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Attending the Dedication Ceremony of the commemorative plague at Fowlerville Elementary School were the seven current members of the Fowlerville Board of Education members, along with three past members who were involved in the bond issue. Superintendent Matthew Stuard emceed the brief ceremony. From left, front row, were Danielle DeVries, Trisha Reed, Susan Charron, Mike Brown, Matt Stuard, and Lindsey Redinger; back row: John Belcher, Steve Frederick, Robert Hinton, Diana Dombrowski and Amy Sova. Missing was Justin Braska who was on the Board when the ribbon cutting occurred last November.

Dedication Ceremony held for new plaque at Fowlerville Elementary School

By Steve Horton

One of the traditions of celebrating the opening of a newly-constructed or renovated school building is to place a commemorative plaque near the main entrance with the names of all the board of education members involved in the project, along with the superintendent, architect, and construction manager. The date of the school opening is also included.

While some of the information on the plaque may vary from school district to school district and with different projects that have occurred over time within a district, this information is the usual fare. It serves as a historical marker for students, staff, parents, and other visitors who pass by.

The Fowlerville Elementary School, which was finished last fall and continued on page 2 FOWLERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEW CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF EDUCATION

The commemorative plaque is located in the main entryway of Fowlerville Elementary School.



Showing off the new commemorative plaque were, from left, former School Board President Mike Brown, current School Board President Amy Sova, and School Superintendent Matt Stuard.



Fowlerville Elementary School plaque dedication, continued

opened for classes this past January, now has its plaque which is located in the main entryway on the east side of the building.

A Dedication Ceremony was held last Tuesday, Nov. 11 to unveil it, with current school board members in attendance, along with three past members who were on the board at the start of the project.

Superintendent Matthew Stuard offered a few remarks prior to taking off the covering.

"I just want to say 'thank you' to Steve Frederick, Trish Reed, and Mike Brown for coming tonight," Stuard said in reference to the past board members. "As board members you put in a tremendous amount of effort in this project in one way or another, either through the bond campaign or developing the scope of the bond proposal itself. Also, the design of the building, obviously the construction of the building, and finally the implementation and opening of the building."

"It's hard to believe we first opened the building for the public to see just a year ago now with the ribbon-cutting ceremony and then officially opening in January right after the Martin Luther King holiday and the start of the second semester," he said. "It's hard to believe it's gone that quickly. But you know, being here today, watching the students honor our veterans by walking out of the building in silence is a

reminder of what this place means to this community and to these students. When you walk through these halls and see the kids having a great time laughing, learning, and so forth... this wouldn't be possible without all of you in this room, helping to bring this new school to fruition."

"The plaque honors all of us in this room that were part of that effort, but obviously there's a lot of other people who helped as well," he added. "Obviously, there are too many to list, but to all of those people, we want to 'thank you' as well."

Included in the plaque is a Gladiators' logo and the heading: Fowlerville Elementary, New Construction. Current and past board of education members who were part of the project at some point from its start to finish or throughout the process are then listed. They are: Amy Sova, president; Robert Hinton, vice president; Susan Charron, secretary; John Belcher, treasurer; John Belcher, trustee; Justin Braska, trustee; Danielle DeVries, trustee; Diana Dombrowski, trustee; Mike Brown, Steve Frederick and Trish Reed (all former board members); and Matthew Stuard, superintendent.

The year of completion 2024 is noted. Finally, the architect: IDS Architects, Troy MI and construction manager: Auch Construction, Pontiac MI are listed at the bottom two corners

The 72,000 square-foot building currently serves all of the kindergarten through second grade students in the district. It has 24 classrooms, along with rooms for special education, art, science, and music and intervention spaces where teachers can instruct students on an individual basis. A gymnasium, cafeteria, media center, and administrative offices are also part of the structure.

The Fowlerville Elementary School was made possible by the \$41.9 million dollar bond that voters approved in November 2021. The bond funds are not only being used to construct the new building but also to improve air quality in all buildings (including adding air conditioning), closing the Munn building and creating green space for future athletic improvements. In addition, it included renovations at H.T. Smith Elementary to house the Little Glad Center, recreation program and other specialty programs.

'Backyard Birds' Program being presented at Brighton Library Nov. 19

Come learn about our backyard birds - including winter visitors, their songs, what to feed them and how to attract them. Plus a few tips about keeping squirrels from hogging all the food. The 'Backyard Birds' Program will be presented on Wednesday,

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Student of the Week—Maria Beach

Maria Beach is a dedicated Fowlerville High School senior who consistently challenges herself with a rigorous college preparatory schedule, including multiple Advanced Placement courses. She is an active leader in our school community, serving as a member of Class Council and the National Honor Society. In addition, Maria is a committed student-athlete, competing on both the Varsity Cross Country and Varsity Track teams. Known for her strong work ethic, leadership, and kindness, Maria exemplifies the best of our school community. She is a true example of what it means to be a Gladiator.

Fowlerville High School Leadership students give back to the community

Students in the Fowlerville High School Leadership class recently put their creativity and compassion into action by raising money for two local organizations that make a difference in our community.

Sophomore Bella Shreve and Junior Elaine Lin organized a lunchtime bake sale to support Torch 180, a local nonprofit that provides job training and employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Their table was filled with delicious homemade treats that quickly drew in hungry students and staff alike. Thanks to their hard work and the generosity of those who stopped by, the pair raised funds to help Torch 180 continue its mission of empowerment and inclusion.

Meanwhile, another group of student leaders focused their efforts on honoring local veterans in recognition of Veterans Day. Senior Collin Powers, Sophomores Avery Salatka and Calloway Monroe, and Junior Alyssa Daniel hosted a cardmaking station where students could write messages of gratitude to veterans in our community. Alongside the station,

Fowlerville High School News

OFFICE HOURS

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

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES TO NOTE:

Nov 26-28

Thanksgiving Break

Doors at FHS will be open at 6:45 a.m. on school days. After school hours if your student is not participating in a sport, club or meeting with a teacher they should make arrangements to leave the building by 2:30 p.m.

Fowlerville High School with Student Council is hosting a food drive from now thru November 24th. Items sent in can be delivered to E100. Student Council is asking for specific items that will make the most impact on the community. Items being sought out are boxed dinners, cereal, peanut butter, canned goods (beans, corn, potatoes), spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, pancake mix, rice, mac and cheese, brownie mix, cake mix and frosting, cookie mix, canned meats, toilet paper, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo and conditioner, and laundry detergent. All items will be donated to The Family Impact Center and/or to our high school families in need.

Senior parents - Yearbook Recognition Ads are the perfect way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. In addition, revenues from Recognition Ads help our school create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online visit jostensadservice.com/student. Jostens is responsible for our school's yearbook ad sales. Please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please also consider our school's ad content guidelines below during the creation of your ad online. All orders must be placed by 11/30/2025. The form will be included in an email from Mr. Zajas and is included in the News & Views on the HS page of the FCS website.

Senior parents – Graduation is around the corner cap and gown ordering has begun. Order online <u>Jostens.com</u> pick

they sold red, white, and blue suckers, with all proceeds donated to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

Leadership teacher, Lorrie Osborne praised the students for taking initiative and showing true community spirit. "These projects show how small actions can make a big impact," she said. "Our students are learning that leadership isn't just about what happens in school—it's about using your influence to serve others."

Through their efforts, the Leadership class demonstrated what it means to give back, strengthen community connections, and lead with heart.

the graduation tab, order now, enter school and state, then start your order. The basic cap and gown unit is under Cap & Gown section shop all.

Fowlerville High School Leadership Class Hosting Winter Coat Drive - The Fowlerville High School Leadership Class is helping keep our community warm this winter by hosting a Coat Drive from November 17th through November 25th.

Students and community members are encouraged to donate gently worn winter coats, hats, mittens, and gloves. Donation drop-off boxes will be located outside the main office in the lobby and in the counseling office at Fowlerville High School.

All collected items will be used for Fowlerville students in need as well as local organizations. The Leadership Class hopes this drive will make the cold season a little brighter for those in our community who could use some extra warmth.



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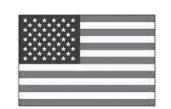
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Kreeger Elementary School News

CALENDAR OF KREEGER EVENTS

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11-17-25	Hearing Screening
11-19-25	KPTN Meeting 3:40pm
11-20-25	Student Council Meeting 3:35-4:45pm
11-26-25	No School -Thanksgiving Recess
11-27-25	No School -Thanksgiving Recess
11-28-25	No School -Thanksgiving Recess
12-8-25	Kreeger Holiday Shop Begins
12-12-25	Kreeger Holiday Shop Ends
12-22-25	Winter Break starts
1-5-26	School Resumes
1-14-26	Student Half Day, 12:02 dismissal
1-15-26	Student Half Day, 12:02 dismissal
1-16-26	Student Half Day, 12:02 dismissal
1-19-26	NO SCHOOL
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Lost and Found – We have a lot of lost and found! With the ever changing weather, students have been leaving sweatshirts and coats out on the playground - please stop in and check the Kreeger lost and found!

A friendly reminder about arrival time - The Elementary School Bell rings at 8:50am to start the day, after 9:00am students are marked tardy. Our students learning starts as soon as the bell rings, it is important for your child

child's education.

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Kreeger Parent Teacher Network at Kreeger Elementary School:

Kreeger Elementary School is currently seeking volunteers. Are you looking for a way to get involved and make a difference in your child's education? The Kreeger Parent Teacher Network (KPTN) is seeking volunteers from the Kreeger community to support our students and teachers. Whether you have 1 hour a month or 10, we welcome your time and talents.

The KPTN is the backbone of our school, providing essential funding and volunteer support for initiatives that directly benefit our students. Through various fundraising efforts, we are able to purchase new technology, fund field trips, and provide classroom supplies that supplement the school's limited budget. The funding helps create meaningful experiences for the students.

But the KPTN's role goes beyond fundraising. They work hand-in-hand with teachers to identify their needs and find ways to support them. Perhaps you have a special skill or hobby you'd be willing to share with students during an assembly or in the classroom. Or maybe you can volunteer to supervise a school activity. Every bit of time and talent makes a difference.

So parents, grandparents, and community members, we need you! The KPTN is a warm and welcoming group, and we'd love for you to join. Come to our next meeting **November 19 at 3:40** in the Kreeger media center to learn more about how you can get involved. Together, we can ensure the continued success of Kreeger Elementary and provide an excellent educational experience for all our students. We look forward to meeting you!

ATTENTION NEW STUDENTS:

All pre-enrollments can be done online <u>www.fowlervilleschools.org</u>. After you complete those documents please print and sign areas marked. Bring your child's original raised seal birth certificate, 2 proofs of Fowlerville Schools residency and if your child attended a school in Michigan his/her immunizations will be on the MCIR website. Please call the office at 517-223-6340 when finished so that we may finalize the enrollment.

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.

Fowlerville Jr. High students holding 'Gently Used Book Sale' Dec. 9-10-11

Mrs. Bowling's first-hour Reading Rocks students at the Fowlerville Jr. High are having a *Gently Used Book Sale*. These kids are working really hard to make this happen. The sale will be in the junior high school during all three lunches. The sale dates will be Dec. 9th, 10th, and 11th. The books will be sold for 25 cents up to \$1, although book sets may be more.

There will be donation boxes for books in classrooms and in the main office at the school. If you have kids in the junior high school, send your gently used books to school with them.

All donations will be accepted from Nov. 10th to Dec. 10th. We will not take adult books, just the ones that are good for kids.

Books are happiest when they are read. All the students in the junior high can have new books to read. As you know,

the holiday season is coming up. Books make great gifts. We will be wrapping the books for 25 cents.

Written by Charlotte Aldred & Grace Aikens from Mrs. Bowling's Reading Rocks first hour.

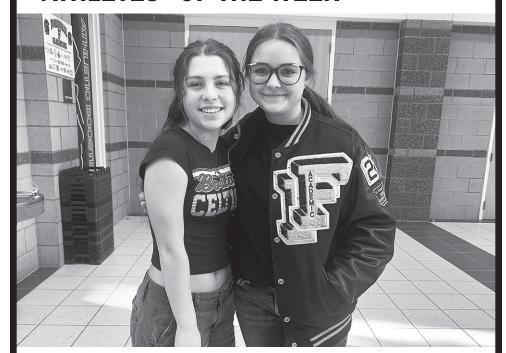


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Senior, **Mahra Randolph** - Mahra is a big go-getter and always has a positive, willing to work attitude. She's a very strong and fierce cheerleader, you can't help but stop and watch! Mahra is a great teammate and someone the younger athletes look up to. Her determination and spirit every day was something we love having in our program!

Junior, **Savannah Sauls** - Savannah is a very hard worker and has pushed herself every day to be the best she can be as well as get new skills. She's so selfless and does an amazing job at encouraging everyone to do their best. Savannah is such a lovable person and really lights up the room, we love having her in our program!

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Can You Handle the Truth?

By Susan Kretchman

One of my favorite sayings is "there's three sides to the truth, my version, the other person's perspective, and that of God". Especially when actively listening to two different people describing a problem (think marital discord) there's "her side", "his side" and then the absolute truth-"God's side". Because I believe that He is an all knowing God, sifting out truth in the course of resolving conflict can be tricky. Which leads me to my own slight disdain at popular phrases that have popped up in our culture which steer people completely away from God's truth.

Here's a few examples of words that sound good, tickle ears and totally distort who God is and what He desires for

"God loves you and accepts you as you are". While the basic truth IS that He DOES love and accept you, He also calls us out of sinful activities into pursuing a heart of repentance. The simple truth of the matter is that God loves us TOO much to allow us to live in ways that dishonor Him. In my reading this week, I found evidence of this desire in 1 Peter 4 where Peter's words to early Christians he was writing to reminded them "you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose-living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry.' Remember, early Christians were living in Roman culture which embraced every activity listed above. Furthermore, Peter reminded his readers that although man would judge all behavior done in the body, it will be God who judges the soul.

"Follow your heart". These three words are very dangerous. The prophet Jeremiah warned us with these powerful words "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?" We need look no further than King David who actually serves as a very good example of following his own heart. He lusted after another man's wife, took her as a lover and later as wife, had her husband killed in battle to cover up a pregnancy. By human standards David should not have been elevated as King or described as "having a heart after God". But-David came to a place of deep regret and repentance. Assuming humility did not save him from consequences-one of which was the death of a son–yet, God loved him enough to continue pouring into his life in order to be the leader over God's people. Oftenwithout sounding trite-God's ways don't match ours-but that's why He's the final authority and we in our selfish

"Good people go to heaven". By nature, we humans don't like suffering. Pain and trials that crush hopes and dreams are too much to bear at times. We want comfortable lives and we'll do anything sometimes to achieve harmony and success. Along the way of chasing "the good life" many through countless generations have pushed God aside, filling empty hearts and longing emotions with all the world offerssuccess, status, wealth, relationships that don't last, drugs, alcohol, pornography, over spending, fighting to maintain position in a "dog eat dog culture" that doesn't include God.

Then, at the end of life, when last breaths are taken and loved ones surround a casket or urn, we hear "he's in a better place...."

Paul, who wrote the book of Romans, is quite clear when he wrote that ... "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God". Ruminate for a moment on that tiny word "all". What does it mean? All means all. Not a few, not some, not those who are special or excused. All.

So, quite honestly it all means your loving grandmother who never said a harsh word her entire life, but never spoke of God as having a relationship with Him. She didn't need to attend church. She didn't need God telling her how to live. Someone she believed that by being "good" she would go to

Compare her to the most evil person you can think of. Who came to mind? Hitler? Stalin? Ted Bundy? Jeffrey Dahmer? Those four men are included in our tiny word "all". By human standards which measure their respective atrocities they should certainly be excluded from God's mercy and gift of eternal life in heaven, right?

