service spans continents, generations, and every definition of leadership we

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TOWNSHIP OF HANDY NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

To the residents and property owners of the Township of Handy, Livingston County, Michigan, and all other interested persons:

On April 21, 2026, Handy Township, Livingston County, adopted an Ordinance Amending the Land Division Ordinance (the "Ordinance"). The following is a summary of the Ordinance. A true copy of the Ordinance is available for inspection or purchase at the Township Hall, 135 N. Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, MI 48836, for inspection during normal business hours. The Ordinance takes effect the day following this publication.

Section 1. Divisions Permitted. Section VII(E) of Ordinance No. 210 is amended to provide that the number of land divisions permitted from any parent parcel shall not exceed the minimum number of divisions that the Township is required to approve under the State Land Division Act.

Section 2. Definitions. New definitions are added to Section III of Ordinance No. 210 defining "Resulting Parcel" and "Resulting Tract."

Section 3. Severability and Validity. The Ordinance's provisions are severable.

Section 4. Repealer. Conflicting ordinances or parts of ordinances are repealed to the extent necessary to give the Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Effective Date. The Ordinance shall take effect the day following its publication.

Laura A. Eisele
Township Clerk
135 N. Grand Avenue
Fowlerville, MI 48836
(517) 223-3228
(4-26-26 FNV)



Presenting proclamations on behalf of Livingston County were commissioners Doug Helzerman, left, and Nick Fianni.



The final song of the night played by the 'Brian & Tim Show' was "America, the Beautiful". The audience of veterans and guests joined in singing the song.



Pappy Don Lang, seated, was honored as the 2026 Livingston County Veteran of the Year. Paying tribute to him were, from left, David Lewis representing Congressman Tom Barrett, State Rep Jennifer Conlin, State Rep. Ann Bollin, State Rep Jason Woolford, Fowlerville Police Chief John Tyler, State Senator Lana Theis, County Commissioner Nick Fianni, Livingston County Veterans Council Commander Dave Mester, and County Commissioner Doug Helzerman.



Sen. Lana Theis presents the tribute to Sheryl Pitt of American Legion Auxiliary Pinckney Memorial Unit 419 who is the 'Livingston County Auxiliary Member of the Year.'

hold dear. Our 'Veteran of the Year' is not only a witness to history — he helped shape it."

"From 1963 to 1973, he served our nation with distinction as a Military Trafficking Analyst, Cryptographer, and Intelligence Instructor. During the Vietnam War, he supported critical intelligence operations from 1968 to 1969, providing information that protected American forces at a time when every decision carried life or death weight. He excelled as an Honor Graduate of the 7th

Army NCO Academy, earned his commission at Fort Benning, and went on to teach at the Intelligence and Military Police School in Oberammergau, Germany. His expertise later placed him at U.S. European Headquarters as a Command Watch Officer, analyzing SR71 Blackbird and satellite intelligence — the forefront of reconnaissance during the Cold War."

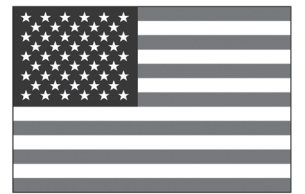
"But his service did not end when he hung up the uniform. He carried that same discipline and leadership into the corporate world, serving in key roles with Xerox, Canon, Panasonic, Voice Stream, and T-Mobile. He organized major international events, including the largest overseas American Legion Convention and a 10,000 person NATO gathering. His work supporting NATO families earned him the Order of King Leopold, bestowed by the Queen of Belgium — an honor few Americans have ever received."

"Here at home, his impact is just as profound. He serves as Americanism Chair for Howell American Legion Post 141, leads the District 6 High School Oratorical Contest, and contributes to Boys State and Youth Programs across Michigan. He advises Howell High School's Air Force ROTC and mentor's young men and women preparing for West Point interviews, shaping the next generation of leaders. Through the Howell Veterans Association, he helps guide charitable giving and community events that directly support local veterans."

"His civic leadership extends across four Chambers of Commerce, where he champions local business development, and through his work with D&D Executive Transportation,



Attending the event were Fowlerville Police Chief John Tyler and VFW 6464 Auxiliary member Carol Johnson. Carol is a past recipient of the Livingston County 'Auxiliary Member of the Year.'



supporting community initiatives throughout Livingston County. His dedication is endless and recognized repeatedly — as Livingston County Veteran of the Month, Post 141 Vietnam Veteran of the Month, and as Post 141's nominee for Veteran of the Year."

"Tonight, we honor not just a veteran, but a builder — of community, a classroom full of opportunity and a loving heart toward our future leaders. A man whose service has never paused, never faded, and never once been about himself."

"Please join me in celebrating our Veteran of the Year — a man whose life stands as a testament to duty, integrity, and unwavering commitment to others."

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ALL DAY

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MAY 10, 2026

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Livingston County United Way's Women United "Power of the Purse" raises \$21,000 for 'Help Me Grow' Program

Livingston County United Way's Women United hosted its highly anticipated *Power of the Purse* event on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, bringing together 190 women for an evening of fun and philanthropy in support of a meaningful cause.

This engaging and impactful event united the community for a night of connection, generosity, and celebration, benefiting the Great Start Livingston Collaborative's *Help Me Grow* program. The program serves families with children from birth to age five by providing free developmental screenings, parenting resources, and access to specialized services. Its mission is to promote early literacy, healthy development, and overall well-being so that children and families can thrive.

"We can't thank the Women United team and all the volunteers enough for their hard work in raising \$21,000 for a program that is so beneficial to our community," said Carrie

Newstead, Executive Director of Livingston County United Way. "We also extend our sincere gratitude to our co-host, Citizens/Hanover Insurance, without whom this event would not have been possible."

Robin Schultz, Coordinator for Great Start Livingston Collaborative, shared, "Great Start Livingston is deeply grateful for our partnership with Livingston County United Way and truly honored to be selected by Women United as the Power of the Purse recipient. This event exceeded every expectation. The funding will allow us to continue offering access to Help Me Grow through the summer, ensuring developmental screenings, care coordination, and family resources remain available to Livingston County families when they need them most. We are proud to be part of a community that invests so meaningfully in its youngest children."

For more information about Women United, please contact Carrie Newstead at 810-494-3000 or cnewstead@lcountedway.org.

For more information about Great Start Livingston Collaborative, please contact Robin Schultz at 517-540-6829 or robinschutz@livingstonesa.org.

LEGAL NOTICES

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
 PROBATE COURT
 LIVINGSTON COUNTY**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Decedent's Estate**

CASE NO. and JUDGE
 26-24093-DE

Hon. Miriam Cavanaugh

Court address and telephone no.

204 S Highlander Way # 2, Howell, MI 48843

(517) 546-3750

Estate of DENNIS JAMES ODINE

Date of Birth: 04/09/1950

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, DENNIS JAMES ODINE, died May 06, 2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kevin M. O'Callaghan, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1623 Rose Ln., Trenton, MI 48183 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 04-15-2026

Attorney:

Reid McCarthy P67846
 301 N. Main St., First Floor
 Ann Arbor, MI 48104
 734.945.9693

Personal Representative:

Kevin M. O'Callaghan
 1623 Rose Ln.
 Trenton, MI 48183
 734.711.2050

(4-26-26 FNV)

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
 BY ADVERTISEMENT**

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on May 20, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): James Moss Jr, Unmarried Man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Gold Star Mortgage Financial Group, Corporation., its successors and assigns

Foreclosing Assignee: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

Date of Mortgage: January 17, 2025

Date of Mortgage Recording: January 21, 2025

Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$315,753.42

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Marion, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 128 of HOMETOWN VILLAGE OF MARION, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2812, Page 215, Livingston County Records, and any amendments thereto, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 198, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Commonly Known as: 1224 York Ave., Howell, MI 48843

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

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

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

Date of notice: 04/19/2026

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Richard Leverenz and Amber Leverenz, 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): Planet Home Lending, LLC

Date of Mortgage: September 28, 2018

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 2, 2018

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$232,028.61

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Marion, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Unit 111, Building, Hometown Village Of Marion Condominium, according to the Master Deed as recorded in Liber 2812, Pages 215 through 304 inclusive, and any subsequent amendments thereto, Livingston County Records, and as designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 198 together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above described Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Common street address (if any): 198 Penobscot Dr, Howell, MI 48843-6847

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: April 19, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.

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Farmington Hills, MI 48334

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**LIVINGSTON COUNTY
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 DECEDENT'S ESTATE/TRUST**

Trust of Robert M. Williams, Deceased

Date of Birth: August 29, 1947

TO ALL CREDITORS:*

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Robert M. Williams, died July 13, 2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee of the Robert M. Williams Trust dated November 20, 2006, at 19425 Spears Road, Gregory, Michigan 48137 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Attorney:

Douglas A. Mielock P42924
 313 South Washington Square
 Lansing, Michigan 48933
 (517) 371-8203

Trustee:

Judy D.S. Williams
 19425 Spears Road
 Gregory, Michigan 48137
 (734) 498-3542

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Kreeger Elementary School News

CALENDAR OF KREEGER EVENTS

5-7-26	4 th Grade Showcase during School
5-21-26	Flower Delivery Day 11am-4pm
5-25-26	No School – Memorial Day
6-2-26	Kreeger Field Day
6-4-26	½ Day (12:02 dismissal)
6-5-26	Last Day of School! ½ Day (12:02 dismissal)

SPRING FLOWER DELIVERY DAY:

Thursday, May 2nd – Your flowers arrive at Kreeger Elementary, pick up time is from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Please note: *If you are unable to pick up your plants on this date and time, please make arrangements with friends or family to have them picked up. We are NOT responsible for any plants not picked up.*

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LOST AND FOUND- We have an over abundance of lost and found items. Please have your students check for any lost items, lots of coats and sweatshirts have been left on the playground.

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

Does your child know what to do at dismissal time?

- *Will your child be riding the bus home?
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Thomas A. Norrie, 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): DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY as Trustee for INDYMAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-AR23, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES Series 2005-AR23

Date of Mortgage: June 23, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 28, 2005

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$69,388.80

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Green Oak, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 1 North, Range 6 East, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot No. 20 of Silver Lake Subdivision, as duly laid out, platted and recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 36, Livingston County Records; running thence East along the South line of said Lot 20, 126.5 feet; thence Southerly along the Westerly line of Lakeside Drive, 75 feet; thence West 160.7 feet to a point on the West line of said Lot 20 extended, said point being South 68.2 feet from the Southwest corner of said Lot 20; thence North to beginning; also, beginning at a point South 68.2 feet East 65.7 feet from the Southwest corner of Lot No. 20 of said Silver Lake Subdivision; running thence East 95.0 feet to the Westerly line of Lakeside Drive; thence Southeasterly along said Westerly line 7.0 feet; thence Northwesterly to the Point of Beginning.

Common street address (if any): 9737 Silverside, South Lyon, MI 48178-8811

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

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Date of notice: April 19, 2026

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE (Livingston County) NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT.

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County (at the main entrance of the Judicial Center, 204 S. Highlander Way in the City of Howell, Livingston County, Michigan), starting promptly at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

Default has been made in the terms and conditions of the junior mortgage made by John Frech and Ashley Frech, husband and wife, as original mortgagors, to The Huntington National Bank, a national banking association, as original mortgagee, dated November 13, 2018, and recorded on December 11, 2018, at the Livingston County, Michigan Register of Deeds, in Register No. 2018R-032766. The amount claimed to be due on this mortgage, on the date of this notice, was \$71,386.00. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

The description of the mortgaged premises is all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Brighton, in the County of Livingston and State of Michigan further described as follows: Lots 62 and 63, CLARK LAKE PARK, as recorded in Liber 2, Page 22, of Plats, Livingston County Records. Commonly known as: 1556 Clark Lake Rd., Brighton, MI

The redemption period shall be Six (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 thirty (30) days from the date of such sale or when the time to provide the notice required by MCLA 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later or unless the redemption period is shortened in accordance with MCLA 600.3238. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA 600.3278, the borrower and mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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

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

Shaheen, Jacobs & Ross, P.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect this debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose

Dated: April 8, 2026

The Huntington National Bank, a national banking association Mortgagee

SHAHEEN, JACOBS & ROSS, P.C.

By: Michael J. Thomas, Esq.

Attorneys for Mortgagee

615 Griswold St., Suite 1425

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Joseph E. Mesh and Aline A. Mesh, husband and wife by Daniel Markey, Attorney In Fact.

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Date of Mortgage: October 1, 2002

Date of Mortgage Recording: December 9, 2002

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$537,684.20

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Putnam, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Parcel 6-a Part of the North half of Section 34, Town 1 North, Range 4 East, Putnam Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as: beginning at the North quarter corner of said Section 34, thence South 88 degrees 51 minutes East, along the North line of said Section 34, which is also the centerline of Patterson Lake Road, 24.53 feet; thence South 00 degrees 43 minutes 4 seconds West, 808.05 feet; thence South 42 degrees 58 minutes 15 seconds East, 114.18 feet; thence South 73 degrees 26 minutes 35 seconds East, 111.66 feet, thence South 49 degrees 20 minutes 55 seconds East 113.27 feet; thence South 1 degrees 19 minutes 35 seconds East, 744.18 feet; thence South 89 degrees 38 minutes 33 seconds West, 441.25 feet; thence North 1 degrees 37 minutes 55 seconds East, 1452.20 feet; thence North 00 degrees 23 minutes 30 seconds East, 295.30 feet; thence South 88 degrees 29 minutes East, along the North line of said Section 34 which is also the centerline of Patterson Lake Road 95.47 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 2551 PATTERSON LAKE RD, Pinckney, MI 48169

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: April 26, 2026

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SYNOPSIS FROM THE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES OF THE CONWAY TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON APRIL 16TH, 2026 AT CONWAY TOWNSHIP HALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by supervisor B. Flanery with the Pledge of Allegiance. The board members present were Supervisor Bonnie Flanery, Clerk Tara Foote, Treasurer Debbie Grubb, Trustee Sarah Porter and Trustee George Pushies.

