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The Fowlerville 4th of July Committee will be holding Wreaths Across America at Greenwood Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 13. Inviting the public to attend the ceremony are, from left, Patrick Labriola, Tammy Labriola, Mary Helfmann, Kim Panicci, Butch Ogden, Jim Mayhew, Melissa Salgado, and Tony Coln.

'Wreaths Across America' planned at Greenwood Cemetery Saturday, Dec. 13

The Fowlerville Fourth of July Committee is proud to announce that they are sponsoring the 8th Annual 'Wreaths Across America' on Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Greenwood Cemetery in Fowlerville.

The program will start at 12 noon, with the gates open at 11 a.m. The noontime start will coincide with the ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery and similar events at over 4,225 other locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. Each ceremony is as varied as the men and women it honors with speakers, moving sentiments, pageantry and often music. One thing every ceremony has in common is the placing of wreaths on grave sites to honor those who have served, many offering the ultimate sacrifice while serving this nation. On that day more than two million of them will be placed.

The approximate hour-long ceremony in Fowlerville will include remarks by Laura Goldthwait, the Commander of American Legion Post 141, and State Rep. Jason Woolford, a U.S. Marine

Corps veteran. Pastor Robert Storey of the Place of Refuge will serve as chaplain.

Fourth of July Committee member Melissa Salgado will serve as the emcee.

The ceremony will be highlighted by the laying of wreaths honoring all of the military service branches (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard/Merchant Marine, Air Force, and National Guard) as well as law enforcement & first responders, MIA/POWs, and Gold Star families. Special recognition will be given this year to the Special Forces.

There is no charge for this event. Veterans, their family and friends and the general public are all welcome to attend.

Donations to the Wreaths Across America Fowlerville celebration can be made at the Village of Fowlerville office. A wreath costs \$17, with the local group receiving \$5. This money, noted Committee member Mary Helfmann, is used to purchase wreathes for next year's ceremony. Wreaths that people have already purchased for this year will be available at the event to lay on veterans gravesites.

Gladiator Gazette

Fowlerville Community School News

FCS Received Unmodified Audit Result

Fowlerville Community Schools has received an unmodified opinion on its annual financial audit. Also referred to as a “clean opinion,” this is the most favorable outcome of an audit. A clean opinion maintains the district’s eligibility for current and future state aid, Title I, special education and other critical programs. Auditors found there were no material weaknesses and no significant deficiencies.

The audit was conducted using the draft 2025 Compliance Supplement, as the federal government has not yet issued the final version. No changes are expected between the draft and final documents.

Fowlerville Community Schools has an 11.92% fund balance. The audit was performed by Maner Costerisan and reflects our district’s ongoing commitment to strong financial stewardship and responsible use of taxpayer dollars.

Personal Communication Devices (PCD) Policy Reminders

Fowlerville Community Schools remains committed to creating a safe, focused and engaging learning environment where every student can thrive. As part of this effort, and in response to what we continue to learn about the impact of personal technology on student well-being, the Board of Education approved Phase 1 revisions to Policy 5136 Personal Communication Devices (PCDs), which are now in effect. These updates apply to all students in grades pre-K through 12. **Under the revised policy, the following changes were made:**

- The definition of PCDs now includes smartwatches, AirPods/earbuds, headphones and other wearable technology, in addition to phones, tablets, laptops and similar devices.
- Grades pre-K through 5: Student use of PCDs is now fully prohibited during school hours, and devices must remain turned off and stored in a locker, teacher basket or backpack.
- Revised Policy 5136 allows only one approved way for pre-K through grade 12 student communication during the school day: students must use school phones to contact parents or guardians. Because the policy identifies only this single method and audience, it means students cannot use their PCDs to call, text or message during the instructional day and school phones may be used only to contact parents and guardians.

November 18th Policy Committee Recommendations

After reviewing input from students, staff, and families, the Policy Committee unanimously supported forwarding several additional updates to the full Board for first reading on December 9, 2025. These recommendations include:

Revised Wearable Technology Definition

“Student-owned fitness devices that are not web-enabled and do not connect to the Internet through another device are allowed. These fitness devices must be silenced with no vibration.”

Pouch Use for Grades 6–12

Based on stakeholder feedback, the committee recommends secure pouch use for grades 6–12, rather than grades 3–12.

PCDs May Be Turned On (Silenced)

Students may keep devices turned on as long as they remain silenced (no vibration) and properly stored in the appropriate location for their grade level.

Clarified Communication Expectations

“Students shall use school phones to contact parents or guardians during the school day. Students may use school phones to contact other parties when deemed appropriate by school staff or administration. Students shall not use PCDs to

make calls, send texts, or send messages at any time during school hours.”