Here's the complexity of those who go to heaven and those who don't. Even though bible writings are pretty clear about this topic, it boils down to God's judgement and a person's actions when taking final breaths. Personally, I don't have any resources telling me what Hitler and Stalin decided on their death beds. However, I'm old enough to remember the horrific deeds done by Bundy and Dahmer and while inexcusable, both men chose to repent of their sins and came into relationship with Christ. In Dahmer's case a man named Roy Ratcliff ministered to him while incarcerated. Ratcliff met with Dahmer, teaching him scripture, baptizing him while in prison. Dahmer was later murdered by another inmate which doesn't justify any wrongs by any sense of the

So, should we excuse people's choices and behaviors simply because "that's who they are?"

Should we risk following sinful hearts to satisfy sins of the mind and flesh because we don't want to live surrendered to an almighty God?

Can we understand the complexity of life and deathknowing that none of us are "getting out of here alive" is reality, and that there are two places of eternal rest. One has been prepared for we who embrace Christ's sufferings on the cross as payment for ALL sins. It's called heaven. The other-a place of total separation from God-commonly called hell is a second reality. The latter is not a place I wish on anyone, no matter their level of depravity or outright rejection of all that is good...God's deep abiding love for everyone to not perish.

I leave you with these beautiful words penned by Peter: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fadekept in heaven for you...'

Be careful what you take as absolute truth. Be mindful of careless living. Be aware that God's salvation is for everyone, but it's not an automatic gift He gives. It's a partnership He's waiting to establish with you between Him and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Maybe we all could learn something from Roy Ratcliff, too, be willing and available to minister God's truth to those we often prefer to "judge" according to the sins of

their bodies, forgetting that there's a "soul" inside that is bound for one of two resting places.

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eric Larson and Seancy Schnapp, joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Home Point Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 15, 2021 and recorded January 29, 2021 in Instrument Number 2021R-004613 Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Four and 67/100 Dollars (\$312,404.67).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Livingston County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on DE-CEMBER 10, 2025.

Said premises are located in the Township of Oceola, Liv-

ingston County Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 2A: Part of the Northwest fractional 1/4 of Section 1, Town 3 North, Range 5 East, Oceola Township, Livingston County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section; thence along the West line of said Section 1 and the centerline of Green Road, North 00 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East 1373.05 feet; thence South 87 degrees 27 minutes 30 seconds East, 603.65 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described; thence North 00 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East 713.85 feet; thence along the centerline of Hickory Valley Drive, a 66 foot wide private road easement for ingress, egress and public utilities on the following (2) courses: 1) Easterly on the Arc right, having a length of 95.86 feet, a Radius of 450.00 feet, a central angle of 12 degrees 12 minutes 20 seconds and a long chord which bears South 69 degrees 43 minutes 26 seconds East 95.68 feet, 2) Easterly on an Arc left, having a length of 176.65 feet a radius of 550.00 feet, a central angle of 18 degrees 24 minutes 08 seconds and a long chord which bears South 72 degrees 49 minutes 21 seconds East 175.89 feet; thence South 00 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds West 640.23 feet; thence North 87 degrees 27 minutes 30 seconds West 259.26 feet to the point of beginning. SUBJECT to and including the use of the Easement "A", a 66 foot wide private road easement and 75 foot radius cul-de-sac for ingress, egress, and public utilities, described as: Part of the Northwest fractional 1/4 of Section 1, Town 3 North, Range 5 East, Oceola Township, Livingston County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section; thence along the West line of said Section 1 and the centerline of Green Road, North 00 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East, 2063.13 feet to the point of beginning of the private road easement to be described; thence along the perimeter of said Easement on the following sixteen (16) courses: 1) continuing along said West Section line and centerline, North 00 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East 66.03 feet, 2) South 87 degrees 27 minutes 30 seconds East 514.10 feet, 3) Southeasterly on an arc right, having a length of 200.05 feet, a radius of 483.00 feet, a central angle of 23 degrees 50 minutes 14 seconds, and a long chord which bears South 75 degrees 32 minutes 23 seconds East 199.50 feet, 4) Easterly on an arc left, having a length of 327.73 feet, a radius of 517.00 feet, a central angle of 36 degrees 19 minutes 15 seconds, and a long chord which bears South 81 degrees 46 minutes 54 seconds East 322.27 feet, 5) Southeasterly on an arc right, having a length of 767.68 feet, a radius of 1033.00 feet, a central angle of 42 degrees 34 minutes 48 seconds, and a long chord which bears South 78 degrees 39 minutes 07 seconds East 750.14 feet, 6) Southeasterly on an arc left, having a length of 103.48 feet, a radius of 197.00 feet, a central angle of 30 degrees 05 minutes 47 seconds, and a long chord which bears South 72 degrees 24 minutes 37 seconds East 102.29 feet, 7) South 87 degrees 27 minutes 30 seconds East 42.50 feet, 8) Northeasterly on an arc left, having a length of 42.23 feet,

a radius of 50.00 feet, a central angle of 48 degrees 23 minutes 40 seconds, and a long chord which bears North 68 degrees 20 minutes 40 seconds East 40.99 feet, 9) along the perimeter of a 75 foot radius cul-de-sac on an arc right, having a length of 362.32 feet, a radius of 75.00 feet, a central angle of 276 degrees 47 minutes 19 seconds, and a long chord which bears South 02 degrees 32 minutes 30 seconds West 99.60 feet, 10) Northwesterly on an arc left, having a length of 42.23 feet, a radius of 50.00 feet, a central angle of 48 degrees 23 minutes 40 seconds, and a long chord which bears North 63 degrees 15 minutes 40 seconds West 40.99 feet, 11) North 87 degrees 27 minutes 30 seconds West 42.50 feet, 12) Northwesterly on an arc right, having a length of 138.15 feet, a radius of 263.00 feet, a central angle of 30 degrees 05 minutes 47 seconds, and an long chord which bears North 72 degrees 24 minutes 37 seconds West 136.57 feet, 13) Northwesterly on an arc left, having a length of 718.64 feet, a radius of 967.00 feet, a central angle of 42 degrees 34 minutes 48 seconds, and an long chord which bears North 78 degrees 39 minutes 07 seconds West 702.21 feet, 14) Westerly on an arc right, having a length of 369.57 feet, a radius of 583.00 feet, a central angle of 36 degrees 19 minutes 15 seconds, and a long chord which bears North 81 degrees 46 minutes 54 seconds West 363.42 feet, 15) Northwesterly on an arc left, having a length of 173.49 feet, a radius of 417.00 feet, a central angle of 23 degrees 50 minutes 14 seconds, and a long chord which bears North 75 degrees 32 minutes 23 seconds West 172.24 feet, 16) North 87 degrees 27 minutes 30 seconds West, 512.26 feet to the point of be-

7100 Hickory Valley Dr, Fenton, Michigan 48430

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

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

Dated: October 26, 2025 File No. 25-009203

Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC

Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(10-26)(11-16)

(10-26, 11-2, 11-9 & 11-16-25 FNV)

TO ALL CREDITORS: The Settlor, Chester R. Owsiak (date of birth December 18, 1935), who lived at 4066 West Knoll Drive, Brighton Twp., 48380, Livingston County, Michigan, died on September 30, 2025.

There is no personal representative of the Settlor's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the First Amendment and Restatement of Chester R. Owsiak Agreement of Trust, originally dated December 1, 2005, will be forever barred unless presented to Rebecca K. Duffy, Successor Trustee, within four

months after the date of publication. Notice is further given that the Trust proceeds will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled

Date: November 7, 2025

Nicholas P. Hall (P84972)

Attorney for the First Amendment and Restatement of Chester R. Owsiak Agreement of Trust u/a/d December 1, 2005

344 N. Old Woodward, Ste. 301 Birmingham, MI 48009 (248) 792-6063

Rebecca K. Duffy

Successor Trustee of the First Amendment and Restatement of Chester R. Owsiak Agreement of Trust u/a/d December 1, 2005

c/o 344 N. Old Woodward, Ste. 301 Birmingham, MI 48009

(11-16)

(11-16-25 FNV)

Livingston Fine Art Association to meet at Cleary University on Nov. 18th

The Livingston Fine Art Association will be meeting at the Commons Building at Cleary University, Room 3 on Tuesday, Nov. 18th. Park in Lot C. Doors open at 6:30pm, meeting begins at 7:00pm.

The speaker will be local artist Karen Gebarowski, who will speak on copyrights.

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 November 26, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Charles Packard and Michele A.A. Packard, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Keybank National Association

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$116,358.58

Date of Mortgage: July 8, 2004 Date of Mortgage Recording: July 22, 2004 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Howell, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: SITUATED IN THE CITY OF HOWELL COUNTY OF LIV-INGSTON AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: PART OF LOT 35 AND PART OF VACATED CHESTNUT STREET (66 FEET WIDE) OF CRANE AND BROOKS PLAT OF THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF HOWELL, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PAGES 180 AND 181 OF TRAN-SCRIBED RECORDS, LIVINGSTON COUNTY RE-CORDS, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SIBLEY STREET (66 FEET WIDE) LOCATED NORTH 62 DEGREES 00 MIN-UTES WEST ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY STREET LINE 17.3 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 34; THENCE NORTH 62 DEGREES 00 MIN-UTES WEST ALONG THE STREET LINE 39 FEET; THENCE WEST ALONG THE RELOCATED STREET LINE 37.3 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 24 DEGREES 00 MINUTES WEST TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY (REAR) LINE OF LOT 35; THENCE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 00 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LOT LINE AND THE EXTENSION THEREOF TO A POINT LOCATED NORTH 62 DEGREES 00 MINUTES WEST 14 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 34; THENCE NORTHERLY 132 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RES-ERVATIONS, LEASES AND RESTRICTIONS OF RE-CORD, ALL LEGAL HIGHWAYS, ALL RIGHTS OF WAY, ALL ZONING, BUILDING AND OTHER LAWS, OR-DINANCES AND REGULATIONS, ALL RIGHTS OF TENANTS IN POSSESSION, AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS NOT YET DUE AND PAY-ABLE. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED BY DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 1946, PAGE 391, OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN RECORDS. Common street address (if any): 329 W Sibley St, Howell, MI 48843-2131

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: October 26, 2025 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515 1575237 (10-26)(11-16)

(10-26, 11-2, 11-9 & 11-16-25 FNV)

A short business meeting and a discussion of members artwork will follow. All artists and those interested in the arts are invited. See our website at: https://livfineart.com/.



Livingston Fine Art Association

Preservation

By Jace Arledge

When we are in our 20's, we have clear motives and goals, to build a life. Some of us attend college, some trade schools, some start families, but that trajectory follows most people.

By the time we hit 50 that focus starts to shift, without knowing as we move to preserving our life. All we must do is keep going till the last breath of life leaves our bodies, the "finish line" if you will, and pray "God don't let this happen too soon. Oh, and please Protect my kids and family and everything that you have given to me."

If we hovered above our bodies and watched, we would see that in our 20's we were the daredevils, the 'let's try anything, you never know if you don't try' kind of people. Yet in the second half, that's when caution and even fear hits. We start moving towards safety, comfort, and complacency. Our wills begin to calcify around certain things.

See, that's where our problem is. In the beginning of this piece, I said that we focus on the "finish line" during the second half of life. But what if I told you the answer to that fear and safety would be... MOVE THE FINISH LINE...

Let's look at the situation. If fear comes from the idea that everything is going to come to an end, and the remedy to this fear is to be as safe and comfortable as possible until then, reasoning that somehow 'everything will be a-ok!' But what if I said to you, "If you are a Christian, there is no end. No finish line." I mean, if you read scripture hastily, you begin to

see heaven as a place that isn't on earth and to get there you must leave earth. How many of us were taught that when you get to heaven you get a lute and wings and a cloud to ride around on? I mean, as kids, we are given a rosy picture.

But you see, if you READ what scripture says, it tell us that heaven isn't about leaving here, rather it's about a new heaven and a new earth, and we are involved in everything. Building, ruling, creators, sharing with others, that must be the best thing to read and look forward to, isn't it?

Getting older isn't for sissys or the faint-of-heart; however, I tell you "Don't get ready for the END, get ready for the BEGINNING!" If we could just work on this, we would never lose the flavor of youth.

I have read many autobiographies and watched tons of documentaries, and it seems that those who have a strong faith, as they age, aren't looking at slowing down. No, they are asking God "OK, what's next?" I speak about retiring and it's not for any other reason then I want to know what life has in store for me going forward.

I picture growing old like sap that drains from trees as they age, and I don't want to have the sap drained out of me. I won't allow fear and being comfortable dictate my life. So, if you are in a place right now that gives you anxiety, fear, or as I say to my kids "Agita, change your perception of the finish line." Christians don't have a finish line, we live on forever.

Til then...

Stay kind and LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY

Livingston County Concert Band to perform 'Holiday Hoopla' on Dec. 7th

The Livingston County Concert Band will be under the direction of Dale Marzewski for their upcoming concert 'Holiday Hoopla' at 3:00pm on Sunday, Dec. 7. The concert will be presented at the Rod Bushey Performing Arts Center, Howell High School, 1200 W. Grand River. This concert features music for all ages, including selections: Laughing All The Way, Let The Bells Ring, The Polar Express, and We Wish You a Mambo Christmas.

Admission is \$10. Children and students are free. Please visit the band's website (<u>www.lccbmusic.org</u>) or check out the Livingston County Concert Band Facebook page for more information.



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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Dirk F. Pariseau, a married man and Pamela A. Pariseau, his wife

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Date of Mortgage: March 11, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: March 25, 2005 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$80,753.29

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Conway, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Northwest fractional 1/4 of Section 2, Town 4 North, Range 3 East, Conway Township, Livingston County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at West 1/4 corner of said Section 2, thence along the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 2 and the centerline of Scher Road (66 foot wide right-ofway) due East 1704.45 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described; thence due North 377.50 feet; thence due East 150 feet; thence due South 377.50 feet; thence along the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 2 and the centerline of Scher Road, due West 150 feet to point of beginning

Common street address (if any): 7676 Sober Rd, Fowler-ville, MI 48836-8530

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: November 16, 2025 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515 1577407

(11-16)(12-07) (11-16, 11-23, 11-30 & 12-7-25 FNV)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): James J. LaPrise and Mary Lou LaPrise his wife

Original Mortgagee: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation. A Subsidiary Of IndyMac Bank, FSB

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): GITSIT Solutions, LLC, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Separate Trustee of GV Trust 2025-1

Date of Mortgage: February 10, 2006 Date of Mortgage Recording: March 1, 2006 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$348,244.37

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Hartland, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 135 and 136 of Melody Acres No. 3, a Subdivision of part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 22 and the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 3 North, Range 6 East, according to the recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Liber 7, Page 11, Livingston County Records.

Common street address (if any): 11560 Island Ct, Hartland, MI 48353-3417

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: November 9, 2025 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515

1576395 (11-09)(11-30)

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 December 3, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Sharon Barker, a married woman

Original Mortgagee: The Dart Bank Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None Date of Mortgage: July 14, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 18, 2017 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$119,853.79

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Pinckney, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Unit No. 69, Village Edge Phase 2 Site Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2377, Page 62, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 146, together with rights in the general common elements and the limited common elements as shown on the Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended

Common street address (if any): 618 Bluebird Ln, Pinckney, MI 48169-8017

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: November 2, 2025 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515

1576124 (11-02)(11-23)

(11-2, 11-9, 11-16 & 11-23-25 FNV)

(11-9, 11-16, 11-23 & 11-30-25 FNV)





David Palan

Mike Heidt

(517) 223-9832

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9am-6pm, Sat. 9am-2pm, Sun. Closed

Fowlerville Police Report

for the Village of Fowlerville Council Meeting Monday, November 17, 2025

The Fowlerville Police Department responded to 2226 calls for service over the past 4 weeks.

Total citations issued during this period: 39 moving and parking citations.