The Following Motions were made:

- Motion to approve Consent Agenda as amended. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion to send Master Plan back to Planning Commission with Revisions and Amendments from Proposed House bill 5585 of 2026, Mobile Homes and any & all corrections to the Resolution. Motion carried 5-0 in roll call vote.
- Motion to accept Chloride Solutions rate quote sent on 3/9/2026. Motion carried 5-0 in roll call vote.
- Motion to retain services from 42 North for another year and accept bid of \$15,390 for 2026. Motion carried 5-0 in roll call vote.
- Motion to adopt updated payroll resolution 261604-1 as amended. Motion carried 5-0 in roll call vote.
- Motion to set date for Spring Clean-Up on May 16th, 2026 from 9am to 3pm for the rates provided by Jeff Judd. Motion carried 5-0 in roll call vote.
- Motion to adopt the Allocation Budget as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion to adjourn made by G. Pushies. Second by D. Grubb. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

Tara Foote, Clerk
Conway Township
(517) 223-0358
(4-26-26 FNV)



Donald Joseph Radebach Jr.,

For those Blessed to See the Heart of Donnie:

A quiet, reserved and independent man, Donnie saw the heart of those around him. He would sit back and observe. Because he was observant, he saw the countless prayers you prayed for him. He saw and appreciated the guidance and support you gave him over the years, even when he didn't show it. He loved those around him fiercely and he treasured the memories you had with him. He was never the center of attention, nor did he ever want to be.

For those that were blessed to see the heart of Donnie saw a man that would do anything for those he loved. The way his presence, when he walked into the room, brought instant joy to everyone in it. One day I pointed that out to him. His response was literally, and I quote "Yeah I've always had that effect on people when I show up places glad I still got it.. Love you too..."

For those that were blessed to see the heart of Donnie saw a man of little words. But when he chose to speak, he made each and every one of them count. The way he said "I love you" when you least expected it, kissed you on the head, or said "thank you;" he didn't usually let his emotions show but when he did, it cut to the core and stopped you in your tracks. It's that crooked smile that would get you every... single... time.

For those that were blessed to see the heart of Donnie knew he cherished the great times you had together. We may have called him by a different name, and experienced his joy in different ways, but we all saw the same Donnie. Maybe you saw the boy that loved to sit on the floor and pet kittens, or the teenager that had a wild side, ready to turn the town upside down. Did you see the sportsman that loved to hunt and fish or the Pyro side of him that liked to throw literal fuel to the fire to make it go "baaawwwwoooooommm!"? What side of him did you see? Keep those thoughts and memories of Donnie fresh in your mind because we all have them. Cherish them because he did too.

His Legacy... Donald Joseph Radebach Jr., 46, passed away April 17, 2026. He was born on August 1, 1979, in Fowlerville, Michigan to Donald Radebach and Debra McClatchey Radebach. During his career as an electrician, he spent many hours working with his father on different projects. Don spent most of his time outdoors hunting, fishing, or collecting morels. He also loved his fast cars, motorcycles, and his snowmobile. Most of all, Donnie loved spending quality time with (and teasing) his nieces and nephews.

His Family... Donald will be missed by his parents, Donald & Debra Radebach; siblings, Matthew (Jamie) Radebach & Christian (Eric) VanNewkirk; nieces and nephews, Paige, Marissa, & Hunter Radebach, Jayden & Mason VanNewkirk, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

His Farewell... Donald's family and friends gathered on Thursday, April 23, 2026 from 3:00PM to 7:00PM at Borek Jennings Funeral Homes in Fowlerville, Michigan, with a rosary taking place at 7:00PM. Gathering continued Friday, April 24, 2025 at 9:30AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Howell, and was followed by a Mass of Christian Farewell at 10:30AM. Father Gary Koenigsknecht served as celebrant. Please leave a message of comfort for Donald's family at 1-877-231-7900, or sign his guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.



Carol Haviland
Fowlerville, MI

Her Legacy... Carol Kay (Carney) Haviland, 81, passed away on April 11, 2026. She was born on June 13, 1944 in Brighton, MI to Edward Carney and Arla (Burgett) Carney. Carol married the love of her life, Verne Haviland, on September 26, 1996 on the Home Farm in Fowlerville, Michigan. She will be remembered as a woman who was generous to a fault, always wanting to be sure others were taken care of with birthday presents, cards, and general loving care. She loved birds and animals, including the abandoned baby squirrels she adopted, skunks, and her kitty cat, as well as any other furry four-legged animal she might encounter.

Carol also found joy in her flower gardens and collecting rocks of all shapes and sizes. She often explored garage sales and auctions looking for undiscovered gems. She had a wonderful sense of humor and was a lot of fun playing card games like Euchre. Carol also planned wonderful events everyone looked forward to, like her annual New Year's Eve party. Carol was also quite athletic in her younger years enjoying water skiing, often being launched right off the dock on one ski!

Her Family... Carol will be missed by her husband, Verne; step-son, Ray Haviland; sisters, Durene Keller, and Caren Biermann; nephews, Bobby Keller and Robert (Lisa) Pelcher; niece, Arla (Cal) Heckman; and six grandchildren; many great grandchildren, great nieces, and great nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Arla; and her step-daughter, Robin Murphy.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Humane Society. Please leave a message of comfort for Carol's family at 1-877-231-7900, or sign her guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.

St. Agnes Parish offering trip to Firekeepers Casino on June 10th

St. Agnes' next scheduled trip to Firekeepers Casino is Wednesday, June 10th. We will be offering a full hot breakfast at 9:00am, at St. Agnes Church, 855 E Grand River Avenue, Fowlerville, in the Lothamer Parish Center (LPC) prior to departing at 10:00am.



We will be going to Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek. The cost is \$60 and includes round trip bus transportation, \$20 in free slot play and \$5 to use towards dining, slot play or in the gift shop. Returning guests who bring their Red Hot Rewards Club card will get credits and points added to their existing card. Guests need to bring a valid ID to receive the group package. Those without Red Hot Rewards Cards will be issued them prior to entering the casino.

A Blue Lakes Charter Motorcoach will leave the St. Agnes Church parking lot at 10:00am. Anticipated arrival time back in Fowlerville is 5:30pm.

To pre-register: contact Lisa at the parish office at 517-223-8684 or email at stagnesfowlerville@gmail.com. First come first served, and ALL are welcome to join us for a fun day out!

Fowlerville Senior Center strives to provide learning opportunities

By Mark Thompson

Informed senior citizens are usually proactive people who are engaged with current events, understand their healthcare options and manage their financial, legal and care needs to maintain independence and well-being.

The Fowlerville Senior Center attempts to assist our members by listening to their needs and tailoring information specific to allow them to stay informed. An informed person is empowered to make prudent decisions regarding their specific circumstances or have the knowledge about various agencies which may be able to assist them with a particular issue.

A topic generating discussion at the Fowlerville Senior Center, is the status of Michigan Senate Bill 847, sponsored by State Senator Rosemary Bayer. This bill was introduced on March 18, 2026, and aims to introduce stricter and mandatory license renewal rules for drivers over 75.

Senate Bill 847 would require drivers aged 75 and older to pass in-person vision, written knowledge, and road tests every four years. For drivers 85 and older, these tests would be required annually. Currently Senate Bill 847 was referred to the Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in March 2026. Members of the Fowlerville Senior Center are monitoring its progress.

A variety of activities is crucial for senior citizens by providing diverse engagements including physical, cognitive and social which improves physical health, mental acuity and wards off depression and loneliness. A mix of activities helps

maintain independence and provides a sense of purpose and happiness.

The Fowlerville Senior Center has an excellent physical fitness program by offering Tai Chi, Chair Exercise and Cardio Drumming classes. And we offer gaming opportunities through bingo, farkle (dice), card and board games along with travel and entertainment opportunities.

The Fowlerville Senior Center has recently expanded our activity selections by partnering with the Fowlerville Library and Fowlerville Family Fair.

Dawn Bhajan, Fowlerville Family Fair, introduced us to Lori Sullivan who has become the instructor for our "Painting with Lori" art class. Our next class is on Monday, May 4th from 12pm-1pm and this class will focus on how to create a landscape painting. Signing up for the class is required with Fowlerville Senior Center members being free and non-members cost \$20. Sign up and check out the class.

In partnership with the Fowlerville Library, Mary Hudson, Public Services Manager, will be instructing our Crafting Class beginning on Tuesday, April 28th from 11am-12pm. Our first craft class will be "Diamond Art Painting" and we currently have only eight positions left for the class. Signing up for the class is required with Fowlerville Senior Center members being free and non-members cost \$20.

The Fowlerville Senior Center is hosting a Senior Celebration Day luncheon on Tuesday, May 5th from 11am-2pm and we are inviting any senior citizen to attend. For members and non-members there is no cost to attend this celebration, but you must RSVP because seating is limited. You can RSVP by visiting the Fowlerville Senior Center between 8:30am – 2:00pm, Monday - Friday, at 203 N. Collins St, Fowlerville, MI.

The Senior Celebration Day lunch will consist of Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Dinner Roll, Dessert and Milk. There will also be entertainment, games, music and raffles to enjoy. Participants can also visit with "senior citizen centric" vendors providing a wide variety of information you may find useful. This is a good time for all, so RSVP and join us.

Shela Adams, of Cardiostix, stopped by the Fowlerville Senior Center and graciously donated a cardio drumming ball and several sets of drumming sticks to help boost the Fowlerville Senior Center's Cardio Drumming class. We thank you and, "let the beat go on."

The Fowlerville Farmers Market will be starting on Saturday, May 9th from 9am-1pm. The Farmer's Market is always a good time with very nice variety of products to choose from. The Fowlerville Senior Center would like everyone to know you can park in our parking lot to visit the market.

To paraphrase Mark Twain, "One of the brightest gems of Michigan weather is the dazzling uncertainty of it."



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Fowlerville Varsity Softball Team wins pair of games over Williamston

The Fowlerville Varsity Softball Team won a pair of games over Williamston in a league doubleheader played last Tuesday, April 21st.

Rylee Gulledge picked up the win in the opener, throwing a complete game no hitter in a 4-3 victory. Gulledge gave up 3 runs, 0 ER, with 4 walks and 8 K's. McKenna Maybee scored 2 runs while stealing 3 bases to pace the offense. Kylie Davis and Michaela Gulledge each singled and drove in a run. Rylee Gulledge and Avery Borg each collected RBI's.

In game 2 Gulledge threw another complete game in a 7-4 victory. She gave up 2 hits, 4 runs, 0 ER, and struck out 10. Annabelle Szumlinski had a big game at the plate going 3-4 and scoring 2 runs. Davis had a 2 RBI double in a 6 run 5th inning. Maybee, Payton Ryan and Ella Olrich collected one hit each. Olrich turned hers into a hustle double by sprinting out the box on contact. Everyone was solid on defense highlighted by Maybee and Olrich who turned in multiple spectacular plays.

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SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY

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Happy Retirement!

Please join us as we celebrate the retirement of

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After 19 years of dedicated service to the Village of Fowlerville.

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MAY 7, 2026

Please join us for refreshments and to wish her well on her retirement.

 WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH, 2026	 2:00 PM TO 6:00 PM	 AT THE VILLAGE OFFICES 213 S GRAND AVE FOWLERVILLE, MI 48836
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Thank you, Cathy, for your years of hard work and dedication to our community!



Livingston County EMS to hold ribbon cutting at Cohoctah Twp. Substation

Livingston County EMS will be commemorating their new substation at 7308 Oak Grove Road with a ribbon cutting celebration on Friday, May 8th at 3:00 p.m. Cohoctah residents and families are welcomed to come tour the new space, take a look at an ambulance and other public safety vehicles, enjoy a cookie, and meet some of the EMS providers who are devoted to serving our community.

“This new substation represents a major step toward improving emergency response times across our community, especially in our more rural areas of the county,” said EMS Deputy Director Amy Chapman. “We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support from the Livingston County Board of Commissioners, whose partnership and commitment made

this project possible. We also want to thank Howell Area Fire Department and Cohoctah Township leadership who have supported our mission to deliver exceptional EMS service throughout the county.”

Livingston County EMS is proud to provide both 911 Emergency Medical Services and non-emergency transportation services throughout the county’s 584 square

miles. With their singular focus of continually improving patient care, the new Cohoctah substation will allow EMS to provide better coverage to the county’s rural areas so they can be there faster when they are needed the most. We look forward to opening the substation to our residents so they can take a closer look at the world of public safety.

Michigan has a shortage of candidates running for local government offices

By Clara Lincolnhol
 Gongwer News Service

More than three-quarters of Michigan local governments say not enough residents are willing to run for elected office or serve on appointed boards and committees, according to a policy brief released by the University of Michigan Center for Local, State and Urban Policy.

Three-quarters of Michigan local governments say candidates are often unopposed, and around 68% of officials say they have a difficult time finding residents with subject-matter expertise and required skills for certain positions or appointed boards.

These findings are based on statewide surveys of government leaders conducted in the spring of 2025.

Officials from smaller and more rural communities like villages and townships were more likely to express concerns and challenges about recruiting residents to run for office, with 51% of villages and 45% of township officials agreeing that it’s difficult.

Michael Selden, director of member information services at the Michigan Townships Association, said these issues affect townships across the state, especially those with lower population density areas like in Northern Michigan.

“Half the townships in Michigan have populations of 2,500 or less or 5,000 or less,” he said in an interview with Gongwer News Service. “Definitely there are a lot of townships that have under 1,000 people, 500, 200 people and it’s hard amongst that group to find people who are willing and able to serve.”

In communities Up North, large parts of the population may not live there all year-round and live in the south during

the wintertime, which prevents them from getting involved in local government he said.

County leader and city leader percentages were less likely to say finding potential officials is difficult, with 19% and 34%.

Over half of state officials, around 61%, say they face challenges finding young people to run or serve, and 34% of state officials say they can’t find new people in general. About half also feel as though their jurisdiction’s residents do not have the time to serve on boards, and around 43% believe their residents do not have enough knowledge to serve on boards.

One quarter of officials think potential harassment dissuades people from running, and another quarter believes a lack of proper compensation keeps people from being interested.