Next Steps

The Board of Education will continue reviewing stakeholder feedback as the process continues.

- First Reading: December 9, 2025
- Policy Committee Review: December 15, 2025
- Potential Final Reading: January 6, 2026

Learn More

Families and staff are encouraged to visit the Personal Communication Device FAQ webpage and review Administrative Guideline 5136 – Personal Communication Devices for detailed guidance on the most recent changes to Policy 5136. If you have any questions, contact your student’s principal.

School of Choice Openings Available for Second Semester

School of Choice applications for second semester of the 2025-26 school year are now posted on our website. The school of choice window for second semester is short, as it runs from January 5-16, 2026. There are two applications available:

Application for new students applying to the district (second semester)

Application for students who have moved out of the district (second semester)

Questions regarding the School of Choice application should be directed to Janice Avis, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.

What’s Happening in our School Buildings

Student Oscars Night a Success

Fowlerville High School recently hosted its inaugural Student Oscars Night, and it was an unforgettable celebration of our students and their many talents! This special event brought together families, friends and staff to honor the creativity, hard work and unique contributions of students across multiple disciplines.

The evening featured outstanding performances, student-produced videos and presentations that showcased the remarkable skills of our Gladiators. With many families and students in attendance, the atmosphere was filled with pride and excitement. We are very proud of every student who participated and contributed to making this inaugural event such a success. The FHS Oscars Night is sure to become a cherished tradition!

Kreeger Elementary Kindness Club Hosting Winter Clothing Drive

Our Kreeger Elementary Kindness Club is excited to kick off its winter clothing drive! From December 1 through December 12, we will be collecting gently used coats, hats, gloves, boots and snow pants to support families in the Fowlerville community.

If you would like to participate, please drop off donated items in the designated container located outside the Kreeger Elementary office. Your generosity helps keep our community warm this winter. Thank you for supporting our students in spreading kindness!

Fowlerville Elementary Food Drive a Success

Fowlerville Elementary would like to thank our families for their tremendous support of our recent food drive. We were able to drop off 1,655 pounds of non-perishable food items to the Fowlerville Family Impact Center. According to the Impact Center, this was one of the largest donations they have received.



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Little Glad Early Learning Preparing for Move to H.T. Smith Building

Little Glad Early Learning, which will be transitioning to the H.T. Smith building, currently has a target move date of January 20, 2026. Staff are busy boxing up items, and the construction crew is finishing up projects.

Recent updates include:

- Playground fencing was installed last week, making our new outdoor play space much larger, providing a designated area for children ages 18 months to 3 years old, as well as concrete areas for ride-on toys.
- Kitchen updates are nearing completion.
- Classroom furnace enclosures are in the final stages of completion.

Throughout this process, we will submit all required inspection and occupancy permits and work closely with Child Care Licensing to ensure the move happens as smoothly as possible. This is an exciting time for our program, as it allows us to expand quickly while continuing to support the community’s early childhood education needs and the district’s commitment to providing a seamless educational experience from early childhood through high school graduation.

Strengthening Science Teaching Across K-12

This year marks the start of a two-year professional development initiative for all K–12 science teachers as we prepare to pilot a new science curriculum. Our focus is on phenomena-based learning—using real-world events to spark inquiry—and student discourse, giving students more opportunities to think, talk and collaborate like scientists.

As part of the professional development, our teachers are also engaging in Instructional Rounds, a job-embedded learning process where they observe classrooms and reflect on how instructional practices impact student learning. This ensures that professional development directly connects to everyday teaching and improves student learning.

Families may notice more hands-on investigations and rich scientific conversations. We are excited to strengthen science instruction across the district and support all Gladiators in becoming curious, confident thinkers.

Auditions for Spring Musical to be Held December 8 & 9

Auditions for the spring musical, Andrew Lloyd Webber’s *The School of Rock*, will be after school on December 8 and 9 from 2:30-4:30 pm in the Alverson Performing Arts Center. Auditions require singing approximately 60-90 seconds of a pop, rock or pop-punk song, a short dance call and reading selections from the script. Auditions are open to both junior high and high school students. If you have questions, please email Jill Martin, Performing Arts Center Manager.

Winter Sports Season is Now Underway

The winter sports season is underway this week for our high school athletes. Fowlerville High School is also excited to be hosting the following Michigan High School Athletic

Association (MHSAA) events this season including: Boys Basketball Regionals, Boys Wrestling Team Districts and Boys Wrestling Individual Regionals. Fowlerville Athletics is able to host these events thanks to the outstanding community of volunteers that help run them.