Warrant Authorized/Declined

Incident #25-00853- Assault and Battery-Warrant Under

Incident #25-00883- Retail Fraud- Warrant Authorized-**FELONY**

Incident #25-00895-Retail Fraud-Warrant Under Review Incident #25-00914- VCSA-Warrant Under Review Incident #25-00887-Retail Fraud -Warrant Under Review Incident #25-00931- OUIL-Warrant Under Review Incident #25-00937- R&O/Flee and Elude/Possession/ UDAA-Warrant Authorized-FELONY

Officers Investigated the Following Types of **Complaints:**

- 25-Assist to EMS/FAFD
- 2-911 hang up
- 49-Abandoned vehicle

- 66-Admin duties
- 1-Alarm
- 18-Animal complaint
- 539-Area checks
- 6-Assist other agency
- 1-Bomb Threat
- 515-Building property check
- 1-Chase/pursuit
- 1-Child abuse/neglect
- · 7-Citizen assist
- 5-Civic event
- · 1-Civil complaint
- 2-Court Prosecutor activity
- · 1-CSC report
- 3-Community Policing
- 3-Disturbance
- 1-Domestic
- · 2-Drug/VCSA
- 101-Follow up
- 6-Foot patrol 4-Fraud
- 53-General non-criminal
- 2-Hazard
- 3-Hit & run
- 12-Info general
- 3-Intimidation/threats
- 11-Juvenile complaints
- 44-Liquor inspections
- 1-Littering
- · 3-Lockout
- 3-Lost/found property
- · 1-Loud party
- 1-MDOP
- 1-Mental/CMH
- 2-Motorist assist
- 1-Noise complaint 1-Ordinance Inv.
- 4-Parking traffic complaint
- 4-Patrol info.
- 9-PDA
- 1-PI accident
- 1-Prisoner transport
- 1-Public service
- · 1-Repo info. 2-Retail fraud
- 65-School events
- 96-School patrol
- 1-Solicitor complaint
- 1-Stalking
- 175-Subdivision patrol
- 16-Suspicious Situations
- 294-Traffic detail
- 115-Traffic stops
- 3-Traffic violation arrest
- · 2-Unknown accident
- · 12-Welfare check
- 1-Zero tolerance

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

Additional information:

I attended the Annual Celebrity Server fundraiser event at Olden Days Restaurant. All proceeds go to support the Genesis House. Genesis is a gathering place for local community members in Livingston who are coping with mental health challenges. Thank you to all those who came out to support this great event and thank you to Oldens Days Café for hosting the event each year.

I worked the Fowlerville Poker Rotary event. This fundraiser raises money for the Fowlerville Community. Special thank you to all of the Fowlerville Rotary members for donating time and resources for our great community.

As you can see, at the main four our amazing Christmas tree has been delivered and looks great. Thank you to all those who donate their time and resources to locating the tree, delivering the tree and erecting it, and then of course decorating the tree. I can't wait to see it lit for Christmas in the Ville parade.

The Fowlerville Ladies Night Out was a great success. A big thank you to everyone who attended, supported our local businesses, and helped make the night so much fun. And of course, an even bigger thanks to those who planned, organized, and kept everything running smoothly - you deserve a round of applause (and maybe a nap or another glass of wine)!

Respectfully Submitted John J. Tyler, Chief of Police

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—Area Deaths—



Nancy Lee Grover (Schlarb)

Nancy Lee Grover (Schlarb), age 82, of Arcadia, FL and former resident of Fowlerville, MI, peacefully passed away on February 4, 2025. She was born March 15, 1942 in the city of Massillon, OH to Chester and Maxine (Maurer) Schlarb. She graduated from Fowlerville High School in 1961. Nancy also graduated from the Capital Academy of Beauty Culture School of Cosmetology in Lansing, then worked for the Jean Airola Hair Salon in Fowlerville. Nancy married George Donald Grover on March 5, 1964. They enjoyed 57 years of marriage together, residing in Fowlerville and Kalkaska, Michigan and then finally in Arcadia, FL.

Nancy enjoyed raising her three children, could be found playing Sunday bingo in Fowlerville, bowling in Howell, or working at the Howell or Fowlerville McDonald's locations. Nancy also enjoyed traveling to the various States during retirement with George along with all the game nights at the Cross Creek retirement park.

She is survived by her sons, Todd (Chuck Fondaw) Grover, Jeffrey (Tina) Grover, sister Penny (Schlarb) Pringle, and many other loved ones of the Schlarb and Grover families. She was preceded in death by her husband, George, son, Brian, parents Chester and Maxine Schlarb, father-in-law and mother-in-law Shirley and Ella (Bradley) Grover, nephew Matthew Rock, brother-in-law, Archie Rock, brother-inlaw Harold Grover, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Robert and Dorothy (Graham) Grover. Also passing shortly after Nancy were her sister Sandra (Schlarb) Rock, sister-in-law Margaret Grover, and brother-in-law Mark Pringle. Nancy was interned with her husband, and next to their son, Brian, within the columbarium, at the Sarasota National Veterans Cemetery.



Barbara Penrod Webberville, Michigan

Her Legacy... Barbara Lee Penrod, 79, passed away November 11, 2025. She was born on July 14, 1946, in Lansing, Michigan to Dorr VanSickler and Beverly (Erdman) VanSickler. She provided a safe space to anyone who needed it, and her big-hearted, nurturing instincts made it natural for many to call her "Mom," not just her biological family. Barbara was independent, strong-willed and entertained many with her great stories. You could find her playing cards and bingo, shooting pool, and reading. Barbara cherished her collection of Elvis and Harry Potter memorabilia. She will be fondly remembered by all who knew and loved her.

Her Family... Barbara will be missed by her children, Dennis Emmons, Patrick Penrod, Paul (Sandra) Penrod, Dawn (Ron) Preadmore, Beth Albin; 12 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren; nephews and niece, Willie Albin, Jim Albin, Cindy Bates. She is preceded in death by her parents, Dorr and Beverly; daughter, Annette Emmons; great-great grandchild, Noah; siblings, Marie Myers, Doug VanSickler, Lloyd VanSickler.

Her Farewell... Barbara's family and friends gathered 5:00-7:00 PM on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Fowlerville, Michigan. Her Community Farewell was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, November 14, 2025 at Borek Jennings Funeral Home in Fowlerville. Pastor James Courter served as celebrant. Memorial contributions are suggested to Sparrow Hospice House. Please leave a message of comfort for Barbara's family at 1-877-231-7900, or sign her guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.

Firearm deer hunting season returns; hunters encouraged to take a doe

Michigan's popular firearm season returned Saturday, Nov. 15, and will continue through Sunday, Nov. 30. Hunting will be open statewide on public and private

Last year, hunters harvested nearly 180,000 deer during the two-week regular firearm season, which was about half of the total deer harvest from all seasons combined. Additional upcoming harvest periods include late segment archery (Dec. 1- Jan. 1), muzzleloader season (Dec. 5-14), late antlerless firearm (Dec. 15-Jan. 1) and others.

In many areas in Michigan's Lower Peninsula, there are more

deer than the habitat can support. This overpopulation can cause problems for people, such as more vehicle collisions, damage to crops and gardens, and the spread of wildlife diseases.

Hunting regulations are in place to encourage hunters to harvest more antlerless deer. Hunters play a critical role in helping to manage deer numbers, which is important to protect public safety, reduce property damage and limit disease spread.



If you're hunting in an area with high deer numbers or an area where chronic wasting disease or bovine tuberculosis are present, consider taking a doe this year to do your part in managing Michigan's deer herd.

Purchase a universal antlerless license for \$20 online at eLicense, through the DNR Hunt Fish app or anywhere DNR licenses are sold.

Fowlerville Firefighters to hold annual Buck Pole at main station this Nov. 18th

The Fowlerville Firefighters Association will hold its annual Buck Pole this Tuesday, Nov. 18th at Station 41, located at 9110 W. Grand River, west of the Village.

The scoring will be done from 4-7 p.m. with no entries accepted after 7 p.m. Scoring will be done by a representative from Commemorative Bucks of Michigan. Only bucks that have been taken by bow or shotgun from

Nov. 15-18 are eligible. There is not any entry fee. Hunters who enter will have their name placed in a bowl with various

prizes that have been donated by local merchants given out during the evening. The top three prizes will be drawn at 8 p.m., with the top prize being an All Expense Paid Deer Hunting Trip in Kentucky for one week which has been donated by TL

Seamless Gutters.







This month, we're reflecting on what matters most — our clients, our community, and the place we call home. From all of us at the Mahon Homes Team, thank you for your trust, support, and friendship.

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LEGAL NOTICES

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

DEFAULT having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Raymond F. Vernarsky and Christine M. Vernarsky, husband and wife, ("Borrowers"), whose mailing address is 3270 Harver Drive, Pinckney, MI 48169 to Community Financial Credit Union, whose address is 500 S. Harvey, P.O. Box 5050, Plymouth, MI 48170, on July 12, 2022 and recorded on July 18, 2022 at Document No. 2022R-019748, Livingston County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of THIRTY-TWO THOU-SAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY AND 60/100 DOL-LARS (\$32,870.60), plus interest, at a rate of 8.250% per annum, together with any additional sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

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

Which said premises are described as follows: Property situated in the Township of Hamburg, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Parcel 4: Part of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 and part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, all in Section 20, Town 1 North, Range 5 East, Hamburg Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 20; thence North 87 degrees 22 minutes 59 seconds East, 1333.50 Feet; thence North 54 degrees 03 minutes 12 seconds East, 183.11 Feet along the centerline of Highway M-36; thence South 67 degrees 46 minutes 54 seconds East 284.34 to the point of beginning of the land to be described; running thence North 08 degrees 56 minutes 10 seconds East, 67.85 Feet; thence South 67 degrees 46 minutes 54 seconds East, 195.32 Feet; thence South 26 degrees 04 minutes 25 seconds East, 405.33 Feet; thence North 88 degrees 11 minutes 52 seconds West, 426.25 Feet; thence North 08 degrees 59 minutes 09 seconds East, 361.94 Feet (recorded 359.86 Feet) and to the point of beginning. Subject to and Together with Access Easement described as: Part of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 and part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 all in Section 20, Town 1 North, Range 5 East, Hamburg Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 20; thence North 87 degrees 22 minutes 59 seconds East, 1333.50 Feet; thence North 54 degrees 03 minutes 12 seconds East, 183.11 Feet along the centerline of Highway M-36 to the point of beginning; running thence North 54 degrees 03 minutes 12 seconds East, 77.69 Feet; thence South 67 degrees 46 minutes 54 seconds East, 347.47 Feet; thence along a curve to the right with a Radius of 260.00 Feet, a Central Angle of 8 degrees 11 minutes 30 seconds and a Long Chord bearing and distance of South 58 degrees 51 minutes 17 seconds East, 37.14 Feet; thence South 54 degrees 45 minutes 32 seconds East, 57.77 Feet thence along a curve to the left with a Radius of 100.00 Feet, a Central Angle of 22 degrees 43 minutes 22 seconds and a Long Chord bearing and distance of South 66 degrees 07 minutes 13 seconds East, 39.40 Feet; thence South 77 degrees 28 minutes 54 seconds East, 76.20 Feet; thence South 12 degrees 31 minutes 06 seconds West, Feet; thence along a curve to the right with a Radius of 50.00 Feet, a Central Angle of 57 degrees 41 minutes 54 seconds and a Long Chord bearing and distance of North 46 degrees 05 minutes 28 seconds West, 48.25 Feet; thence along a curve to the left with a Radius of 30.00 Feet, a Central Angle of 59 degrees 36 minutes 02 seconds and a Long Chord bearing and distance of North 47 degrees 41 minutes 00 seconds West, 29.82 Feet thence North 77 degrees 28 minutes 54 seconds West, 9.14 Feet; thence along a curve to the right with a Radius of 160.00 Feet, a Central Angle of 22 degrees 43 minutes 22 seconds and a Long Chord bearing and distance of North 66 degrees 07 minutes 13 seconds West, 63.04 Feet; thence North 54 degrees 45 minutes 32 seconds West, 59.54 Feet; thence along a curve to the left with a Radius of 200.00 Feet a Central Angle of 19 degrees 01 minutes 22 seconds and a Long Chord bearing and distance of North 64 degrees 16 minutes 13 seconds West, 66.10 Feet; thence North 73 degrees 46 minutes 54 seconds West, 59.56 Feet; thence North 67 degrees 46 minutes 54 seconds West, 284.70 Feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 3270 Harver Drive, Pincknev, MI 48169

Tax ID No. 4715-20-300-029

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined aban-

doned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Dated: October 29, 2025
Mortgagee Community Financial Credit Union
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(11-2, 11-9, 11-16 & 11-23-25 FNV)

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

In the matter of the Foldenauer Trust dated May 6, 2001. Decedent's date of birth: August 9, 1940.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in this matter may be barred or affected by the following: The decedent, Margaret Mary Foldenauer, lived at 8448 Bergin Road, Howell, Michigan 48843, and died October 1, 2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all decedent's assets were held by the Trustee at decedent's death, and the decedent has no probate estate. Creditors of the decedent are further notified that all claims against the trust estate will be forever barred unless presented to: Ronald Foldenauer, Trustee, at 3757 E. Frost Road, Webberville, Michigan 48892 within four (4) months of the publication of this notice.

This notice is published pursuant to MCL 700.7608. If a probate estate is opened in the future for the decedent, this notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of MCL 700.3801. Notice is further given that the trust estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

ATTORNEY: Virginia A. Cardwell (P47349) Ferguson Widmayer & Clark PC 538 North Division Street Ann Arbor, MI 48104 (734) 662-0222

(11-16-25 FNV)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Dennis L. Cotton and Julie L. Cotton, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Nationstar Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 2, 2016, and recorded on March 8, 2016, as Document Number: 2016R-006566, Livingston County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated October 20, 2025 and recorded October 20, 2025 by Document Number: 2025R-021051, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven and 39/100 (\$97,727.39) including interest at the rate of 3.25000% per annum.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Oceola, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 26 of Highland Hills Condominium, according to the Master Deed thereof, recorded in Liber 2221, Pages 761 through 813, inclusive, and First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 2500, Page 271, inclusive, Livingston County Records, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 121, together with rights in General Common Elements and Limited Common Elements as set forth in said Master Deed and as described Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as Amended. Commonly known as: 1791 WHITE CLIFF DRIVE, HOWELL, MI 48843

If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 12.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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

Dated: November 16, 2025
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Nationstar Mortgage LLC
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI
48302, (248) 335-9200
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Case No. 25MI00848-1

(11-16)(12-07)

(11-16, 11-23, 11-30 & 12-7-25 FNV)

Environmental groups call on Whitmer to demand microplastic monitoring

More than 25 environmental groups in the state called on Gov. Gretchen Whitmer last Monday to sign a petition to demand the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency monitor the state's water for microplastics.

Around 22 million pounds of microplastics enter the Great Lakes every year, according to the coalition, and the fish in the Great Lakes have some of the highest concentrations of microplastics in the world.

Tami Renkoski, co-founder of the Michigan Microplastics Coalition, said the state cannot manage the problem if there is no data.

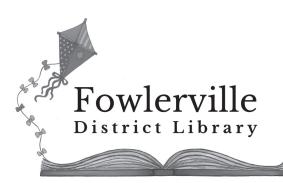
"We need Governor Whitmer to help lead this effort to

convince EPA to monitor drinking water across the country for the protection of our Great Lakes and the people of Michigan," Renkoski said in a statement. A coordinated federal approach would be far more cost-effective and would bring consistency rather than individual states monitoring microplastics in drinking water."

The groups want the petition due to a clause in the Safe Drinking Water Act that states if seven governors demand monitoring, then the agency has to add micropoplastics to the monitoring list.

Senators also recently introduced bills to push a ban on plastic microbeads in certain products and enact a state monitoring system on public water supplies on a quarterly basis.