Selden said he thinks both of these factors could prevent people from feeling comfortable running.

“Especially with the growth of social media and things like that...there’s just a lot more areas out there for people to vent their grievances and complaints against elected officials,” he said.

Many times, these positions do not pay a living wage, so people must have other jobs in addition to serving on a board or as an official, Selden said.

He said that other times there’s a lack of participation because people aren’t aware of the ways they can get involved in their local government or how the government works.

The Michigan Townships Association is developing ways to inform people how they can get involved and educate people on how local government operates, in the hopes that more will have the skills and desire to participate, Selden said.

“How do we get from where we are now into the future, and what does that look like?” he said.

**Village of Fowlerville
 Department of Public Works (DPW)
 Seasonal Laborer**

The Village of Fowlerville is hiring a dependable individual for a Seasonal DPW Laborer position. This is a physically demanding, outdoor job that requires consistent manual labor in all weather conditions from Spring through Fall.

Duties include:

- Lawn mowing and weed whipping
- Compost and brush collection throughout the Village
- Trash pickup in Village parks and the downtown district
- Loading and unloading brush
- General labor and maintenance as assigned

Requirements:

- Ability to perform heavy physical labor, including frequent lifting of 50+ pounds
- Ability to work outdoors in varying weather conditions
- Reliable attendance and strong work ethic
- Valid driver’s license and clean driving record
- Must pass a background check

Hours: Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., up to 40 hours per week, with no weekend work.

Starting Pay: \$17.50 per hour

Applications are available Monday through Thursday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at the Village of Fowlerville Office, 213 South Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, MI 48836. You may also apply online at www.fowlerville.org. Please submit your application and resume (optional) by May 4, 2026.

Jamie Hartman
 Village of Fowlerville Clerk
 213 South Grand Avenue
 Fowlerville, Michigan 48836
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Valerie Jean Reitzel, a local artist, talked to members of the Fowlerville Senior Center about her special project that will be part of the Fowlerville Fair.



The large turkey platter belongs to the Tom & Dawn Braun family. Tom was a former fair manager and secretary of the fair board. The Norman Rockwell plate and the blue and white colonial belonged to Dawn Bhajan's grandmother. Dawn heads the fair's Open Class Home Arts Department.

Local artist busy working on project for 140th anniversary of Fowlerville Fair

Local artist and resident, Valerie Jean Reitzel has been busy going around to established businesses and community groups, encouraging them to contribute a plate, a story, and a small entry fee to support the full creation of the Artistic Visual Story of OUR COMMUNITY.

Most recently, she addressed members of the Fowlerville Senior Center to explain the project and urge them to contribute a plate and tell of their respective family history.

Below is the article she published last November that provided details on what she wishes to do and how members of the community can take part.

“PASS THE PLATE, PLEASE...”

I have said, and heard this exact sentence countless times over the years at gatherings of family and friends. Although, this time you will not get your plate back, because it will become a part of a beautiful mosaic quilt artwork being created to celebrate our community's 140th of the Fowlerville's Family Fair this coming July and

displayed in the Open Class Arts exhibition area, located under the Grandstand.

Are you interested in having your family's history preserved in this unusual and meaningful artwork? If so, here are the guidelines to enter.

1) Each household can select one special plate (any size from dessert to large platters accepted). This plate will not be returned to you since it will be broken into a tile for the mosaic quilt. Images will be painted on the tile that provide some history of the community.

2) Provide owner's information (remember to put the dates on the letter.) Then you have 4-6 sentences to share your story. These will be printed in a catalog that includes a photo of the donated plate and the accompanying family story.

3) Enclose a \$20 check, money order, or cashier's check made out to the artist, Valerie Jean Reitzel, to cover costs of materials, transportation, and installation. However, I do not want the fee to inhibit any family who wishes to participate. If you need financial assistance please contact me at 810-814-

6169. Please leave a message, and I will return your call in a timely manner.

Be a part of this lasting, commemorative art project that highlights the incredible history of our town, the railway, the farms, and most importantly the stories of our families.

Please allow me to introduce myself...My name is Valerie Jean. I am a former Brighton art teacher, and producing artist with 4 one-woman exhibits to my credit. I look forward to meeting you at the unveiling of our collaborative art piece. I will not be able to create it without your donations, and support.

A large bright blue collection box has been placed in the Fowlerville Library until May 22. Then begins the major task {begins for me} of creating a beautiful expression of our quaint and historical hometown.

Historical Corner:

Fowlerville Area Historical Society to meet at library on Thursday, May 7th

The newly-formed Fowlerville Area Historical Society will meet Thursday, May 7th at the Fowlerville District Library, 6:00pm - 7:30pm. The FAHS invites all area residents to attend the monthly meetings while the purpose and direction is made clearer. Those interested can learn about upcoming activities, membership opportunities for individuals of all ages, families and local businesses, and to bring the different perspectives within the community of Fowlerville.

Continue to watch the Historical Corner in your 'Fowlerville News & Views' for details and upcoming events, such as the annual Clean Up Day at the Historic Village on May 13th.

For questions or thoughts to share before the monthly meeting, please email the FAHS at fowlervillehistory@gmail.com. Information, specific dates, and photos can also be found on the Facebook page: Fowlerville Area Historical Society.

Maybe you are wondering how you can contribute to the preservation of Fowlerville's history; one way would be to document your heritage here.

Fowlerville Library offers a one hour Writer's Group once a month. It is open to anybody of any level of experience writing. The next session is May 15th at 11:00 am. To help your frame of mind, it is offered inside the Historical Room in the Library.

The June meeting will be Thursday, June 4th same time at the Library.



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Bench donated to Fowlerville Elementary in memory of Janet Martindale; family also helps establish Innovation Program

Family and friends were on hand at Fowlerville Elementary on Thursday, April 16th for a dedication ceremony for a bench donated in memory of Janet Martindale.

Janet, who passed away on Jan. 6, 2025, was a paraprofessional and tutor when the K-thru-2nd grade elementary was housed in the Smith Building and continued tutoring after her retirement.

The bench included a plaque that read:

“In Loving Memory
Mrs. Janet Martindale
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Mike, Dan, Chris, Chad
Family and Friends”

The Martindale family, however, went beyond just donating the bench in her memory. They have also helped establish an Innovation Grant Program.

“Teachers can submit an application to fund some innovation to their classroom,” explained her husband Mike Martindale. “Also, if a parent cannot not afford a tutor, the money could be used to hire one.”

“This program is made possible by the generous donation from the Martindale family and is designed to empower our teachers to pursue innovative, high-impact projects that fall outside the scope of our standard, mandated curriculum and supply budget,” said Fowlerville Elementary Principal Ross Richard.



Attending the dedication ceremony at the Fowlerville Elementary for a bench that was donated in memory of Janet Martindale, who had been a parapro and tutor with the school district before her retirement, were family and friends. From left, front row, Diane Creighton (sister), Jared Banko, Sherry Artman (sister-in-law); and in back, Mike Martindale (husband), Doug Bigos, Karen Kraus (sister), Ross Richard (school principal), Richard Artman (brother), and Sabrina Banko.

A summary of what the Innovation Grant Program entails and how it will operate is as follows:

Purpose: To fund unique, creative projects that enhance student learning, engagement, and the overall

school environment in ways that the regular school budget cannot support.

Funding Cycle: The application window will open on the 1st of each month and close on the 15th of each month.

Award Notification: The selected teacher/team will be notified by the 25th of the month, and funds will be made available immediately upon notification.

Grant Amount: The monthly award will be up to \$200.

Usage Requirement: Funds must be used exclusively for the approved project. Any significant change in the project plan must be approved by the Principal prior to implementation.

Accountability: The awarded teacher/team must submit a brief final report (including a summary of the project's impact and receipts for all expenditures) within 30 days of the project's completion.

While the donation by the Martindale family has helped launch the program, the hope is that others in the community will donate money to help continue the program. If anyone is interested in contributing to the Fund, please send the contribution to the Fowlerville Community Schools with 'Janet Martindale' in the check memo.

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Fowlerville Boys Golf Team

From left, front row: Easton Groff, Joey Buurma, Ben Moulton, Axel Daavettila, Jack Aldred, TJ Gulledge; second row: Remington Losey, Grant Fruchey, Dean

Wakeman, Andrew Kantola, Wyatt Moe, Tommy Cox, Logan Demko; top row: Coach Nick Campbell, Audie Charboneau, Keegan McClanahan, Sam Shrader, Phillip Kantola, Nolan Peterson, and Jackson Richmond.

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Groups want lawmakers to consider proposal to improve health care affordability

By Cristian Vazquez
Capital News Service

Health care is becoming less affordable and accessible in Michigan today, with consumers finding it difficult to obtain.

“Rising health care premiums attributable to higher prescription drug costs, higher cost claims from sicker patients, coupled with the loss of consumer tax credits, have left employers and consumers facing sticker shock,” said Dominick Pallone, the executive director of the Michigan Association of Health Plans.

The association said affordability has been at the forefront of recent budget debates.

Brian Mills, the deputy director of market affairs and communications at the association, said the organization and its members have shared several policy solutions with state policymakers on actions they could take at the state level to make health care more affordable.

“The prescription drug affordability review board and prohibition on imposing facility fees are bills that have been introduced in the House and Senate,” Mills said.

“The legislation would create a Prescription Drug Affordability Board that would have the power to set price limits on certain medications,” according to a report from WEMU public radio.

According to a report from ASC Focus, Reps. Curtis VanderWall, R-Ludington, and Reggie Miller, D-Van Buren Township, introduced a bill that would disallow health care providers, including ambulatory surgery centers, from charging facility fees beginning on Jan. 1, 2027.

It’s pending in the House Health Policy Committee.

Hundreds of thousands of Michigan residents acquire health insurance through the state’s employer benefits packages, according to a concept paper from the health plans association.

The paper suggests policymakers could create a statewide association health plan to allow small businesses to join and gain access to more affordable insurance.

Another proposal from the concept paper seeks to stabilize the individual marketplace, increase competition and lower health care costs by exploring whether to offer state employees and their beneficiaries benefits through the individual marketplace rather than through the state’s self-funded plan.

The association said it also hopes to see a fund created to reimburse health plan customers for the costs of new state mandates that increase the cost of health care premiums.

John Karasinski, the vice president of communications of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association in Okemos, said his organization “is actively engaging with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to identify solutions that have a meaningful impact on actual out-of-pocket costs for patients, support safety and quality standards and continue access to health care services throughout the state.”

Karasinski said hospitals are committed to keeping their communities healthy by reducing costs and maintaining access to care.

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Fowlerville High School News

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IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES TO NOTE:

May 8th Prom
 May 15th Tractor Day
 May 18th Senior full day of school exams 4,5,6
 May 19th Senior ½ day of school exams 1,2,3
 May 25th Memorial Day – NO school
 May 28th Senior grad breakfast and practice
 May 31st Senior graduation 1:00
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Fowlerville Bands have been selected to play the National Anthem to kick off the home Tigers game on Thursday, May 21st! Students have been working hard in preparation and are excited to represent their community and the home team! If you are interested in coming to watch an afternoon game, stay tuned (music pun) for a link to specially priced tickets.
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Fowlerville High School presents PROM at Stone House Farm in Bancroft on Friday, May 8th from 7-10pm. Tickets will be sold at all lunches starting the week of April 13th-29th with Cash, Check to FCS, or card at the school store for \$50 per ticket. Tickets will include mocktails, fancy desserts, DJ and dancing, photo booth, and a professional photographer. Guest passes are needed if your date is from another school. FHS prom is for 11th and 12th graders, 9th and 10th graders

only with upperclassmen date. Any questions, please email Mrs. Hardenbrook at hardenbrookm@fowlervilleschools.org.
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Senior addresses: Letters and tickets will be mailed at the beginning of May to the student address in MI-Star who are currently on track to graduate. PLEASE verify your address is correct on your parent/student portal. If it is not correct, please contact the HS office to obtain appropriate forms and information to make address changes.
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Seniors: Make sure you have paid all your school fines. You must have them paid before graduation. If you have any questions, ask in the Main Office.

Fowlerville JV Softball Team takes two games from Williamston last Tuesday

The Fowlerville Junior Varsity Softball Team took two games from Williamston last Tuesday, April 21, bringing their record to 4-4. Both games were solid team wins with everyone contributing and making a positive impact.

Ivory Vargo sparked the offense for the Glads with her second lead-off home run of the season. She contributed 2 more hits and 3 RBIs. Bella Shreve added 4 RBIs and Emma Hodge, Sailor Lee, and Sophia Rukkila each had multiple hits.

Sophia Rukkila had a great outing on the mound for game 2 with a strong defense behind her. Horner, Vargo, Lee, Hodge, Shirley, Redford, and Rukkila each contributed multiple hits. Bella Shreve, Charlotte Szilagyi, and Kendra Chase added RBIs.

Game 1: Fowlerville 20, Williamston 5
 Game 2: Fowlerville 25, Williamston 4

Fowlerville High School Alumni tickets on sale starting May 1st

The 132nd Fowlerville High School Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, June 6, in the cafeteria. The high school building will open around 4pm with dinner at 6pm. “Honored” classes will host classmates & friends during the social hour. Group pictures will be taken beginning at 5pm. Guests from other classes are encouraged to attend & visit with those in attendance.

Tickets are \$25 each in advance & will go on sale at Reggie’s Barber Shop on May 1st. Tickets at the door are \$30.

Questions about reserved rooms for special classes should be directed to Cindy Ruttman Krebs: 517-375-3014. Donations for the 2026 Scholarship Fund can still be made by sending the donation to Box 446, Fowlerville, MI 48836, asap. Businesses or individuals wishing to sponsor or advertise in the alumni program should contact Meghan Swain Kuch: 517-672-1747, asap. Ticket questions should also be directed to Meghan Swain Kuch. The FHS Alumni Association is a 501(c)(3).

Come on Gladiators, old & young! See you at the 132nd FHS Alumni gathering on June 6th.



