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Among those serving the dinner will be, from left, Mary Ann Peirsol, Gloria Towns, Cher Carpenter, Garry Hartwick, Jerry Bougher, Ben Krebs, Larry Clark, and Val Bougher.

## St. John's Lutheran Church to serve German Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>

Come one, come all! St. John's Lutheran Church in Fowlerville is inviting you to join them for a German Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 17th at 132 S. Benjamin Street. The dinner will be served from 5-6:30pm and will be a sit-down or carry-out dinner, your choice. No pre-ticket sales. It will be first come, first served, or until all dinners are sold out. The cost of the dinner is \$15 for adults, \$7 for children ages 5-10, and children ages 4 and under are free.

The menu for the evening will include baked chicken, German potato salad, sauerkraut & kielbasa, buttered noodles, green beans, coleslaw, dinner rolls, beverage and chocolate cake or apple dessert. You won't want to miss it!!

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tickets for a hand-made Christmas themed quilt which will be on display. No better way to start your Christmas shopping!

Additionally, you can register for a Women's Retreat that will take place at St. John's on Saturday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. While your husband is out preparing for the big hunt you can enjoy some fellowship, music, and light lunch with other ladies. All for only \$20. The event will be from 9:30am-1:30pm. To register, you can call the church office at 517-223-9108 from 9am – 2pm, Tuesday-Friday.

Please feel free to join us for Sunday worship. Our worship service begins at 9:30am. The church is located at 132 S. Benjamin, at the corner of Benjamin and Church Street, one block off of Grand River Avenue. Worship with Holy Communion is shared with a time of fellowship and light refreshments following the service. All are welcome.

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Tenley Nicklin, right, is greeted by her former teacher Mrs. Kathleen Bowling when she came to the Fowlerville Junior High classroom to talk about the book she recently published.



Fowlerville High School  
freshman publishes book &  
hosts book signing

Fowlerville High School freshman Tenley Nicklin has turned her love of storytelling into an exciting accomplishment: becoming a published author! Tenley began developing the characters and story for her first book, “The Realm Keepers,” in fourth grade. After years of writing, editing and revising, she published the book while she was an eighth grader at Fowlerville Junior High. It is now available through the Barnes & Noble website

Recently, Tenley returned to Mrs. Bowling’s English classroom to share her writing and publishing experience with

students, which was featured on WILX TV-10. She also held book signings at the Junior High during lunch periods and Parent-Teacher Conferences. Tenley credits her family and Mrs. Bowling, her seventh- and eighth-grade English teacher, for encouraging her and supporting her journey.

With seven more books already started, Tenley has plenty of stories left to tell. She is also exploring college writing programs and hopes to publish books in a variety of genres. Congratulations, Tenley, on publishing “The Realm Keepers” and sharing your accomplishment through your book signings! We are proud of your creativity and perseverance and look forward to seeing where your writing takes you.

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## A Lesson in Humility

By Susan Kretchman

*“A simple act of kindness has the power to change a life”.*  
(Author Unknown)

Lasting impressions or experiences in life have a way of remaining in one’s memories either to bring a smile or a pause of reflection. In today’s instance, it’s a smile underscored with gratitude for choosing kindness and patience.

I was in the middle of a very busy day filled with multiple reports, letters, memos, customer files to type. This was before the days of using a word processor to ease these tasks, everything was still being done on an electric typewriter. Factoring in taking phone calls or assisting an occasional walk in customer, this particular day was filled with many responsibilities that needed completion in a timely manner. Thus, interruptions were not my best friend.

Looking back I can now see where a disruption to my work actually could be defined as divine appointments. Why? Because by taking a look at who’s involved, the reason for a brief meeting, and all the emotions that were produced, there was a lesson to be gained. So, even though I don’t remember the day of the week or the exact time when she came to our office, I can still see her face, her tears, fear and grief as I brought her to a place of privacy and quiet to answer her questions.

Sitting with me at a small table was a beautiful woman in her mid-to-late 40s. Her hair was styled very neatly. As I listened to her request for help, she began pulling bank statements along with her checkbook from her handbag. “Can you help me? I don’t know what to do... how to write a check.... or what to do with these statements.”

I was caught off guard. I thought her visit to the bank was merely to reconcile a transaction or two that could be solved easily in a few minutes. Instead, I realized the problem was more complex. What I could do quickly and naturally was totally foreign to her. But why the tears?

As I sorted the statements, taking her checkbook in hand to open and lay aside, she explained as tears rolled down her brown cheeks that her husband had recently died unexpectedly. She was mourning. She was still in shock. And she was full of anxiety. Slowly she told me how it was he who had always paid the bills. He took care of all their finances. She wasn’t upset by being left out so to speak. She was describing how—in this sudden new place of being widowed—do I do this.

Over the course of what had to be an hour or so with her—all the while in the back of my mind—I’m thinking “I have SO much work to do...” I found myself feeling resentful, not towards her, but facing the time her needs were taking from me.

Like a teacher with a young student, I walked her through how to write a check in order to pay a bill, and how to enter it in the register of her checkbook. Because a couple of months had gone by since her husband’s death and her account hadn’t been reconciled to bank statements, I made the decision to start her balance with the amount “the bank” reflected on our system. With that number, I taught her how to add, subtract, and gave a brief lesson on how to “balance” her book balance with the bank’s when her monthly statement was received.

All seemed to go well as she listened and appeared to comprehend my instructions. Yet, I could tell she remained apprehensive. She even mentioned she may need more help and alluded that I could become the person she’d lean on. Although that was certainly feasible, it wasn’t an ideal solution. To ease her fears, I asked “Is there someone you trust to help you for a while? To sit down with you to help write checks and balance your account until you’re totally comfortable on your own?”

“I think so,” she said. “I can ask my pastor.”

Ah. I breathed a sigh of relief, for her and for me. “I’m so happy you have a pastor, someone you trust to help you.” Being able to affirm her choice and send her on her way was a ‘win win’ for both of us. She could begin to move on in the complexity of embracing widowhood and I could selfishly return to my workload.

But, before she gathered her statements and checkbook to return them to her purse, she caught me off guard as she bowed her head, closed her eyes and quietly said “*Jesus, thank you for giving me this woman to help me in my time of need ... Amen.*” Those aren’t the exact words I am able to remember from over 40 years ago. My lapse in memory in that regard isn’t important. What’s at the forefront is a lesson in humility I learned that busy work day. God used a task-oriented young woman and a grieving widow to break down what’s truly important, an experience directly pictured in Matthew’s gospel: “*Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.*” (Matthew 10:32)

I was still quite new in my own faith journey as a Christian when I met this “customer.” She’d been living in a relationship with Him longer than I. That day I was consumed by worrying if I’d get my work finished for co-workers relying on me. She was focused on expressing humble gratitude to God for meeting a need that had previously filled her with anxiety. Her sweet humility and boldness for Christ far outweighed my selfishness or her fears.

An online quote I found says “*A simple act of kindness has the power to change a life*”

Over 40 years ago two simple acts actually changed two lives. As one grieving widow learned some basic skills, one slightly embarrassed young woman observed genuine faith and appreciation expressed in an unashamed prayer of thanksgiving.

I never saw her again. As time went on after our brief encounter I did think of her on occasion, hoping she was getting the help she needed. Thoughts of her soon faded, until today when memories of her came back as a reminder for me—hopefully for you, too—that indeed, “simple acts of kindness DO change our lives”.

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## What Happens After a Miscarriage? A Funeral Director’s Perspective

By Aaron Franks, “Aaron the Funeral Guy”

There are some losses that people openly talk about, and others that are often carried much more quietly. Miscarriage is one of them.

For many parents, the excitement begins long before anyone else knows there is a baby on the way. Maybe they have already picked out a name. Maybe they’ve imagined what the nursery will look like, wondered whether the baby will have Mom’s eyes or Dad’s smile, or pictured what life is going to look like with another person in their family. Then, sometimes without warning, those plans change.

From a funeral director’s perspective, there is something I wish more families knew after experiencing a miscarriage: you may have choices about what happens next.

When a miscarriage occurs in a hospital or other medical facility, parents may be asked about the final disposition of their baby’s remains. Some parents choose to allow the hospital or medical facility to handle the disposition, while others choose to involve a funeral home and make their own arrangements.

Michigan law addresses the disposition of fetal remains regardless of how far along the pregnancy was. Before final disposition takes place, the appropriate authorization has to be completed. Parents may direct the final disposition and can authorize a funeral director, the institution where the miscarriage or delivery occurred, or another authorized institution or agency to handle it. Michigan law allows parents to choose

interment or cremation, or they may authorize the medical facility to handle disposition.

There is an important distinction when we start talking about how far along the pregnancy was. In Michigan, a fetal death is required to be reported and registered with the state when the pregnancy has reached at least 20 weeks of gestation or the baby weighs at least 400 grams. That threshold is specifically about reporting the fetal death to the state. It does not determine whether authorization is required for final disposition. Michigan requires authorization for the disposition of fetal remains regardless of the duration of the pregnancy.

That is important because parents experiencing an early miscarriage may assume that because the pregnancy was only eight, ten, or twelve weeks along, they have no say in what happens to their baby’s remains. For a reportable stillbirth, the appropriate fetal death report is filed with the State of Michigan, and a parent named on that record can request a Record of Stillbirth through Michigan Vital Records.

Parents may also wonder whether they can have a funeral after a miscarriage or stillbirth. They can. It doesn’t have to look like the traditional funeral most people picture. Some parents choose burial or cremation followed by a small graveside service. Others may want a private ceremony, a prayer, or simply an opportunity to say goodbye. Some may decide they don’t want a service at all.

Unfortunately, parents are often being asked to consider these things while sitting in a hospital room trying to process what has just happened. If you find yourself in that position, it is okay to ask what will happen to your baby’s remains. You can ask about involving a funeral home, burial or cremation, and whether there are opportunities to spend time with your baby or create keepsakes such as photographs, handprints, or footprints when circumstances allow.

I also think we need to be careful about the way we talk to someone who has experienced a miscarriage. People sometimes say things with the best intentions that can unintentionally minimize the loss. “At least it happened early.” “You can try again.” “Everything happens for a reason.” Those words may be intended to comfort, but to someone who was already imagining a life with that baby, they can hurt.

There may not be years of photographs or stories for friends and family to share. Depending on how early the pregnancy ended, there may never have been an opportunity for the parents to hold their baby. But there were hopes and plans. Maybe there was already a name. There was a child those parents were preparing to welcome into their family, and grief doesn’t require a certain number of weeks of pregnancy before someone is allowed to feel it.

Every parent will experience that grief differently. Some will want to talk about their baby, while others may not. Some will want a physical place where they can go and remember their baby, while others will find meaning in something completely different. There is no right or wrong way to navigate a loss like this.

If you or someone you love ever experiences a miscarriage or stillbirth, the hospital, healthcare provider, or a funeral director can help explain the options available based on the circumstances. You don’t have to have all the answers in that moment. Sometimes simply knowing that you have choices and having an opportunity to say goodbye in a way that feels right for your family can make a difference.

Is there something about funerals, cremation, or funeral service you’ve always wondered about? Send me your questions or ideas at [aaronthefuneralguy@gmail.com](mailto:aaronthefuneralguy@gmail.com). You might just inspire a future article!

Aaron Franks is a Funeral Director at Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes.

## Dick Scott

### MOTOR MALL

### Fowlerville High School’s “ATHLETES” OF THE WEEK

Jud Scott

### Girls Varsity Volleyball

**Avery Borg** - Avery is a senior, captain, and the libero on the varsity volleyball team. This year, she has improved her defense tremendously and is a staple to the back row. Her intensity, hard work, and dedication to the sport shows on and off the court. Currently, she leads the team in digs and passing. Avery is also a model student and excels in the classroom as an honor roll student. Congratulations Avery!

**Abby Ferguson** - Abby is a senior, captain, and a defensive specialist on the varsity volleyball team. This year, she has become a stronger leader for her team and the underclassmen. Abby is asked to play in many different positions in a game and she does so willing. Abby is also a model student and excels in the classroom as an honor roll student. Congratulations Abby!

**Josie Kaitner** - Josie is a returning varsity player as a junior and the starting setter. Her quiet, but demanding presence on court shows that she is a true leader. Josie has worked really hard to improve her blocking skills and perfect setting a quicker offense. She leads the team in assists, aces, and points scored so far this season. Josie is also a model student and excels in the classroom as an honor roll student. Congratulations Josie!