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Upcoming Events

Monday – Wednesday: 9:30 am to 7:00 pm Thursday: 9:30 am to 8:00 pm Friday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm Saturday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday: Closed

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

KIDS & FAMILY

Homeschool 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, Nov. 19 ● 1-2pm

Family Storytime (Ages 1-5)

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

Toddler Storvtime (Ages 0-3)

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

Kids Club (Ages 6-12)

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

Graphic Novel Book Club

Read the book and then come to discuss it. Snacks provided. Books are available at the front desk and are yours to keep. We will be discussing MEGA-DOGS OF NEW KANSAS by Dan Jolley. Mon, Nov 24 ● 4pm

Book Boxes (All ages)

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

Reading Dragons (All Ages)

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

Live Homework Help

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

Sensory Playtime (Ages 2-5)

This is a drop-in playtime filled with unstructured, sensory fun! Watch your littles use their imaginations to turn everyday things into toys. Caregiver supervision is required. Friday, Nov. 21 • 10-11am

TEENS

Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 12-18)

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Switch Free Play (Ages 10-18)

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

Maker Space Open House (All Ages)

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

Throwback Thursday at the Movies (Teens Age 13+)

Screenings of movies from before the turn of the millennium. Pizza and popcorn provided. October selection is POLTERGIEST (PG; 1982). Thurs, Nov 20 ● 3pm

Historical Room Open House (Teens Age 13+)

Come and take a look at our collection of artifacts from across Fowlerville's history dating back as far as 1848. Tues, Nov 25 • 3-4pm

ADULTS

Board of Trustees Meeting

The library board will meet. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Thurs, Nov 20 ● 6pm

Find Your People at the Library

We are thrilled to continue this popular working group to explore the Ancestry Library Edition and other valuable genealogy resources. Bring your laptop or use one of our computers. Wed, Dec 17 ● 2-3pm

Jam Session (Adults and teens)

Open Jam Sessions are becoming a monthly tradition here at the library. Led by community members who love to learn, share and connect; all levels, instruments and genres are welcome! Newcomers are encouraged to lead tunes when they feel called. Song leads call out chords and changes. Questions? Email kjdamerow@gmail.com and type Open Jam in the subject line. Tues, Nov 18 • 5:30-6:45pm

Cardmaking - Enjoy camaraderie and cards at this popular program. You will make four different cards to take home. All supplies included. Registration is required. Thurs, Nov 20 • 6:00pm & Fri, Nov 21 • 11am

Christmas Garland

Let's explore Craft and Hobby together and make a Christmas garland that would be lovely on a mantle, door frame or Christmas tree. We can watch and follow along and see what develops. Registration is Required. Dec 11 • 6pm

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. Dec 20 ● 10:30 – 3:30pm

Shelf Indulgence Book Club (Adults)

Members take turns facilitating the discussions. Come and enjoy some literary camaraderie! Register to get a free copy of the book, while supplies last. Registration begins one month before each scheduled meeting. Next up we will discuss THE MADEMOISELLE ALLIANCE, by Natasha Lester. Thurs, Nov 20 ● 2-3pm

Sewing (Adults)

Bring your sewing machine and learn from a master seamstress. All levels of skill are welcome. Registration is required. Wed, Nov 19 • 5:30pm & Fri, Dec 12 • 10-2pm

Repair Cafe

Don't throw it away! Bring your broken items here for repair and advice from handymen. Sat, Nov 22 ● 10-12pm

Did You Know?

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Library Survey

Please take a few minutes to fill out our on-line survey. Paper copies are also available at the front desk by request.

Library Closed

The Library will close early on Wednesday, Nov 26 at 5 pm. We will close for Thanksgiving and reopen on Saturday, November 29 at 10 am. Happy Thanksgiving!

VFW Post 6464 Coffee Hour

215 Veterans Drive, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836

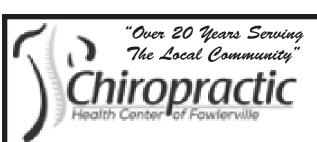
Attention Veterans:

Join us every final Tuesday of the month from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm for a gathering filled with Comradeship.

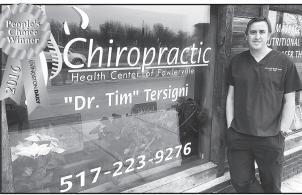
Enjoy meaningful conversations over coffee & doughnuts. Share stories, build and strengthen bonds with veterans like yourself.

Don't miss the chance to build lasting fellowship and engage with brothers and sisters who also served in the various branches of our armed forces.

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Showcasing the DNR--

Rounding the riverbend

By John Pepin

Elbows, hooks, corners, turns, bends – all good names for those places in rivers and creeks where the direction of the water flow changes.

These corners are typically good for fishing as the water undercuts muddy or grassy banks or runs up against immovable objects, like granite walls and boulders, often producing deep holes where fish like to congregate, waiting for food to wash downstream.

For some reason,

they are places that seem attractive to humans too, fishing prospects aside.

A lot of camps, cabins or homes are built on river bends. They are places of beauty for sure, but I think there is something more to it than that.

Often river bends occur at places where the surrounding banks are high up off the water, providing good places to survey the scene from a comfortable vantage point.

But I think the human attraction to these places belies all of this.

There seems to be something innate or intrinsic about these places that provides us with a feeling of satisfaction or rightness in experiencing them, the way a painting looks when it's level on a wall or a line that sits plumb.

That feeling is hard to describe.

Similar satisfaction is not often associated with straight stretches of water unless they possess distinctive rapids or waterfalls.

In Arizona, on a trip with my boys, we stayed at a place along the Rio Grande called the Riverbend, where we were able to enjoy a clutch of hot springs they have there.

It was glorious absolutely. They enforce quiet rules and turn on strings of colored lights hung in the trees on both sides of the river at night.

I stopped at a river turn this past week, one that has been well-known to locals and is often visited. At this place, the river makes somewhat of an "S" shape, with the elbow I'm referring to located on the southeast corner.

The riverbank is about 10 feet high at this corner, with a short, steep trail leading down to the water and a streamside white pine to lean against.

The ground is covered with pine needles, making the path slippery for those not paying attention, unfamiliar or wearing shoes with slick bottoms.

From the corner view, I can look upstream until the stream bends again.

The flow of the current is gentle and nodding, tapping repeatedly the end of a partially submerged branch.

With recent rains, the water is higher than it usually is at this time of the year.

To my right, the water diverts and circles back upstream in what looks to be the beginnings of an ox-bow cut-off. The water is slow as it skirts a peninsula covered in knee-high dried grasses.

On my left, the stream typically picks up speed over a lengthy riffle where brook can be seen spawning each autumn.

Not today.

The water is too deep to see to the bottom, and there is no bright sunshine to help.

The sky is that bluish-gray mix, with some floating mistlike clouds. If it were summertime, I would expect rain showers very soon.

But at this time of the year, this is often the everyday look of fall – seemingly deciding whether to send down some rain, sleet, snow or simply float on past the scene.

On the far side of the river, red-twigged dogwood and tag alders choke any potential pathway, with mud, water holes and unsteady ground dominating the topography.

Much higher in the background, the base of a hillside is guarded by sentinel maples that have already lost all their leaves.

Back farther in the distance, other maples are covered with bright golden leaves that still cling in large numbers to their branches. Even farther still in that background, green conifers stand the tallest above all, providing a serrated, toothy edge against the gray-blue sky.

A fish jumps out about 30 feet from shore, not a big one,

but big enough to make ripples that resonate out across the quiet waters, relaying a clear message – I am here!

On the near shore where I am standing, young dogwoods brush against my jeans from my thigh up past my waist, in some cases. The rest of the vegetative growth here is from much older trees that even include a few white, paper birches.

To me, this place is stunning to see.

I often appreciate subtlety as much as the dazzling and shocking sights of red sunsets or the green, blue, red and orange fizzy and luminous colors of the aurora borealis.

So, my view here this morning is a study in understated tones of yellows, browns, golds and greens.

To those pigments on the palette, you can add the licorice red branches of the dogwood, the silvery blue of the water and the almost glow-in-the-dark monster green color of the lichen covering the wet, dark trunk of that old white pine.

A great blue heron lifts itself awkwardly, with heavy flapping wings, up from the edge of the marsh in the corner farthest away on the ox-bow extension.

My first thought is that this seems a bit late for this bird not to have already migrated. However, I could be wrong. Often, some of the species that arrive among the earliest in spring – like great blue herons – can be some of the last to migrate south.

I watch the heron follow the watercourse as it flies upstream, looking as though it will land in one of the tall trees I can barely see from my viewpoint.

At the same time the heron disappears, another one flies up out of the same area along the river, followed by yet another. This now appears to me to either be a family group or a stand of herons resting along their migration route.

Whatever the social connection, this was a beautiful experience to see these great birds. They seemed to characterize the entire scene set before me with their languid and deliberate wing motions and the slowness of their flight. It was definitely a quiet and peaceful morning along the river. With the high water, the usually rushing and talkative stream was silent.

Not a slurp, not a glug.

Nothing.

One of the only ways the water revealed its motion was the imperfect, fuzzy and quivering reflections of the tag alders and dogwood that were painted across its surface.

No bird sounds.

Even the herons were silent in their flight.

It was as though I was watching a silent movie.

For me, that's the kind of peace and silence that I crave, to soak up big, deep gulps of nature through all my senses.

I need that replenishment on a consistent basis to avoid, at least temporarily, the stress and anxiety borne of our insane society, with its wars, politics, starvation, sickness and cruelty.

If I were so inclined today, I could walk the trail to a place downstream where a bridge crosses over the river. It's on an almost straight stretch and provides a wide view of the surrounding landscape.

In my reasons stated earlier for humans to enjoy straight stretches on a river, I somehow forgot the deep and lasting connection to rivers found at bridge crossings.

In fact, I would argue that bridges have every bit as much meaning to people as riverbends. Some spans, just by their existence, have garnered not only appreciation but fame.

Examples would include the Mackinac Bridge, Brooklyn Bridge and the Golden Gate Bridge. There is one place I know where a steel truss bridge used to cross cars and people over a river not far from our big rusty mining town.

The bridge was replaced decades ago – with a much less impressive guard-railed structure – but locals still refer to the road that leads to the crossing as the "Steel Bridge Road."

Bridges possess magic, providing poetic and literal connections for people – water under the bridge and all that, as well as affording simple and effective means to cross otherwise deep and sometimes treacherous waters.

They also are good places for flights of fancy and dreaming, hoping and wishing. In some instances, they provide a setting for people like me to contemplate eternity, life and mortality.

The closest bridge to my riverbend vista is a paved county road span that is far too often frequented by passing vehicles, usually those that travel a few miles over the speed limit.

That's not the kind of place to stand safely or gather any peace of mind.

But this riverbend is.

And so, I will stand here with hopes to see the herons return or watch the clouds pass by and the occasional fish jump.

Sometimes, life doesn't have to pass by in an exciting fashion.

Sometimes, it can crawl past, slowly on all fours, without uttering a sound.

That's good enough for me.

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Matt Copeland resignation as Fowlerville head football coach goes according to plan By Steve Horton

While the news that Fowlerville High School's head varsity football coach, Matt Copeland, had resigned caught many by surprise, it was (he noted) part of a three-year plan.

"When I interviewed for the job, I told Brian Osborn (the then athletic director) and Jeff Finney (the current athletic director who was on the selection team) that I was 46-years-old at the time and was not the long-term solution," Copeland said. "But I told them that if they wanted someone who would serve as a transition in the short term and if they thought I was the best person for the job, I'll go for it."

He added that he'd talked with his wife and the plan was for him "to give everything I had for three years and then leave."

"I talked to the assistant coaches in the winter, told them that was probably my plan, and it was going

be my last year," Copeland said. "Then at the beginning of the school year, uh, I gave Mr. Feeney my resignation just to make sure that I followed through on the plan because at this time of year, it's a really emotional thing, saying goodbye to kids, and I might have tempted to change my mind."

While the resignation ends his tenure as the head coach, it also marks the conclusion of 21 years of coaching football over the past 25 years.

"I took time off when my daughters were competing in fall sports," he pointed out.

Copeland explained that there were a couple of reasons for

"I'm 49 now and getting a step slower," he said. "I wouldn't have been able to keep coaching at the level I wanted to. I see some coaches who drive around in the golf cart and then I don't think I could do that. I prefer a handson approach, which in football means you're holding the blocking shield when a lineman hits you and demonstrating certain techniques that can be physically demanding. I've suffered a couple of minor injuries as a result and had to see our trainer, so my body is saying it's time to slow down."

"Also, being a head football coach is a year-round job and during the season it requires a lot of time," Copeland said. "My wife has been understanding but I felt it was time to go in a different direction."

While all of this might seem to suggest he is 'riding off into the sunset', Copeland will continue teaching his computer classes at the Fowlerville Junior High and coaching the track team in the Spring.

But even so, it's the end of an important chapter that began in 2001 when he first returned to his alma mater as a teacher and coach a quarter century ago.

And it's an opportunity to pause and remember.

Copeland noted that during his football coaching career, he took different assignments.

"At the start I helped Coach Jack Wallace with his offense and had a great time," he said, adding "It was a great experience working with him. He was a tremendous guy to learn from. When Bret Shrader took over, I did some offense and then ran the defense for one year in 2016. When Coach John Fletcher was here, I helped out with the defense a lot."

"I've been lucky enough to work for some great guys who helped me kind of develop as a coach," Copeland said.

He noted that he also got the opportunity to work alongside his father, Ken Copeland, and brother Curt who were assistant coaches during earlier football seasons.

"It was really fun to do that and it's one of my favorite memories," he said.

As for other highlights, one occurred recently.

"You know, winning my last game on the home field against Charlotte (Oct. 24) was an awesome experience," he noted. "I had a chance to coach in the state semi-finals in 2006 which was our longest playoff run and that was something I'll really remember. But, you know, for me the, the number of kids that I've gotten to meet and to coach is what I value the most. I've been invited to their weddings in some cases. So, as far as wins and losses and on the field things, 'yes' I'll



Matt Copeland was greeted by his wife Abby and daughters Lilly and Avery at the conclusion of the final game of the regular season against Charlotte. It was an emotional moment, given that he was ending his long tenure as a football coach at Fowlerville High School. Photos by Deb Utter

remember that, but what I'm really going to remember are the kids and the relationships."

"As a coach, it wasn't just that we won or lost a game," he added. "But it's more about how do we get better? How can we improve next week?"

Matt grew up on the family farm located northeast of Fowlerville, and now has a home with his wife Abbie on part of the property. His parents are Ken and Laurie Copeland and he has two brothers—Pete and Curt.

Football, along with other sports, has been a family passion, dating back to his great-grandfather Harold Copeland who played on the first Fowlerville football team in 1923. It continued with his grandfather Elwood and his father and his

He noted that while in high school he played football, basketball, and baseball.

The interest was passed onto his daughters, Lilly and Avery, who both played on athletic teams at Fowlerville.

After graduating from high school in 1994, he attended Grand Valley State University for two years, went to Lansing Community College for a year, and then returned to Grand Valley where he earned a Bachelor's Degree with a major in science as well as an elementary teaching certification.

He then took a position at Kreeger Elementary in Fowlerville.

'I started teaching fifth grade, then moved up to sixth grade, then back down to fifth and back to sixth," Matt recalled. "I kind of bounced around, but I was teaching science and math mostly. Then when the junior high computer job opened up, I jumped at that. I was in the middle of getting my Masters in media and technology and this was one of those change-ofpace opportunities. The idea of doing the same thing for 30 years, I think would be a heck of a challenge. I think it kept me really energized switching to the computer teacher.

"It's interesting because the kids keep showing up every year knowing a little bit more and you have to keep pace," he said. "Now, with the advances in artificial intelligence, we're getting to the point where we're going to have to teach our students how to use it. We gotta teach kids how to get the most out of it. But we still want to develop an interest in the trades. The need for plumbers, electricians and carpenters is not going away but they'll need to know how to use the new technology. It's a constantly changing environment which keeps me on my toes and which is fun."