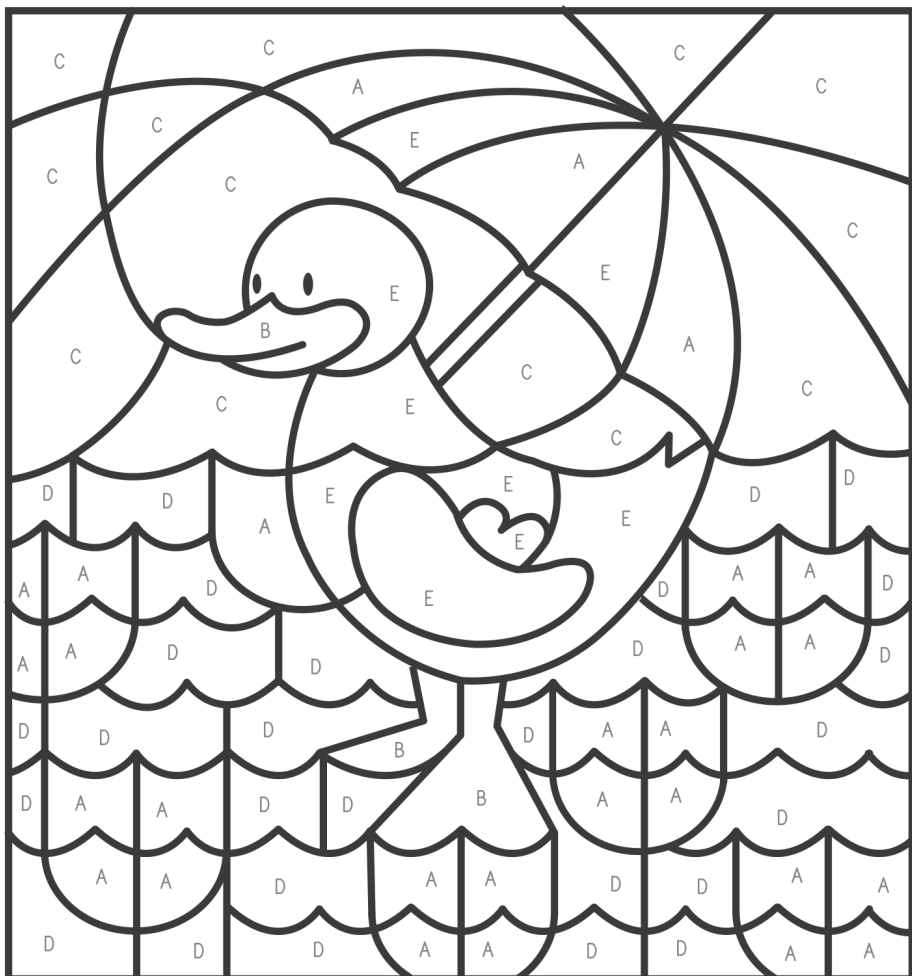


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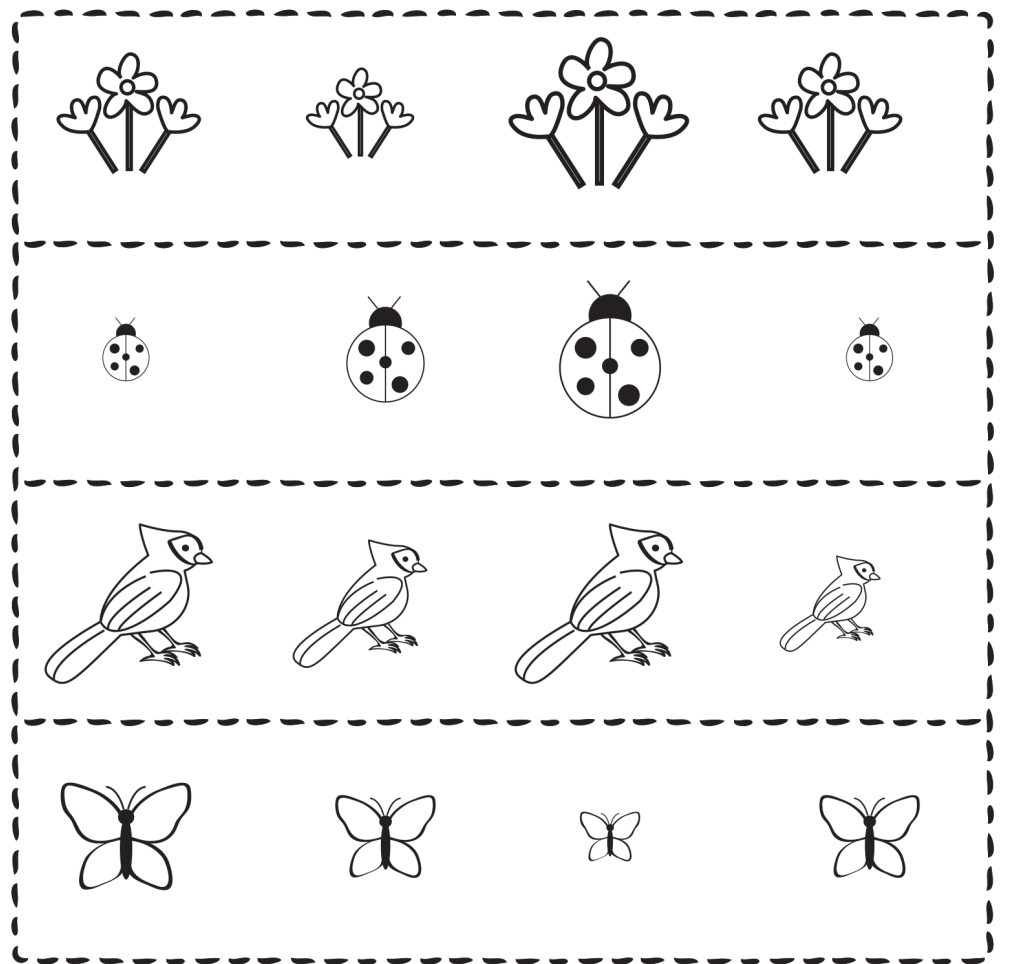
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Receiving the Webberville FFA Honorary Chapter Degree were, from left, Terry and Elizabeth Howery & Melissa and Matt Williams.



Receiving the William "Bill" Wheeler Scholarship was Ethan West. Pictured here, from left, were David Wheeler, Janice Wheeler, and Ethan West.

Webberville FFA holds 67th Annual Banquet, continued

The Chapter officers for the 2026-2027 year are Ryan Pendell, Owen Derian, Waylan Wick, Shawna Davis, Charlene Dusa, Lily Gillespie, Savannah Bayard, Kelly Wilder and Arabella Watts. Advisors are Sasha Glover and Chris Allen.

After the closing ceremonies, a silent auction drawing was held with former student Cassie Bosworth organizing the event. An auction was also held where the winning bidder would receive labor done by FFA students. Both of these auctions are fundraisers for the FFA Chapter.



The 2026-2027 team of officers were installed during the program. The advisors for the past year, Sasha Glover and Chris Allen, were also recognized. Shown here are, from left, back row, advisor Sasha Glover, Ryan Pendell, Owen Derian, Waylan Wick, Shawna Davis, advisor Chris Allen. Front row, from left, Charlene Dusa, Lily Gillespie and Savannah Bayard. Not pictured are Kelly Wilder and Arabella Watts.

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Book Club

Adults • Fourth Thursdays • 6pm - Check out your copy of each month's book at the library and join us for the discussion.
May (5/28)—The Dry by Jane Harper
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Neighborly Know-How

Adults • Fourth Thursdays • 5pm - Our new show & tell style series features local experts from our community sharing on the subjects they're passionate about. Join us the fourth Thursday of the month at 5pm.
May (5/28)—Adventures in Rug-Hooking—Webberville hooking legend, Sallie Brodie, will share the ins and outs of hooking rugs.
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Take & Make Kits

Ages 6-12- Every month we have a new kit featuring everything you need to do something fun. Available while supplies last.
May—Make a Pet Pig—Inspired by Wilbur from Charlotte's Web, make your own pet pig. Warning! Kit comes with a little (plastic) spider to be your pig's best friend.
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- Saturday, May 2, 2026 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Absentee Ballots will also be available for issuance during the month of April on Thursdays (by appointment), at the Handy Township Offices, 135 N. Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, MI.

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The Webberville Varsity Softball Team has been on a hot streak. From left, front row, are: Payten Sholty, Valerie Grosser, Bella Glovak, Makayla Culver, and Jenna Lycos; back row, Assistant Coaches Chet Atkins and Donna Mahaney, Lexi Proctor, Olivia Wolff, Katelyn Kubiak, Kiara Matiyow, Payton Odett, Haley Proctor, Head Coach Courtney Pierce, and Assistant Coach Maci Richard.

Webberville High School Athletics Update

Softball:

The Webberville Spartans varsity softball team is on a hot streak, capturing back-to-back tournament titles in consecutive weekends. On April 11, the Spartans dominated the Pottersville tournament with commanding wins over Morrice (17-2) and Bellevue (19-2) to claim the championship. They followed it up on April 18 with another gold at the Vestaburg tournament, edging out Bay City All Saints in a close 3-2 matchup before sealing the title with a 13-3 victory over Vestaburg.

Baseball:

The Webberville Varsity Baseball Team took a tough loss to Stockbridge 17-3 on last Wednesday at home. Kaleb Matiyow, Joshua Boschma, and Camdyn Buchanan each recorded a hit, while Matiyow and Karson Lycos drove in runs for the Spartans. Webberville will look to bounce back on Saturday (April 25) when they travel to face the Bath Fighting Bees.

Track:

The Webberville Girls Varsity Track Team earned a strong victory over Mt. Morris, Montrose, and Byron on April 22, highlighted by multiple first-place finishes and personal best performances.

Leading the way were Makayla Culver (in long jump and 100-meter dash), Haley Proctor (300 hurdles), Jolie Bryan (pole vault), Ella Howard (high jump), Mackenzie Wyatt (discus), and Payten Sholty (shot put).

The Spartans also took top honors in the 4x100 relay (Ella Howard, Haley Proctor, Jenna Lycos, Makayla Culver) and the 4x200 relay (Val Grosser, Lexi Proctor, Jenna Lycos, Makayla Culver). In addition to the team's strong showing, several athletes recorded personal bests, and five long jumpers have already qualified for regionals.

The Boys Varsity Track Team also turned in an impressive performance at the MMAC meet at Mt. Morris. Nathan West won the 3200m with a season-best time of 10:49. The 800m relay team of Daxten Feguer, Matthew Howery, Levi Howard, and Cole Morris claimed first place with a personal-best time of 1:38.77, while the 1600m relay team of Daxten Feguer, Matthew Howery, Gavin Howery, and Levi Howard also took first with a personal-best 3:48.96.

NIESA Fire Report (Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority)

On Wednesday April 15, 2026 NIESA responded to zero calls.

On Thursday April 16, 2026 NIESA responded to eight calls. Two calls were in the City of Williamston with one a medical response and one a citizen assist. One call was in Leroy Township for a vehicle fire. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a fire response. Four calls were in Williamstown Township with three calls being medical responses and one a utility response.

On Friday April 17, 2026 NIESA responded to eight calls. One call was in the City of Williamston for a fire response. One call was in Leroy Township for a citizen assist. Four calls

were in Locke Township with all being medical responses. One call was in Williamstown Township for a medical response. One call was in the Village of Webberville also for a medical response.

On Saturday April 18, 2026 NIESA responded to four calls. Two calls were in the City of Williamston with both being medical responses. One call was in Williamstown Township for a citizen assist. One call was a mutual aid to Stockbridge for a medical response.

On Sunday April 19, 2026

NIESA responded to four calls. Three calls were in the City of Williamston with one a medical response and two being police dept. responses. One call was in Locke Township for a fire response. One call was in Williamstown Township for a medical response.

On Monday April 20, 2026 NIESA responded to three calls. One call was in the City of Williamston for a medical response. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a fire response. One call was in Williamstown Township also for a fire response.

On Tuesday April 21, 2026 NIESA responded to seven calls. One call was in the City of Williamston for a fire response. Two calls were in Leroy Township with both being medical responses. Three calls were in the Village of Webberville with one a fire response and two being medical responses. One call was a mutual aid to Okemos for a fire response.

Webberville United Methodist Church serving chicken dinner on May 9th

Webberville United Methodist Church, located at 4215 E. Holt Rd., is having a 'drive through' chicken dinner on Saturday, May 9th. The dinner includes two pieces oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, green beans, corn casserole, coleslaw, roll and cookies. All for \$12 (NEW PRICE). Dinner served 5 to 7 pm or until we run out. NOTE chicken dinner is on second Saturday this May only.



Womans Advance Club of Webberville meets on April 20th

The Womans Advance Club of Webberville met on Monday, April 20th, at the Webberville United Methodist Church. President Nancy Webb presided over the meeting with 14 members in attendance.

The meeting opened with roll call where each member shared a favorite vacation travel attraction. Following the roll call, there was a brief business session. Nominations Chairperson, Kathy Ward presented a slate of officer nominations for the upcoming 2026-2027 term.

President: Nancy Webb
 Vice president: Lynn Reed
 Secretary: Janice Wheeler
 Treasurer: Rosemary Cahaney
 Publicity: Carolyn Freyaldenhoven

Nominations will remain open until the next regular meeting where a final vote will be held.

President Nancy Webb then shared the history and origin of Earth Day. Along with the environmental update, she thanked the members for their successful charitable efforts, specifically the recent collections of toilet paper donations to the local food bank. She also presented a sample dress made from a pillowcase, which showed how the pillowcases previously collected by the group were transformed into clothing to be sent to Haiti.

After business concluded, member Carolyn Schuster served refreshments, providing members an opportunity for networking and conversation.

The highlight of the afternoon was presentations by members Terri Roache and Judy Christie entitled “Discovering Iceland, Greenland and its Neighbors.” The duo shared an informative look at the attractions of these regions and displayed several unique items from the areas for members to view.

Looking forward, the Executive committee will meet in June to plan the 2026-2027 programs.

The next regular club meeting is scheduled for May 18th, 2026.

Candy Café and Ice Cream in Williamston celebrating first year

Twelve months after opening the Candy Café and Ice Cream shop in Downtown Williamston, the Jenkins family is inviting the community to celebrate. The owners have announced a special anniversary party on Sunday, May 3, at their shop located at 110 E. Grand River.