### JUD’S FOOTBALL FORECAST

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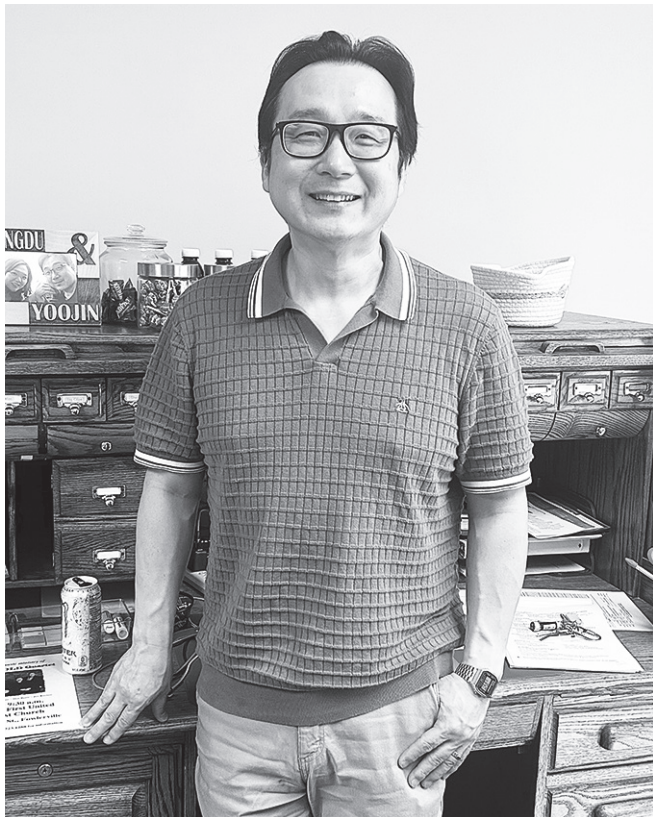
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JD Paik is the new pastor at the Fowlerville and Webberville United Methodist Churches.

## Fowlerville & Webberville United Methodist Churches welcome new pastor

By Steve Horton

‘The Parable of the Seed and Soil’ is one that likely would resonate in the Fowlerville-Webberville area, given that farming has been historically an important component of the two communities, and remains so. The croplands still dominant the countryside despite the changing nature of the industry and the influx of new (non-farming) residents over the past half-century.

The story, found in the Gospel of Matthew, tells of a sower (i.e. farmer) scattering seed which fell on four types of soil: the path, rocky ground, among thorns, and in good soil. Jesus noted that some of the seed was eaten by birds, some sprouted quickly but withered in the scorching sun due to shallow roots, and some was choked by thorns, but pointed out that the seeds sown in the fertile ground flourished and produced an abundant harvest.

Jesus likened the seeds to the message of God’s kingdom he was proclaiming and the different types of soil to how we receive that message; how open our minds are to its meaning and whether or not we take the message to heart. He added that whoever “hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

It was this parable that Pastor JD (Jundu) Paik credited with convincing him several years ago to leave his career in business and embrace a calling to become a minister. Also motivating the decision, he said, was his mother. He explained that she is a pastor (as is his step-father) and would ask him from time-to-time when he was a young man if he’d considered joining the ministry.

“She had me over for dinner when she asked me that question again, and I responded by saying I’d think about it,” he recalled. “It was the first time I’d thought about it in a serious way. I prayed about it, thought about how I’d responded to her, and then one morning I woke up and opened the Bible and there on the page was the Parable to the Seed and Soil. I also thought of the Parable of the Mustard Seed (telling us that God’s Kingdom begins with humble, small beginnings but grows into something vast, sheltering and far-reaching), and I felt God was calling me as a good seed and He had a plan for a fruitful life through my ministry. But it depended on how I responded and how I served as to whether I can make it hundred times, sixty, or thirty. So I prayed to be that humble mustard seed and that I could be a good seed and have a fruitful life.”

The calling has now brought him to the Fowlerville and Webberville United Methodist Churches where he began his ministerial duties this past July. Pastor JD conducts the Sunday service in Fowlerville at 9:30am and then reprises it in Webberville at 11am. He has also been splitting his time at the two church offices during the week.

He replaces Pastor Scott Herald who had been handling the duties in Fowlerville, along with doing services in Morrice and Bancroft on an alternating basis, and Paula Vergowven who was pastor at the Webberville UM Church and did services on an alternating basis at Trinity United Methodist and Plainfield United Methodist Churches.

Pastor Scott’s decision to retire at the end of the church

year in June (when the annual conference is held), coupled with the closing of Trinity and Plainfield earlier this year, resulted in Pastor Vergonwven being assigned to a church in Rogers City and the decision to pair Fowlerville and Webberville.

Pastor JD is no stranger to doing two Sunday services or working with two congregations. “My previous assignment was with the United Methodist churches in Elsie and Shepherdsville where I served over five years,” he noted.

Part of the decision-making was a need to keep him in the Lansing area, given the fact that his wife is also a pastor and is serving the Wacousta Community United Methodist Church and they have a 21-month-old son named Sean.

Paster JD grew up in Seoul, South Korea, took business courses while attending a university, earning a bachelor’s degree in advertising and public relations, and subsequently obtained a job in marketing research with the pharmaceutical company G & M. He noted that his father is a businessman.

However, twenty years ago his mother, step-father, and sister moved to the United States, settling in Kansas City. Three years later, his company sent him to the US with the goal of finding a suitable location for a branch office.

“Chicago was chosen and I was deemed the ideal candidate to operate the office,” Pastor JD said.

But then came his mother’s question and the calling which led to a change in his life and the end of his business career.

“I attended the Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas and became on ordained minister,” he said.

He noted that he was in Iowa City, assisting at a church where his mother served as a senior pastor, when he met his wife Yoojin who had attended Boston University School of Theology.

Their now shared career aspirations of being pastors brought them to Michigan where they were married in 2016. For his part, Pastor JD had taken a position as the youth minister the Korean Methodist church in Ann Arbor and remained there until the couple moved to the Lansing area where they each had received church assignments.

One of the first things the congregations in Fowlerville and Webberville learned about their new pastor is that he loves to sing and that he also plays the guitar.

“I believe the music is an important part of my ministry,” Pastor JD said. “The words in a song, accompanied by the music, can provide encouragement and comfort. For someone who is ill or has a broken heart, music can be powerful in soothing their pain or fears or despair. I sometimes include it during a Sunday service or during a visitation.”

Like any new minister would, he has been focused in getting to know people, putting names to faces, and familiarizing himself with the two churches and the communities they serve. He’s also preparing to make calls to parishioners who are homebound or in a care facility.

“The people have been very welcoming,” he said. “There are a lot of similarities between Fowlerville and Webberville and the rural communities I served in Elsie and Shepherdsville. Right now I am focused on our getting to know each other and then going from there.”

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Teacher pay declined more in Michigan than any other state in last 30 years

By Lily Guiney  
Gongwer News Service

As teachers across the United States continue to earn less on average than other workers with similar levels of education and experience in their fields, Michigan’s education workforce stands out as experiencing the worst 30-year drop in salary of any state in the nation, a new report from Michigan State University found.

Researchers at MSU’s Education Policy Innovation Collaborative examined data from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York which showed that in 2026, early career workers with degrees in elementary education and secondary education, the most common degrees held by K-12 teachers, earn roughly \$45,000, 22% less than college graduates overall.

Against the earnings of other professionals, data shows teachers are paid less than other college-educated workers, teacher salaries relative to other workers are lower now than they used to be and Michigan’s teacher wage penalty, the disparity in pay between workers of the same experience and education level, has “grown markedly” in recent years.

As of 2024, the typical American teacher earned 26.9% less than other workers with similar levels of education and experience, the report said.

The average salary for teachers across the U.S. between 1995 and 2025 declined by 4.2%, but 16 states saw average inflation-adjusted salaries increase during that time.

“In some states, average teacher salaries have risen by more

than 15% since 1995, including Washington state, California, Utah and New Mexico, where salaries increased by 26.5%, 19.3%, 18.6% and 15.8%, respectively,” the report said. “Of the 35 states where average teacher salaries declined from 1995-2025, eight saw a decline of at least 15%, including Wisconsin, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Florida, Alaska, Indiana and Michigan.”

In Michigan, where the decline was most pronounced, the 29% decrease stands out for its particularly wide margin. Indiana, the state with the next-largest decline, saw the average teacher’s salary fall by 20.7% during the 30-year period.

The past two years have seen a salary gap grow by 10% between recent college graduates in teaching and those who pursue other careers.

Researchers said Michigan’s wage penalty was, until recently, smaller than the national figure. In 2019, Michigan’s teacher wage penalty was 15.9% and grew more slowly than the national average through 2022. Michigan’s wage penalty for teachers changed in 2022, however, and began growing at a much faster rate than the national average.

Although the teacher wage penalty for the U.S. overall increased 0.5 percentage points between 2022 and 2024, Michigan’s grew by more than eight percentage points and surpassed the national average. As of 2024, the average Michigan teacher earned 28.8% less than other college educated workers, making the state’s wage penalty for teachers the 12<sup>th</sup> highest in the nation.

It’s unlikely Michigan will be able to easily recover its position in national rankings for teacher compensation, researchers reasoned.

“Given that teacher salaries across the country have been rising faster than those in Michigan, it is likely that Michigan’s ranking will continue to slide. Lower starting salaries mean it is now likely harder to recruit talented individuals into teaching generally, and that Michigan may be losing teaching talent to higher-paying states,” the report said. “Because state policy plays a central role in how Michigan schools are funded, efforts to change teacher compensation at scale would likely involve decisions about state revenues and spending priorities. Those decisions involve tradeoffs.”

Recent public opinion polling suggests Michiganders support raising teacher pay and have indicated there are several avenues which they’d agree with the state pursuing to do so but they have more complex feelings about how to fund those options.

Many people supported moving state dollars from non-educational expenditures to raise teacher pay, but support eroded for other funding sources.

“Shifting funding from non-educational expenditures enjoys the greatest public support, at 55.1%, and is the only approach supported by a majority of Michiganders. Shifting funding from other educational expenditures is supported by 39.9% of the public, while increasing taxes is supported by 25.7%,” the report said, citing a poll from 2025. “The approaches with the least public support are cutting educational services and increasing class sizes to fund salary increases, at 16.4% support and 9.7% support, respectively.

These findings suggest that Michiganders are most supportive of funding teacher salary increases through reallocating existing state funding, particularly from non-educational expenditures.”

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Cydney I Martin and Lin-  
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Agreement

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: September 29, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 10, 2017

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$243,760.78

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in  
Township of Genoa, Livingston County, Michigan, and  
described as: Lot 27 of Birkenstock Farms, as record-  
ed in Liber 30 of Plats, Pages 49 through 52, Livingston  
County Records.

Common street address (if any): 7798 Spring Trace Rd,  
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This notice is from a debt collector.  
Date of notice: September 27, 2026  
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Paul Wladischkin and Kev-  
in T. White and Kari E. White, husband and wife, Dawn  
Wladischkin

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: April 8, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: April 20, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$311,059.90

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City  
of Howell, Livingston County, Michigan, and described  
as: Lot(s) 90 of ROLLING OAKS according to the Plat  
thereof recorded in Liber 31 of Plats, Page 13 of Living-  
ston County Records.

Common street address (if any): 1613 Oak Squire Ct,  
Howell, MI 48855-7788

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Robert E Weirich and Don-  
na L Weirich, Husband and Wife

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Cor-  
poration

Date of Mortgage: April 5, 2024

Date of Mortgage Recording: April 11, 2024

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$305,789.64

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City  
of Howell, Livingston County, Michigan, and described  
as: The Westerly 66 feet of Lot 42 of Assessor’s Plat No.  
4, City of Howell, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 33,  
Livingston County Records.

Common street address (if any): 515 Riddle St, Howell,  
MI 48843-1139

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date  
of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accord-  
dance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real prop-  
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By Jace Arledge  
*A Three-Part Newspaper Series--Part I*  
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these things, and how are they determined? People like to reference the Constitution for the answers, and I understand why. It is the foundation we were taught to trust. But I believe freedom and equality did not begin in Philadelphia. They began with God, who created every one of us in His own image. No document gave us our worth, and no document can take it away.  
 The Constitution was never a finished promise of liberty and equality for everyone who lives here. For most people in this country in 1787, freedom and equality were not given at all. They had to be prayed for, marched for, and won, often at a heartbreaking cost. And history teaches something just as sobering: what one generation wins, another can lose.  
 I write this not to condemn anyone, but with grace, hoping we can see one another more clearly. Before the Constitution, America operated under the Articles of Confederation. Though this was not a strong document, it helped hold thirteen independent-minded states together through the end of the Revolution. By the mid-1780s, however, economic instability, trade conflicts, unpaid national debts, the inability to enforce laws, the absence of a unified foreign policy, and Shays Rebellion exposed the weaknesses of the young government.  
 The Constitutional Convention of 1787 was called to revise the Articles but instead produced a new governing framework, one strong enough to tax, regulate trade, and enforce its laws. It solved many of the problems threatening the young nation. But a government strong enough to hold a country together is not the same as one that protects everyone in it.  
 So, I have to ask: Has this document helped everyone who lives in America? Is everyone equal and free based on this document from the 1700s?  
 Before answering, it helps to ask what freedom and equality really mean. Freedom can mean being left alone, with no government stopping you from speaking, worshipping, or gathering. But it also means having a real chance to live it out: an education, a vote that counts, and a fair shot at caring for your family.  
 Equality is just as layered: the same laws for everyone, an equal voice at the ballot box, and a fair starting point. It is worth remembering that “all men are created equal” comes from the Declaration of Independence, not the Constitution, and that the Declaration says our rights are “endowed by their Creator,” not granted by any government.  
 The guarantee of “equal protection of the laws” did not appear in the Constitution until the Fourteenth Amendment in 1868, more than eighty years later. Scripture reminds us, “For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters,” and that freedom is not for self-indulgence but to be lived out “through love” for one another.  
 A person can be free and equal on paper and feel neither in daily life.  
 So, did the Constitution make everyone free and equal? The honest answer is ‘no’. The original Constitution was never designed to do that. Without ever using the word, it protected slavery through the Three-Fifths Clause, the Fugitive Slave Clause, and a shield for the slave trade until 1808.  
 Behind those clauses were mothers separated from their children and people who lived and died in bondage while the nation celebrated its liberty. Yet even in chains, many held onto faith, singing spirituals about a promised land and a God who sets captives free.  
 Most states allowed only men who owned property to vote, and nearly every voter was white. Married women often could not own property in their own names. Native Americans were treated as outsiders in their own home, and the Naturalization Act of 1790 limited naturalized citizenship to “free white persons.”  
 The words of liberty were written broadly, but in 1787 they were meant for only a few. The framers left us a way to change the Constitution, but change has almost never come freely.