Matt said that teaching and coaching have been his main focuses. In earlier years he also coached the girls softball

"I don't do anything else. I pretend to hunt, and I pretend to fish. I'd like to get better at those things. Now, without football, I might with a little more time off. But, you know, the idea that I get to come to work and hang out with young people every day and tell bad jokes, it keeps me young and motivated."

Matt added, though that he's at "the exit strategy mode of my career."

"If something better presents itself, then I'll jump at it," he



Matt Copeland has been the head varsity football coach for the past three years. He resigned from the post at the end of the season, noting that he had planned to depart at this time.

said. "But I'm not out looking for things. Right now I have one daughter who's graduated from college and the other one who will be done in about a year. If their careers take them some place away from here, my wife and I will probably want to be near them. We've been lucky because my parents and my wife's mom live nearby. We don't want to miss family things because we're too far apart."

But all of that is a possible future. At this moment Matt is ending one chapter, reflecting on what it's meant, before

'This career I have has meant the world to me," he said. 'The idea that I could come back and do this where I went to school, where I've lived my whole life, has been great. I've never wanted to be anywhere else. I'm a Gladiator."

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF HANDY TOWNSHIP **TOWNSHIP BOARD** REGULAR MEETING CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

The Handy Township Board of Trustees has rescheduled their regular board meetings for the remaining portion of the 2025-2026 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. The dates for the regular meetings of the Board will be as follows:

- Wednesday, September 17, 2025
- Monday, October 20, 2025
- Monday, November 24, 2025
- Wednesday, December 17, 2025
- Monday, January 19, 2026
- · Monday, February 16, 2026
- Wednesday, March 18, 2026
- Wednesday, April 22, 2026 • Wednesday, May 20, 2026
- Monday, June 15, 2026

The meetings will be held at the same time of 7 p.m. in the Handy Township Board Room, 135 N. Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, (please use rear entrance of the building to the boardroom). The Public is always welcome to attend.

Laura A. Eisele Handy Township Clerk (8-31, 9-7, 9-14, 11-16, 11-23, 12-7, 12-14-25, 3-8-26, 3-15-26, 4-12-26, 4-19-26, 5-10-26, 5-17-26 FNV)

Investment in education expected to reduce class size, help performance

By Samantha Ku

Capital News Service

Reducing class size is a direct outcome of increased state investment in education, according to the representatives of the Michigan League for Public Policy and Michigan Education Association.

League officials said the money will provide proper materials and access to good curricula. It will also allow districts to pay teachers better and reduce class sizes, they

According to the League, a nonpartisan advocacy and research organization, schools need to hire more teachers if they want to reduce class sizes, and investing money in the schools' outcomes will directly impact class sizes.

"We have underinvested in education for decades. There's been a significant (financing) gap, and what we know we need to put into the system in order to make sure that every kid has access to an adequate education," a League representative said.

The Michigan Education Association, the state's largest union of teachers and other school staff, said that the state's most recent budget shows a good investment in education. The fiscal year 2026 Education Omnibus budget totals \$24.1 billion, with \$19.5 billion from the School Aid Fund. That is \$1 billion more than the \$23 billion for fiscal year

"Our governor has done a really great job putting a lot of money into schools and classrooms. That helps to reduce class size, get more professional development and increase pay," said Chandra Madafferi, the union's president.

The State Board of Education approved a resolution urging legislators to require class size limits for all grade levels by the 2030-31 school year. The resolution calls for class sizes to be limited by the 2030-31 academic year to no more than 20 students per class in grades K-3, no more than 23 students per class in grades 4-8 and no more than 25 students per class in grades 9-12

The board cites a 2016 University of Michigan study to support the resolution, saying that the lowest-achieving students are over twice as likely than their highest-achieving peers to be assigned to classes exceeding 40 students. The study said that a class size of 40 or more is an outcome that many parents and school officials would likely want to

According to 2021 data from National Center for Education Statistics, the average class size for teachers in

self-contained classes in Michigan was 15.1 and the average class size for teachers in departmentalized instruction was 16.7.

The data includes a large data set of classrooms, where many will be above or below the average size.





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Putting the Community Christmas Tree in place were, from left, Jim Mayhew, Karl Witt and son Hudson, Allan Irani, and Ray Decator.

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Community Christmas Tree arrives in Fowlerville

The Community Christmas Tree arrived in Fowlerville on Tuesday, Nov. 11, and is now standing at the Main 4 corners awaiting the lighting ceremony on Saturday evening, Dec. 6, during the Christmas Parade.

This year's tree was donated by the Presley Family on Allen Road. Putting it in place were Allan Irani of Allan's Tree Service, Jim Mayhew of Mayhew Tree Farm & Nursery and chair of the Christmas in the Ville Tree Search Committee, Karl Witt, owner of the property as well as KW Corporation with son Hudson; and Ray Decator of Van Gilder Farms.



Allan Irani trimmed the bottom of the tree to fit in the hole.



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HOWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING UPDATE

The November 10, 2025 Township Board Meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rod Bushey Performing Arts Center Howell High School Auditorium - 1200 W Grand River. The meeting is expected to include discussion on a possible moratorium that could affect a recently proposed data center

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Plan outlining Sustainable Agriculture, Food Systems & Rural Environment in Livingston County wins award

Livingston County's Planning Department has announced that its "Livingston County, Michigan: 2025 Sustainable Agriculture, Food Systems, & Rural Environments Plan" won the "Outstanding Undergraduate Student Project Award for the 2025 Planning Excellence Award" by the Michigan Association of Planning (MAP/American Planning Association-Michigan). The Plan was written by Abby Carrigan, a talented Intern, with guidance from the Planning Department staff.

A jury of MAP members reviewed and selected the Plan, stating that "The quality of work by the Michigan State University student intern, Abigail Carrigan, along with support from the Livingston County Planning Department and Geographic Information Systems Department is exceptional."

After being vetted by scholars and planning professionals from the Plan's subject areas, the document was formally adopted by the Livingston County Planning Commission.

The Plan's Visionary Statement is a perfect summary of what compelled the Planning Department to tackle this dynamic issue: "Livingston County envisions a future where agriculture remains

a thriving, dynamic cornerstone of our economy and character. Rooted in our rich history and supported by sustainable practices, our community will continue to cultivate a resilient agricultural sector that adapts to modern challenges while preserving the vitality of our farmland for generations to come."

The topics covered in the new plan served as a major contribution to the 2026 Livingston County Master Plan, which is in the final stages of development. Residents can stay updated on the work being completed on the Master Plan at https://milivcounty.gov/planning/livingston-county-2026-master-plan/.

'Fantasy of Art' Fine Art Show being held at Howell Opera House Nov. 28-29

The Livingston Fine Art Association presents the Fantasy of Art Fine Art Show November 28 - 29 at the Howell Historic Opera House. Times are Friday 3-9 and Saturday 10-6. There will be about 30 local artists displaying and selling their work. All mediums will be represented. There is no admission charge. Come and meet the artists and find the perfect Christmas gift. For more informations visit https://livfineart.com/ or find us on facebook. Call 517 546-1027

LEGAL NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE

TO ALL PURCHASERS - A lien has been recorded on behalf of Hometown Village of Marion Association. The lien was executed on September 19, 2022 and recorded on September 22, 2022, as Instrument No. 2022R-025354, as updated June 27, 2025, Instrument No. 2025R-012396, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Three Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Nine Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$3 179.25).

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Under the power of sale contained in the recorded Condominium Documents and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212 that the lien will be foreclosed by a sale of the property described below, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, main entrance of the Judicial Center located in Howell, Michigan, on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 10:00 AM, Eastern Standard Time.

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

The name of the record property owner is Jennipher Kettlewell, and is situated in the Township of Marion, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 109, of Hometown Village of Marion, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2812, Page 215 et seq., Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 198. Sidwell No. 10-11-202-109

Commonly known as: 186 Penobscot Drive, Howell, Michigan 48843

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The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which event the redemption date shall be thirty (30) days after the foreclosure sale or fifteen (15) days after the Association's compliance with the notice requirements of MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCL 600.3278 the co-owner(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the Association for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the lien at the telephone number stated in this notice. This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing lienholder. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: November 3, 2025
Hometown Village of Marion Association
c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC
Sarah R. Karl
30140 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
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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 January 7, 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): Karen Allen, single woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services LLC

Date of Mortgage: October 15, 2020
Date of Mortgage Recording: October 20, 2020
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$439,970.21
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Brighton, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: PARCEL 2-B:

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

This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: November 16, 2025 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE

TO ALL PURCHASERS - A lien has been recorded on behalf of Lakeshore Pointe Homeowners Association. The lien was executed on January 6, 2025 and recorded on January 10, 2025, as Instrument 2025R-000542, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Four Dollars and Twenty-Three Cents (\$2,804.23).

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Under the power of sale contained in the recorded Condominium Documents and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212 that the lien will be foreclosed by a sale of the property described below, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, main entrance of the Judicial Center located in Howell, Michigan, on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 10:00 AM, Eastern Standard Time.

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

The name of the record property owner is Kayla Golembiewski, and is situated in the Township of Oceola, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 97, of Lakeshore Pointe Condominium, a Condominium according to the Amended and Restated Master Deed recorded in Instrument No. 2010R-002745, Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 75. Sidwell No. 07-31-402-097 Commonly known as: 439 Court In., Howell, Michigan

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The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the

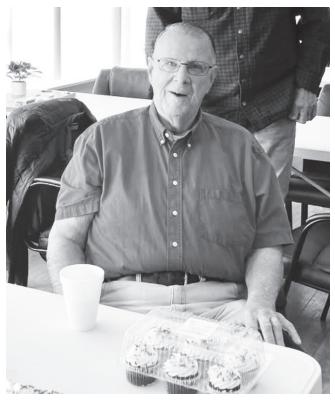
date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which event the redemption date shall be thirty (30) days after the foreclosure sale or fifteen (15) days after the Association's compliance with the notice requirements of MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCL 600.3278 the co-owner(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the Association for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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Dated: November 10, 2025 Lakeshore Pointe Homeowners Association c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC Sarah R. Karl 30140 Orchard Lake Road Farmington Hills, MI 48334 248 671 0140

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Bill Tesch celebrating his 85th Birthday.

Fowlerville Senior Center: Exercise, Blood Pressure Checks & Grant Award By Mark Thompson

Our morning classes of Tai Chi and then Low Impact Exercises are bustling with member involvement and fun activity. Someone described our Tai Chi class as slow motion "line dancing." If you have never tried these classes, we invite you to come by and give them a try. Tai Chi starts at 9:00A and Low Impact Exercises start at 10:00A.

The Fowlerville Senior Center is having our first Cardio Drumming class on Nov. 19th at 11:00A. This class will be hosted by an instructor from the Livingston Educational Service Agency (LESA) and we have invited students to participate, too. Come beat the drums with us.

Members of our Fowlerville Fire Department came in this week and did our monthly blood pressure checks. Our Senior Center members appreciate their service, dedication and professionalism and it's a pleasure to have them visit our Senior Center. And the good news is, everyone tested has blood pressure.

We had an impromptu member meeting to seek member input regarding installing blood pressure monitoring machine at the Senior Center. Members unanimously thought it was a great idea. This was a good omen because the Fowlerville



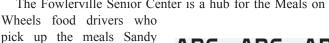
Members of the Fowlerville Fire Department checking WD Smith's blood pressure.

Senior Center was just awarded a \$3,000 grant from the American Heart Association to have a self-serve Blood Pressure Kiosk installed at our Senior Center. This Blood Pressure Kiosk should be installed in February or March of

The Fowlerville Senior Center is having our 2026 membership campaign. If you sign up in November or December your membership will extend to December 2026. Please stop in and visit us and talk to some of our members. In 2025 we expanded our activities and events and to view what we have to offer, pick up one of our activity calendars or see us on our Facebook page, at Fowlerville Senior Center. Membership only costs \$25.

We want to give a Good Job - shout out to our Meals on Wheels delivery driver, Sandy McMillan, who has worked for years for Meals on Wheels. Monday through Friday, at 10:00A, Sandy delivers meals to the Fowlerville Senior Center from the Meals on Wheels headquarters in Brighton. Fowlerville is just one stop of several on Sandy's route. Always a pleasure to see and visit with Sandy, who always has a smile, a good word, a quick laugh and maybe a joke to

The Fowlerville Senior Center is a hub for the Meals on



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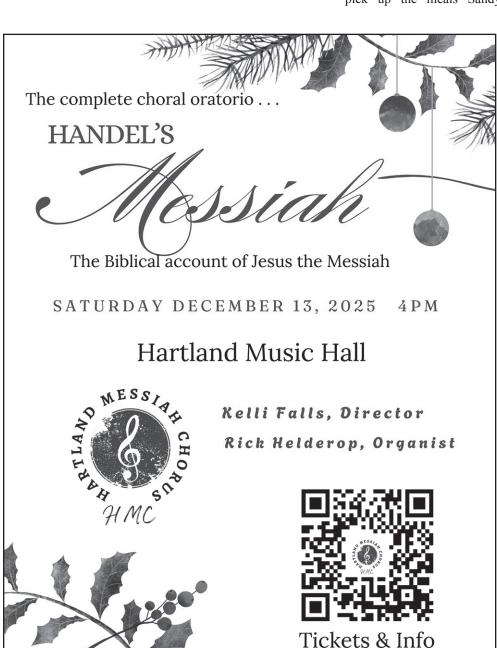


Sandy McMillan, Meals on Wheels delivery driver who also gives smiles.

drops off and then delivers those meals to individuals in the Fowlerville area.

This past week we celebrated Veterans Day, but we should remember the sacrifices our military personnel make to keep our country safe every day, even if only briefly or saying a kind word to those who wear those baseball caps which tell a

"A veteran is someone who, at one point in their life wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount up to and including their life" – Unknown.



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Silent Auction fundraiser now underway at Webberville Library

The Silent Auction fundraiser is underway at the Webberville Library. All are welcome to stop by during the Library's open hours to place bids. Over 120 items are currently on display.

There's something for everyone on your Holiday Gift list — teachers, co-workers, child care providers.

Original art; end tables; several themed gift baskets, including Michigan delights; aprons; holiday and seasonal decor; Barbies; afghans; porch pillows and yard art; a patriotic themed wool hooked mat; unique hand-stitched amulets. These are just some of the many items that have been generously donated by community members.

The Auction ends at 6:00 pm sharp on November 25th. Don't miss out on a fun opportunity to support the Webberville library!



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Webberville Report



At the Tree Farm, from left, Fred Moon, Ezra Konieczny, Kari Pietrzyk, John Pietrzyk, Lou Moon, Nick Bosworth, Linda Erwin, Rene Hoppe, Julie Hath, and Jim Hath.

Webberville Garden Club decorates town for upcoming holiday season

Webberville Garden Club was busy getting the town ready for the holidays on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Club members gathered at Moon and Sons Tree Farm to cut greens to decorate the downtown planters and Industrial Park sign. A huge thank you to the Moon Family for the donation of the

Thank you also to the Webberville FFA members for cleaning out planters from the Spring planting and cleaning up the Fall decorations of cornstalks, pumpkins, and straw bales that the club put up.

Thank you Garden Club members that helped spruce up the town: Jeannie Bauer-Bosworth, Nick Bosworth, Josh DePue, Linda Erwin, Jim Hath, Julie Hath, Gretchen Hill, Rene Hoppe, Rosa Jones, John Pietrzyk, Kari Pietrzyk, and Jody Royce.



Decorating the planters were, from left, Josh DePue, Gretchen Hill, Jeannie Bauer- Bosworth, Jody Royce, Jim Hath, Rene Hoppe, and Linda Erwin.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Village of Webberville VILLAGE COUNCIL **PUBLIC HEARING December 09, 2025**

The Village of Webberville Village Council has scheduled a public meeting on December 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Village of Webberville Town 115 S. Main St., Webberville, MI 48892.