Virtual Program Available to Students, Includes Support Lab

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

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

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

Community Recreation Hosting Holiday Sports Raffle

Youth athletes are working hard to finish selling tickets for the Community Recreation Holiday Sports Raffle. Be on the lookout for athletes as they compete individually and as a team to help sell the most tickets for some great prizes. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, reach out to your favorite Fowlerville basketball player, the Recreation Department or a local participating business. Tickets are \$20 each.

The drawing for prizes, including jerseys from Miguel Cabrera, Aidan Hutchinson, Sam LaPorta, Brian Branch and Amon-Ra St. Brown, will take place on December 9, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Munn Early Childhood Center. Winners need not be present to win.

What’s Coming Up in our Schools

December

- 07 - Livingston County Choirs Holiday Concert, Alverson Performing Arts Center, 4:00 PM
- 09 - Board of Education meeting, Fowlerville Junior High Auditorium, 7:00 PM
- 11 - Second grade musical, Alverson Performing Arts Center, 7:00 PM
- 15 - Policy Committee Meeting, FHS Media Center Computer Lab A, 6:00 PM
- 16 - Junior High Band Concert, Alverson Performing Arts Center, 6:00 PM
- 17 - High School Band & Choir Winter Concert, Alverson Performing Arts Center, 6:30-9:00 PM

- 22 - First Day of Winter Recess

January

- 05 - Classes Resume
- 06 - Board of Education meeting, Fowlerville Junior High Auditorium, 7:00 PM
- 14 - Half-day for all K-12 students, High School Exams, Records Day PM
- 15 - Half-day for all K-12 students, High School Exams, Records Day PM
- 16 - Half-day for all K-12 students, High School Exams, Last day of semester
- 19 - No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



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Proposed ban on Personal Communications Devices during school day getting pushback from some parents

By Steve Horton

A proposed ban on the use of personal communications devices (PCDs) during the school day, including locking up those possessed by older students in a pouch from the time they arrive at school until they leave, is on track to be approved by the Fowlerville Board of Education. However, both the pace at which it is happening and what's being proposed is getting pushback from some parents as well as students.

The proposal was first announced by officials earlier this fall, with the details being outlined in the 'Gladiator Gazette', a newsletter that's e-mailed to parents and school staff every other week. Much of the 'Gladiator Gazette' is also published in the 'Fowlerville News & Views'. Those details included why changes to the current policy on PCDs were being looked at and the process that would be in place for doing so. Specifically, the board was looking at two phases.

Phase One was expanding the definition of a PCD be-

yond the current cell phone to include wearables like smart watches, smart glasses and ear buds and that students could no longer utilize these devices during the school day, unless granted permission by a teacher or administrator. This prohibition included using them to contact anyone, including parents or someone at home. Students wishing to call home, under the new policy, would need to do so from the phone in the school office. Parents could also contact the office to leave a message.

Phase Two, and the more controversial one, would make the school device-free during the classroom day by prohibiting students from possessing any active PCDs during their time in school—called a bell-to-bell ban. Younger elementary students would power them off at the start of the day and place them in their locker or backpack, while the older students would have any phones and wearables locked in a pouch upon their arrival. The pouch would stay with the student but remain inaccessible during the day, then unlocked at the end of the day at designated stations.

As to 'why', officials stated in the opening paragraph of their announcement that "Fowlerville Community Schools is committed to providing a safe, focused, and engaging learning environment for all students that optimizes learning and supports their success."

To back this up, they said that "This approach has been shown to support student focus, academic achievement, and well-being," noting an "86% improved students safety and wellness, 84% increased classroom engagement, 68% academic gains, and 44% fewer behavioral referrals."

Since then a First Reading was held by the board at its Oct. 14th meeting on the Phase One changes, followed by a Second Reading and Adoption of the Updated Policy at the board meeting on Nov. 11th.

During this time, parent forums were held to explain the changes and the reasons the board and administration were pursuing them, a survey was sent out to gain feedback, and a board of education policy committee was held last month to take feedback and make a recommendation. The board has also provided information and FAQs on its website at: www.fowlervilleschools.org/families/

What's up next, if the steps are taken, is a First Reading of the Phase Two proposal (ie ban) at the board's upcoming meeting this Tuesday, Dec. 9th, a board policy committee meeting on Dec. 15th, and the Second Reading and Adoption of Policy at the Jan. 6th board meeting. If approved, then the Personal Device-Free School Day Launch would be targeted for the start of the second se-

mester on Jan. 20th.

In an interview with WHMI Radio done after the Phase One adoption, Superintendent Matthew Stuard said that "the moves stem from a lot of different reasons, including a decline in engagement in FCS classrooms and also for safety and security purposes."