Every time the circle of freedom widened, it was because people standing outside it refused to give up.  
 So many of them were carried by faith: abolitionists who believed slavery was a sin against God, Sojourner Truth preaching freedom across the country, and church congregations that became the heart of movement after movement.  
 The Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments came only after decades of abolitionist work and a Civil War that cost hundreds of thousands of lives. They promised freedom, citizenship, equal protection, and the vote to people who had been enslaved.  
 Imagine finally holding those promises in your hands, only to watch them slip away.  
 After Reconstruction ended in 1877, poll taxes, literacy tests, violence, and segregation laws stripped Black Americans of those rights. In Plessy v. Ferguson in 1896, the Supreme Court approved “separate but equal.” It was an early and painful lesson that rights can be won and then lost.  
 Women waited even longer. They formally demanded equal rights in the Declaration of Sentiments at Seneca Falls in 1848. It took seventy-two more years of marches, arrests, and hunger strikes to win the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920. Most of the women who signed that declaration never cast a ballot. They fought for granddaughters they would never meet. Even after 1920, many women of color were still turned away from the polls.  
 A right written into law is not always a right people can use. The question of who belongs here has been just as painful. The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 shut out an entire nationality, despite Scripture’s command, “you shall love the alien as yourself.” WongKim Ark, born in San Francisco, was denied reentry to the country of his birth. He took his case to the Supreme Court and won in 1898, confirming that birthright citizenship belongs to everyone born here.  
 Native Americans were not recognized as citizens until 1924. During World War II, more than 100,000 people of Japanese ancestry, most of them citizens, were forced from their homes into incarceration camps.  
 Each injustice was challenged only because ordinary people refused to accept it.  
 Nearly a century after the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments were passed, the civil rights movement forced the nation to honor them. Brown v. Board of Education struck down school segregation. The movement was born in church basements and carried forward on prayer.  
 People sat at lunch counters, walked miles rather than ride segregated buses, and marched across bridges. Many were beaten, jailed, or killed.  
 Echoing the prophet Amos, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. declared that we would not be satisfied “until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.”  
 Their sacrifice won the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.  
 Later generations carried the fight forward. Young people won the vote at eighteen. People with disabilities, some crawling up the steps of the Capitol, won the Americans with Disabilities Act.  
 Same-sex couples won the freedom to marry.  
 In every case, equality was already promised in our founding words. What was missing was the will to honor it, and those left out had to create that will themselves.  
 And that brings us to a question that is harder than looking backward: What happens when rights that generations fought to secure begin to narrow again?  
 That is where the story continues.  
 In Part II, we will look at the painful lesson history keeps teaching us: rights can be won, but they can also be lost. We will also consider how faith, public programs, privilege, and our understanding of freedom shape the way we respond to our neighbors today.

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Fowlerville Varsity Football Team falls to Mason, 46-6 in CAAC Red action

By Bill Call

The Fowlerville Varsity Football Team traveled to Mason on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> for a CAAC Red Division game against the #3 ranked Bulldogs, falling by a 46-6 score.

Fowlerville played tough on defense in the first quarter, holding Mason to a single touchdown. However, a combination of Gladiator mistakes and a strong Mason offense resulted in the Bulldogs putting up three more scores.

A bright spot for the Gladiators was an 88-yard kickoff return after one of those TDs by Kellen Douglass, who took the ball up the middle of the field and then cut to his right for a clear pathway into the end zone. This is the second longest kickoff return in 101 years of Fowlerville football, the other person to score an 88-yard kickoff return was Kellen’s Uncle Tyler Douglass, against Mason on Oct. 18, 2003. The longest kickoff return was a 95-yard return accomplished by Paul Prinz on Sept, 1, 2000 against Linden.

Mason added another touchdown in the second quarter making the score 43-6 at halftime.

Coming out at halftime, the 35-point difference resulted in a running clock. The only score in the second half was a 30-yard field goal by Mason, making it 46-6.

The victory put Mason at 4-0 in the CAAC Red Division, while Fowlerville fell to 1-3. The others in the Division are Haslett, Williamson, Lansing Eastern, and St. Johns.

The Gladiators traveled to St. Johns to take on the Redwings this Friday night, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> (past the newspaper deadline) for their final league game. They host Pinckney this coming Friday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> for Senior Night.

Game Stats:

**Passing:** Kellen Douglass - 8 of 19 for 55-yards and 1 interception; Jaxon Murray - 1 of 3 for 0 yards and 1 interception.

**Receiving:** Connell Hardenbrook - 3 receptions for 15-yards; Jacob Hodge, 2 receptions for 14-yards; Ryder Kleinschmidt 2 receptions for 7-yards.

**Defensive:** Hunter Pappas 10 solo tackles, 2 assisted tackles, 1 sack; Jacob Hodge, 6 solo tackles, 2 assisted tackles; Gavin Rager, 3 solo tackles, 3 assisted tackles; Ryder Kleinschmidt, 5 solo tackles, 1 assist; Todd Darling, 2 solo tackles, 4 assisted tackles.

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

October 1

8:23 a.m.--Medical response on W Sharpe Rd in Handy Township.

10:06 a.m.--Citizen assist on Fowlerville Rd in Handy Township.

10:48 a.m.--Odor investigation on N Grand Ave in the Village.

4:30 p.m.--Odor investigation on Sober Rd in Conway Township.

4:34 p.m.--Odor investigation on Chase Lake Rd in Conway Township.

9:24 p.m.--Medical response on Stow Rd in Handy Township.

10:04 p.m.--Medical response on Brookdale Dr in the Village.

October 2

7:05 a.m.--Carbon monoxide alarm investigation on Meadowview St in the Village.

5:49 p.m.--Medical response on Garrett Dr in Handy Township.

9:36 p.m.--Medical response on Mohrle Rd in Conway Township.

October 3

1:52 p.m.--Medical response on Maplefield Dr in Conway Township.

2:41 p.m.--Electrical hazard on Iosco Rd in Iosco Township.

4:19 p.m.--Assist Fowlerville Police on W Grand River in the Village.

10:06 p.m.--Medical response on S Maple St in the Village.

October 4

12:18 a.m.--Medical response on Nichole Dr in Handy Township.

4:29 p.m.--Medical response on W Sharpe Rd in the Village.

6:01 p.m.--Medical response on Sargent Rd in Handy Township.

8:58 p.m.--Medical response on W Fork River Dr in Handy Township.

10:20 p.m.--Medical response on Terry Ave in Handy Township.

October 5

5:57 a.m.--Medical response on Chippewa River Dr in Handy Township.

10:07 a.m.--Medical response on E Grand River in the Village.

October 6

10:12 a.m.--Medical response on Sargent Rd in Handy Township.

2:28 p.m.--Personal injury accident on Fowlerville Rd in Handy Township.

9:12 p.m.--Medical response on W Grand River in the Village.

October 7

3:00 p.m.--Vehicle fire on Church St in the Village.

6:45 p.m.--Medical response on Sherwood Rd in Conway Township.

10:18 p.m.--Medical response on National Park Dr in the Village.

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**Saturday, December 5th, 2026**

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Online Registration:  
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The Arc Livingston holding Holiday Fashion Show at Howell on Nov. 19th

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Letter to the Editor

In a recent “Letter to the Editor”, Sandra Helzerman recently wrote “if we don’t get out and vote for Republicans, there will be a third impeachment attempt of our president..” Boy I sure hope so!

She worries about someone reshaping our country, perhaps she doesn’t realize what our current president has been doing. “What is his crime?” she asked. Well Sandra, have you forgotten January 6 and his attempt to overthrow the government?

Then there is the whole matter of his association with Daniel Epstein and why the Epstein Files are not being

released in their entirety as ordered by Congress. Why did he tear down the east wing of the White House, threaten to demolish the Kennedy Center, attempt to build an arch and ballroom and (this is a big one) initiate a war? Was this done to cover up the refusal by his Administration to release all of the Epstein files?

He is a convicted felon. He has been found guilty of sexual assault. He is using the office of POTUS to enrich himself and his family beyond your imagination. Chances are that, as soon as he’s out of office, he could be sent to prison.

Mike Miller  
Fowlerville

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Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check at the place of holding the circuit court in LIVINGSTON County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on October 21, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Charles Richardson and Gail Richardson, husband and wife, whose address is 5623 West Coon Lake Road, Howell, Michigan 48843, as original Mortgagors, to Kaye Financial Corporation, being a mortgage dated December 14, 1998, and recorded on January 12, 1999 in Liber 2504 Page 809, Livingston County Records, State of Michigan and assigned by said mortgagee through mesne assignments to NewRez LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated July 15, 2026 and recorded on July 16, 2026 and given document number 2026R-015411 in Livingston County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT AND 49/100 DOLALRS (\$22,688.49). Said premises are situated in the Township of Marion, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and are described as: PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 FRACTIONAL 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, MARION TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF PINGREE ROAD NORTH 88 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 3632.50 FEET FROM THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 19; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 52 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 170.03 FEET, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 321.27 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 12 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST, 169.94 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 323.20 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Street Address: 5623 West Coon Lake Road, Howell, Michigan 48843

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judiciary Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: September 20, 2026

For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing:  
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(09-20)(10-11)

(9-20, 9-27, 10-4 & 10-11-26 FNV)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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 judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, November 25, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jack Chesser, Single Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as Nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC DBA Veterans United Home Loans, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 10, 2023, and recorded on February 21, 2023, as Document Number: 2023R-002803, Livingston County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated June 10, 2025 and recorded June 10, 2025 by Document Number: 2025R-011136, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Six Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Five and 25/100 (\$625,765.25) including interest at the rate of 6.75000% per annum. \*

Said premises are situated in the Township of Putnam, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7 of Putnam Meadows North, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Liber 39 of Plats, Page(s) 14 Through 19, inclusive, Livingston County Records. Commonly known as: 3596 OUTBACK TRAIL, PINCKNEY, MI 48169

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. • Modified by loan modification dated 06/05/2025 and recorded 07/11/2025 in Document Number: 2025R-013349. • Modified by loan modification dated 04/20/2026 and recorded 05/29/2026 in Document Number: 2026R-011446.

Dated: October 11, 2026  
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC  
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180,  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302,  
(248) 335-9200  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Case No. 26MI00127-2

(10-11)(11-01)

(10-11, 10-18, 10-25 & 11-1-26 FNV)

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Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, November 4, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Tanya Lynn Zirkle, an unmarried woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as Nominee for Amerifirst Financial Corporation, its successors, and assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 22, 2022, and recorded on September 23, 2022, as Document Number: 2022R-025457, Livingston County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 12, 2026 and recorded February 17, 2026 by Document Number: 2026R-003091, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-One and 03/100 (\$192,561.03) including interest at the rate of 5.75000% per annum.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Oceola, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 72 of HICKORY MEADOWS CONDOMINIUM, according to the Master Deed thereof, recorded in Liber 2563 page(s) 885, Livingston County Records, designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 167, and all recorded amendments thereof, if any, together with the rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in said Master Deed and described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Commonly known as: 2705 ARALIA DR, HOWELL, MI 48855

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

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

Dated: October 4, 2026  
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC  
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180,  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302,  
(248) 335-9200  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Case No. 26MI00037-1

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Amy Jarvis addressed the crowd who came to participate in the Maison Wilkinson Youth Soccer Day on October 3rd.

Maison Wilkinson Youth Soccer Day held at school field

By Steve Horton

The Maison Wilkinson Youth Soccer Day was held last Saturday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting with a varsity soccer game between Fowlerville and Pinckney at the main field and followed by a tribute to Maison at the auxiliary field. The tribute included a ceremony to accept the new portable team benches, scorer's table, and scoreboard that were donated by the Maison Wilkinson Memorial Foundation. The special day ended with members of the youth soccer program taking part in skills and drills with the varsity players and coaches.