The purpose of this hearing is to review and consider potential amendments to the Village Ordinance text regarding water extension.

Details regarding the proposal can be viewed at the Village Office.

Interested parties may make comments at the meeting or submit them in writing to Jessica Kuch. Clerk/Treasurer, P.O. Box 389, Webberville, MI 48892 or by email at ikuch@webbvill.com, prior to the meeting.

The official minutes of all meetings are stored and available for inspection at the Village Office located at 115 S. Main Street, Webberville.

Notice: People with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact please contact Samuel Schulte., Village of Webberville, Village Council President at (517) 521-3984 at least two (2) working days in advance of the meeting. An attempt will be made to provide reasonable accommoda-

(11-16-25 FNV)



FFA helpers, from left, Diana Atchley, Lucien Schwab, Colt Blanchard, and Mark Carson.



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Spartans Battle to District Finals in Strong Season Finish

The Webberville Varsity Volleyball team entered district playoff action last week in dominant fashion, sweeping Jackson Christian in three straight sets — 25-18, 25-16, 25-13 — to advance to the District Championship game.

In the matchup, standout performances by a number of



7th grade player Abigail VanNortwick taking a breath before serving.

Webberville MS Volleyball is Starting Off the Year Victorious

By Gracelynn Muns

On Monday, November 10th, Webberville Middle School volleyball teams traveled to Mount Morris for their first game of the season. The 8th grade team played 4 sets and dominated Mount Morris with scores of 18-25, 12-25, 22-25, 22-25. The girls played a great game with a lot of volleying. Eighth grade player Madison Culver said, "We had a great first game, everyone tried their hardest but there's still room for improvement."

The 7th grade team also played 4 sets tying with Mount Morris with scores of 25-23, 25-22, 12-25, 12-25. This young team played well for their first game and did great at putting forth effort. Player Abigail VanNortwick said, "For our first game we did pretty good especially with having new players this year."



8th grade player Kylie Schriner ready to serve up an

Spartans fueled the win:• Lexi Proctor tallied 6 kills, hitting .278• Karley Williams recorded 9 assists• Hope Herbert and Katelyn Kubiak each served 5 aces• Payten Sholty led with 9 digs• Kiara Matiyow contributed 4 blocks.

The District Championship, held Thursday, November 6 at Vandercook Lake, saw the Spartans face a tough Lansing Christian squad. A strong showing from the Webberville community filled the gym—despite the nearly hour-long drive—and provided an incredible atmosphere for the finale. After dropping the first set, the Spartans rallied to take the second, but ultimately fell in four hard-fought sets: 15-25, 25-21, 20-25, 23-25.

Haley Proctor led the offense with 16 kills, hitting .204, while Karley Williams notched 22 assists—pushing her career total past the 1,000 mark. Payten Sholty again anchored the defense with 13 digs, and Kiara Matiyow added 2 blocks.

Webberville concluded their season with an impressive 28-8 record, capping a year defined by teamwork and growth. "This was a special season," said Head Coach Brooke Kemler. "Each year the team sets their own goals and we as coaches try and help them achieve them. They wanted to have fun—goal accomplished. They wanted to win specific games and hit certain stat goals—and they achieved those too. Putting self aside and really playing for the team is never easy, but this group worked hard to stay focused on that, and it's what made this season so positive and rewarding. I will miss our seniors, but there is a lot of talent left in this program and we look forward to the future."



Karley Williams on her 1000th assist.

Webberville Cribbage Report

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All are invited to join the fun!

We meet **Mondays**, **6:30-9pm** at the Webberville United Methodist Church, located at South M-52 & Holt Road.

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

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): John Ventura and Cynthia Ventura, Husband and Wife

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the registered holders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities I LLC, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-EC1

Date of Mortgage: October 5, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 28, 2005 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$246,510.64

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Howell, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: A part of the NW fractional 1/4 of Section 19, T3N R4E, Howell Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the NW 1/4 corner of said Section 19; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 46 East along the North line of said Section and centerline of Warner Road, 2113.90 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described; thence continuing along said Section line and centerline, North 89 degrees 55 minutes 46 seconds East 298.65 feet; thence South 00 degrees 47 minutes 25 seconds East 510.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 46 seconds West, 298.65 feet; thence North 00 degrees 47 minutes 25 seconds West, 510.00 feet to the point of beginning. Common street address (if any): 5555 Warner Rd, Fowlerville, MI 48836-8546

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: November 9, 2025 Trott Law. P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515

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Fowlerville Fire Department News

November 6

11:20 a.m.--Medical response on Pinnebog River Dr in Handy Township.

November 7

- 7:16 a.m.--Medical response on Spruceview Ln in Handy Township.
- 1:54 p.m.--Medical response on W Grand River in Handy Township.
- 6:03 p.m.--Medical response on S Ann St in the Village. November 8
- 11:41 p.m.--Assist Fowlerville Police Department on Garden Ln in the Village.
- 4:05 p.m.--Medical response on Nicholson Rd in Handy Township.

November 9

- 7:31 a.m.--Medical response on Nicholson Rd in Handy
- 9:00 p.m.--Electrical hazard on Fowlerville Rd in Handy Township.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

DEFAULT having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by William Marx, a single man, whose mailing address is 10487 Piedmont Drive, Brighton, MI 48114 to Community Financial Credit Union, whose address is 500 S. Harvey, P.O. Box 5050, Plymouth, MI 48170, on September 30, 2019 and recorded on October 9, 2019, at Document No. 2019R-027437, Livingston County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND 16/100 DOLLARS (\$100,700.16), plus interest, at a rate of 7.750% per annum, together with any additional sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage, including all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: Property situated in the Township of Brighton, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Lot(s) 34, RIDGE WOOD SUBDIVISION NO. 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 32 of Plats, Page 25, Livingston County Records. Commonly Known As: 10487 Piedmont Dr., Brighton, MI 48114-7583

Tax Identification No: 4712-33-102-034

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge

a fee for this information. Dated: October 29, 2025 Mortgagee Community Financial Credit Union 555 S. Harvey, P.O. Box 5050 Plymouth, MI 48170 Pamela S. Ritter (P47886) Attorney for Mortagae Community Financial Credit Union Strobl PLLC 33 Bloomfield Hills Pkwy., Ste. 125 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 (248) 540-2300

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November 10

8:53 a.m.--Medical response on Chestnut St in the Village. 9:50 a.m.--Medical response on Church St in the Village.

November 11

- 7:22 a.m.--Carbon monoxide investigation on Fowlerville Rd in Conway Township.
- 8:34 a.m.--Fire alarm activation on E Van Riper in the Village.
- 8:40 a.m.--Medical response on S Gregory Rd in Iosco Township.
- 4:23 p.m.--Medical response on Owosso Rd in Conway Township.

November 12

4:58 p.m.--Medical response on Dutcher Rd in Iosco

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 December 10, 2025.

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

MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): KAREN J. HOULE, UN-MARRIED, AND GEORGE G. HOULE, a/k/a GEORGE HOULE, UNMARRIED AS JOINT TENANTS WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP

Original Mortgagee: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A

Date of mortgage: May 15, 2006

Recorded on May 30, 2006, in Document No. 2006R-005438, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): US Bank National Association, as Trustee for J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2006-WF1

Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Sixty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Four and 84/100 Dollars (\$64,844.84)

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Livingston County, and described as: Part of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 1 North, Range 3 East, Unadilla Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 33; thence North 86 degrees 19 minutes 12 seconds West 1311.16 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described; thence South 04 degrees 47 minutes 49 seconds West 121.42 feet to the East Edge of Portage Creek (River); thence South 66 degrees 35 minutes 49 seconds East along the East edge of said creek (River) 183.81 feet; thence South 21 degrees 44 minutes 58 seconds East along said East edge 236.92 feet; thence South 86 degrees 19 minutes 12 seconds East 113.51 feet to the center of Williamsville Road: thence North 30 degrees 33 minutes 11 seconds West 6.87 feet; thence North 21 degrees 30 minutes 33 seconds West 100.01 feet; thence North 10 degrees 21 minutes 47 seconds West 100.01 feet; thence North 04 degrees 20 minutes 52 seconds West 100.01 feet; thence North 01 degrees 43 minutes 23 seconds West 105.63 feet; thence West to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 18612 Williamsville Rd, Gregory, MI 48137

The redemption period will be 12 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.

J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2006-WF1, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee Mortgagee/

Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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11:50 p.m.--Odor investigation on Hayner Rd in Conway

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Webberville MS/HS recognizes October's Students of the Month

(Back row): Neven Landry, Lucas Carpenter, Joseph Williams, Ethan West, Kiara Matiyow, Natalie Wick, Candace Huff, (middle row): Gloria Valley, Arabella Watts, Ryan Pendell, Kenny Mireles Herraera, Hope Herbert, Katelyn Kubiak, (front row) Nevaeh Welsh, Reagan Burns, Kassidy Schriner, Rue Snyder, Cecilia Bedwell.

In alignment with the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) framework, Webberville Middle/High School launched a new initiative last month to recognize students for "Doing What's Right, Doing Your Best, and Honoring the Team." Instructional and behavioral support staff identified students who exemplified this philosophy, and those students were given the opportunity to spin the prize wheel for a special treat. Each month, additional students will be selected and recognized for their positive contributions.



Senior Spotlight—Conor Kiernan

"When you learn to grow your confidence, it becomes stronger, more visible, and ultimately brings you greater success than even the loudest voices in the room."

Conor Kiernan is the son of Jeannette Deleruyelle Kiernan and Mike Kiernan, and brother to Olivia Kiernan. Conor's family is very important to him as they have supported his many goals through the years.

One of Conor's favorite classes was History and Government/ Economics with Mr. Katona. Conor says, "there was always something interesting to learn and a new perspective to gain." Mr. Katona says "Conor has a naturally curious mind and approaches every assignment with remarkable attention to detail. His great sense of humor has brought a lot of joy to my classroom, and I am excited to see all the wonderful things his future holds."

Conor is an active member of the National Honor Society, volunteering regularly at school events and assisting with various projects throughout the district. Through his dedication, he has accumulated over 100 volunteer hours. Conor has also attended multiple state leadership seminars and conferences, striving to develop his leadership skills and inspire others to make a positive impact.

Conor is an active member of Webberville's Drama Productions, with performances in *It Happened on Route 66*, *Death Aboard the Duchess*, and *Percy Jackson: The Musical*. In addition to acting, he has served as prop manager for four productions and currently serves as treasurer of the musical fundraiser committee, helping raise funds for future performances and new equipment.

Conor currently serves as co-historian on the Webberville FFA Chapter Officer Team. He shares that he "joined FFA to bring a new perspective and his leadership experience to the Webberville FFA." Vice President Gavin Howery describes him as "driven to make himself the best he can be — a great friend, an amazing leader, and funny too!

Outside of Webberville, Conor is a second-year student in the Engineering Technologies program at the Wilson Talent Center. There, he has explored various areas of engineering—from computer-aided design to constructing a battle bot for his final project. Conor shares that "it's a class I never want to miss."

In Conor's free time, he spends his time on his Lego hobby constructing more buildings and putting time into adding details that most people miss. Conor also loves writing about the various ideas he comes up with, and traveling to different places when the opportunity arises.

After graduation, Conor plans to attend college minoring in engineering and majoring in business. He also plans to continue working on creating his own tech company.

Webberville Ag Science Strikes Again with Hydroponics!

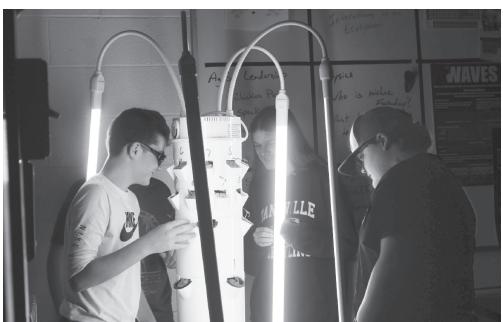
Written by Kassidy Schriner

The Webberville Middle School Agricultural Science class is investigating hydroponics! Hydroponics is a way of growing plants by only using nutrients, water, and a growth medium. Traditionally, when you plant crops in the soil, the nutrients have to work their way to the roots. If you use hydroponics to garden, the water carries all of the nutrients directly to the roots instead of fighting through the soil. The growers using hydroponics can easily monitor and change the condition of the

Webberville MS used different varieties of the crops tomatoes and sweet peppers! They planted them in a tower in the classroom and in rockwool, which is a non-reactive substance the class used in place of soil. The students are working hard to grow these crops to be able to harvest and eat them in December! 8th grade student Michaela Storey shares her thoughts, "I think the process is going good! The plants started coming in within a few days. Now they are about 4 inches, and we planted them 2-3 weeks ago!"

Through this journey of using hydroponics, Webberville Middle School students are learning how science, technology, and agriculture come together to grow food in innovative new ways!





Michael Chuba, Michaela Storey, and Charlene Dusa are working on the hydroponics tower during class.



Students Easton McClellan, Mason Cimba, and Logan Nixon check the growth of their plants.



MS students water two varieties of plants: White cherry tomato and bell pepper.

Williamston business giving away two bicycles for upcoming Christmas holiday

Bayard Candle Company, located in Downtown Williamston, is giving away one boys bicycle and one girls bicycle for the upcoming Christmas holiday. The store is located on the upper floor of Keller's Plaza at the corner of East Grand River and South Putman Street.

To enter, go in the side door and up the stairs to the store. Then fill out the entry form. The drawing will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20th. So enter now!



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Williamston American Legion members sell poppies prior to Veterans Day

These members of the Williamston American Legion Wycoff Post were selling poppies at DW Market

on Saturday, Nov. 8th as part of their Veterans Day observance. The money raised from the donations is used to fund various programs that benefit those who served in the nation's armed forces. From left were Tom Coe, Jim Partridge, Kevin Smith, and Warren Dimick.

Williamston Farm & Artisan Market scheduled for Nov. 23, Dec. 7 & Dec. 16

The Williamston Farm & Artisan Market has scheduled three Holiday Markets this winter on Nov. 23, Dec. 7, and Dec. 16. They will be held at the Williamston Area Senior

Center, located at 500 Williamston Center Road in the former Merindorf's building from 10am to 2pm.

Shop for the fresh, local meat, baked goods, eggs, cheese and fall produce needed for your Thanksgiving and winter holiday feasts, as well as gifts, hand-made by local artisans, crafts, home decor, jewelry, personal care products, soap, candles, food trucks, and so much more.

The twice-monthly bottle and can collections are located in the large parking lot of McCormick Park, 123 High Street in Williamston, from 11am to 1pm, rain or shine. 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.

Collection dates are November 16; December 7 & 21; January 4 & 18; February 1 & 15; March 1 & 15; April 5 & 19 and May 3rd. The 2026 Market Opening Day is Sunday, May 10th, Mother's Day.

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 Market Manager Perry Youngs at 517-231-2124, or MarketManager@SowingGrowth.org.

NIESA Fire Report (Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority)

On Wednesday November 5, 2025 NIESA responded to six calls. Two calls were in the City of Williamston with both being medical responses. Two calls were in Wheatfield Township with one a vehicle accident and the other a fire response. One call was in Williamstown Township for a medical response. One call was in the Village of Webberville also for a medical response.

On Thursday November 6, 2025 NIESA responded to three calls. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a vehicle accident. Two calls were mutual aids in Okemos with one a fire response and one a medical response.

On Friday November 7, 2025 NIESA responded to seven calls. The City of Williamston had one medical response call. Leroy Township had one vehicle accident call. Locke Township had one medical response call. Wheatfield Township had one vehicle accident call. Williamstown Township had one medical response call. The Village of Webberville had two calls with one a fire response and one a Co2 call.

On Saturday November 8, 2025 NIESA responded to four calls. Two calls were in the City of Williamston with one a citizen assist and one a medical response. One call in Williamstown Township for a vehicle accident. One call was a mutual aid for a fire call in Mason.