"Our safety and security personnel, including our local police chief, have talked to us about needing our kids to be focused during emergencies," he said, adding that overloading the 911 emergency response system could cause problems with response.

"We've just seen nationally an uptick in mental health issues related to cell usage, bullying, and cyber bullying," he added.

Stuard said the board had been talking about this move for a long time and pointed to Pinckney and other school districts (including Webberville) having adopted similar policies and legislation introduced in Lansing that would require all Michigan districts to adopt similar bans.

PUSHBACK FROM SOME PARENTS

But not every parent in the Fowlerville School District supports the policy changes, citing reasons why they feel a total ban and other restrictions on PCD use during the school day are not a good idea or at least need to be studied further. They feel the pace of the changes have occurred too fast, that their concerns are being ignored or brushed off, that they've had too little time during the 'Call to the Public' or at the forums to ask questions and register their disagreement, and they question whether banning PCDs is considered the best way to address such issues as mental health, cyber bullying, and safety issues that school officials have cited rather than other approaches.

They also note that "we live in a technologically changing world that includes PCDs" and that incorporating them into the learning process rather than banning them is a better path forward for students. They further noted that the realities of families with two working parents results in changed plans and also that students and parents see a cell phone as a lifeline in the advent of a school shooter or other threats.

To support their objections and concerns, they point to the findings of a Parent Survey and a Student Survey conducted on the Fowlerville Parents Facebook Page as well as comments users have posted. The findings of these surveys and their interpretation were sent in a packet to the 'Fowlerville News & Views.'

The following is under the heading of 'Why We're Here' Proposed PED Policy Changes: Lack of Transparency & Community Input

The Fowlerville School Board is unilaterally advancing major changes to the Personal Electronic Device (PED) policy without reason, meaningful parental involvement, or a transparent process. The proposal has moved forward too quickly:

- Parents were not permitted to speak or express opinions as a "forum" would suggest at the district forum. More accurately, it was a presentation.
- Information presented to families was inconsistent and often misleading.
- Policy details shifted during the process, creating confusion.
- At the board meeting prior to the vote to change PED language (Phase 1), parents were not given a meaningful opportunity to speak or provide input.

As a result, many families feel the process is extreme, has been rushed, the district's parent survey was leading and biased, and the overall approach has disregarded community perspectives and circumstances.

We're Here

- To provide context behind the community's concerns about the proposed PED policy changes, including a

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Fowlerville High School's "ATHLETES" OF THE WEEK



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Varsity Boys Basketball

Sam Shrader, Sr G - Sam is in his 3rd year as a varsity basketball player. He is our leading returning scorer and rebounder. We ask Sam to play all over the floor and he excels at that. He was voted captain by the team. We are looking forward to big things from Sam this Winter!! Congratulations Sam!!

Grant Wilkinson, Sr C - Grant is in his 2nd year on the varsity team. He was selected captain by the team, and we will count on him to lead us in rebounding, provide a big presence in the middle on defense and be a scoring threat down low. Grant has worked really hard to improve his game!! Congratulations Grant!!

JUD'S FOOTBALL FORECAST

<p>THURSDAY, DEC. 11 Atlanta <u>21</u> at Tampa Bay <u>27</u></p> <p>SUNDAY, DEC. 14 Cleveland <u>21</u> at Chicago <u>24</u> Baltimore <u>24</u> at Cincinnati <u>28</u> Buffalo <u>27</u> at New England <u>24</u> Washington <u>21</u> at NY Giants <u>28</u> Las Vegas <u>17</u> at Philadelphia <u>31</u> NY Jets <u>24</u> at Jacksonville <u>27</u></p>	<p>Arizona <u>24</u> at Houston <u>31</u> Green Bay <u>24</u> at Denver <u>28</u> Detroit <u>24</u> at LA Rams <u>30</u> Carolina <u>24</u> at New Orleans <u>17</u> Tennessee <u>17</u> at San Francisco <u>27</u> Indianapolis <u>24</u> at Seattle <u>27</u> Minnesota <u>24</u> at Dallas <u>31</u></p> <p>MONDAY, DEC. 15 Miami <u>27</u> at Pittsburgh <u>24</u></p>
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Proposed ban on Personal Communications Devices, continued

“bell to bell” full day PED ban, and proposed purchase of device locking Yondr pouches (or similar product).

- While the board stated that this policy change was about mental health and safety while removing distraction and improving test scores, parents would like to highlight the actual concerns our students are experiencing every day – concerns that deserve attention, resources, and honest discussion.
- To give students and families a voice in decisions and providing feedback about what is directly affecting their safety, learning, and mental health.

Participation, they said, included 204 parents and 146 students.