“We want to thank everyone who has stopped in and supported us over the past year,” said co-owner Todd Jenkins. “As part of the celebration, we’ll be hosting hourly prize drawings along with fun and rewarding contests throughout the day.”

Co-owner Steve Jenkins added, “To make the day even more special, Jeff the Magician will be here to showcase the magic of ice cream and candy. And since we’re celebrating 12 months in business, we’ll be offering a 12% discount on all items during the event.”

The festivities begin at noon with the shop’s early opening, followed by hourly prize drawings. Prizes include but are not limited to: Tiger Baseball Tickets, Ice Cream for the Summer, Candy Café T-Shirts, Giant Jaw Breaker and much more. Jeff the Magician will perform from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., entertaining guests with an exciting display of magic.

“You can make your own magic by taking a photo at our Selfie Wall”, the Jenkinse said, adding that, “May 3rd will indeed be Sunday Funday in downtown Williamston.”



Michigan House Report

By Jason Woolford, 50th District

Sensible Spending & Economic Integrity

This week, the Michigan House of Representatives put forward a budget that respects the dignity of Michigan taxpayers by eliminating waste, fraud and abuse throughout state government.

Through our budget, we’re funding resources to make sure that the state of Michigan follows the work requirements for SNAP benefits and Medicaid that were implemented by President Trump at the federal level. Appropriate oversight will make sure that people are not taking advantage of programs that are funded by hard-working taxpayers. Anything less would be a betrayal of public trust.

Registration open for Webberville Memorial Day Run/Walk on May 25th

The Webberville Memorial Day Run/Walk will be held on May 25th at 9AM. Registration is currently open, with entry fees for adults \$30 April 13th to May 24th. Kids 14 and under are \$15. Sponsors for the race are welcome. All proceeds to benefit Webberville High School Student Scholarships and the Cross Country Team.

For more details and to sign up, please use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/3zzhv2df>

‘Big Red Barrel’ being offered at Recycle Livingston on May 2nd

The ‘Big Red Barrel’ will be at Recycle Livingston in Howell from 9am-1pm on Saturday, May 2nd. We will be collecting sharps and medication. This is a free service. No questions asked. Put pills in a zip lock container, they can be mixed together. We prefer not to have the medicine container. Keep liquid medications separate. Dump into a zip lock bag with enough paper towel to soak up the liquid. Needles must be in the proper disposal container, either purchased from a pharmacy or use a plastic laundry detergent bottle. Reseal the bottle and tape it. Do your part to keep medications from being abused. Do not flush unused medication. The Big Red Barrel Project is part of Livingston County Community Alliance.



While we improve our vetting for government-funded benefits, we’re also taking on employment fraud throughout state government. Our budget works to identify and cut out “ghost employees,” meaning individuals who are listed on the state payroll but do not actually exist. These schemes steal money from the people of Michigan, and we’re doing everything in our power to hold those responsible to account.

We’re working to guarantee that our tax dollars are being spent on programs and initiatives that actually help working families. While we deliver real results, we owe it to the people of this state to make sure that our budget eliminates government waste and fraudulent spending. Putting a stop to crooked funding is the only way to ensure that our state resources are being spent where they’re supposed to: on the people of Michigan. From the statehouse to the White House, we’re making sure that government resources are working in service of the taxpayer.

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.

NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF HANDY TOWNSHIP INGHAM INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY SPECIAL ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026

Please take notice that the Ingham Intermediate School District Special Election will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026. The Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

VOTING PRECINCT LOCATION:

Handy Township- Precincts 1 & 3 (Ingham Intermediate School District Residents only) voting location for this May 5, 2026 Special Election will be at the Handy Township Voting Center, 6520 Grand River, Fowlerville, MI. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Laura A. Eisele, Handy Township Clerk
(4-19, 4-26 & 5-3-26 FNV)

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CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

On April 29, 2026, the Conway Township will be doing spring cleanup in all the township owned cemeteries.

Any items left on or around the graves will be disposed of. If there are items that family members want to preserve, please remove them prior to that date.

Tara Foote
Conway Township Clerk
(4-26-26 FNV)

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR
INGHAM INTERMEDIATE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESIDENTS OF IOSCO
TOWNSHIP –
SPECIAL ELECTION FOR
INGHAM INTERMEDIATE
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the Tuesday, May 5th, 2026, Special Election has been scheduled for Thursday, April 30th, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., at the Township Hall located at 2050 Bradley Rd., Webberville, MI. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the software program and voting tabulators that will be used to count the ballots for the election have been prepared in accordance with Federal and State law. We encourage the public (as we do for all elections), to attend the testing to help ease the confusion and worry of election fraud along with demonstrating how the votes are counted and sent to the county.

Julie Dailey
Iosco Township Clerk
(4-26-26 FNV)

**IOSCO TOWNSHIP
SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED
MINUTES
April 16th, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Iosco Township Board was held on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. Members Present: Bonnville, Dailey, Harman, Miller, & Parker. The following action was taken: 1) Motion to approve the agenda. 2) 1st. Call to the Public: There were no requests to be heard. 3) Motion to adopt the proposed Regular Meeting Minutes from 3/19/2026 4) Motion to adopt the proposed Budget Meeting Minutes from 3/26/2026. 5) Clerk's report. 6) Treasurer's report. 7) Motion to pay \$45,976.66 in Township bills. 8) Fire Board update was heard. 9) Planning Commission update was heard. 10) Assessor & Zoning Administrator's report was heard. 11) The Board discussed MTA's Code of Ethical Conduct policy 12) The Board discussed the Township's office hours and no changes to the hours are being made at this time. 13) The Board discussed purchasing an extended warranty for the generator. 14) 2nd Call to the Public: The public was heard from. 13) Motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Dailey
Iosco Township Clerk
(4-26-26 FNV)



**Savvy
Senior
Column**

By Jim Miller

**How to Prepare to Be an Executor
of an Estate**

Dear Savvy Senior,

My uncle recently asked me to be the executor of his will when he dies. I feel honored that he asked me, but I've never done this before and I'm not exactly sure what the job entails. What can you tell me about it?

--Helpful Nephew

Dear Helpful,

Being named executor is indeed an honor. It shows your uncle trusts you. But it can also be a significant responsibility, especially if his estate or family situation is complicated. Here's a look at what the role involves so you can decide if it's something you're comfortable taking on.

Executor Duties

As executor, you'll be responsible for settling your uncle's affairs after his death. Depending on the estate, your duties may include:

- Filing paperwork with the probate court to validate the will and officially open the estate.
- Locating and taking inventory of all assets.
- Paying outstanding bills, funeral expenses, and any taxes owed using estate funds.
- Notifying banks, government agencies (including Social Security), credit card companies, and the post office of his death.
- Preparing and filing his final income tax return.
- Distributing remaining assets to the beneficiaries named in the will.

Keep in mind that executor responsibilities and deadlines vary by state. Most state bar association websites offer probate guides or checklists that outline the rules where you live.

Get Organized

If you agree to serve, one of the best things you can do now is help your uncle get organized. Make sure his will is up to date and find out where important documents are stored – such as deeds, financial account statements, insurance policies, passwords, and contact information for advisors. Having quick access to these items will save you time and stress later.

If the estate is complex, you don't have to handle everything alone. An estate attorney or tax professional can guide you through the process, and their fees are typically paid by the estate.

Prevent Family Conflicts

One of the biggest challenges executors face is family tension. Ask your uncle to clearly communicate his wishes to beneficiaries ahead of time, including who will receive personal belongings and family heirlooms. Wills often leave these decisions to the executor, which can create unnecessary friction.

If he hasn't already, suggest he create a written list outlining how personal property should be distributed. Clarity now can prevent conflict later.

Executor Fees

Executors are generally entitled to compensation, which is paid by the estate. In many states, fees are based on a percentage of the estate's value, often ranging from 1 to 5 percent, depending on size and complexity.

However, if you're also a beneficiary, you may choose to waive the fee. Executor compensation is taxable income, while inheritances typically are not subject to income tax.

If you'd like a step-by-step resource to guide you through the process, "The Executor's Guide: Settling a Loved One's Estate or Trust," from Nolo, is a helpful reference and costs about \$32 at nolo.com.

Serving as executor can be time-consuming, but with good organization and clear communication, it's a manageable responsibility, and a meaningful way to honor your uncle's trust.

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



**Christopher Candela officially files for
Livingston County Circuit Court Judge**

Christopher Candela has officially filed to run for Livingston County Circuit Court Judge.

Judicial candidates need to submit a minimum of 600 signatures from Livingston County registered voters to be placed on the ballot. As of April 17, Candela submitted more than 750 signatures.

"It is noteworthy that I personally collected the vast majority of my signatures," Candela said. "I did not rely on paid signature gatherers—I took the time to speak directly with each voter who signed my nominating petitions."

Candela, a Senior Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, has built his career in the courtroom handling complex criminal cases and appellate matters. His background includes extensive motion practice, legal research, and prior experience serving as a judicial law clerk.

Candela says he is experienced at every level of our court system and has served on both sides of the bench, giving him a well-rounded understanding of both trial and appellate courts. His experience is backed by endorsements from circuit court judges, prosecutors, defense and civil law attorneys, as well as local government leaders.

Candela also emphasized that his candidacy provides Livingston County with an opportunity to have its most experienced judge yet.

"The longer a judge can serve, the more experience and consistency they bring to the bench," Candela said. "Some candidates will only be able to serve a few terms before having to leave due to the age limit. I will be able to serve for many terms to come."

For more information about the campaign, visit www.candelaforjudge.com or follow on social media to stay up to date on the latest campaign news.

**NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS
OF IOSCO TOWNSHIP –
INGHAM INTERMEDIATE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE
FOR INGHAM
INTERMEDIATE COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT
ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTERS**

All Iosco Township Ingham Intermediate School District Electors are hereby given notice that a Special Election will be held in Precinct 1 of Iosco Township on Tuesday, May 5th, 2026. The Iosco Township Clerk is currently available to issue ballots for all Ingham Intermediate School District registered voters requesting an absentee ballot for the Special Election on Wednesday & Thursday between 1 p.m. & 5 p.m. at the Township Hall located at 2050 Bradley Rd., Webberville, MI. For voters who are unable to visit during office hours, the Clerk will also be available on Saturday May 2nd, 2026, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Emergency Absentee Ballots are available on Monday, May 4th, 2026, from 1-4 p.m.

Julie Dailey
Iosco Township Clerk
(3-29, 4-12 & 4-26-26 FNV)



Student of the Week—Matlyn Lawson

Matlyn Lawson, a Fowlerville High School senior, is a dedicated member of the FHS Marching Band and Drum Major and exemplifies excellence through her commitment to both academics and extracurricular involvement. As a cast member in the 2026 FHS musical “School of Rock,” she balances a demanding college prep schedule while continuing to lead with confidence and enthusiasm. Matlyn’s strong leadership qualities, tireless work ethic, and ability to bring energy and positivity to every task make her a well-rounded student and a role model for her peers. Matlyn is a true example of what it means to be a true Gladiator.

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**CONWAY TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Conway Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at its meeting on May 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at the Conway Township Hall, 8015 N. Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, MI 48836. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider an application for a special land use permit for an airport camping and recreational camping facility at Maple Grove Airport, W Sherwood Road, Parcel ID No. 4701-23-400-013.

The application is available for inspection at the Township Hall, 8015 N. Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, MI 48836, during regular business hours. Copies may be obtained for a reasonable charge. The Planning Commission will receive written comments concerning the application at the Township Hall, 8015 N. Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, MI 48836. Comments must be received prior to the start of the public hearing on May 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services who are planning to attend the public hearing should notify Township Clerk, Tara Foote, at 517-225-9499 within a reasonable time in advance of the date of the public hearing. Conway Township Planning Commission
8015 N. Fowlerville Road
Fowlerville, MI 48836
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Tara Foote
Township Clerk
(4-26, 5-3 & 5-10-26 FNV)

Beyond books: Michigan libraries reinventing role as reading wanes

By Janelle D. James
Bridge Michigan

A visitor walking into one of Michigan’s nearly 400 public library systems may leave with more than a book. They could walk out with garden seeds, a blender, a repaired laptop — or a new connection to neighbors.

As reading wanes among Americans and libraries seek to win back patrons who stopped visiting during the COVID-19 pandemic, many are transforming into hands-on community hubs that offer a wide variety of materials, programs and engagement opportunities.

“A lot has changed and library services now represent this really broad range of community needs beyond reading, but that throughline for literacy and learning is really strong,” said Dillon Geshel, executive director of the Michigan Library Association.

The new services vary by library, region — and creativity. In Menominee, patrons can take a sourdough bread-making class. Grand Haven now offers new technology designed for older people with dementia.

In the Upper Peninsula’s Sault Ste. Marie, the Bayliss Public Library is among a growing number of institutions that have expanded to include a “library of things” such as tools, electronics and even cookware.

“There is kind of an old-fashioned view of libraries that they’re a place where you’re very quiet and a woman with a bun and glasses shushes you and gives you your books,” said Bayliss Public Library Manager Matt Archibald.

“We are not trying to be that traditional kind of library. We want to be innovative and be ready for the time we’re in.”

The library also offers a monthly clothing swap and a repair cafe for individuals who need electronics repaired. It partners with Feeding America to offer free lunch to children during the summer. And in colder months, the library hosts a winter farmers market in its community room.

“We offer a lot of stuff that people wouldn’t traditionally associate with libraries,” Archibald told Bridge Michigan. “...One of our goals is to have the library be a community gathering space, a place where people feel welcomed and safe to come and gather for all different kinds of things.”

Reading down, circulation rebounding

The expanding services at Michigan libraries come at a time when reading is on the decline, especially among younger people.

A national survey conducted by the University of Florida found that 16% of Americans older than 15 read for leisure, down from 28% in 2003. And they’re spending less time doing it.

Teens age 15 to 19 spend roughly nine minutes a day reading for leisure compared to 46 minutes among adults 75 and older, according to an annual survey by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics.