On Sunday November 9, 2025 NIESA responded to three calls. One was in Wheatfield Township for a vehicle accident. Two calls were in Williamstown Township with both being medical responses.

On Monday November 10, 2025 NIESA responded to four calls. Two calls were in the City of Williamston with one a medical response and one a fire response. One call was in Leroy Township for a medical response. One call was in Wheatfield Township also for a medical response.

On Tuesday November 11, 2025 NIESA responded to three calls. One call was in the City of Williamston for a medical response. One call was in Locke Township for a medical response. One call was in Williamstown Township for a medical response.



Pictured left to right is Lucien Schwab (12), Mark Carson (11), Colt Blanchard (12), Savannah Bayard (10), Ethan West (12), Ava Whittenburg Stevens (12), Diana Atchley (12).

From Chick to Chicken Tenders: Webberville FFA's Broiler Contest

Written by Ella Howard

In mid September, the chicks arrived at Webberville High School. The FFA's Ag Science class took care of the chickens from that day on. In preparation, they built the pens themselves, laid down newspapers and spread woodchips. To take care of the chicks, they gave feed and water to them, and added fresh woodchips every couple weeks. They also kept a record of the weights of the chickens as they grew.

The Broiler contest took place on October 20th at Munsell Poultry Processing. At the broiler contest, the chickens are judged based on their shape, health, fat, and discolorations. Webberville FFA had two separate pens that they entered, with Pen 1 getting 19th place, and Pen 2 receiving 40th. This was out of 459 different pens from multiple different schools!



Broiler chicken around 6-7 weeks old.

Savvy Senior **Column**

By Jim Miller

How to Make a Home Safer and More Accessible as You Age

Dear Savvy Senior,

What simple tips can you recommend for making a home age friendly? My husband and I are in our late-sixties and want to remain living in our home for as long as possible.

Homebody Hanna

Dear Hanna,

Many older adults, like you and your husband, want to stay living in their own home for as long as possible. But being able to do so will depend on how easy it is to maneuver your living space as you get older.

There are literally dozens of simple adjustments and modifications you can do to help make your home safer and more accessible for aging-in-place. Here's a summary of tips from the National Institute on Aging and AARP, which offers a free room-by-room guide with practical suggestions for older adults living independently.

ENTRANCE WAY:

- · Have at least one exterior doorway with step-free access. If not possible, consider a ramp.
- Add a bench in the foyer to sit on when removing shoes or to set down items while locking or unlocking the door.

BATHROOM:

- Install a walk-in shower with a bench and nonskid decals or mats to prevent falls.
- Add a hand-held nozzle to the shower head to facilitate rinsing off while seated.
- Install grab bars on the shower wall and near the toilet
- Put in a taller toilet or add a toiler riser.
- Consider plugging in a nightlight.

BEDROOM:

- If stairs are too difficult to manage, create a bedroom on the main level by transforming a den or an office.
- Make sure the bed is easy to get in and out of. Purchase bed risers, if needed.
- Invest in an adjustable bed for extra comfort.

Williamston Area **Senior Center**

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November 2025 Events

Monday, Nov. 17th- Cards 9-11:45am- Chair Massage 10:00am- Exercise 10:30am-Dewey Longuski performs

Tuesday, Nov. 18th- Cards 9-11:45am- Nurse Chat with Michelle 12:30pm

Wednesday, Nov. 19th- Cards 9-11:45am- Exercise 10:30am- Yoga for All 12:30pm- Needle Work Group 1-3pm

Thursday, Nov. 20th- Cards 9-11:45am- Exercise 10:30am- Chair Volleyball 12:30pm- Book Club 'The Frozen River' 12:45pm

Monday, Nov. 24th- Cards 9-11:45am- Exercise 10:30am-CADL Tech Support 10:45am- Craft with Pat & Williamston Middle School Students 12:30pm

Tuesday, Nov. 25th- Cards 9-11:45am- Mind Benders at

Wednesday, Nov. 26th- Cards 9-11:45am- Exercise 10:30am- Quarter Bingo 12:30pm- Needle Work Group 1-3pm

Thursday, Nov. 27th- Happy Thanksgiving!

Williamston United Methodist Church offering free Thanksgiving Dinner

Williamston United Methodist Church, located at 211 S. Putman St., Williamston., is offering a free Thanksgiving Dinner to all! Serving will be on Thursday, Nov. 27, at noon with all the trimmings. Please call 517/655-1466 and leave

a message letting us know how many of you are coming. Hope to see you there!



KITCHEN:

- · Purchase a stove with safety features that alert the resident when a burner is on or have automatic shutoffs.
- Relocate major appliances to make them easier to reach.
- Add slide-out drawers or trays to existing cabinets for
- Install a lever-style, light-touch or sensor faucet, which is easier to use than a faucet with turn-style knobs or handles.

FURNITURE & RUGS:

- Get rid of furniture and clutter to make rooms easier to move around in.
- · Use chairs with armrests, which makes sitting and standing easier.
- · Avoid furniture with sharp corners, which can cause bruises and cuts when bumped up against.
- Hide cords out of pathways but don't put them under
- · Area rugs, if used, should be secured to the floor with a nonslip mat or anti-slip rug tape.

For more tips, get a copy of AARP's "HomeFit Guide" which is a 36-page fully illustrated guide and has more than 100 aging-in-place tips and suggestions that can be made to an existing house or apartment or incorporated into designs for a new residence.

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Michigan House Report

By Jason Woolford, 50th District

House Bill 4586: Restoring fairness and consistency to Michigan's CPL law

This week, I testified in the House Judiciary Committee on behalf of House Bill 4586, which I introduced to lower the minimum age for obtaining a Concealed Pistol License (CPL) in Michigan from 21 to 18.

At 18 years old, you are legally recognized as an adult. You can vote, serve on a jury, sign contracts, and enlist in the military, where you may be trained to carry and operate a firearm in defense of our nation. Yet here at home, that same adult is told they are not trusted to carry a firearm to protect themselves or their families. That doesn't make sense.

Under this bill, all current background checks and training requirements would remain exactly the same. The only change is that responsible young adults, ages 18 to 20, would be able to apply for a CPL just like any other adult.

Young people face the same risks as anyone else. Many live alone, work late shifts, or attend college in large cities. They deserve the same right to self-defense. Right now, an 18-year-old can legally buy a pistol from a private individual but cannot purchase one from a store or carry it concealed with a license. That inconsistency is unfair and outdated.

HB 4586 is about fairness, consistency, and common sense. It's about trusting legal adults to exercise their constitutional rights responsibly. If an 18-year-old can be deployed overseas and carry a service weapon, they should be trusted to carry a sidearm for self-defense in their own neighborhood.

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 <u>JasonWoolford@House</u>. MI.Gov.

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Letter to the Editor

The Lynchpin

"Don't interfere with anything in the Constitution.

That must be maintained, for it is the

Safeguard of our liberties."

Abraham Lincoln

Thomas Jefferson defined freedom in terms of three ordered expressions: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Inherent rights that formed the basis of the Declaration of Independence. The significance of the order is that the promise of the first secures the promise of the second and third. The unalienable right to life (health) should mean the same to all of us today as it did to Jefferson 249 years ago. The unrestricted right of all to healthy lives. This human entitlement, therefore, secures that the promise of liberty and happiness can be thoroughly realized.

So valued is the freedom from restraint, that it is said to be worth dying for. So complicatedly divine are the rights of unabridged liberty, that for the purposes of this letter, brevity is required. Freedom of speech, assembly, religion, economic liberty and censorship to name a few, deserve constitutionally based descriptions worthy of more lengthy essays. Those freedoms are, at least, what we've aspired to be for nearly 250 years.

Leaving the most valued for last, Jefferson listed happiness. Insightfully understanding the imperfections of humankind and knowing that happiness is too personal and complicated to be achieved, he suggested that it be a promise that generations have protections to pursue. History has shown that the pursuit of happiness has been the motivation that has shaped and reshaped our society and made us the envy of the world.

Recently, we have found ourselves in a peculiar but not unprecedented upheaval. Consider how Victor Orban of Hungry turned a strong democracy into his authoritarian playground. After seizing power through a military coup, he began systematically attacking the free press, rigging elections (gerrymandering), suppressing descent and stacking the courts. One of the president's most valued confidants, he was recently welcomed to the White House as a celebrity. Orban is recognized as one of the world's most ruthless authoritarian leaders. Are you curious and want more details of how authoritarians throughout history have achieved power? It's spelled out in Project 2025, the president's playbook. Most political experts estimate that the president's plan is already 48% implemented.

Remember Jefferson's promise of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? "The lynchpin" of those guarantees and our nation's lifeblood is healthcare. The fight to insure

affordable (or free) healthcare for all was dealt a severe blow this week with the signing of a continuing budget resolution. Let there be no mistake, this Congress and this president will not approve of any proposal that at least improves the affordability of health care for most of us. The lynchpin has been loosened.

The fight will continue. Politicians from both sides who yield to the president's authoritarian desires must be called out and replaced. Remember how the president and his congressional flunkies played politics as hungry children were left wanting and health insurance premiums doubled and more for millions. Remember how the president daily flaunts his lavish life style while denying that we struggle with an economy that grows more unaffordable each day. Continue to remember daily, who benefits, or easier to identify who doesn't, from the trillions in permanent tax cuts, the "axed" programs that no longer provide us with a safety net when we need it and how you want your future to look. Thank your leaders that held out and warn them all of the consequences of not continuing the fight...unemployment!

*Inspired by the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America

Roy Neal Linden

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 December 17, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): James A. Barrow and Gina M. Barrow, his wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST

Date of Mortgage: November 4, 2003

ell. MI 48855-9365

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 20, 2003 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$165,220.31 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Howell, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: The North 10 acres lying West of the railroad right of way of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast fractional 1/4 of Section 2, Town 3 North, Range 4 East, Michigan. Common street address (if any): 5800 Preston Rd, How-

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: November 16, 2025 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515

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(11-16, 11-23, 11-30 & 12-7-25 FNV)



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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Ronald J Pezzoni and Georgiann Pezzoni, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Washington Mutual Bank, FA Foreclosing Assignee (if any): JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

Date of Mortgage: December 19, 2003 Date of Mortgage Recording: January 9, 2004 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$210,664.24

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Hamburg, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Unit(s) 154, of FAIRWAYS OF WHISPER-ING PINES CONDOMINIUM, a Condominium according to the Master Deed thereof recorded in Liber 2441, Page 704 through 792, and any amendments thereto, last amended by an Amendment recorded in Liber 2662, Pages 665 through 683, Livingston County Records, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 154, and any amendments thereto, together with an undivided interest in the common elements of said condominium as set forth in said Master Deed, and any amendments thereto, last amended by amendment recorded in Liber 3076, Page 111 and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1978, as amended. Common street address (if any): 9993 Tioga Trl, Pinck-

ney, MI 48169-8170
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FORECLOSURE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE

TO ALL PURCHASERS - A lien has been recorded on behalf of Hickory Meadows Condominium Association. The lien was executed on May 30, 2025 and recorded on June 6, 2025, as Instrument No. 2025R-010865, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Six Thousand Two Hundred and Seven Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$6,207.75).

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Under the power of sale contained in the recorded Condominium Documents and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212 that the lien will be foreclosed by a sale of the property described below, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, at the main entrance of the Judicial Center located in Howell, Michigan (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, at 10:00 AM, Eastern Standard Time.

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

The name of the record property owner is Martha M. Eichstadt, and is situated in the Township of Oceola, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 87, of Hickory Meadows Condominium, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2563, Page 885 et seq., Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 167. Sidwell No. 07-30-202-087

Commonly known as: 1570 Princewood Blvd., Howell, Michigan 48855

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which event the redemption date shall be thirty (30) days after the foreclosure sale or fifteen (15) days after the Association's compliance with the notice requirements of MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCL 600.3278 the co-owner(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the Association for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the lien at the telephone number stated in this notice. This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing lienholder. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: October 9, 2025 Hickory Meadows Condominium Association c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC Sarah R. Karl 30140 Orchard Lake Road Farmington Hills, MI 48334 248 671 0140

(10-19)(11-16)

(10-19, 10-26, 11-2, 11-9 & 11-16-25 FNV)

What is the Future of Economic Future in Our State?

Republican House bills, with support by some Democrats, threaten the Michigan Economic Development Corporation

Commentary by Steve Horton

In 1993, I covered the groundbreaking of the new Kelsey-Hayes manufacturing plant that was being built on Van Riper Road in Fowlerville. The site was located on the southern edge of the Village and bordered the west-bound lane of the I-96 freeway.

Approximately 100 people attended the event, including the company CEO, elected and appointed officials from the Village of Fowlerville, members of the Handy Township Board, the school superintendent, the area's Livingston County Commissioner, the executive director of the Livingston County Economic Development Council, and the executive chair of the Michigan Jobs Commission who also represented the then governor, John Engler. There were also local and county business officials and members of the TV, radio, and newspaper media present.

Kelsey-Hayes was building a \$44 million facility to produce its latest generation of four-wheel anti-local brake systems (ABS). Construction of the 142,00 square-foot building was to be completed the following Spring, with production slated to begin in the summer of 1994. At full capacity the new plant would produce around two million units annually.

John Utley, the Kelsey-Hayes chairman, told the assembled audience that "We're glad to be here in Fowlerville and Michigan. We feel we made the right choice in locating our facility here."

Utley said the development was the result of "a lot of cooperation" with local and state officials, along with his company, and thanked everyone for their efforts.

This new plant, he added, "was investing in the future of Michigan." By way of history, he pointed out that the company had begun in 1906, making wooden spokes for Model T Fords in Detroit and now had customers from around the world.

The cooperation Utley spoke of had included the Village establishing a Local Development Financing Authority that would be able to capture the property taxes from the factory and, in turn, use this revenue to pay off the loan it needed to take out. The loan was used to pay for the water, sewer, utility, and road improvements that needed to be done to make the site suitable for the new plant. A grant from the State of Michigan assisted in this effort. There was also abatement granted by the Village council with the property taxes being reduced by 50 percent for the maximum 12 years.

The Livingston County Economic Development Council and its executive director worked with the LDFA Board, the Village Council, and the State of Michigan to put together the incentive package. The company, meanwhile, once in operation, employed a number of area residents and the infrastructure improvements benefited the Village in general. After the loan was paid off, the local taxing units received a portion of the tax revenues with the LDFA keeping a share to deal with future projects and its administrative duties.

I attended the ceremony held the following year to celebrate the opening of the plant and was invited back a couple of times to cover special events put on by the company.

The new factory was a 'big deal' for the community and launched the Van River Road Industrial District that saw additional development during the ensuing years, not least of which was Thermofil, a company that produced reinforced plastic pellets that are used by automotive suppliers for their parts and accessories. Thermofil was soon after purchased by Asahi Kasei Plastics North America—an international company headquartered in Japan.

From there an industrial park was opened on Garden Lane in the southwest quadrant of the Village, thanks in large part to a bridge being built across the Red Cedar River that gave the park access to the freeway. This project was aided by a grant from the State of Michigan. Still another, smaller industrial area was established on West Grand River on the western edge of the Village.

Altogether there are now about a dozen companies of various sizes and purposes operating in these three areas with around 1,200 people being employed by them.

The template used for establishing the Village industrial parks and bringing in new tenants has been similar to what was set up with the initial Kelsey-Hayes project, with the LDFA financing the infrastructure improvements, the state kicking in grant money, and the Village Council approving tax abatements. The LDFA has also had to undertake maintenance work over the years, mainly installing new pavement on the streets. It's also partnered with the Village on other public-works projects within the district that were not directly related to attracting or maintaining industry.