A lot of detailed data was provided and shown in various graphs—more than space allows in this article.

Of interest, though, is the key takeaways they feel are shown from the responses that were given:

- 1- A clear majority of both parents and students express opposition to the district’s proposed Personal Electronic Device restrictions.
- 2- Many participants shared concerns about how the proposal was introduced, the lack of authentic avenues for feedback, shifting information, and the speed of implementation. This has affected trust and confidence in the decision-making process.
- 3- Parents highlighted real issues that need attention. Feedback revealed significant concerns about mental health, academic pressure, bullying, school climate, safety, and the need for stronger support systems—areas that extend far beyond the personal electronic device policy discussion.
- 4- The data suggests resources should be redirected toward these core issues. Based on community input, families overwhelmingly believe that investments should focus on student well-being, mental-health resources, consistent classroom support, and addressing behavioral challenges, rather than implementing a restrictive ban.
- 5- The surveys provided a transparent, unbiased view of community sentiment. With large voluntary participation, the results reflect meaningful community perspectives that should guide responsible, student-centered policy decisions.

HANDY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

The regular meeting of the Handy Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Hinton at 7:00 P.M. in the Handy Township Board Room. Members present: Clerk Eisele, Trustee Redinger, Treasurer Shear and Trustee Munsell. Absent: None. Also present: Twp. Atty. Homier (via Zoom) and residents: Chuck Wright, Jennifer Raica, Dan Wholihan, Jason Peterson and one who refused to sign in. Meeting was opened with a Moment of Silent Reflection followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

At the regular Handy Township Board meeting the following motions were made:

- To approve the agenda as amended
- To approve generator maintenance
- To approve meeting minutes of 10-20-25 and 10-22-25 as presented
- To pay the bills in the amount of \$151,315.51
- To list Twp property at W. Grand River for sale
- To authorize the transfer delinquent Utility Billing Accounts to the Tax Bills
- To set alternate date for December Board of Review for 12-08-2025
- To renew internet service for the Twp. Office, Voting Center and Water Plant
- To enter into agreement with Fowlerville Schools for Summer 2026 tax collection
- To approve payment of the 2024-2025 Recreation Bill
- To accept Doug Clark’s resignation from the ZBA and to appoint alternate Mike Powers to fill term and to appoint Jen Raica as alternate member
- To adjourn meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Laura A. Eisele
Handy Township Clerk
(12-7-25 FNV)

Another point made was that the school already has a policy in place on dealing with improper use of cell phones in the classroom and that this policy should be enforced, disciplining those violating this policy rather than punishing all of the students who have followed the current rules.

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

November 26

- 6:21 a.m.--Electrical hazard on Bull Run Rd in Iosco Township.
- 8:06 a.m.--Odor investigation on N Gregory Rd in Handy Township.
- 2:29 p.m.--Tree down on Sargent Rd in Handy Township.
- 3:46 p.m.--Motor vehicle accident on Nicholson Rd in Handy Township.
- 4:42 p.m.--Medical response on Munsell Rd in Iosco Township.
- 6:21 p.m.--Medical response on N Grand Ave in the Village.
- 11:21 p.m.--Medical response on Church St in the Village.

November 27

- 5:59 a.m.--Medical response on Mackinaw Trl in Handy Township.
- 10:38 a.m.--Medical on N Grand Ave in the Village.

November 28

- 7:01 a.m.--Medical response on Meadowlawn Ave in Handy Township.
- 3:49 p.m.--Wire down on N Grand Ave in the Village.
- 7:05 p.m.--Medical response on N Ann St in the Village.
- 7:14 p.m.--Medical response on Cedar River Dr in the Village.

November 29

- 7:50 a.m.--Mutual aid to NIESA Fire Department for structure fire.
- 1:28 p.m.--Medical response on Hogback Rd in Handy Township.
- 3:53 p.m.--Medical response on S Jackson St in the Village.
- 3:56 p.m.--Medical response on Scythe Ct in Iosco Township.
- 4:09 p.m.--Medical response on Pinegate Dr in the Village.
- 8:40 p.m.--Medical response on Hannah Jane Dr in Handy Township.

November 30

- 6:19 p.m.--Medical response on Slawski Dr in Handy Township.
- 10:30 p.m.--Medical response on Little Rascal Dr in Handy Township

December 1

- 1:31 p.m.--Medical response on W Grand River Ave in Handy Township.

December 2

- 7:24 a.m.--Medical response on Hogback Rd in Handy Township.
- 7:46 p.m.--Medical response on W Grand River in the Village.