A sharp drop in physical visitors during the pandemic also forced some libraries to reinvent themselves.

Nearly 30 million people visited a Michigan library in fiscal year 2025, according to state reports, up from 13 million in 2022 but still less than the nearly 44 million who visited the year before COVID.

Circulation has slowly rebounded as well, driven by digital downloads. Electronic materials accounted for about 22% of the 69 million items circulated by Michigan libraries in 2024, the most recent year for which data is available.

Libraries always aimed to be community resources, and offering more lending options is a way to do that, said Geshel, of the Michigan Library Association.

“It’s also a very common outreach goal that libraries have... to get folks into the door so then they can understand what resources (libraries) have available that can tangibly benefit their lives,” he said.

While Michigan libraries have faced censorship campaigns in recent years, that has led to a “very public reinforcement of the role that public libraries play when it comes to free speech and First Amendment rights,” he added.

Alternative offerings

In Michigan communities with older populations, libraries are also tailoring programs specifically for seniors, expanding their role as social and support spaces.

Last year, the Loutit District Library in Grand Haven became the first in the country to receive a Tovertafel Pixie, an interactive projector specifically designed for people with dementia to stimulate social and cognitive activity.

“Libraries are becoming one of the only free third-spaces that are existing now,” said Chelsea Payton, community engagement & marketing manager for Loutit District Library. “The library is one of those spaces where you can come and use the library and you don’t even have to have a library card or be from this area.”

Public libraries in Michigan are funded primarily by local property tax millages. The state also distributes some

additional funding, including about \$16.6 million last year.

Spies Public Library in Menominee has programs that may help people put food on the table, whether they’re picking up seeds via its seed-sharing program or attending a sourdough making class where participants are given their own sourdough starter kit to take home for free.

“Menominee is not a very well-off community, so my goal is for us to be able to make some of our residents’ lives a little bit easier,” said Tarra Gamelin, director of the library. “If we can get people in here gardening (and) they’re starting to produce their own food, it makes life a little bit easier for them, especially when money is really tight.”

The seed-sharing program at Spies Public Library was started in 2022 in response to community members and allows individuals to swap fruit and vegetable seeds and other plants.

The seed-sharing program also draws in people who might not otherwise visit, introducing them to other services the library offers.

“We’ll have people who come in and they’re like, ‘we’re here for seeds but we want to look around,’ and then they sign up for library cards and that’s awesome,” Gamelin said. “I view libraries as a community hub and resource. We’re so much more than (a place) for checking out books,” she said.

Those efforts also come as many people report feeling increasingly disconnected from others, highlighting the role libraries play as gathering spaces. A November poll from the American Psychological Association showed that the majority of adults often feel isolated or lacking companionship, likely due to societal division.

“Most of the people who are coming in that we see everyday are at the library looking for connection,” Gamelin said. “For some people who are coming into our library, I think we’re the only friendly face that they see.”

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**HANDY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 21, 2026
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. Members present: Clerk Eisele, Treasurer Shear, Trustees Redinger and Munsell.

Absent: None. Also present: Twp. Atty.-Homier (via Zoom), Assessing Assistant Jamie Hertzler and resident Chuck Wright.

Meeting opened with a Moment of Silent Reflection followed by the Pledge of Allegiance at the Regular Handy Township Board Meeting Room, the following motions were made:

- To approve the agenda as amended.
- To recommend no increase in Water & Sewer rates for the South District at this time.
- To increase the Water & Sewer rates for the North District as reflected in the 2024-2025 Rate Study plus 4% effective 7-1-26.
- To accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of 3-18-26 as presented.
- To accept the Special Meeting Minutes of 4-2-26 as presented.
- To approve the bills in the amount of \$158,420.12 as presented.
- To terminate the Assistant Assessor contract for employment effective 4-30-26.
- To increase the part time position in the assessing office effective immediately.
- To change the Assessors position from employee to contracted labor 7-1-26.
- To authorize the purchase of a license for Pivot Point software with iPad.
- To adopt an ordinance #210-2026 an ordinance amending the land division ordinance.
- To schedule a Budget Workshop for Thursday, 5-14-26, at 9:30 AM.
- To appoint members Eisele and Shear to The Salary Review Committee.
- To amend the Fee Schedule as presented.
- To accept the quote from Clean Team for carpet cleaning.
- To adjourn the meeting at 8:57 P.M.

Laura A. Eisele
Handy Township Clerk
(4-26-26 FNV)

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Letter to the Editor

What's Up with President Trump and Pope Leo?

President Donald Trump has sharply criticized the first U.S.-born pontiff in social media posts. He also posted an apparently AI-generated image, later deleted, depicting himself as a Jesus-like figure. Many folks, not just Catholics, are shaking their heads in puzzlement.

Perhaps Trump is jealous of the Pope? They are both considered leaders worldwide. The Pope is a beloved leader of Catholics and respected by many people of other faiths. Trump is not a very popular leader anywhere that I can think of. Perhaps Trump worries the Pope has more followers? The Pope does have 1 billion Catholics worldwide, so no contest there.

Or maybe, because this is the first American Pope, Trump thinks Pope Leo, US-born, should have some allegiance to him? Trump knows he only has Truth Social, whereas Pope Leo is preaching the gospel from St. Peter's chair? Of course, Pope Leo speaks in a careful, reserved way vs. Trump's irreverent blasts. Pope Leo warns of a world ravaged by tyrants, and Trump is taking it personally?

Many news stories are calling what is going on with Trump and the Pope a feud, that is, a prolonged, competitive dispute. Whatever this is, it is all very confusing, and I am worried about where it is leading.

Mary B. Killeen
Howell

ORDINANCE NO. 505 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, DEFINITIONS, AND CHAPTER 6, GENERAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS, OF ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 346

The Village of Fowlerville ordains:

Section 1. Section 302, *Definitions (A,B)*, of Chapter 3, *DEFINITIONS*, of Ordinance No. 346, entitled "Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Fowlerville, Michigan" is hereby amended to add a new Subsection 1A definition of *Accessory solar energy system* to read as follows:

1A. *Accessory solar energy system.* Accessory energy storage system is a solar energy system designed to capture and utilize the energy of the sun to generate electrical power with the primary purpose of serving the electricity needs of the applicant property and is a permitted accessory uses in all zoning districts. Accessory energy storage systems shall follow the regulations associated with accessory uses.

Section 2. Chapter 6, *GENERAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS*, of Ordinance No. 346, entitled "Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Fowlerville, Michigan" is hereby amended to add a new Section 643, entitled "*Accessory Solar Energy Systems*" to read as follows:

Sec. 643. - Accessory Solar Energy Systems.

1. Permitted Accessory Use. Accessory solar energy systems (SES), as defined in Definitions, include building-mounted systems, building-integrated, and ground-mounted systems with the primary purpose of generating electricity for the principal use on the site. Accessory solar energy systems are a permitted accessory use in all zoning districts, subject to administrative review and approval.

2. Permits Required. A land use permit, as detailed in Section 408 of this ordinance, is required for the installation of an accessory solar energy system except for the exemptions from permitting detailed in Subsection 3 of this Section 643. A building permit as detailed in Section 409 of this ordinance is also required for the installation of an accessory solar energy system. The application for a solar energy system shall include the application information detailed in Section 410 of this ordinance. The application shall include:

a. Sketch plan showing the proposed location of the accessory solar energy system, the primary structure, any accessory structures, and setbacks from lot lines.

b. For building-mounted or building-integrated systems, horizontal and vertical elevation drawings showing the location and height of the SES on the building and dimensions of the SES.

c. For ground-mounted systems, elevation drawings showing height, dimensions of the SES, and tilt features if applicable.

3. Exemptions from Permitting. The following are exempt from review and permitting:

a. The installation of one (1) solar panel with a total area of less than eight (8) square feet.

b. Repair and replacement of existing solar energy equipment, provided that there is no expansion of the size or coverage area of the system.

4. Standards for Accessory Solar Energy Systems. All accessory SES shall be subject to the following requirements, as well as applicable standards listed below for building-mounted or ground-mounted systems:

a. The exterior surfaces of solar energy systems shall be generally neutral in color and substantially non-reflective of light.

b. Solar energy systems shall be installed, maintained, and used only in accordance with the manufacturer's directions. Upon request, a copy of such directions shall be submitted to the building inspector prior to installation. The building inspector shall inspect the completed installation to verify compliance with the manufacturer's directions.

c. Accessory SES shall conform with all County, State, and Federal regulations and safety requirements as well as applicable industry standards.

5. Building-Mounted Solar Energy Systems. Building-mounted solar energy systems, including roof-mounted systems and, are subject to the following requirements:

a. Solar energy systems that are mounted on the roof of a building shall not project more than five (5) feet above the highest point of the roof but, in any event, shall not exceed the maximum building height for the zoning district in which it is located, and shall not project beyond the eaves of the roof.

b. Solar energy systems that are roof-mounted, wall-mounted or otherwise attached to a building or structure shall be permanently and safely attached to the building or structure. Proof of the safety and reliability of the means of such attachment shall be submitted to the building inspector prior to installation; such proof shall be subject to the building inspector's approval.

c. Solar energy systems that are wall-mounted shall not exceed the height of the building wall to which they are attached.

d. Solar energy systems shall not be mounted on a building wall that is facing an adjacent public right-of-way.

e. A building-mounted SES installed on a non-conforming building, structure, or use shall not be considered an expansion of the non-conformity but shall be required to meet all height and placement requirements.

6. Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems. Ground-mounted solar energy systems are subject to the following requirements:

a. Accessory ground-mounted solar energy systems shall be located in the rear yard or non-required side yard setback.

b. Accessory ground-mounted SES shall have a minimum height as detailed in the manufacturer's specifications but shall in no case exceed fourteen (14) feet in height, measured from the ground at the base of such equipment, when oriented at maximum tilt.

c. Ground-mounted SES shall be permanently and safely attached to the ground. Proof of the safety and reliability of the means of such attachment shall be submitted with the application and be subject to the building inspector's approval.

d. The total area of accessory ground-mounted SES shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the square footage of the principal building.

e. An accessory ground-mounted SES installed on a non-conforming use or lot shall not be considered an expansion of the non-conformity but shall be required to meet and placement and height requirements.

7. Building-Integrated Solar Energy Systems. Building-integrated SES are subject to zoning regulations applicable to the building or structure and not subject to accessory ground or building-mounted SES permits.

Section 3 Validity and Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 4. Repealer Clause. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Savings Clause. This Ordinance does not affect rights and duties matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective seven (7) days from and after its publication.

Carol K. Hill _____
Carol K. Hill, Village President

Jamie Hartman _____
Jamie Hartman, Village Clerk

REVIEWED FOR FORM:
David G. Stoker _____
David G. Stoker, Village Attorney

Village Council Member Curtis offered the foregoing Ordinance and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Village Council Member Mayhew, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Carol Hill, President	___AYE___
Kathryn Heath, President Pro Tem	___AYE___
Craig Curtis, Trustee	___AYE___
Jamey Hardenbrook, Trustee	___AYE___
Jamie Hernden, Trustee	___AYE___
Mary Helfmann, Trustee	___AYE___
Jim Mayhew, Trustee	___AYE___

The President thereupon declared this Ordinance approved and adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Fowlerville this 20th day of April 2026.

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. 505 adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Fowlerville, County of Livingston, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on April 20, 2026.

Jamie Hartman _____
Jamie Hartman, Village Clerk

Jamie Hartman
Village Deputy Clerk
(4-26-26 FNV)

State gearing up for 2030 census

By Karlee VanAntwerp
Capital News Service

For the 2020 census, Michigan had a 71.3% self-response rate which was higher than the 67% national average, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

And although the next every-10-years national count is four years away, state demographer Jaclyn Butler and her team are working to coordinate data operations and analyze key population trends to prepare for the 2030 census and encourage a full count of Michigan residents.

It's not just a numbers game.

At stake: An accurate count has major implications for federal funds sent to Michigan and for the state's political clout.

"We submit data inputs to the Census Bureau to improve accuracy of the annual population estimates that the bureau produces each year in between the census for counties, cities, villages and townships," Butler said.

Kelley Kuhn, the president of the Michigan Nonprofit Association, said the census is important because an incomplete count of a state's population could cause a loss of funding from Washington for programs such as Medicaid and Medicare.

"It brings resources into the state from the federal government," Kuhn said.

Kuhn also said that an incomplete count could cost Michigan representation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The association is gearing up this far ahead for the 2030 census to ensure that the addresses that local governments have are current, she said.

Butler said an accurate count matters even more for Michigan than in most other states.

"Other states might use annual population estimates to update their funding distribution to local governments and to their cities, villages and townships," Butler said. "But in Michigan, our state revenue share is fixed throughout the entire course of the decade based on the most recent census."

"There is only one chance to get it right."

Butler said it's important for local governments to receive proper funding because the census directs billions of dollars for communities' critical infrastructure needs like fixing roads.

Butler said the demographer's office is encouraging local governments to review the Census Bureau's master address list and provide updates where necessary.

"If you want people to count, the Census Bureau needs to know where to count."

Butler said the bureau tracks hard-to-count populations in the state. Those include residents of rural areas, people experiencing homelessness and those who are skeptical about civic engagement.

She said the bureau also tracks historically undercounted populations based on race, ethnicity, age and gender at the national level, but not state by state.

Butler said her team serves as a technical resource to nonprofit organizations so they can conduct outreach and communication efforts on the ground in their communities.

Push continues for stronger government transparency law, advocates say

By Cristian Vazquez
Capital News Service

Over the years, some Michigan legislators have made failed attempts to expand the state's Freedom of Information and Open Meetings laws.

Lisa McGraw, the public policy manager for the Michigan Press Association, said her organization, the Michigan Coalition for Open Government, the Mackinac Center for Public Policy and the Arab-American Civil Rights League of Michigan have been working for over a decade to make governors and the Legislature subject to the FOIA law.

The law currently covers state departments, their directors and staff, but not the governor and lawmakers.

The coalition also supports faster response times and lower fees.

"Time after time, we see long delays in production of requested records and exorbitant fees being charged," said McGraw.