Maison was eight-and-a-half years old when he died on Sept. 28, 2006 after being struck by a truck. Because of his love for soccer, his family and their friends, began raising money at an annual garage sale held at the Fowlerville Junior High and using those funds to provide scholarships for high school seniors who played soccer throughout their school careers and also helping support various needs throughout the community.

Amy Jarvis, a retired Fowlerville teacher and family friend, was the main speaker. Jarvis had launched the first garage sale as a service project for the Junior High National Honor Society that she sponsored and has been involved with the fundraising effort since then.

Zack Douglass, the director of the Fowlerville Recreation Department, also spoke, expressing his appreciation for the generous donation.

The final speaker was Maylene Turnbo, Maison's mother, who offered a few memories and expressed her appreciation as well. She provided some written remarks after the event. Also present, although he did not speak, was Andrew Wilkinson, Maison's father, as well as other family members.

"As most of you know, this past year marked the end of our fundraising efforts (after 20 years) in memory of our son Maison Zachariah Wilkinson," Maylene Turnbo noted in her written comments. "(During that time)...through the incredible generosity and support of so many people we have raised over \$200,000."

Noting that these funds have gone mainly towards scholarships and other community needs in previous years, she explained that as a final donation "We decided that, with the remaining funds, what better way to bring all of our efforts full circle than to make some changes and additions to the Fowlerville soccer field. What a beautiful way to celebrate Maison's young life and bring everything full circle.

"Maison played soccer for Fowlerville from age 3 until the day he passed away," she said. "He loved soccer so much. He loved his coaches, the camaraderie with his teammates and friends. He especially loved hearing us cheer him on from the sidelines.

"We literally had to drag him off the field after practices and games," she recalled. "When I say he dedicated himself to this sport, I mean that in every sense of the word. Soccer was such a huge part of Maison's life and it feels incredibly special that so many years later, his love for the game is still making an impact on the community he loved.

"Thank you to all who joined us for this first-time event celebrating the life of our son, brother, friend, teammate, Maison Z. Wilkinson," she concluded. "We love seeing everyone as we celebrate Maison, his love of soccer and the lasting legacy he left behind."

Amy Jarvis, in her remarks, highlighted what Maylene had written, along with providing her own memories and thoughts. "What started as a small-scale garage sale in the Junior High gym grew into a larger annual event," Jarvis said. "Although the sale was rewarding, it was physically and mentally draining. Because of that, we switched to a golf outing the last few years. As their fundraising efforts come to a close, Maison's family has chosen to bring that work full circle by giving back to the sport and community that he



In front of the scorer's table that includes a photo of Maison Z. Wilkinson and an inscription, were, from left, Tommy Turnbo, Thomas Turnbo, Maylene Turnbo, Molly Wilkinson, Andrew Wilkinson, Amy Jarvis, and Zack Douglass.



The scorer's table in memory of Maison Wilkinson donated by the Maison Wilkinson Memorial Foundation.

loved.

"Today, we proudly dedicate a new scorer's bench, two team benches, and a scoreboard donated by Maison's foundation to the Fowlerville youth soccer program," she continued. "Generations of players, coaches, and families will use these generous gifts. They will be part of first games, new friendships, exciting goals, and memories made on this field. Through them, Maison's love of soccer will continue to touch the lives of young people in Fowlerville.

"To Maison's family and everyone who has supported his foundation: thank you," she said. "We recognize the love, generosity, and years of dedication behind these gifts. We are grateful to receive them and honored to carry Maison's memory forward.

"To our young players: enjoy the game," Jarvis added. "Encourage your teammates. Thank your coaches and listen to the people cheering you on from the sidelines. Those were the things Maison treasured, and you help keep that spirit alive every time you take the field. To the parents, please enjoy your time watching your child do something he or she loves. Don't worry about their playing time, who the coach is, or the final score. These years go quickly!

"Thank you for being here to celebrate Maison's life, honor his family, and recognize a legacy that continues to bring our community together," she concluded.



The new scoreboard donated to the Fowlerville youth soccer program.



# Fowlerville High School News

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES TO NOTE:

Oct 12 NO SCHOOL  
Oct 13 NO SCHOOL

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.

School pictures are ready! Your child’s school pictures are now available! To view them online, please log in to your account at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com). If you don’t have an account yet, you can create one using your email address. You’ll need your student’s ID number or their portrait id and access code to locate their photos.

Senior signs are still on sale. Order now. The next sale will be in the spring. Go [signaturesignshop.com](http://signaturesignshop.com) and click on the shop/fowlerville tab.

Yearbooks are on sale for another 2 weeks. Jostens.com – click on yearbook – order online use the code YRBK10! to get \$10 off. Last year, the books sold out and there were only a few copies left to sell in the spring.

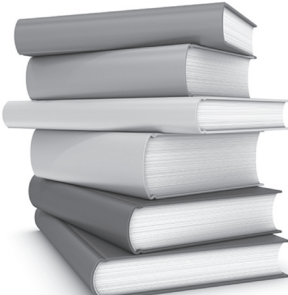
## Fowlerville High School Offers ASVAB for Students 10-12 Grades:

Fowlerville High School would like to share a valuable opportunity for our students in grades 10-12: the chance to take the ASVAB test free of charge (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery). Today’s military offers a wide range of career options (over 250), including paid training and college benefits, making it an excellent pathway for many young adults.

The ASVAB test is designed to help students identify their strengths and potential career paths, both in the military and in civilian life. This is an OPTIONAL opportunity; scores WILL NOT be reported to the military unless the student chooses to share their score reports with a recruiter personally. There is no charge to take the test. Please note that space is limited (30 students). Register by having your student use the link found in their graduating year Google Classroom (deadline: 10/24).

Test Date: Tuesday, November 3rd 8:30-10:30  
Score Interpretation: Thursday, December 10th 8:30-9:30

Registration can be found in the students Graduating Year Google Classroom (students must register themselves).



# Fowlerville Elementary School News

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm  
School Hours: 8:50 am – 3:32 pm

IMPORTANT DATES:  
October 12-13 – NO SCHOOL (Fall break and Teacher Professional Development)  
October 19- Smiles on wheels (Kindergarten only)  
October 30- Popcorn Friday  
November 25-27- NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING RECESS

Parents and guardians please remember to keep an extra pair of clothes in your child’s backpack for spills, accidents, etc. and as the weather cools down, please ensure your student brings a hat, coat, and gloves for recess.

DONATIONS:  
We are in need of pants and underwear for girls and boys sizes 4T up to size 8. If you are able to drop off any items to the office it would be greatly appreciated!



# JUST for KIDS

## Autumn Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

1. They change color

3. Fruit of the oak tree

5. Month following October

6. Used to gather leaves

7. Pumpkin color

9. Scary holiday

DOWN

2. Frightens crows from fields

4. To reap or gather

8. Fruit you bob for

10. Another name for the season fall

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Bee Myers with her unicorn.

Sweet Sensations gives away two rocking horses in drawing

Given that summertime tends to be a little slow, Mike & Jennifer Meloche, the owners of Sweet Sensations—the candy store in Downtown Fowlerville—decided to have some fun by holding a raffle for two rocking horses. The prizes were displayed in the store window and people could do one entry per visit.

After three months, a drawing was held on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Sutton Richardson, age 12 of Fowlerville won the traditional rocking horse while Bee Myers, age 2, won the unicorn.

Mike & Jennifer thanked everyone who entered the raffle and invited folks to stop by for the upcoming holidays—Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas—or any other time their ‘sweet tooth’ needs a treat.

Fowlerville Jr. High Volleyball Teams to host ‘Pink Out’ Games on Oct. 14th

The Fowlerville 7th and 8th Grade Volleyball teams will host their ‘Pink Out’ Games on Wednesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. Both teams will be playing side-by-side at 4:30pm in the High School Competition Gym as they take on Eaton Rapids. A 50/50 raffle and bake sale will also be held during the games. Bring your family, wear your pink, and help us fill the gym as we cheer on our Lady Glads and support a great cause!



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Sutton Richardson with her rocking horse.

Oak Grove United Methodist Church holding Swiss steak dinner & bake sale

Oak Grove United Methodist Church is holding a Swiss Steak Dinner and Bake Sale on Saturday, October 24, 4:30-6:30 p.m. the church is located at 6686 Oak Grove Road, Howell (5 miles north of M-59). Join us for a homemade Swiss Steak meal served with mashed potatoes, gravy, coleslaw, vegetables, rolls & pies. No reservation necessary. A free-will donation at the door. All proceeds go to the VINA Community Dental Center. For information, please call 517-546-3942.



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**Fowlerville Schools seeks community feedback on Facilities Master Plan**

Fowlerville Community Schools invites residents to help shape the future of local schools by sharing input on a facilities master plan, including a potential bond proposal being considered for the May 2027 ballot.

Superintendent Matthew Stuard says, “Community feedback is a critical part of the planning process. Residents are encouraged to take a short survey to help guide decisions on the facilities plan and the potential bond proposal and ensure projects reflect the needs and priorities of Fowlerville

Community Schools families.” The survey is available now through 11:59 p.m. on Oct. 16 and should take about five minutes to complete. All responses will remain confidential.

The survey can be accessed at: [www.research.net/r/FowlervilleCommunitySurvey](http://www.research.net/r/FowlervilleCommunitySurvey)

“Our schools are at the heart of this community, and we want to hear directly from our residents as we plan for the future,” says Stuard. “Your feedback will help us build a plan that provides safe, efficient, and inspiring schools for generations of Fowlerville students.”

**Michigan DNR Fishing Tips—**

**Finding steelhead in the thick of fall**

Although many folks have hunting on the brain, there are some anglers who are enjoying a few more trips to the streams right now to find steelhead. Those having success are probably following a few basic tips:

- Target lesser-known streams that may have been stocked in the past few years.
- Don’t fish on the weekends – when everyone else is – rather, go mid-week if you can.
- Tough out the weather; some of the best fishing occurs when the weather is the worst.
- Focus on early morning or at night.

Want even more information on targeting steelhead? Check out their page on [Michigan.gov/FishID](http://Michigan.gov/FishID).

**‘Legend of Sleepy Howell’ being held on Saturday, Oct. 17th**

The ‘Legend of Sleepy Howell’ is being held on Saturday, Oct. 17th from 3 to 5pm. The event is Livingston County’s largest outdoor trick-or-treating event. This year’s Legend will have FREE trick-or-treating on Walnut St. in the Fire and Ice Pavilion. There will also be Halloween and fall-themed activities. This longstanding community event offers a fun and safe trick-or-treating experience and helps especially those kids living in rural areas.

No sign up is required, just show up the day of. Cost: FREE Site: Downtown Howell, Clinton & Walnut St. at the Fire & Ice Pavilion

Info: [www.howellrecreation.org/sleepyhowell](http://www.howellrecreation.org/sleepyhowell)

**‘Headless Horseman 5K taking place in Howell on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>**

The ‘Headless Horseman 5K Run will take place in Howell on Saturday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. The race begins at 6 p.m. at the corner of State and Clinton Streets.

Register at [www.howellrecreation.org/specialevents](http://www.howellrecreation.org/specialevents)

Costumed participants will wind their way through the historic neighborhoods and through Scofield City Park. Early packet pickup will take place Oct. 14th - 16th at the Oceola Community Center 1661 N. Latson Rd. Howell, MI 48843 during normal business hours. Walkers, strollers, assistive devices, and dogs on 6ft leashes are welcome.





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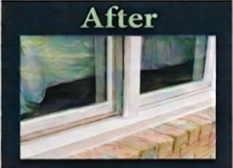
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Michigan facing \$85 billion funding gap for water infrastructure needs in next two decades

By Lily Guiney  
Gongwer News Service

Nearly a year after lawmakers congratulated themselves on coming to a road funding agreement after years of hemming and hawing, a new report is raising the alarm on what could be Michigan’s next great fiscal infrastructure reckoning: miles upon miles of pipes the state depends upon for wastewater treatment and clean water delivery, largely living on borrowed time.

The Great Lakes Water Authority, in partnership with Public Sector Consultants and the Citizens Research Council, released a report that is the culmination of work undertaken by its Water Funding Task Force convened earlier this year and titled *The Crisis Beneath Us: The Urgent Need to Invest in Michigan’s Water Infrastructure*.

Among the banner findings of six months spent meeting with dozens of water utilities, reviewing reports and peer studies and analyzing public opinion research to form a complete picture of Michigan’s water infrastructure needs is the roughly \$85 billion estimated gap between what the state currently spends and what it stands to require as an aging water system continues to fail in the coming years.

Combining factors like shrinking federal support for state water infrastructure, a frayed tolerance for increases in local utility rates and the age of Michigan’s pipes puts the state in a uniquely critical position to find a solution within state government for that underfunding, GLWA said, and the sooner the better.

The report notes that Michigan’s FY 2027 budget includes approximately \$200 million in non-federal funding for water infrastructure against the more than \$5 billion in state funds for roads, a “significant disparity” of roughly four cents spent on water for every state dollar invested in roads.