December 3

- 8:10 a.m.--Odor investigation on W Grand River in Handy Township.
- 10:06 a.m.--Medical response on James Dr in Handy Township.
- 1:25 p.m.--Gas leak investigation on S Jackson St in the Village.
- 3:30 p.m.--Citizen assist on W Grand River Ave in Handy Township.

Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team loses season opener to Charlotte

The Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team opened the season last Tuesday, Dec. 2, with a hard-fought 47 to 39 loss to Charlotte. Tyler Ray led the Gladiators with 14 points, while Sam Shrader and Dylan Soli each chipped in with 10.



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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF IOSCO TOWNSHIP CHANGE OF VENUE FOR THE REGULAR DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

All Iosco Township residents are hereby notified that the venue for the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on **December 18, 2025**, has been changed. The meeting will now be held at the **Alverson Center for Performing Arts**, located at **700 N. Grand Ave., Fowlerville, MI 48836**. Doors will open at **6:30 p.m.**, and the meeting will begin at **7:00 p.m.**

Julie Dailey
Iosco Township Clerk
(12-7 & 12-14-25 FNV)



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Nice location for this well-maintained ranch home with many updates on 1+ acre lot. Features include vaulted ceilings in primary bedroom & throughout the great room. Cozy gas fireplace in the great room for chilly nights, 1st floor laundry, new kitchen counters and all appliances included. Additional living space in the partially finished basement & plenty of storage in the 24x40 outbuilding with electric along with attached 2 car garage. \$349,900.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in LIVINGSTON COUNTY, starting promptly at 10:00 A.M. on JANUARY 7, 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.

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

MORTGAGE SALE – A mortgage was granted by JAMES C. SCHULTZ, a married man, Mortgagor(s), to MORTGAGE CENTER LLC, 26555 EVERGREEN ROAD, STE. 900, SOUTHFIELD, MI 48076, Mortgagee, dated FEBRUARY 5, 2020, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Livingston County, and State of Michigan on FEBRUARY 18, 2020, in DOCUMENT NO. 2020R-004955, and Loan Modification Agreement dated MAY 14, 2024, and recorded on JUNE 27, 2024, in DOCUMENT NO. 2024R-011172, of Livingston County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of ONE HUNDRED NINETY FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN AND 94/100THS (\$194,147.94) DOLLARS at 4.62500% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the date and time stated above, the undersigned will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said Mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, and all other legal costs, charges and expenses including the said attorney's fee, also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect their interest in the premises, which said premises are described as follows:

TOWNSHIP OF CONWAY, COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, to wit: Part of the South 1 / 2 of the Southwest 1 / 4 of Section 3, Town 4 North, Range 3 East, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the centerline of Fowlerville Road and the North-South 1 / 4 line; North 01 degrees 44 minutes 21 seconds West 668.59 feet from the South 1 / 4 corner of said Section 3, running thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 09 seconds West 1124.83 feet; thence North 02 degrees 03 minutes 55 seconds West 668.07 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 27 seconds East 1128.61 feet along the North line of the South 1 / 2 of the Southwest 1 / 4 of Section 3; thence South 01 degrees 44 minutes 21 seconds East 668.69 feet along the centerline of Fowlerville Road and the North-South 1 / 4 line to the point of beginning.

MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 11177 FOWLerville ROAD, FOWLerville, MI 48836-9317

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

KAREN L. ROWSE-OBERLE (P 41893)

ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE

24525 HARPER AVENUE

ST. CLAIR SHORES, MI 48080

(586) 777-0770

Dated: 12-7-2025

(12-07)(01-04)

(12-7, 12-14, 12-21, 12-28-25 & 1-4-26 FNV)

NOTICE OF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Master Deed of Jonathan's Landing II dated May 22, 2003, signed on May 22, 2003, and recorded on June 16, 2003, in Liber 3972, Page 766, et seq., Livingston County, Michigan, Register of Deeds, and any amendments thereto, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 273 (the "Master Deed"). Said default under the Master Deed has resulted in the recordation of a "Notice of Lien for Nonpayment of Assessments" by Jonathan's Landing Community Association, said Notice of Lien for Nonpayment of Assessments being dated July 1, 2025, signed on July 1, 2025, and recorded on July 2, 2025, in Document No. 2025R-012663, Livingston County, Michigan, Register of Deeds (the "Lien") on which Lien there is claimed to be due, as of the date hereon, the sum of FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY AND 26/100 DOLLARS (\$5,760.26). Under the power of sale contained in the Michigan Condominium Act of 1978, MCL 559.208(2), and Article II, Section 2.6 of the Condominium Bylaws, attached as part of said Master Deed, please take notice as follows:

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 Lien will be foreclosed by a sale of the lien premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on January 14, 2026.