"To expand and improve the FOIA law, the press association has been discussing a ballot proposal sometime in the near future," said McGraw, who is also the legislative chair for the Michigan Coalition for Open Government.

McGraw said results from an EPIC-MRA statewide poll asked last year showed 89% of registered voters favor expanding FOIA.

The EPIC-MRA poll found 6% of registered voters opposed expanding the FOIA law.

If the expansion of FOIA gets on the ballot, it "would win handily," McGraw said.

Sen. Jeremy Moss, D-Bloomfield, told 'Michigan Advance' in March that if the Legislature won't pass a statute to expand FOIA, a ballot proposal is the next option.

Initiating a ballot proposal requires backers to organize petition collection across the state, as well as reviewing the proposed ballot language and verifying the signatures.

The process can be costly.

While the Senate passed bills to expand FOIA in 2025, House Speaker Matt Hall, R-Richland, said he has been clear that this proposal is not a priority for the House Republican leadership.

"Backers have no hope that the proposal will get through the House in spite of it passing the Senate over a year ago," the press association's McGraw said.

"The association continues to press the issue and will be making it a major issue for the 2026 gubernatorial and legislative campaigns," she said.

AnnMarie Pariseau, the director of communications for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in Midland, said, "Michigan's Freedom of Information Act is vital for ensuring governmental transparency and accountability, but misuse and loopholes have weakened its effectiveness."

"Excessive fees and overly broad redactions often prevent citizens from accessing records they have a legal right to see," she said.

"These barriers make it difficult to discover mismanagement and harder for taxpayers to uncover waste or corruption," said Pariseau.

**Village of Fowlerville
213 South Grand Avenue
Fowlerville, MI 48836
517-223-3771**

**Public Hearings and
Regular Village Council
Meeting Minutes *Synopsis
Monday, March 16, 2026**

*A Synopsis is a summary of the motions that were made at the meeting. The complete set of minutes can be viewed on the website at www.Fowlerville.org.

The Village Council Meetings were called to order by President Hill at 6:30 pm in the Village Council Chambers.

Trustees Present: Curtis, Hardenbrook, Heath, Hernden, Mayhew, and Hill.

Absent: Helfmann

MOTION HEATH, SECOND HERNDEN TO REPLACE ITEM 10.a. FROM A RESOLUTION TO ORDINANCE NUMBER 504, AND APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS AMENDED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION HEATH, SECOND HERNDEN TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, CONSISTING OF ITEMS 6.a. THROUGH 6.i., AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION CURTIS, SECOND HARDENBROOK, TO CLOSE THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PLAN AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION CURTIS, SECOND HERNDEN, TO CLOSE THE MICHIGAN NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION PUBLIC HEARING. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TRUSTEE CURTIS, SECOND TRUSTEE HEATH TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 504, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF FOWLerville DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES PLAN AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE. VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND ALL TRUSTEES PRESENT VOTED AYE. ABSENT: HELFMANN. NAY: NONE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION HEATH, SECOND HERNDEN, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-03, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE MICHIGAN CDBG GRANT APPLICATION AND DESIGNATING THE VILLAGE MANAGER KATHRYN R. GUTZKI AS THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT THE GRANT. ROLL CALL VOTE. VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND ALL TRUSTEES PRESENT VOTED AYE. ABSENT: HELFMANN. NAY: NONE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION HEATH, SECOND MAYHEW, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-04, APPROVING THE BY-LAWS OF THE FOWLerville BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ROLL CALL VOTE. VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND ALL TRUSTEES PRESENT VOTED AYE. ABSENT: HELFMANN. NAY: NONE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION CURTIS, SECOND HEATH, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-05 TO APPROVE THE POLICY FOR INCLUSION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE VILLAGE OF FOWLerville BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT PLAN. ROLL CALL VOTE. VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND ALL COUNCIL TRUSTEES PRESENT VOTED AYE. ABSENT: HELFMANN. NAY: NONE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION HARDENBROOK, SECOND HERNDEN, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-06 TO APPROVE THE AMENDED COLUMBARIUM NICHE FEES AT GREENWOOD CEMETERY. ROLL CALL VOTE. VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND ALL COUNCIL TRUSTEES PRESENT VOTED AYE. ABSENT: HELFMANN. NAY: NONE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION CURTIS, SECOND MAYHEW, TO ADJOURN THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:10 P.M., VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Hartman
Village Clerk
(4-26-26 FNV)

SPRING CLEAN-UP

This year the date for the cleanup is **May 16th, 2026.**

The collection center will be located at the **Conway Township Hall**, between **9:00am to 3:00pm.**

Watch for the signs!!

Only **CONWAY TOWNSHIP** residents may use this collection site. **Bring your ID!**

Residents pay the stated fee; Residents will need to fill out a three-part receipt before payment is collected. One copy is for the township, one for the resident and one for the vendor.

- \$50.00 EACH** - Any item containing Freon.
- \$10.00 EACH** - Semi Truck Tires
- \$ 5.00 EACH** - Furniture items and computers
- \$20.00 EACH** - Full size couch
- \$10.00 EACH** - Mattress or bedspring
- \$10.00 EACH** - TV
- \$25.00 EACH** - Tractor Tires
- \$ 3.00 EACH** - Non-Freon appliances, metal items
- \$ 3.00 EACH** - Car Tires

Bulk junk is **\$17.50** per yard (a pickup truck {8-foot bed} load is approx. 3 yards). Brush or yard waste is not accepted. Batteries are free. Pricing for fence will be subject to the quantity.

ALL CHECKS ARE TO BE WRITTEN TO "CONWAY TOWNSHIP".

Letter to the Editor

Elections Under Assault

“Voting is a fundamental political right because it’s preservative of all rights.” (Supreme Court, May 10, 1886). The Supreme Court and lower courts have ruled that the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution applies also to election laws. Even if a proposed law (bill) appears to be beneficial, it can still be unconstitutional if its application disadvantages a particular group of voters.

The president has characterized the SAVE ACT (H.R. 22 and S.128) as critical legislation that will protect election security and prevent non-citizen voting. Trump and his minions disingenuously refer to it as simply requiring voter ID, giving it the appearance of being beneficial. You may be saying to yourself, “I always show my ID before voting”; *true that*. In fact, voter identification over the years (using your driver’s license) found voter fraud rates between .0003% and .00025% of votes cast (3 cases / 1,000,000) (Brennan Center for Justice). As the saying goes, appearances can be deceiving. The deception in this case is unconstitutional making it slightly more serious than simple sleight of hand.

The Save Act (Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act) is, as Senator Elissa Slotkin called it, a proof of citizenship requirement and a solution in search of a problem. Driver’s licenses won’t prove citizenship. Anyone registering or re-registering in a federal election would have to provide documentary proof of US citizenship at the time of registration.

The people most directly affected would include millions

of already-registered voters, first time voters, voters who move and must register again in a new jurisdiction, married women whose legal name doesn’t match their married name (69 million), members of the military stationed overseas, senior citizens, naturalized citizens, low-income voters and rural voters.

It is estimated that over 21 million Americans lack documented proof of citizenship. It would be easier to list the voters who aren’t included. The good news is that the bill does not discriminate due to political preference. It affects us all, including and especially voters that support you know who.

Documents listed in the bill that may provide proof of citizenship (must be presented in person, eliminating on-line registration) include things like a U.S. passport, original birth certificate and or a certificate of naturalization or citizenship. It is estimated, at least in Michigan, that 60% don’t have these documents and they are not free to replace. A U.S. passport costs a minimum of \$165. The cheaper version, a passport card costs \$65. A certified birth certificate costs between \$10 and \$50 depending on the state in which you live. Replacing a lost naturalization certificate costs \$1,385.

It is unconstitutional to charge any fee as a condition of voting (24th Amendment to the Constitution, 1964). Kansas and Arizona have already implemented proof of citizenship requirements. It blocked over 30,000 eligible voters in each state from registering and was struck down in the courts. Americans can’t and won’t comply. They will just give up and sacrifice their most valued Constitutional right; the right to vote. That’s the Trump plan.

Here’s what you can do right now. **Check your**

registration. Help your neighbors and relatives locate their documents. Contact your Senators and voice your opposition. Sign up for the Vote.org newsletter. RESIST!!

Roy Neal
Retired Special Education Consultant
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Fowlerville Varsity Softball Team wins pair of games against Ionia

The Fowlerville Varsity Softball Team won a pair of games in non-league action on Friday, April 17th. The Glads won the opener 7-3 and then took the nightcap 11-1.

Avery Borg led the team with three hits in game one, singling in the third inning, doubling in the fifth inning, and singling again in the seventh inning.

Rylee Gullledge, meanwhile, collected 12 strikeouts against the Bulldog batters and gave up four hits and three runs over seven innings while walking six. She also had 3 RBIs at the plate to aid her cause. Payton Ryan, Ella Olrich, and McKenna Maybee each collected multiple hits

Gullledge also earned the win for Fowlerville in game two, giving up two hits and one run in five innings, striking out three and walking none. Payton Ryan tossed one inning of shutout ball for Fowlerville in relief.

The Glads had 13 hits in the game. Ella Olrich led the offense with three hits. Borg and Maybee each drove in two runs, while Ryan and Kiely Davis each collected multiple hits. Fowlerville also stole six bases in the game.

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 May 6, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Emily M. Oppeneer, a single woman, as sole owner

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: June 8, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 9, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$240,171.72

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Howell, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lot(s) 60 and the Northerly 1/2 of Lot 59, McPherson’s Prospect Place addition to the Village (now City) of Howell, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plat(s), Page 2, Livingston County Records.

Common street address (if any): 320 N Tompkins St, Howell, MI 48843-1450

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: April 5, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - LIVINGSTON COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement.

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised 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 May 27, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): James Lanier, a married man, joined by spouse, Stefanie Lanier

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (“MERS”), as mortgagee, for lender and lender’s successors and assigns

Date of mortgage: September 17, 2024

Recorded on September 18, 2024, in Document No. 2024R-016676, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): loanDepot.com, LLC

Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Three Hundred Seventy-One Thousand One Hundred and 08/100 Dollars (\$371,100.08)

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Livingston County, and described as: Lot 44 of Bullard Lake Woods, as recorded in Liber 11 of plats, Pages 37 and 38, Livingston County records. Commonly known as 12335 Erika St, Hartland, MI 48353

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

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

loanDepot.com, LLC Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman P.C.

23938 Research Dr, Suite 300

Farmington Hills, MI 48335

248.539.7400

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on May 27, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Justin J Reaume, married man aka Justin Reaume

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: October 28, 2016

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 2, 2016

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$179,189.96

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Hamburg, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lot(s) 131, 132 and the North 1/2 of Lot 130 of HURON COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 81 of Livingston County Records.

Common street address (if any): 8841 Hamburg Rd, Brighton, MI 48116-5116

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: April 26, 2026

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U.S. Congress Report

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

Announces Second Package of Bills to Make Health Care Affordable Again

Congressman Tom Barrett (MI-07) has unveiled the second package of legislation to *Make Health Care Affordable Again*, the third pillar of his Blueprint for a Better America. The two bills are designed to lower health care costs for patients by expanding access and eligible expenses for tax-free health savings accounts, requiring transparent medical pricing, and preventing big insurance companies from forcing patients to buy more expensive medications.

“Michigan patients are sick and tired of paying too much to see a doctor and get the treatment and medicine they need,” said Barrett. “Big insurers rack up profits while hiking premiums on families and using convoluted pricing schemes to decide what services they’ll cover and how much they’ll pay for care. These bills will help finally put patients back in charge of their health care and drive down costs by requiring price transparency, enabling patients to choose more affordable prescriptions, and expanding health savings accounts so any American can pay for insurance premiums and health care tax-free.

“We’re also empowering people to live healthy lifestyles by letting them use those tax-free health savings accounts to pay for nutritious food, fitness classes, gym memberships, and more,” he noted.

Barrett joined Representative Eric Burlison (MO-07) in introducing the *Great American Healthcare Plan (H.R. 8324)*, which would tackle health care costs by making a number of sweeping reforms:

Health Savings Accounts: Removes outdated restrictions that limit access to HSAs and significantly increases contribution limits, allowing more Americans to save and spend their health care dollars tax-free. It also expands eligible expenses to include insurance premiums and wellness essentials, such as healthy food, vitamins, and fitness-related costs.

Price Transparency: Strengthens federal transparency requirements by requiring hospitals and insurers to disclose actual prices in clear, dollar-based terms. It also establishes enforcement mechanisms to ensure compliance, giving patients the ability to compare costs before receiving care.

Prescription Drugs: Lowers the cost of obtaining some prescriptions by allowing licensed physician assistants, pharmacists, and other qualified health care professionals to dispense or administer certain low-risk medicines without a physician.

Insurance for Small-Business Employees: Creates health marketplace pools allowing small businesses to group together to provide their employees better, more affordable health insurance.

Coverage for Cancer Treatment: Ensures seniors can access certain expensive cancer treatments and other complex drugs by restoring fair reimbursement for providers through Medicare Part B.

Barrett also co-sponsored the *Every Dollar Counts Act (H.R. 8270)*, which would require insurance companies to count every dollar a patient spends on prescription drugs toward the insurance plan’s deductible and out-of-pocket cost maximum. Many insurers refuse to count prescription drug expenses unless purchased from an in-network pharmacy, often forcing patients to pay higher prices than they would for the same medication at an out-of-network pharmacy or mail-order service. The Every Dollar Counts Act will allow patients to shop for more affordable prescriptions.

The two new bills build on a six-bill package Barrett announced last month to force insurers to spend more of their revenues on health care, expand access to HSAs, prevent insurance fraud, ensure American patients pay prescription prices comparable to prices in other countries, allow working seniors to continue contributing to HSAs, and more. Barrett also introduced another bill earlier this month to improve customer service for Medicare.

About Barrett’s Blueprint for a Better America:

Restoring Trust in Government: Making Government Serve the People, Not Special Interests

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 June 10, 2026. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Jason R. Paulsen to DAS Acquisition Company, LLC dated August 30, 2022 and recorded September 6, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022R-023918, Livingston County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Planet Home Lending LLC by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$255,440.68.