“Michigan has reached a point where maintaining the water infrastructure millions of people depend on every day

cannot be treated as a local problem with a local solution,” GLWA CEO Suzanne Coffey said in a statement. “We see firsthand what happens when critical infrastructure fails: families can be displaced, businesses can close, communities can lose water service and costs can escalate overnight. At the same time, simply passing billions of dollars in additional costs on to local ratepayers is neither sustainable nor realistic. This report gives Michigan a clearer picture of the scale of the challenge and, more importantly, a path toward addressing it.”

Public opinion polling cited in the report shows 85% of Michiganders “consider the state’s failure to maintain its water infrastructure a serious concern” and 84% support increased state investment in systems that deliver clean water and treat wastewater. It’s become increasingly difficult, though, to convince ratepayers that they should shoulder the cost increase for replacing infrastructure that, in many cases, is pushing a century old.

“Michigan spent the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century building its water infrastructure and the second half asking communities to bear the responsibility of maintaining the system. Now as many parts of that infrastructure system approaches the end of its expected life, communities are being asked to replace it through substantial increase on the rates and charges borne by users,” the report said. “The size and scale of the required investment is more than what municipal budgets can fund. The needs have ballooned in the two decades since Michigan last made a meaningful state investment in water infrastructure, and the failure to invest is no longer a hypothetical risk –the impact is happening now, in Macomb County, in Kalamazoo, in Oakland County, beneath Detroit’s freeways, in every region of the state. The crisis is beneath us, literally, and every year it stays buried is a year it gets more expensive to fix.”

Michigan’s water and sewer rates have increased a combined 24% over the past five years, GLWA found, which it attributed to utilities absorbing “rising costs for basics, including chemicals, energy, labor, materials and construction.”

The task force recommended the creation of a “sustainable, long-term state revenue source, paired with policy changes that improve accountability and flexibility in how funding reaches the systems that need it most” to head off worse failures of water systems and replace pipes around the state.

Policymakers have options, researchers said: general obligation and revenue bonds, pay-as-you-go appropriations or new or expanded revenue sources could be used in conjunction with new statewide asset-management data, unavailable when Michigan made its last major investment in water infrastructure two decades ago, to direct resources where they’re most likely to be effective.

“Michigan already has a blueprint for funding our infrastructure. We did it with roads, and now it’s time to do it for water. This report lays out the need for a coordinated, state-level investment in water infrastructure, and the cost of continued inaction,” Public Sector Consultants Senior Vice President Maggie Pallone, the report’s lead author, said in a statement. “This report should raise alarm bells for policymakers from all parts of the state. Our most critical infrastructure is no longer a buried problem for the next generation to address.”

Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association Executive Vice President Rob Coppersmith said the report “puts hard numbers on what the workforce who builds and repairs Michigan’s infrastructure see every day” and emphasized the relationship between maintaining the state’s roads and its water and sewage systems.

“Much of the pipe beneath our communities was laid in the 1920s or in the years after World War II, and most of it has reached or passed the end of its useful life, yet we’re replacing less than 1% of the state’s water mains each year, and the state’s 2027 budget dedicates just 0.5% of its resources to water infrastructure,” Coppersmith said in a statement. “With as much as \$85 billion needed over the next 20 years, that math simply doesn’t work. When this infrastructure fails, it doesn’t fail quietly. Water main breaks wash out the ground beneath our roads, opening sinkholes and tearing up pavement we’ve just committed billions of dollars to fix.”

Coppersmith went onto reference the May failure of a transmission main in Oakland County, which resulted in cut-off water to roughly 200,000 residents and a state of emergency declared by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. The report’s authors cited that failure and similar incidents as events that will become increasingly common if lawmakers neglect the responsibility of addressing water infrastructure in a timely manner.

“Every repair we put off today becomes a costlier emergency tomorrow, and only about a third of that cost lands on the utility. The rest falls on local families, businesses, schools and hospitals,” Coppersmith said. “Local ratepayers can’t close an \$85 billion gap on their own. Michigan needs a dedicated, long-term state funding source for water infrastructure, and 84% of Michiganders agree. MITA stands ready to work with lawmakers to make that investment now, before the next failure makes the decision for us.”





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**Williamston Farm & Artisan Market  
ending season with Customer & Vendor  
Appreciation Day on Oct. 11th**

The Williamston Farm & Artisan Market wraps up the regular season this Sunday, October 11, in the large parking lot of McCormick Park, 123 High Street in Williamston, from 10am to 2pm, rain or shine. This week’s Market celebrates its Customers and Vendors, there will be live *Mellow Market music* all day, interactive art for all ages, a kids craft activity and the final monthly drawing for the winner of a \$10 gift certificate for participants in the Customer Loyalty Program.

The Market will have over 25 vendors, with the bounty of the harvest from farmers and gardeners: fresh, locally grown pumpkins! zucchini, acorn and yellow squash, sweet corn, apples, peaches, plums, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, all kinds of leafy greens like kale, cabbage, lettuce and spinach, garlic, beans, microgreens, broccoli, cauliflower and onions, along with a wide variety of home made/ grown/ raised items including your favorite meats (poultry, ham, bacon, jerky, lamb, beef, brats), eggs, cheese, baked goods, cookies, freshly popped kettle corn, lemonade, and hot and iced coffee and teas in many flavors.

Also, ready-to-eat food like breakfast burritos, salads, authentic Mediterranean food including chicken schwarma and spinach pie, and food trucks with tacos, hot dogs, panini sandwiches and sourdough bread sandwiches. Other vendors have beautiful flowering mum plants, dog treats, canned goods, dolls and doll clothes, artisan crafted items of paper, ceramic, glass, acrylic, fabric, candles, knife sharpening, homemade soap and personal care / body products, gorgeous cut flowers, perennial plants and so much more.

The Market is grateful for this week’s Sunday Market Supporters, Margie and Bob Stephenson with their reminder it’s Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

*Mellow Market Music* will begin at 10am with the Splendid Chaos Band, a community street band from Lansing with diverse members united by their love of music, fun and fellowship, entertaining shoppers ‘til noon. Then, enjoy the soulful vocals of SIXONESIXX, a Zeeland, Michigan native, with Joe Diamond on guitar, and Jae on piano playing jazz, blues, and R&B, some original and covers, she’s influenced by Amy Winehouse, Erykah Badu, Hayley Williams, Marvin Gaye, Janet Jackson, and Sade.

In the Seedlings and Sprouts kids craft booth: kids will make yarn-wrapped animals to take home.

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

The Market accepts *Bridge cards* and provides double-up food bucks, so the buying power of shoppers using their EBT card is doubled when purchasing fruits and veggies.

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

**The regular Market season may end this week**, but there are two Holiday Markets scheduled to close out the 2026 season, both are on Sundays, Nov. 22 and Dec. 13 and both will be comfortably inside, no matter the weather, of the Williamston Area Senior Center, 500 Williamston Center Road. Each Market will operate from 10am to 2pm, and are filling up fast with excellent vendors so your holiday feasts will have fresh, local ingredients. Shopping for gifts will be easier than ever with a diverse group of artisan crafters, creating the perfect presents in every possible medium.

*Vendors* can apply for the few spaces remaining in the Holiday Markets by sending an email to [Info@SowingGrowth.org](mailto:Info@SowingGrowth.org) to request an application, or contact Market Manager Michelle Greko directly at 616-319-1595.

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



**Michigan  
House  
Report**

By Jason Woolford,  
50<sup>th</sup> District

**A Lesson from the Deer Blind**

Michigan’s archery deer season is underway, and hunters across our state are back in the woods. For a lot of families in our community, that means getting the bow ready, checking the tree stand and finding some time to get outside.

Hunting has been part of life in Michigan for generations. Parents teach their kids how to hunt safely, respect the land and understand the responsibility that comes with carrying a firearm or bow into the woods. There is also a certain pride that comes with providing for yourself and your family.

You put in the work. You follow the rules. You take care of the land. And if you are successful, you put food on the table. Those are good lessons for the next generation.

Hunting also teaches you to pay attention. You watch the tree line. You listen. You notice things other people might walk right past. And before you act, you make sure you know exactly what you are looking at.

Lansing could use more of that.

Michigan taxpayers send billions of dollars to state government every year. They also expect somebody to watch where that money goes and ask questions when something does not add up. That is one of our most important responsibilities as legislators.

When an agency says it needs more money, we should ask why. When taxpayers are funding a program that is not producing results, we should ask why it continues. And when government makes a mistake, somebody needs to be responsible for fixing it.

That sounds simple. It should be.

But government has a way of making simple things complicated. One budget becomes the starting point for the next. Programs continue because they have always continued. Spending goes up, and taxpayers are expected to keep paying the bill. That is why oversight matters.

There is an old rule in hunting: know your target and what is beyond it. Lansing would benefit from remembering that one too. Before we spend another dollar or create another government program, we ought to know what we are trying to accomplish, what it is going to cost and what comes next. Michigan families already understand that kind of responsibility. Hunters certainly do.

As archery season continues and firearm season gets closer, I hope families across our community have an opportunity to get outside and enjoy a tradition that has been passed down for generations. Take your kids. Teach them to respect the land. Teach them to provide for themselves. Teach them that responsibility means paying attention and taking care of what has been entrusted to you.

Those lessons are just as useful in Lansing as they are in the woods. “Shoot straight, Semper Fi.”

*As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions or input you would like to share. You can call my office at (517) 373-3906 or email me at [JasonWoolford@House.MI.Gov](mailto:JasonWoolford@House.MI.Gov).*



**Webberville United Methodist Church  
to serve chicken dinner on Oct. 17th**

Webberville United Methodist Church, located at 4215 E. Holt Rd., is serving a ‘drive through’ chicken dinner on Saturday, Oct. 17th. The dinner includes two pieces oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, green beans, corn casserole, coleslaw, roll and cookies. All for \$12. Dinner served 5 to 7 pm or until we run out.

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(10-11 & 10-18-26 FNV)

Letter to the Editor

Your Vote Matters!

Voting in the United States is both a constitutional right and a civic obligation. In a free and democratic nation, participation in elections is essential to representative government. We must not approach this responsibility casually. Many Americans have given their lives to preserve our ability to choose our leaders. Voting isn't just something we can do — it's something we should do. We shouldn't treat that responsibility casually.

Turnout data from the 2022 general election reveals significant variation across Western Livingston County:

- Cohoctah Township: 65%
- Conway Township: 66%
- Deerfield Township: 65%
- Handy Township: 57%
- Howell Township: 62%
- Iosco Township: 62%
- Marion Township: 69%
- Unadilla Township: 64%
- Putnam Township: 67%

By contrast, turnout in the 2024 presidential general election was substantially higher:

- Cohoctah Township: 78%
- Conway Township: 79%
- Deerfield Township: 80%

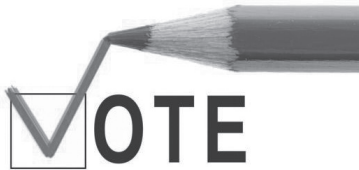
- Handy Township: 77%
- Howell Township: 76%
- Iosco Township: 74%
- Marion Township: 82%
- Unadilla Township: 76%
- Putnam Township: 80%

These figures demonstrate that our communities are capable of robust participation when motivated.

Thomas Jefferson observed that voting is among the most important rights in a republic. President John F. Kennedy cautioned that the ignorance of a single voter can impair the security of all. These principles remain relevant today.

With concerted effort, every township in Western Livingston County can achieve 80% turnout or higher in this off year election. I encourage all residents to speak with friends, family, and neighbors to ensure they exercise their right to vote. Civic participation strengthens our communities and our nation. It can be done.

Mark Fosdick  
Cohoctah Township Supervisor



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 November 18, 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): Elisabeth Adams, Married woman.

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: December 7, 2018

Date of Mortgage Recording: December 10, 2018

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$310,237.84

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Hamburg, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Unit 25, Hidden Valley Estates Condominium F/K/A Robin Egg Estates Condominium, according to the Master Deed as recorded in Liber 2055, Pages 355 through 413 inclusive, and any subsequent amendments thereto, Livingston County Records, and as designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 89 together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above described Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Common street address (if any): 3590 Habitat Trl, Pinckney, MI 48169-8492

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: October 11, 2026

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Sara Nicole Welter, an unmarried woman, and Raymond John Marion II, an unmarried man, as joint tenants with right of survivorship

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Greenway Mortgage Funding Corporation

Date of Mortgage: June 30, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 13, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$499,369.16

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Marion, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Unit 136 of The Highlands of Marion Oaks, according to the Master Deed thereof, recorded as Document No. 2018R-027169, Livingston County Records, designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 426, and all recorded amendments thereof, if any, together with the rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Common street address (if any): 2066 Gambrel Ln, Howell, MI 48843-5816

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44TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY PROBATE

ORDER REGARDING  
ALTERNATE SERVICE

CASE NO. and JUDGE

26-33298-CZ Hon. Susan Longworth

Court address and telephone no.

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Plaintiff name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s)  
CC CEDAR RIVER PROPERTY, LLC,  
c/o Swistak Levine, P.C.

Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.  
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Defendent name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).  
JOHN DOE  
502 Meadow Ln.  
Fowlerville, MI 48836

THE COURT FINDS:

- ☒ 1. Service of process upon the defendant, JOHN DOE, cannot reasonably be made as provided in ☒ MCR 2.105 ☐ MCR 2.107(B)(1)(b) and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

- ☒ 2. Service of the ☒ summons and complaint ☒ other: Scheduling Order and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method(s).
- ☒ a. First-class mail to 502 Meadow Ln., Fowlerville, MI 48836
- ☒ b. Tacking or firmly affixing to the door at 502 Meadow Ln., Fowlerville, MI 48836
- ☐ c. Delivering at \_\_\_\_\_ to a member of the defendant's household who is of suitable age and discretion to receive process, with instructions to deliver it promptly to the defendant.
- ☒ d. Other: Certified mail with return receipt requested to: 502 Meadow Ln., Fowlerville, MI 48836 and by publication in Livingston County Legal News for three consecutive weeks based on MCR 2.106. For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.
- ☐ 3. The motion for alternate service is denied.

Date: 9-22-2026

Judge: Hon. Susan Longworth P-65575

(10-11, 10-18 & 10-25-26 FNV)





Webberville Quilters have new home & new name; meeting on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>

The Webberville Quilters have found a new home in the Family Impact Center in Fowlerville, and will be now known as the Community Quilters and Crafters for simplicity’s sake. The group is open to anyone seeking community connection through creativity.

The Quilters & Crafters continues to meet once a month,

2:00 - 8:00 p.m., usually on a Thursday. Crafters can arrive and leave as their schedule allows. Most attending do quilts, but any crafter is welcome to bring knitting or crocheting, embroidery, basket-weaving, hand-sewing, cross-stitch, or any other kind of portable project. The next scheduled gathering is *Thursday, Oct. 15. All adults are welcome.* The schedule is usually set four months at a time.

The quilt group began four years ago, meeting in the Webberville Spartan Center community room.

Livingston County Concert Band to perform Sunday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> in Howell

The Livingston County Concert Band will be under the direction of Dale Marzewski for their upcoming concert, “250 Years of American Music”, to be held at 3:00pm Sunday Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. The concert will be presented at Parker Middle School Cafetorium, 400 Wright Road, Howell.

Admission is \$10. Children and students are free. Refreshments served following the concert. Please visit the band’s website ([www.lccbmusic.org](http://www.lccbmusic.org)) or check out the Livingston County Concert Band Facebook page for more information.



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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jason G Johnson, a single  
person

Original Mortgagee: Wells Fargo Bank, NA  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank Trust National  
Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as  
Owner Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2023-A  
Date of Mortgage: January 23, 2017  
Date of Mortgage Recording: January 31, 2017

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$292,773.17  
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in  
Township of Brighton, Livingston County, Michigan, and  
described as: Unit 35, The Dominion, a condominium,  
according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2481,  
Page 694, Livingston County Records, and any amend-  
ments thereto, and designated as Livingston County  
Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 161, together with  
rights in general common elements and limited common  
elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and as  
described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amend-  
ed.

Common street address (if any): 4153 Wyndham Pt,  
Brighton, MI 48114-4987

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date  
of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accord-  
ance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real prop-  
erty 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 fore-  
closure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the  
property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service mem-  
ber on active duty, if your period of active duty has con-  
cluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been 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 11, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(10-11)(11-01)

(10-11, 10-18, 10-25 & 11-1-26FNV)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE  
BY ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judi-  
cature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that  
the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the  
mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public  
auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s  
check at the place of holding the circuit court in Living-  
ston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on November  
4, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be great-  
er 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): Morgan Hoffman, single  
woman

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC dba Shell-  
point Mortgage Servicing

Date of Mortgage: March 18, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: April 27, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$279,774.40

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in  
Township of Handy, Livingston County, Michigan, and de-  
scribed as: Unit 209, Red Cedar Crossing, a Condomini-  
um according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 4533,  
Page 924 through 997, as amended, in The Office of the  
Livingston County Register of Deeds, and designated  
as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No.  
311, together with rights in general common elements  
and limited common elements as set forth in said Master  
Deed, and amendments thereto and as described in Act  
59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Common street address (if any): 8614 Pinnebog River  
Dr, Fowlerville, MI 48836-8629

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date  
of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accord-  
ance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real prop-  
erty 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 fore-  
closure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the  
property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service mem-  
ber on active duty, if your period of active duty has con-  
cluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been 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 4, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(10-04)(10-25)

(10-4, 10-11, 10-18 & 10-25-26 FNV)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE  
BY ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judi-  
cature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that  
the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the  
mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public  
auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s  
check at the place of holding the circuit court in Living-  
ston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on October  
21, 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 purchas-  
er 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): Hayley Tennant, a married  
woman

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Cor-  
poration

Date of Mortgage: July 10, 2025

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 17, 2025

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$476,995.15

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in  
Township of Brighton, Livingston County, Michigan, and  
described as: Unit 1, of “Woodland Lake West”, a condo-  
minium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber  
1484, Pages 1 through 68, Livingston County Records,  
as amended, and designated as Livingston County Con-  
dominium Subdivision Plan Number 30, together with  
rights in general common elements and 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): 2479 Waterfront Dr,  
Brighton, MI 48114-7312

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date  
of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accord-  
ance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real prop-  
erty 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 fore-  
closure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the  
property during the redemption period.

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ber on active duty, if your period of active duty has con-  
cluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been 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: September 20, 2026

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Farmington Hills, MI 48334

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(09-20)(10-11)

(9-20, 9-27, 10-4 & 10-11-26 FNV)



Williamston Rotary and community donated bikes for education in the African country of Malawi. Earl & Deborah Wolf are pictured atop a Buffalo Bicycle with students at a remote school. This is the school's first time getting bikes that enable students to get to school. There are no school buses!

**2026 GENERAL ELECTION  
NOTICE TO ELECTORS  
OF HANDY TOWNSHIP  
EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE  
FOR THE TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 3, 2026  
GENERAL ELECTION**

**EARLY VOTING WILL BE OPEN:**

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Saturday, October 24, 2026  | 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. |
| Sunday, October 25, 2026    | 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. |
| Monday, October 26, 2026    | 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. |
| Tuesday, October 27, 2026   | 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. |
| Wednesday, October 28, 2026 | 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. |
| Thursday, October 29, 2026  | 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. |
| Friday, October 30, 2026    | 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. |
| Saturday, October 31, 2026  | 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. |
| Sunday, November 1, 2026    | 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. |

**There will be NO Early Voting on Monday, November 2, 2026**

**ELECTION DAY VOTING,  
NOVEMBER 3, 2026:**

POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M.

**VOTING LOCATION FOR HANDY TOWNSHIP  
PRECINCTS 1, 2 & 3:**

Handy Township Voting Center (corner of  
Hogback & Grand River)  
6520 Grand River, Fowlerville, MI 48836

Laura A. Eisele, Handy Township Clerk  
(10-4, 10-11, 10-18, 10-25 & 11-1-26 FNV)

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
HANDY TOWNSHIP  
RESIDENTS  
ABSENTEE BALLOTS  
For the  
GENERAL ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

The Handy Township Clerk will be available for issuing absentee ballots for the November 3, 2026 General Election. Ballots will be issued at the HANDY TOWNSHIP VOTING CENTER, 6520 E. Grand River (corner of Hogback Rd. and Grand River) on the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, October 14, 2026 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Thursday, October 15, 2026 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday, October 19, 2026 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 21, 2026 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Thursday, October 22, 2026 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday, October 26, 2026 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 28, 2026 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Thursday, October 29, 2026 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Absentee Ballots will also be available for issuance during Early Voting on the following dates and times:

Saturday, October 24, 2026 through Friday, October 30, 2026 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Emergency Ballots will be available on Monday, November 2, 2026 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Handy Township Voting Center, 6520 E. Grand River, Fowlerville, MI.

Voters must present a photo ID in order to receive a ballot.

Laura A. Eisele  
Handy Township Clerk  
(10-4, 10-11, 10-18, 10-25, & 11-1-26 FNV)



**Williamston Rotary launches  
“Bikes for Malawi: Pedaling  
Toward Opportunity”**

Robert F. Kennedy, Sr. articulated a philosophy of “ripples of hope,” whereby small individual acts have the potential to build a cascade of positive change in the world. As members of the Williamston Rotary Club, we keep this idea in mind when embracing new projects.

Recently, our club organized an international service initiative designed to expand access to education in Malawi. Located in southeastern Africa, Malawi is home to communities where mobility poverty — particularly for girls — remains a significant challenge. Only 15% of children and 7% of girls complete secondary school in the country. For students, the challenge of distance to school is a major contributing factor.

The Williamston Rotary initiative, based upon a similar program pioneered by the Traverse City Sunrise Rotary Club, is simple and practical. The idea is to assist children in getting to school and thereby create an opportunity for learning. The most effective way to do that in Malawi is to give a student a bicycle. Bicycles can make the difference between whether or not a child receives an education. Education offers the promise of a better life for children across sub-Saharan Africa, and it starts by attending school.

To put bikes in the hands of students, the Williamston Rotary partnered with a non-profit working on the ground in Malawi, the Warm Hearts Foundation, and World Bicycle Relief, a non-profit dedicated to mobilizing people and empowering communities through The Power of Bicycles. World Bicycle Relief designed a specific bicycle, the rugged “Buffalo Bicycle” that is built to handle challenging rural conditions across sub-Saharan Africa.

The bikes are assembled within Malawi, creating jobs for local workers and strengthening the local economy. The Rotary project was designed to provide bikes to a sponsored school, which in turn would create a local bike committee to determine which students would most benefit from receiving a bicycle.

The bikes would be retained by the school and upon graduation, could be passed on to another student; thus expanding the impact of the program well into the future. World Bicycle Relief, for its part, would distribute the bikes, and would provide training and access to bicycle mechanics to ensure the bike program’s success. The club is also working closely with World Bicycle Relief’s Technical Advisory team to help ensure the long-term success of the program.

The Williamston Rotary began its project by committing \$2,500 from its foundation and beginning a fundraising effort to see if it could entice members to join the project by donating a bike (actually, the cost of providing a bike). Members of the club enthusiastically jumped on board. The club quickly raised more than \$2,500 in additional contributions. With this money in hand, the club applied for and received a Rotary District Sandelin matching grant of \$5,000. At the same time, the Williamston Rotary put the word out to its regional district and the excitement and the donations continued to come in. In all, 28 Rotary Clubs from Rotary District 6360 contributed at least one bike to the cause.

Working with the Warm Hearts Foundation and World Bicycle Relief, it was determined that the ideal contribution to a strong bike program was to sponsor a school with 100 student bikes and 15 teacher bikes. (Many teachers have the same difficulty in getting to school as the students, and bikes for teachers are recommended by the Warm Hearts Foundation as an opportunity to both improve education at the school and to provide support for the student bike program.)

When World Bicycle Relief was notified of the Williamston Rotary’s intent to sponsor a school, it responded with a remarkable offer. World Bicycle Relief agreed to match the club’s 100 student bikes, allowing the club to sponsor two schools. Williamston Rotary added 15 bikes for teachers to fully support the second sponsored school. In addition, the Rotary fundraiser exceeded its goal and another 17 student bikes were donated to the two sponsored schools. The teacher bike program created one more opportunity; teachers opting to receive a bike agree to pay 50% of the cost of the bike over a 2-year payback schedule. Money received from the teachers would be used to reimburse the Warm Hearts Foundation for its role in facilitating and overseeing the project, and to create a bike repair fund for repairs, maintenance and spare parts at the sponsored schools.

All told, Rotary raised over \$50,000 toward the purchase of student and teacher bikes at the two schools in Malawi (including the value of the World Bicycle Relief donation), along with an additional \$1,500 in repayments dedicated to a bicycle repair fund. To observe the effectiveness of the program, the Williamston Rotary also plans to send a delegation to Malawi in October to visit the sponsored schools and, while there, to bring additional school supplies.

Finally, the Williamston Rotary is also contributing to World Bicycle Relief’s pilot program of investing 100 Buffalo Bicycles into every Community Day Secondary School in Mangochi. This pilot aims to demonstrate the impact of bicycles at scale, with the view that further investment could replicate this across all Districts. We have been more than pleased by the generous donations and the overall support for this project.

Of course, the underlying goal of the “Bikes for Malawi” initiative is what is most significant: to offer a “ripple of hope” that 217 children will be afforded an opportunity for a better education and potentially a better life, and that 30 teachers will be able to provide a more impactful difference in the lives of students. Rotary also hopes that this project will help inform others that the barrier of distance remains a daily reality for students around the world — and that through our collective efforts, we can create lasting change.

**John Bollman**, Project Leader  
**Raj Wiener**, Williamston Rotary International Service Chair and Rotary District Board Member  
**Laska Creagh**, Williamston Rotary Secretary and Rotary District Foundation Board Member

**St. Agnes Catholic Church sponsoring  
trip to Firekeepers Casino on Nov. 18th**

St. Agnes’ next scheduled trip to Firekeepers Casino is Wednesday, Nov. 18th. We will be offering a full hot breakfast at 9:00am, at St. Agnes Church, 855 E Grand River Avenue, Fowlerville, in the Lothamer Parish Center (LPC) prior to departing at 10:00am, on Wednesday morning.