Another major economic development project in our community although different from the others, was the arrival of the Fowlerville Proving Grounds, located on a large tract of land in southern Handy Township. As its name implies,



Among the local people involved in the Kelsey-Hayes project were these LDFA members and village and county officials. From left were Cindy Denby, Jim Hall, Phil Utter, Ron Rife (LDFA members); Lin Hibbard (community ed director); Tom Harmon (LDFA); Dan Bishop (village manager); Richard Anderson (county commissioner and LDFA); Dave Peden (school superintendent and LDFA); Tom Larry (village president); Dave Stoker (village attorney); Dan Foster (county economic development director); and Ron Daly (LDFA). They were on hand for the 1993 ground-breaking ceremony of the manufacturing facility.

the facility is used to test new automobile models and their various parts. There have also been similar developments in neighboring Howell Township to the east and the Village of Webberville to the west.

Additional jobs have been part of the benefit, but the additional tax revenues generated from these businesses has helped both the Village and Handy Township cover their operational expenses in recent years as well as adding to the coffers of the district library, area fire authority, and the county government. The main plus for the local schools is that the assessments on these properties have substantially boosted the overall State Equalized Valuation in the district, allowing it to fund bond issues—resulting in two new school buildings—without having to raise millage. Instead, the debt has been extended out for a few more years.

None of this would have been possible without support from the State of Michigan and by dovetailing the local initiatives with the state's overall economic development efforts—even as those efforts evolved over the years, reflecting the different approaches employed by each of Michigan's successive governors.

When these local projects were proposed, the sentiment was generally favorable. Of course, not everyone favored them, mainly because they thought the community might lose its "small-town flavor" or it was "too close to where they lived." Still, there was not a groundswell of opposition to any particular proposal or to the general notion of industrial development—all of which gave Fowlerville the reputation of being "business friendly" when prospective clients were looking for a suitable site.

Needless to say, given this history, the story of economic development—the who and how of bringing industry and other large businesses to the Fowlerville community—has been an important part of our newspaper's coverage over the years. I say that with the caveat of not claiming to be an expert on the subject. Nor have I been a first-hand observer on how the 'incentive' sausage is made, particularly at the state level. Still, I do follow the topic with interest, even when the proposed projects are located elsewhere in the state.

A SEA CHANGE SEEMS TO BE OCCURRING

The western part of Livingston County (where the 'Fowlerville News & Views' operates) is a GOP stronghold and the elected officials in the state legislature and county government who represent this area have been Republicans. Over the years, they've been supporters of these efforts to expand industry through the use of governmental incentives. So, too, have been many of those in the business sector—most of whom, I believe, see this strategy as an effective means of enhancing the community by providing more job opportunities, attracting new residents, and improving the tax base

I had already noticed that this was not a universally held belief by everyone who identifies as a Republican or conservative. In the past few years, the opinion pieces I've seen from the Mackinac Center for Public Policy—the think tank that holds a lot of sway in GOP circles—have been critical of using public dollars to attract large entities to the state or funding expansion projects for those already here, describing it as "government picking winners and losers" and claiming the number of jobs created does not match the promises. Given their overall libertarian leaning, this advocacy of letting the free market decide and the 'chips fall where they may' is understandable.

But then I began to see some of the Republican elected officials and candidates for office using similar language and realized a sea change was occurring. The shift was probably

also aided by the Democrat governor Gretchen Whitmer going all in on using the tools of government to attract large-scale projects and championing the Biden Administration initiatives for renewable energy—i.e. solar and wind that have met with pushback from numerous communities not wanting them in their backyard.

And now we have the large data centers wanting to locate in rural areas, including one in our backyard of Howell Township, that are being met with mixed reactions--support but also some fierce opposition.

Given this unfolding scenario, it was no surprise to see the news that House Republicans have introduced legislation to abolish the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. (See accompanying article)

The news also included a statement from Governor Whitmer, promising that she would veto the legislation if it came before her. I learned as well that in addition to many in the Republican Party not favoring governmental involvement in economic development, many in the Democratic Party do not support public dollars being used to support these industrial projects.

All of this has me wondering what lies ahead on this issue. Will the state continue to be proactive or take a hands off approach to industrial development? Will the siting of large projects in Michigan be welcomed or not? Will there be a strategy for job creation and enlarging the tax base or is it better to let things occur as they may? Should a philosophy of growth be the rule or a more sustainable model be embraced?

In other words, 'What is the economic future in our state?'

House Republicans introduce legislation to abolish the MEDC; Gov. Whitmer says she'd veto

By Liz Nass

Gongwer News Service

The House now has its own plan to abolish the Michigan Economic Development Corporation after Republicans announced a two-bill package earlier this month.

Rep. Steve Carra, R-Three Rivers, sponsor of HB 5243, said at a press conference on Nov. 5th the proven record "of failure" from the MEDC, including the lack of jobs created by the Strategic Outreach and Attractive Reserve Fund, the recent default of Gotion Inc. and Sandisk pulling out of the Mundy Township megasite, it was clear this investment in "corporate giveaways" is not working.

Carra's bill would amend the Michigan Strategic Fund Act to abolish the MEDC outright.

Bobby Leddy, spokesperson for Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, said in a statement on the bills that at a time when Michigan is landing "record job creating investments," the state "should keep our foot on the gas, not throw everything into reverse."

"The Republican plan would put a 'closed for business' sign at Michigan's border with Ohio and Indiana, killing good-paying jobs and shutter small businesses across the state," Leddy said. "These bills are a waste of time, and they are dead on arrival. The governor has her veto pen ready to prevent these bills from destroying the economy."

Then-Gov. John Engler created the MEDC in 1999 through an interlocal agreement that moved the state's economic development efforts outside of state government.

Carra said while there is a mix within the House Republican caucus as to what they want to see from a new economic development approach, they agree on the need to challenge

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House Republicans introduce legislation to abolish the MEDC, continued

the process used by the MEDC to incentivize economic growth.

"What is abundantly clear is that the MEDC has failed the taxpayers of Michigan," Carra said. "It has failed our state. It has failed our small businesses, and it is at the expense of the people, the hard-working middle class, and we need to reassess our approach to this, and the way that we do that is to go right at the belly of the beast, abolish the MEDC and look into different routes."

HB 5244, which would prohibit the Michigan Strategic Fund from contracting with local governments for the purpose of economic development, is sponsored by Rep. Jay DeBoyer, chair of the House Oversight Committee. He said what he views as the "experiment" of the MEDC is over.

"To believe that we can take taxpayers' dollars, bribe companies to come here, and that is a long-term solution is a fallacy because if they will come here for a check, they will leave here for a check," DeBoyer, R-Clay Township, said.

DeBoyer also referenced feelings of mistrust toward the MEDC often harbored by communities in which large projects are planned, including the issue last Tuesday where the chief compliance officer faced a sudden contract change, opening up the position for the first time since 2013.

Both said the ideal economic development plan would be crafting a more lax regulatory environment.

"This probably comes as a surprise for a lot of people, but a burdensome regulatory environment is something that a lot of big corporations actually want in their industries, because the more we regulate their industry, the more it crowds out their small business competition," Carra said. "So if we lower that regulatory environment, small businesses will be able to compete with the big businesses, and big businesses will not have the burdensome red tape to deal with themselves. Lower taxes for them, lower taxes for everybody, unilateral across the board, and we can see our economy thrive."

This package is significantly thinner than the plan to abolish the MEDC in the Senate from Sen. Thomas Albert, R-Lowell, which consists of 53 bills that also establish a new bureau as well as lay out plans for brownfield redevelopment and renaissance zones.

Carra said he did not know there were bills in play in the Senate, but that they were able to touch base about it, saying this proved broad support across the Legislature, not just with House Republicans. He said their package is more focused on the abolition and not a process moving forward like Albert's package.

The bills would focus on moving forward, Carra said, so the deals made by the state now would be still administered by the MSF board.

In working with a quasi-governmental agency, which Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said no one can unilaterally disarm, Carra said, the MEDC can make their own investments as a corporation in the nature of a free market, but that it should not compel taxpayers to fund the projects.

Speaker Matt Hall and Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks, as part of the budget proposal, vowed to pass legislation on a new economic development tool after the defunding of the SOAR fund. Carra said he opposes this plan as he just does not believe the government has a role in driving the economy.

The SOAR fund still holds around \$607 million. Carra, when asked what he wants to see done with it, said it should be "returned to the people."

At the last MSF board meeting, American Axle and Manufacturing in Three Rivers received a State Essential Services Assessment tax exemption of almost \$1 million for five years to make facility upgrades at their facility. This plant resides in Carra's district.

Carra said many of the deals are "foregone conclusions."

"It's just how business as usual is and picking winners and losers, so I'm not going to fight against when some of that comes back to my community, just the system in general should not exist," Carra said.

Danielle Emerson, spokesperson for the MEDC, touted in a statement that the MEDC's programs and services that trained and placed "more than 5,950 workers and more than 1,480 interns in good-paying jobs; helped more than 2,000 new businesses start up; and helped small businesses secure roughly \$2.77 billion in new revenue."

"Our MBDP program has a more than 80% success rate, as touted by economists, and our Small Business Support Hubs have been lauded for helping everyday citizens access resources to start a business, minimize supply chain cost through peer-to-peer networking and local contracts, and create solutions in real time all at little-to-no-cost to them - all while keeping business dollars here in Michigan," Emerson said. "That mission and these outcomes remain as important as ever to the MEDC."

Michigan Economic Development Corp. taking serious fire from all sides

Commentary by Zach Gorchow **Gongwer News Service Michigan President**

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation has not faced such an existential threat in its 26-year existence.

Gov. John Engler launched the MEDC in 1999.

It was birthed through an interlocal agreement between the Michigan Strategic Fund and local economic development agencies with the concept of helping the state compete with other states for economic expansion and retain existing

business operations.

With the change, the function of economic attraction/ retention moved out of state government, where it was previously known as the Michigan Jobs Commission, and into a quasi-public corporation. This allowed for a few important structural changes.

One, market rates could be paid in wages to people skilled in the economic attraction game. Civil service wages weren't cutting it. Two, it allowed those working on economic attraction to take leaders of recruited businesses out for drinks - something they couldn't do while part of state government at the time. Three, as a quasi-public corporation, its funding became less of a direct appropriation subject to legislative oversight.

The incentives that the MEDC uses to woo companies have changed dramatically through the years. There were the old Michigan Economic Growth Authority credits started in the Engler era and turbocharged during the administration of Gov. Jennifer Granholm in the 2000s. The MEDC moved toward small cash incentives and more modest tax incentives in the 2010s during Gov. Rick Snyder's tenure. Since Gov. Gretchen Whitmer took office in 2019, it's handed out big bags of cash through the soon-to-die Strategic Outreach and Attraction Reserve Fund.

Between the near-universal disdain for SOAR, the controversies the MEDC has faced and rising populism, there are real questions about the MEDC's future in a post-Whitmer world.

In the past, a coalition of business-friendly Democrats and Republicans supported the MEDC. A far-left/far-right coalition opposed to government funding for business incentives was outnumbered. These days, however, that left/ right coalition doesn't seem so far toward their respective ends of the political spectrum. In fact, in the Legislature currently they seem to have the upper hand. The death of SOAR is the prime evidence of it.

Now, majority Republicans in the House and minority Republicans in the Senate have introduced bills to abolish the MEDC. The Republican candidates for governor are talking about jettisoning the MEDC shortly after taking the oath of office on Jan. 1, 2027. And legislative Democrats are providing little to no cover for Whitmer or the MEDC.

On Wednesday (Nov. 5) when the House Republicans announced their bills to abolish the MEDC, Whitmer took the unusual step of vowing a veto. Governors don't often issue veto threats. There's probably hundreds of bills introduced during the term the governor would obviously veto if they ever reached her desk.

In this case, I viewed the governor's threat as less directed at the House – she knows the Republican majority there will do as it will regardless of what she says - and more at the Senate Democratic majority, where support for the MEDC is thin at best.

The comments came two days after two prominent Senate Democrats told The Detroit News they favored putting whatever economic tools that replace SOAR under the auspices of an agency other than the MEDC (Sen. Mallory McMorrow of Royal Oak, a longtime MEDC critic and U.S. Senate candidate) or would consider putting them outside the MEDC (Senate Majority Floor Leader Sam Singh of East

It's possible that the governor maybe felt the need to buck up the MEDC and provide some air support – it has been a really rough six months for the organization - and it doesn't have many allies at this point beyond the governor and her staff in the Romney Building. But it's also a fact that no matter what the Republicans say, the MEDC isn't going anywhere for the next 13-plus months – unless Senate Democrats decide to join the parade.

The risk, of course, with a veto threat is it might make legislators feel like they have a free shot at passing something they think is politically popular without having to worry about the implications of it becoming law because the governor will veto it. But it sure felt like a signal to the governor's fellow Democrats on the south side of the Capitol: Don't.

Savvy Senior Column, continued

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Understanding the Different **Types** of Funeral **Service Options**

By Aaron Franks, "Aaron the Funeral Guy"

Recently, I received an email from a reader asking, "What options are available at a funeral home in regard to burial/ services/etc.?"

It's a great question — and one I hear often. The truth is, there are more options today than ever before when it comes to how we say goodbye to those we love. Some families prefer simplicity, others want tradition, and some are drawn to more modern or eco-friendly choices. My role as a funeral director isn't to tell families what they need, but to present every option, explain what each one means, and help them make the decision that feels right for their hearts and their budget.

Below is a brief overview of the most common types of funeral and disposition options available today. Keep in mind that not all of these are currently legal in the state of Michigan, but it's still helpful to understand what each entails. I'll be exploring each of these in greater detail in future articles.

Direct Cremation - This is the simplest form of cremation. There's no public viewing or ceremony, and the deceased is cremated shortly after death. The cremated remains are then returned to the family, who may choose to hold a memorial or celebration of life at a later date, but the funeral home is not involved.

Cremation with Memorial Service - This option allows for a meaningful ceremony after cremation, either at the funeral home, a church, or another location. The cremated remains may be present in an urn, and loved ones can gather to share stories, photos, and memories.

Traditional Cremation - A traditional cremation includes a visitation and funeral service with the body present, followed by cremation afterward. This option combines the familiarity of a traditional service with the flexibility of cremation as the final choice.

Alkaline Hydrolysis (Water Cremation) - Also known as "aquamation," this method uses a water-based process instead of flame. It's considered more environmentally friendly, but it is not yet legal in Michigan.

Immediate Burial - This involves a simple burial without a public service or viewing. Families often choose this when they prefer a quiet goodbye or plan to hold a memorial service at a later time.

Traditional Burial - This is what many people think of when they picture a funeral — a visitation, service, and burial at a cemetery. It offers a familiar structure and a meaningful opportunity for family and friends to come together and pay their respects.

Green Burial - Green, or natural, burial focuses on returning the body to the earth naturally. It avoids embalming chemicals and often uses biodegradable caskets or shrouds. While still limited in Michigan, green burial options are growing in popularity.

Human Composting (Natural Organic Reduction) - This emerging practice gently transforms the body into nutrientrich soil over time. It's an eco-conscious alternative to burial or cremation, though it is not currently legal in Michigan.

Ship-In / Ship-Out Services - When a loved one passes away from home or wishes to be buried elsewhere, funeral homes coordinate transportation—either bringing your loved one home ("ship-in") or sending them to another location ("ship-out") with care and respect.

Military Honors - For veterans, military honors are one of the most meaningful parts of their farewell. This may include the folding and presentation of the flag, the playing of "Taps," and sometimes a rifle salute. It's a powerful way to honor service and sacrifice.

As you can see, there's no one-size-fits-all approach to funerals. What's most important is that the service feels authentic to the person being remembered and provides comfort to those who love them.

In the coming weeks, I'll be taking a closer look at each of these options-what they involve, what they cost, and how to decide which might be right for you or your family.

A Note from Aaron the Funeral Guy: If you have a question you'd like me to answer in a future column, I'd love to hear from you! You can email me anytime at aaronthefuneralguy@gmail.com.

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