Said premises are located in Livingston County, Michigan and are described as: The following described premises situated in the more particularly described as follows: A part of the West 70.00 acres of the Northwest North, Range Howell Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point due North along the centerline of Fleming 300.00 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said Section thence continuing due North along the centerline of Fleming 150.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 47 minutes 45 seconds 350.00 feet to the point of beginning. More commonly known as : 4572 N. Fleming Road, Fowlerville, MI 48836

Tax Parcel No.: 4706-08-100-006

Said property is commonly known as 4572 Fleming Rd, Fowlerville, MI 48836.

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

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: April 21, 2026

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. 26-09838

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Reviving the American Dream: Helping Families Afford Homes in Mid-Michigan

Making Health Care Affordable Again: Lowering Costs for Working Families

Recalibrating American Foreign Policy: Ending Endless Wars and Promoting Peace Through Strength

Reforming Campaign Finance: Putting Governing Before Campaigning

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): June Kennedy AKA June E Kennedy-Byrne and Richard Byrne, wife and Husband Original Mortgagee: Saxon Mortgage, INC. D/B/A Saxon Home Mortgage

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Saxon Asset Securities Trust 2007-1 Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2007-1

Date of Mortgage: November 22, 2006

Date of Mortgage Recording: December 1, 2006

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$37,746.00

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Green Oak, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: PARCEL 1: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 1 North, Range 6 East, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 23; thence South 00 degrees 14 minutes 09 seconds West along the centerline of Peer Road, said centerline also being the East line of Section 23; 747.62 feet, (previously described as 747.19 feet), to the Point of Beginning of the parcel to be described; thence continuing South 00 degrees 14 minutes 09 seconds West along said centerline and East line, 232.81 feet; thence North 89 degrees 43 minutes 57 seconds West, (previously described as North 89 degrees 38 minutes 15 seconds West), 187.25 feet; thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 09 seconds East 232.81 feet; thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes 57 seconds East, (previously described as South 89 degrees 38 minutes 15 seconds East), 187.25 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to and including the use of a 30 foot wide Private Road Easement for ingress, egress and public utilities as described below. **30 FOOT WIDE PRIVATE DRIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, AND PUBLIC UTILITIES:** Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 1 North, Range 6 East, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 23; thence South 00 degrees 14 minutes 09 seconds West along the centerline of Peer Road, said centerline also being the East line of Section 23; 950.43 feet to the point of Beginning of the Easement to be described thence continuing South 00 degrees 14 minutes 09 seconds West along said centerline and East line, 30.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 43 minutes 57 seconds West, (previously described as North 89 degrees 38 minutes 15 seconds West), 748.49 feet; thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 09 seconds East, 30.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes 57 seconds East, 748.49 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Common street address (if any): 12983 Noling Woods Dr, South Lyon, MI 48178-8100

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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This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: April 19, 2026

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- April 16**
10:12 a.m.--Fire alarm investigation on Bull Run Rd in Iosco Township.
4:48 p.m.--Personal injury accident on E I-96 in Handy Township.
5:29 p.m.--Personal injury accident on E I-96 in Handy Township.
- April 17**
11:57 a.m.--Medical response on N Truhn Rd in Handy Township.
- April 18**
NO CALLS
- April 19**
10:02 a.m.--Mutual aid to NIESA for structure fire on Moyer Rd.
10:33 a.m.--Medical response on Fowlerville Rd in Conway Township.
3:05 p.m.--Electrical hazard on Swartz River Dr in Handy Township.
3:25 p.m.--Fire alarm investigation on N Hibbard St in the Village.
7:14 p.m.--Medical response on Benjamin St in the Village.
- April 20**
1:32 a.m.--Medical response on S Grand Ave in the Village.
10:34 a.m.--Medical response on W Allen Rd in Conway Township.
10:37 a.m.--Medical response on Crofoot Rd in Iosco Township.
10:49 a.m.--Medical response on E Van Riper Rd in the Village.
12:05 p.m.--Medical response on N Grand Ave in the Village.
1:49 p.m.--Personal injury accident on E Grand River in Handy Township.
7:05 p.m.--Mutual aid to Howell for structure fire on Grape Vine Dr.
10:16 p.m.--Medical response on Sober Rd in Conway Township.
10:48 p.m.--Outdoor fire on Sober Rd in Conway Township.
- April 21**
8:55 a.m.--Medical response on W Grand River in Handy Township.
9:58 a.m.--Mutual aid to NIESA for structure fire on N M-52.
7:44 p.m.--Medical response on S Grand Ave in the Village.
8:06 p.m.--Medical response on Garrett Dr in Handy Township.
- April 22**
12:17 p.m.--Medical response on Smith Rd in Handy Township.

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Williamston Farm & Artisan Market receives proclamation from City Council commemorating its 20th year

As the Williamston Farm & Artisan Market volunteers and new Market Manager Michelle Greko busily prepare for the upcoming 2026 season's Opening Day on May 10, the Williamston City Council adopted and presented a proclamation to the Market and Sowing Growth, the non-profit that operates the Market, to celebrate its 20th season in downtown Williamston at its April 13, 2026 meeting.

The proclamation reads, in part, that "2026 marks the 20th Anniversary of the Williamston Farm & Artisan Market with the first Market being held on Thursday, May 25, 2006...(and)...in 2025 the Market changed the name...and experienced its most successful season ever, exceeding goals for vendor participation and visitor count. On one Sunday in July 2025, over a thousand visitors were counted, an all-time Market record..."

The proclamation further states that, "Market Opening Day, May 10, 2026, be declared Williamston Farm and Artisan Market Day."

At 10am on Opening Day, Williamston City Mayor Tammy Gilroy will cut a ribbon officially kicking off the 2026 season, and present the City Council Proclamation to the Market Manager Michelle Greko.

Vendors are invited to apply for the remaining spots in the 2026 season by going to the website, Williamston Farm & Artisan Market-Vendor Info uploading an application and emailing it to the Market Manager.

Until the Market opens, there will be one more 'off-season' bottle and can collection fundraiser, next Sunday, May 3rd in the large parking lot of McCormick Park, 123

High Street in Williamston, from 11am to 1pm, no matter the weather. Load up the car, pull up to the *Can Van*, pop the trunk, and volunteers will cheerfully accept your generous donation. It's that easy, and every dime helps defray the costs of running the Market. The bottle and can fundraiser collections occur at every Market during the regular season, held Sundays from Opening Day, also *Mother's Day*, May 10th, through October 11, 2026.

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

Interested in becoming a Market Day Supporter? For any individual, business or friend of the Market, a \$100 contribution funds expenses unique to a Market day theme. Many Sundays are still available to choose from.

For more information about Sowing Growth, the non-profit organization that operates the Williamston Farm and

Artisan Market, to apply to become a vendor, to become a Market Day Supporter, to become a yearly Market Sponsor, to be added to the newsletter email list, to volunteer or to donate to the Market, contact Sowing Growth at: Info@SowingGrowth.org.



The Williamston City Council presented a Proclamation to the Williamston Farm & Artisan Market and the non-profit Sowing Growth that operates the Market at its April 13th meeting, marking the 20th year of a Farmers Market in Williamston and declaring the Market's Opening Day on May 10, 2026, as "Williamston Farm & Artisan Market Day". Left to right, were Jane Reagan, Sowing Growth Board President, Michelle Greko, Market Manager and Mayor Tammy Gilroy. *Photo courtesy of the City of Williamston.*

Bayard Candle Company celebrates opening of new location in Williamston

For the last 15 months, Bayard Candle Company has been working and selling their products from an upstairs store in the Keller Plaza at the Main Four corners of Williamston.

The owners, Ken & Merri Bayard, recently moved 'just down the road' to 142 W. Grand River where they will continue to make and sell their candles, lotions, wax melts, body care, wedding candles, party favors and also teach candle making.

On Saturday, April 18th, a "Ribbon Cutting" was held at their new location. The mayor of Williamston, Tammy Gilroy, was on hand and thanked them for investing in the Williamston community. Also attending was the Williamston City Manager, John P. Hanifan.

Shown here, from left, ready to cut the ribbon were Merri Bayard, Savannah Bayard, Ken Bayard and Brooke Bayard.



Williamston Area Senior Center

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April-May 2026 Events

Tuesday, April 28 Cards 9 - 11:45am-Exercise 10:30am-CADL Tech Support 10:45am-Craft with Pat 12:30pm

Wednesday, April 29 Cards 9 - 11:45am-Quarter Bingo at 12:30pm

Thursday, April 30 Cards 9 - 11:45am-Exercise 10:30am-Yahtzee Game 12:30pm-Needle Work Group 1-3

Monday, May 4 - 9am Cards - 10:00 Blood Pressure Check - 1030am Exercise -11:45am Lunch -12:30pm Mothers Day Crafts w/Pat

Tuesday, May 5 - 9am Cards - 9-9:30 Chi Rising -11:45am Lunch Celebrating Cinco de Mayo w/Christy from The Willows

Wednesday, May 6 - 9am Cards - 9am - 9:30am Chair Exercise -10:30am Exercise - 11:45am Lunch - 12:30pm The Ukettes - 1-3pm Needle Work Group

Thursday, May 7 - 9am Cards - 10:30am Exercise - 11:45am Lunch BIRTHDAY BASH - 12:30pm "Madam Warden" w/Michigan Author Pam Withrow

Monday, May 11 - 9am Cards - 9am Chair Massage - 10:30am Exercise - 11:45am Lunch - 12:30pm Forester Woods Adult Care; Day and Home Care Services w/Robert

Tuesday, May 12 - 9am Cards - 9-9:30 Chi Rising - 11:45am Lunch

Wednesday, May 13 - 9am Cards - 9:30am Chair Exercise - 10:30am Exercise - 11:45am Lunch - 12:30pm Hiking the Appalachian Trail w Joe/Linda Pulver - 1-3pm Needle Work Group

Thursday, May 14 - 9am Cards - 10:30am Exercise - 11:45am Lunch - 12:30pm Crossroads Elder Care Options w/ Taylor

Monday, May 18 - 9am Cards - 9am Coffee Hour w/State Rep Julie Brixie - 9am Chair Massage -10:30am Exercise -

11:45am Lunch - 12:30pm Vista Springs Timber Ridge w/Kristi

Tuesday, May 19 - 9am Cards - 9-9:30 Chi Rising - 11:45am Lunch - 12:30pm Mind Benders w CADL

Wednesday, May 20 - 9am Cards - 9:30am Chair Exercise - 10:30am Exercise - 11:45am Lunch - 12:30pm Drum Circle - 1-3pm Needle Work Group

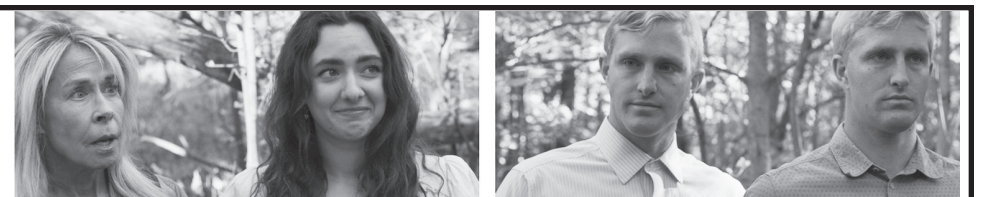
Thursday, May 21 - 9am Cards - 10:30am Exercise - 11:45am Lunch

Monday, May 25 MEMORIAL DAY-CLOSED

Tuesday, May 26 - 9am Cards - 9-9:30 Chi Rising - 11:45am Lunch

Wednesday May 27 - 9am Cards - 9:30am Chair Exercise - 10:30am Exercise - 11:45am Lunch - 12pm Nurse Chat w/Michelle - 12:30pm "Michigan Fresh-Farmers Markets" w/MSU Extension - 1-3 Needlework Group

Thursday May 28 - 9am Cards - 10:30am Exercise - 11:45am Lunch - 12:30 BINGO w Chief Weiss - 12:45pm Book Club "The Things We Leave Unfinished" by Rebecca Yarrows



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us with Howard Marsh, known for 260 recorded species of waterfowl and shorebirds. At this May 5th meeting, John plans to schedule field trips to these two birding hot spots in Ohio.

Join us May 5, 2026, 7 PM at Hartland Education Support Service Center, 9525 E. Highland Rd., Howell. Use the west entrance and look for our sign in the hall.

Meetings are free and open to the public and all ages and levels of expertise are welcomed. For more information <https://hartlandaudubon.weebly.com/> or visit us on Facebook.

Letter to the Editor

There are efforts underway — at both the federal and state level — that could make it much harder for everyday Americans to vote. Every post-election audit, independent study, and official investigation has found that voter fraud is extremely rare. The SAVE America Act and similar Michigan constitutional amendment petitions would suppress votes — not protect them. The League of Women Voters opposes these efforts. Here’s why:

The SAVE America Act requires citizens registering for the first time, or re-registering to update their registration information, to visit their clerk in person with a document proving citizenship, like a birth certificate or passport. Consider these facts:

- More than 21 million Americans don’t have access to these kinds of documents
 - 69 million women and 4 million men have a birth certificate that doesn’t match their current legal name
 - Half of all Americans don’t have a passport
 - A Tribal ID doesn’t show place of birth, so it would not qualify
 - Even a military ID alone isn’t enough. Service members would also need to bring their full military record of service showing U.S. birth each and every time they register or re-register to vote.
 - To register to vote, you’d have to show up in person at an election office during business hours, making it more difficult for millions of citizens.
 - An amendment to the SAVE America Act prohibits universal mail-in voting.
 - The SAVE America Act would require states to turn over their complete, unredacted voter rolls to the Department of Homeland Security.
 - Election officials/employees would be liable for criminal penalties for incorrectly registering a voter.
- What can you do?
- Encourage your Senators to hold the line against the SAVE America Act and ask your Michigan Representatives to oppose the state level bills.
 - Don’t stay quiet — talk to your neighbors, friends, and family about what’s at stake.
 - Learn more at www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/7296/text

Shirley Jackson, President
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