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

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



# Gladiator Gazette

## News from Fowlerville Community Schools

### Students to Take Presidential Fitness Test as Part of PE Program

We want to make you aware of a new state requirement that will impact Fowlerville Community Schools K-12 students enrolled in physical education classes beginning with the 2026-27 school year.

As part of Michigan’s recently enacted state education budget, public schools are required to implement the Presidential Fitness Test for students enrolled in physical education classes. The requirement applies only when students are enrolled in a physical education (PE) class. Students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) are not required to participate unless their IEP specifically requires participation in the Presidential Fitness Test.

The Presidential Fitness Test was reestablished nationally by President Donald Trump through an executive order signed in July 2025. The federal initiative is intended to encourage physical activity and assess areas such as strength, endurance, speed and agility. The federal government has also established a Presidential Fitness Award to recognize students who meet designated achievement standards.

Fitness-test activities may include familiar exercises such as sit-ups/curl-ups, push-ups and a one-mile run or walk, along with other activities used to assess different areas of physical fitness. Michigan’s law directs the Michigan Department of Education, in consultation with the Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports, to provide guidance to schools regarding implementation of the test.

Our physical education staff will incorporate the required testing into PE classes in accordance with state guidance. As always, our goal is to provide students with positive, age-appropriate opportunities to be active, develop healthy habits and understand the importance of lifelong physical fitness. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your student’s principal.

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### October is National Bullying Prevention Month

October is National Bullying Prevention Month, a reminder that everyone has a role in creating a school community where students feel safe, respected and included. At Fowlerville Community Schools, we encourage students to show kindness, celebrate differences and consider how their words and actions affect others—in person and online. Inviting someone to join an activity, offering encouragement or reaching out to a classmate who feels left out can help build a stronger sense of belonging.

There are a variety of resources available to parents and students:

- ParentGuidance.org
- FCS Mental Health Webpage
- Ok2Say
- Community Mental Health of Livingston County

Families can support bullying prevention by talking with their children about respectful behavior, listening to their concerns and encouraging them to seek help when needed. Students who experience or witness bullying should tell a trusted adult, such as a teacher, counselor or principal. Reporting a concern is an important step in helping keep themselves and others safe. By working together and keeping communication open, we can help every student feel supported and ready to learn throughout the school year.

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### Building Attendance Habits Early

Attendance matters from the very beginning of a child’s school experience.

In elementary school, students are developing foundational academic skills, but they’re also learning how to be students. They practice classroom routines, independence, problem-solving, communication and working with others.

Consistent attendance gives children repeated opportunities to practice those skills. Strong attendance habits established when children are young can also carry forward as students become more independent. Families can help by creating predictable school-night and morning routines, talking positively about school and making attendance the expectation whenever children are healthy enough to attend.

If mornings have become difficult or your child is reluctant to attend school, talk with their teacher or school. There may be something happening that we can work through together.

Every day provides another opportunity to build skills and confidence.

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### October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month! Here are two quick ways to spot a fake email in five seconds:

#### Check the Full Sender Address

Tap or click the sender’s display name to reveal their actual email address. If the domain after the @ looks unfamiliar, it could be a scam.

**Fake:** Chase Security Alert:alert-update9912@free-server-host.net **Real:** Chase:no-reply@chase.com

**Preview Links Before Clicking**  
Hover over links (or long-press on mobile) to see the web address hidden underneath.

**Fake:** Text says fedex.com, but the preview shows fedex-delivery-notice.com.

As a general rule of thumb, always verify through an official website or phone number you trust-never use contact links inside a suspicious email.

Stay tuned for more quick tips later this month from your friendly Technology Department!

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Karis amd Brynn Goulding

### Goulding Sisters Make History for Fowlerville Girls Golf

The Goulding sisters have established themselves among the best golfers in the Capital Area Activities Conference Red Division, with both earning First Team All-Conference honors this season.

For Karis, a freshman, the season has been nothing short of remarkable. She has rewritten the Fowlerville girls golf record book multiple times during the season, setting a new school record for an 18-hole event with a score of 77.

Her older sister, Brynn, has also left her mark on the Fowlerville program. The senior has been a steady leader and currently shares the school record for a 9-hole round, shooting a 37. She shares that record, with Karis, making the accomplishment another piece of history the sisters have created together.

Last week at the Michigan High School Athletic Association’s Girls Golf Regionals, both sisters finished in the top 10 out of 67 participants. Karis’s third place finish was enough for her to become only the second girls golfer in school history to qualify for the MHSAA State Championships.

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### Getting a Work Permit in Michigan is Simple

Michigan school districts are no longer issuing work permits for students. If you are under 18 and getting a job, Michigan’s online Youth Employment Permit Portal (YEPP) makes it easy to complete the process of securing a work permit. Here are the simple steps:

- Create a MiLogin Account
- When creating your MiLogin account, you will provide a unique email address and/or phone number before you complete your account set up. The email or phone number cannot be shared with another user.
- Access the Youth Employment Permit Portal (YEPP)
- Complete the requested information

If you have any issues, there are some MiLogin Tutorial Videos available on YouTube to assist you.

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### POP! Fundraiser at Junior High

The POP! Power of Purpose fundraiser is currently underway, so please encourage your students to participate. All students need to do is enter the contact information for 10 individuals willing to donate to support our schools’ PBIS programming! Who knows, maybe they could earn a chance to smash a pie in Mr. Krueger’s face at the end of the fundraiser.

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### Little Glad Early Childhood Center celebrates Fire Safety Week

Little Glad Early Childhood Center celebrated Fire Safety Week with our Fowlerville Fire Department (FFD). We learned about smoke detectors, what to do if there is a fire and were able to see a firefighter in their full uniform. The fire department brought one of their big fire trucks for us to investigate. We are encouraging all of our families to check their smoke detectors. The FFD can provide new detectors for your home if you are in need.

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### What’s Happening at The Alverson?

There are several upcoming events being held at the

Alverson Center for Performing Arts in the coming weeks. Here’s what is on tap:

- October 27 at 6:00 PM - Fall Jazz Band and Choir Concert
- November 10 at 6:00 PM - Fowlerville High School Oscars
- November 20 (7:00 PM), 21 (2:00 PM) and 22 (2:00 PM) - Fowlerville Community Theatre presents Mary Poppins

Tickets for the Mary Poppins show must be purchased on the FCT website.

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### What’s Coming up in our Schools?

#### October

- 12 - No School (all students), Fall Break
- 13 - No School for K-12 Students, Teacher Professional Development Day
- 14 - Picture Retake Day at Fowlerville Junior High
- 16 - No GSRP classes at Little Glad Early Childhood, Professional Development for Staff
- 19 - Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM, FJHS Auditorium
- 26-27 - Picture Retake Day at Little Glad Early Childhood
- 30 - Fowlerville Elementary Halloween Parade, 3:00 PM

#### November

- 5 - Picture Retake Day at Kreeger Elementary School
- 9 - Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM, FJHS Auditorium
- 12 - Picture Retake Day at Fowlerville Elementary School
- 25-27 - No School, Thanksgiving Break

## LEGAL NOTICES

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT LIVINGSTON COUNTY

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent’s Estate

CASE NO. and JUDGE  
2026-255781-DE

Court address and telephone no.  
204 S Highlander Way # 2, Howell, MI 48843  
(517) 546-3750

Estate of Richard Joseph Byrne, Deceased  
Date of Birth: 06/27/1962

**TO ALL CREDITORS:**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, Richard Joseph Byrne, died 11/15/2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Steven Byrne, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 204 S Highlander Way # 2, Howell, MI 48843 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 09/01/2026

Attorney:  
Bruce R. Redman P46958  
900 S Lapeer Rd  
Oxford, MI 48371  
248-508-4333

Personal Representative:  
Steven Byrne  
518 Redwood Ct  
Wixom, MI 48393  
708-728-5076

(10-11-26 FNV)

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Fowlerville News & Views



-DEADLINE THURSDAY BY 1PM-

**MOVING SALE:** Thursday and Friday 10/15 and 10/16, 8-4. Sofas, Furniture, Tool Chests, Saltwater Arctic Brand Spa, and more! 9709 Fountain Lane, Fowlerville, in the Fawn Meadows Subdivision.

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**DIRECT CARE WORKERS NEEDED:** To take care of mentally/physically challenged adults in Howell. Need: DL/ID, GED/ Diploma, Must be able to pass Background check. Pay: \$16.05 after training \$16.55. Please apply at [careers.mipath.org](http://careers.mipath.org) Questions call Shelby at 734-439-0464 Ext. 311.

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NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS

OF IOSCO TOWNSHIP

MICHIGAN GENERAL

ELECTION NOTICE

All Electors are hereby given notice that the Michigan General Election will be held in all Precincts of Iosco Township on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026. The Iosco Township Clerk is currently available to issue ballots for all Iosco Township registered voters requesting an absentee ballot for the Michigan General Election on Wednesday’s & Thursday’s between 1 p.m. & 5 p.m. at the Township Hall located at 2050 Bradley Rd., Webberville, MI.

Iosco Township’s **Early Voting** site is located at Iosco Township Hall at 2050 Bradley Rd., Webberville, MI.

**Iosco Township’s Early Voting hours are as follows:**

|           |                    |                  |
|-----------|--------------------|------------------|
| Saturday  | October 24th, 2026 | 7:00am–3:00pm    |
| Sunday    | October 25th, 2026 | 10:00am–6:00pm   |
| Monday    | October 26th, 2026 | 9:00am–5:00pm    |
| Tuesday   | October 27th, 2026 | 12:00pm–8:00pm   |
| Wednesday | October 28th, 2026 | 9:00am–5:00pm    |
| Thursday  | October 29th, 2026 | 9:00am–5:00pm    |
| Friday    | October 30th, 2026 | 9:00am–5:00pm    |
| Saturday  | October 31st, 2026 | 7:00am–3:00pm    |
| Sunday    | November 1st, 2026 | 10:00am–6:00pm   |
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| Tuesday   | November 3rd, 2026 | 7:00am–8:00pm    |

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Proposal

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Tara Foote

Conway Township Clerk

(9-6, 9-13, 9-20, 9-27, 10-4, 10-11 & 10-18-26 FNV)



## Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

### A Caregiver’s Guide to Medicare

*Dear Savvy Senior,*

*I’m taking care of my elderly father who recently had a stroke and have a lot of questions about how Medicare works and what it covers. He’s enrolled in original Medicare. Can you help me?*

*--Caregiving Connie*

**Dear Connie,**

Taking care of a parent after a stroke is hard enough without having to figure out Medicare too. The good news is that understanding the program can make life a lot easier. Knowing what’s covered – and what isn’t – can help you plan ahead, avoid costly surprises and make sure your father gets the care he needs. Here’s a practical guide to get you started.

#### Medicare basics

One of the best places to start is the official “Medicare & You” handbook. It explains benefits and services in plain language. Medicare mails an updated copy every fall, but you can also view it online at [medicare.gov/medicare-and-you](http://medicare.gov/medicare-and-you).

For questions, call Medicare at 800-633-4227 to speak with a representative. They can clarify coverage for doctor visits, hospital stays, home health care, and more.

Your state’s State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is another great resource. SHIP counselors provide free, one-on-one counseling to help you understand your coverage, identify cost-saving programs, and answer questions about Medicare. Find a counselor near you at [shiphelp.org](http://shiphelp.org) or 877-839-2675.

Caregivers should also create a secure Medicare account at [medicare.gov/account/login](http://medicare.gov/account/login). Once your father’s account is set up, you can review his coverage, track claims, check the status of medical services and prescriptions, and see which preventive benefits he’s eligible for. It’s an easy way to stay organized and keep all of your father’s Medicare information in one place.

#### Choosing providers

Medicare also lets you compare providers online at [medicare.gov/care-compare](http://medicare.gov/care-compare). You can search for doctors, hospitals, rehab centers, nursing homes, hospice providers, and medical equipment suppliers in your area. This is especially useful after a stroke, when your father may need rehabilitation or specialized care at home.

#### Covered services

Original Medicare covers many services your father may need, including hospital care, doctor visits, lab tests, and outpatient treatments.

It also covers home health care if your father is homebound, under a doctor’s care, and needs part-time skilled nursing or rehabilitation therapy, such as physical, occupational or speech therapy.

Medicare also covers medically necessary durable medical equipment and supplies prescribed by a doctor, including oxygen, wheelchairs, walkers and catheters. Short-term skilled nursing care in a facility may also be covered for up to 100 days after a qualifying hospital stay.

Prescription medications are generally covered through a separate Medicare Part D plan, which helps pay for many outpatient drugs your father may need.

Hospice care is covered for patients with a terminal illness and a life expectancy of six months or less, as certified by a doctor. It includes nursing care, medications for comfort and short-term respite care to give caregivers a break.