The amount due on the Lien 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 premises. 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.

Said premises are located in the Township of Howell, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and more particularly described as: Unit 47, Building 4, Jonathan's Landing II Condominium, a condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 3972, Page 766, et seq., Livingston County Records, and any amendments thereto, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 273, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above described Master Deed (and Amendments thereto, if any), and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Owner(s) of Record: Nicholas Clark

Property Address: 1109 Rial Lake Drive, Howell, Michigan 48843

Parcel ID No. 4706-28-402-251

Attention condominium co-owner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Lien at the telephone number stated in this Notice. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale pursuant to MCL 559.208(2) unless the property is determined abandoned, then, in that event, the redemption period shall be one (1) month from the date of such sale pursuant to MCL 559.208(2), after which Nicholas Clark and all persons claiming through or under him shall be forever barred from all equity of redemption. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, the owner, Nicholas Clark, will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to Jonathan's Landing Community Association for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: November 21, 2025

By: Jonathan's Landing Community Association, a Michigan Nonprofit Corporation

For any inquiries, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Lien set forth below:

Chantelle R. Neumann, Esq.

Hirzel Law, PLC

37085 Grand River Avenue, Suite 200

Farmington, Michigan 48335

Phone: (248) 478-1800

Hirzel Law, PLC File No. 19280

(11-30)(12-21)

(11-30, 12-7, 12-14 & 12-21-25 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 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, January 7, 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 Christopher E. Tobin, A Married Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Ross Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2011, and recorded on November 8, 2011, as Document Number: 2011R-031505, Livingston County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated October 21, 2021 and recorded October 22, 2021 by Document Number: 2021R-042983, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Six and 25/100 (\$113,346.25) including interest at the rate of 3.75000% per annum.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Tyrone, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Township of Tyrone, County of Livingston, State of Michigan: Part of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 4 North, Range 6 East. Beginning at a point on the North line of Section 33, which bears West, 1075.00 feet from the North 1/4 corner of Section 33; Thence South 00 degrees 15 minutes East, 436.00 feet; Thence West, 250.76 feet; Thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes West 436.00 feet; Thence along the North line of said Section 33 East, 250.00 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 10150 FAUSSETT RD, FENTON, MI 48430

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: November 23, 2025

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.

Attorneys for Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC

43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200

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

Case No. 25MI00768-1

(11-23)(12-14)

(11-23, 11-30, 12-7 & 12-14-25 FNV)



Livingston United Way’s 18th Annual ‘Matching Money Monday’ on Dec. 8th

Livingston County United Way’s (LCUW) 18th annual “Matching Money Monday” (MMM) is a wonderful initiative happening this Monday, Dec. 8th. This one-day fundraising challenge, made possible with the generous support of community sponsors, is aimed at providing critical services to local families in need. Every dollar raised during the event will go further, thanks to the matching contributions, ensuring that struggling families receive essential help during challenging times.

Since MMM’s inception in 2008, LCUW has directly invested over \$5,000,000 into important local programs from this event.

Carrie Newstead, Executive Director of Livingston County United Way, emphasized the growing challenges faced by local families, stating: “The number of struggling, working families in Livingston County is greater than ever. Over the past year, we’ve seen many of our people working harder, yet not getting ahead due to increased costs of groceries, gas, utilities, and more.

“Livingston County United Way focuses our efforts to support our families who are ALICE – Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, and Employed,” continued Newstead. “The most

recent ALICE report shared that 28% of our families are now living just above poverty level, or in poverty. Contributing to MMM means making a tangible difference in the lives of neighbors in need.”

Drop-off locations throughout Livingston County for Monday, Dec. 8 include:

- Fowlerville – Katie Pikkarainen State Farm, Hungry Howie’s
- Howell – Howell Area Chamber of Commerce, Hungry Howie’s
- Brighton – Livingston County United Way, Hungry Howie’s
- Fenton – Hungry Howie’s
- Hamburg/Lakeland – Hungry Howie’s
- Hartland – Hartland Insurance Agency, Hungry Howie’s
- South Lyon – Hungry Howie’s
- Whitmore Lake – Hungry Howie’s

Hungry Howie’s is donating coupons for 1 free flavored crust pizza for any donation of \$50 or more.

This year we like to thank our Platinum Sponsor, Ted & Jane Von Voigtlander Foundation, our Gold Sponsors Bee Rex Apiary and Anonymous, our Silver Sponsor Griffith Realty, and our Bronze Sponsors Rotary Club of Howell, Wilson Marine, Bob Maxey Ford, Lake Trust Credit Union and Hartland Insurance Agency.

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LEGAL NOTICES

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement.