However, Medicare generally doesn’t pay for long-term custodial care at home, in an assisted living facility or in a nursing home. That means it generally won’t cover ongoing help with daily activities like bathing, dressing, eating, using the bathroom or supervision for someone with dementia. Routine dental care, dentures, eye exams for glasses and hearing aids are also not covered.

#### Cost help

If your father has limited income and resources, check programs that help reduce Medicare costs. Extra Help assists with prescription drug expenses, and Medicare Savings Programs can help pay premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance.

Visit [medicare.gov/basics/costs/help](http://medicare.gov/basics/costs/help) or call 800-633-4227 to learn more or check eligibility.

Taking time to understand Medicare can make caregiving a little less stressful. It helps you stay on top of appointments, treatments and equipment needs, while giving you greater confidence that your father is receiving the care and benefits he’s entitled to.

**Send your questions or comments to [questions@savvysenior.org](mailto:questions@savvysenior.org), or to Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070.**







# What you need to know about the Ticket to Work Program

By Hillary Hatch,  
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Starting or returning to work while receiving Social Security disability benefits can feel overwhelming, especially if you are unsure where to begin. The good news is that you don’t have to navigate the process alone.

Whether you are just beginning to consider working or are ready to take the next step, the Ticket to Work (Ticket) Program can be a powerful partner on your path to financial independence.

## What Is the Ticket to Work Program?

The Ticket Program is a free and voluntary Social Security program that supports career development for adults ages 18 through 64 who receive Social Security Disability

Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and want to work. The program connects participants with approved service providers who offer career development, job placement assistance, and ongoing support.

Authorized service providers offer a wide range of supports — including career counseling, vocational rehabilitation, job placement assistance, and training — to guide you along the way. The providers you choose become part of your personal “employment team,” working with you to build confidence, develop skills, and move closer to financial independence through work.

The goal is to make it easier to explore working without immediately losing the benefits you rely on.

## How it Works

Through the program, your employment team will help you:

- Clarify your work goals.
- Build a resume or update existing experience.

- Identify job opportunities.
  - Receive ongoing support after employment begins.
- You choose who you work with, and the support you receive can evolve as your needs change over time.

## Key Benefits of Participating

One of the biggest concerns people have is losing their benefits as soon as they begin working. The Ticket Program and other Work Incentives provide safeguards designed to ease that worry:

–**Trial Work Period (TWP):** You can test working for at least nine months while still receiving full SSDI benefit, regardless of how much you earn from your job. See [choosework.ssa.gov/library/fact-sheet-trial-work-period-twp](https://choosework.ssa.gov/library/fact-sheet-trial-work-period-twp) for more information.

–**Extended Period of Eligibility (EPE):** After the TWP, you have a 36-month window where benefits can restart if your income drops below a certain level.

–**Continued Medicare or Medicaid coverage:** Health coverage can continue even after benefits stop, often for several years. Learn more at [choosework.ssa.gov/library/fact-sheet-medicare-and-medicaid-employment-supports](https://choosework.ssa.gov/library/fact-sheet-medicare-and-medicaid-employment-supports).

–**Protection from Medical Continuing Disability Reviews:** As long as you make timely progress in the program, medical reviews of your disability will be paused. Find out more at [choosework.ssa.gov/about/work-incentives](https://choosework.ssa.gov/about/work-incentives).

These Work Incentives are important safety nets, but they can be complex, depending on which benefits you receive, and your specific situation. This listing is just a general overview. It is important to learn how each rule applies to you personally by talking to a service provider before making decisions about work and benefits. Take time to review the fact sheets linked above and consider taking some of the next steps listed below.

## Who Should Consider the Ticket Program?

This program may be a good fit if you:

- Want to work but aren’t sure how it will affect your benefits.
- Need help finding a job or gaining new skills.
- Prefer ongoing guidance rather than navigating the process on your own.

## Things to Keep in Mind

While Ticket Program service providers offer strong support, it is important that you stay informed and organized to ensure you can take advantage of the full benefits of the program. Make sure you:

- Keep records of your work earnings.
- Report earnings and income changes to Social Security.
- Stay in contact with your service provider.
- Ask questions whenever something is unclear.

## Final Thoughts

The Ticket Program is about more than employment; it’s about creating options. Whether your goal is a transition to work, a new career path, or greater financial independence, the program provides tools and protections to help you explore those possibilities.

If work has been on your mind, understanding how the program operates can open the door to opportunities that are manageable and sustainable.

## Ready to Learn More?

- Attend a free WISE webinar to learn how the program works and get answers to common questions. Learn more at [choosework.ssa.gov/wise](https://choosework.ssa.gov/wise).
- Visit the Ticket to Work website at [choosework.ssa.gov/library/fact-sheets](https://choosework.ssa.gov/library/fact-sheets) to explore resources and read more about your options.
- Use the Find Help tool at [choosework.ssa.gov/findhelp](https://choosework.ssa.gov/findhelp) to connect with service providers that match your goals.

For personalized support, you can contact the Ticket to Work Help Line at 1-866-968-7842, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. ET. Specially trained representatives are available to answer many of your questions about disability benefits and Social Security Work Incentives. For callers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have speech disabilities, you can call our TTY at 1-866-833-2967. You can also email us at [TicketToWork@ssa.gov](mailto:TicketToWork@ssa.gov).

We invite you to learn more at [choosework.ssa.gov](https://choosework.ssa.gov)—and share this resource with those who may benefit.

# LEGAL NOTICES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON

### PUBLICATION NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT’S TRUST ESTATE

Decedent: Janice Orienne Harwood  
Date of Birth: March 10, 1942

#### TO ALL CREDITORS:

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** Janice Orienne Harwood, who lived at 5505 Hinchey Road, Howell, Michigan, died 08/05/2026. There is no probate Estate.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Janice O. Harwood Revocable Living Trust dated October 12, 1994, as amended, will be forever barred unless presented to Elaine Pentilla, Successor Trustee, c/o Brian R. Jenney, Esq. – 201 West Big Beaver, Ste. 600, Troy, MI 48084 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

This notice is published pursuant to MCL §700.7608. There is no personal representative of the settlor’s estate to whom letters of administration have been issued. Notice is further given that the trust estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Date: October 1, 2026

Attorney:  
Brian R. Jenney P55839  
201 West Big Beaver, Ste. 600  
Troy, MI 48084  
248-528-1111

Trustee:  
Elaine Pentilla  
c/o Brian R. Jenney – 201 West Big Beaver, Ste.600  
Troy, MI 48084  
248-528-1111

(10-11-26 FNV)

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on November 18, 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): Donna J. Smith, a 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): Finance of America Reverse LLC

Date of Mortgage: March 23, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: April 13, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$257,612.83

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Howell, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Unit No. 58, Lakeshore Pointe, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 1922, pages 15 through 99, inclusive, First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 2029 pages 780 through 794, inclusive, Second Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 2067 pages 103 through 117, inclusive and Third Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 2164, pages 623 through 626, inclusive, Livingston County Records and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 75, with rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of Public Acts of 1978, as amended, together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereupon belonging to or in anywise appertaining.

Common street address (if any): 243 Lakeshore Pointe Dr Unit 58, Howell, MI 48843-7587

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

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT’S TRUST AND ESTATE

**KEVIN D. PEACE LIVING TRUST dated JULY 2, 2019**  
**Decedent’s Date of Birth: February 23, 1955**

#### TO ALL CREDITORS:

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, **KEVIN D. PEACE**, who lived at **230 Holly Hills Drive, #603, Howell, MI 48843**, died **August 30, 2026**. The decedent, Grantor, established the **KEVIN D. PEACE LIVING TRUST dated JULY 2, 2019**.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate and trust will be forever barred unless presented to **BRIAN M. PEACE**, Trustee and Nominated Personal Representative of the Estate at **7919 Clarklake Rd., Clarklake, MI 49234, (517) 795-4120** or to both the probate court at 204 S Highlander Way #2, or the Attorney for Trustee at 30500 Van Dyke, Suite 100, Warren, MI 48093, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Trustee/Nominated Personal Representative:

Brian M. Peace  
7919 Clarklake Rd.  
Clarklake, MI 49234  
(517) 795-4120

Attorney for Trustee/Nominated Personal Representative:

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## Tips for making peace with chipmunks around your home

By Olivia O’Neill  
Capital News Service

As the seasons change and brisk weather rolls in, Michigan residents prepare for winter, but so do other, smaller community members – and they can sometimes be heard scurrying inside the walls.

Michigan property owners are voicing concerns about property damage caused by none other than the chipmunk.

“A chipmunk is actually getting inside of my outside walls by crawling up under my siding,” said Michigan resident Debra Paulus in a recent Facebook post. “I could hear scratching and I’ve found bits of insulation scattered around the yard.”

Chipmunks are seen as a nuisance by many homeowners for causing damage by digging up their properties.

“Extensive damage seems to be rare,” said Jared Duquette, the Department of Natural Resources human-wildlife interactions specialist. “Chipmunks are often a short-term nuisance, particularly if they are creating burrows or damaging garden plants.”

Duquette said the main problems are the small burrows chipmunks create around homes and gardens.

Burrowing may lead to erosion of dirt under patios and walking areas, creating a hazard. In some cases, they chew through wires and materials that block their tunnels, or insulation around wiring, particularly in vehicles.

“I have several and they keep going under my cars,” said Donna Volk of Linwood, a community in Bay County, in a Facebook post. “I am afraid they are going to start getting up inside the hoods and start chewing the wiring. My mom’s friend had that happen to her and she had to scrap the car. They are cute little buggers, but I don’t need them to damage my cars.”

“How do I trap/relocate a backyard chipmunk?” Laura Bloom-Orlowski of Raisin Township asked in a Facebook post. “I do not want to poison it. We’ve enjoyed watching it scurry around, but now it’s burrowing all over, leaving giant piles of dirt and heaving pavers and bricks.”

With winter approaching, chipmunks are replenishing their food stores, and that’s when they may cause landscape damage, according to a Michigan State University “Gardening in Michigan” column.

Duquette said, “The public should be mindful that chipmunks may present a greater nuisance during spring and fall when they are working to gain maximum calories following or entering winter.”

Aaron Sullivan, the director of wildlife programs at the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy in Bath, said, “I generally encourage people to first determine what is attracting the animal and whether the conflict can be addressed through exclusion or habitat modification.”

Sullivan said finding the source of chipmunks’ attraction around the home is crucial to begin the process of best dealing with them, whether it be spilled birdseed, accessible food sources, openings into structures or available shelter.

“Addressing those factors can provide a better long-term solution than simply removing an individual animal,” Sullivan said. “Removing the animal doesn’t necessarily address why the conflict occurred in the first place.”

Sullivan said, interaction is inevitable because they are going to be present in neighborhoods and communities.

“One thing I would emphasize is that chipmunks aren’t inherently nuisance animals,” Sullivan said. “Conflict generally occurs when those behaviors overlap with our homes, gardens, landscaping or other structures.”

Despite best efforts from homeowners to take care of their chipmunk problem themselves, many are at a loss of how to deal with problems as they arise, turning to online communities like Facebook.

Common tactics to get rid of them, according to community posts on Facebook, include: BB guns, relocation,

extermination, trapping and patching up openings in houses with foam insulation.

Current hunting regulations for small-game set by the DNR list ground squirrels — including chipmunks — with a year-round statewide open season.

“The only conditions [to this regulation] being ‘the animal is doing or physically present where it could imminently cause damage as defined under the Wildlife Conservation Order,’” Sullivan said.

Landowners can choose how to address their problems with wildlife species that are generally common and doing damage, said Cody Norton, the DNR bear, furbearer and small game specialist.

“For chipmunks, a regulation change [in 2023] simply removed the need for landowners to obtain a physical permit,” Norton said. “Instead, if the type of damage a chipmunk is causing aligns with the definition of damage in the regulation package, the chipmunk can be killed.”

Under previous regulations, the landowner needed an animal damage and nuisance control permit or complete a hunter’s safety course and purchase a base license.

“The regulation change was to make it easier for landowners to mitigate damage from chipmunks and other species,” Norton said.

However, current guidelines don’t authorize landowners

to trap and relocate them without a permit.

“A physical permit still has to be obtained directly from the DNR to temporarily take possession of a chipmunk or other wildlife species and relocate it,” Norton said.

Relocation is a common discussion topic among Facebook groups.

Sullivan said, “I don’t think we should automatically assume that relocation is the most effective or humane solution simply because an animal is released alive.”

Duquette said the DNR doesn’t allow some species to be relocated because it can move the nuisance issue to another area and facilitate spread of disease, among other factors that put their survival at risk.

“Relocation is also more complicated than simply capturing an animal and releasing it somewhere else,” Sullivan said. “Displaced animals are suddenly placed in unfamiliar surroundings where they must locate food and shelter and interact with animals already occupying that area.”

The chipmunks’ presence at a home sometimes sparks a panic call by property owners, even when there’s no sign of damage, said Sullivan.

However, “in many cases, having chipmunks around a property doesn’t necessarily mean they’re creating a significant problem,” Sullivan said.

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