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on January 07, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Tracy Renee McGrew, an unmarried woman

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

Date of mortgage: June 27, 2021

Recorded on July 1, 2021, in Document No. 2021R-028220,

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC

Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred One Thousand Twenty-Nine and 36/100 Dollars (\$201,029.36)

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Livingston County, and described as:

LOT 19 OF HARTLAND COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 12 OF PLATS, PAGE 45, LIVINGSTON COUNTY RECORDS.

Commonly known as 2821 Bullard Rd, Hartland, MI 48353

The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale will be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee’s attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

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

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(11-30)(12-21)

(11-30, 12-7, 12-14 & 12-21-25 FNV)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE

TO ALL PURCHASERS - A lien has been recorded on behalf of Hidden Creek of Oceola Condominium Association. The lien was executed on January 14, 2025 and recorded on January 15, 2025, as Instrument 2025R-000950, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Five Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Six Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$5,286.25).

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

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

The name of the record property owner is Kevin C. Maida and Amy L. Maida, and is situated in the Township of Oceola, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 10, of Hidden Creek, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 4048, Page 0550 et seq., Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 278. Sidwell No. 07-28-301-010

Commonly known as: 1377 Callaway Court, Howell, Michigan 48843

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

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

Dated: November 21, 2025
Hidden Creek of Oceola Condominium Association
c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC
Sarah R. Karl
30140 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
248 671 0140

(11-30)(12-28)

(11-30, 12-7, 12-14, 12-21 & 12-28-25 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 December 17, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

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

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

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

Date of Mortgage: March 11, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: March 25, 2005

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$80,753.29

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

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

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: November 16, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(11-16)(12-07)

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

CONWAY TOWNSHIP LIVINGSTON COUNTY HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE AND TREASURER'S HOURS

The Conway Township offices will be closed for the holidays on December 24, 2025 and January 31, 2025.

The office will be opened on December 30, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for Winter Tax collection.

Tara Foote
Conway Township Clerk
(12-7-25 FNV)

Village of Fowlerville Businesses and Residents Reminders:

Please be advised the Village of Fowlerville Ordinance for Snow and Ice Removal is as follows:

Snow Emergencies

During a snow emergency, all vehicles must be removed from the streets to allow for safe and efficient plowing. Vehicles not moved may be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense.

Sidewalk Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance

All owners or occupants of properties must remove snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their lots according to the following time frames:

- Within 24 hours after a snow or sleet storm ends, if the storm produces 4 inches or less of snow or precipitation.
- Within 48 hours after a snow or sleet storm ends, if the storm produces more than 4 inches of snow or precipitation.

If a property owner or occupant fails or refuses to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks adjacent to and abutting upon such lot, lots, or premises within the required time frame, the Village Manager or their designee may arrange for the removal. All costs incurred for this service will be billed to the property owner.

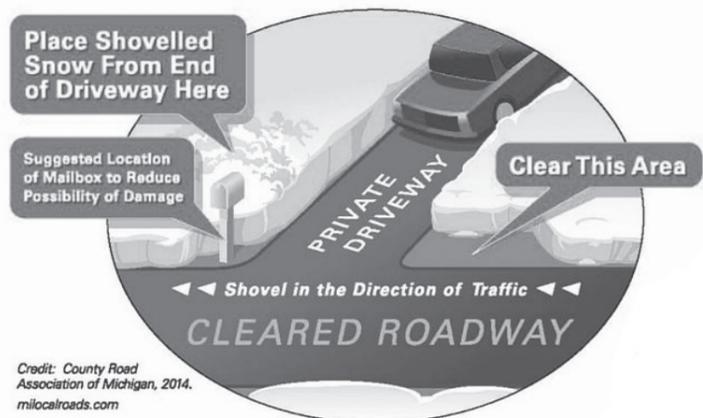
DO NOT PLOW OR SHOVEL INTO OR ACROSS THE STREET

It is illegal under Michigan State Law (Section 257.677(a) of the Michigan Vehicle Code) to shovel or plow snow or ice onto any street, road, or highway, or to deposit snow in a way that blocks motorists' view of traffic.

Avoid the Second Shovel

When shoveling your driveway, plan ahead! If no space is made for the plowed snow to go, the passing snowplow may push snow back into your driveway. Creating a designated snow area can save time and frustration later.

Avoid the "Second Shovel"



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Mailbox Maintenance

Don't neglect your mailbox post!

- Check that your post is sturdy; if it can be "shaken," compact the soil at the base of the post so that it doesn't begin to lean when snow starts to build up.
- Keep snow and debris clear around your mailbox to ensure visibility and access.
- Do not shovel snow back into the street.

Important Notes:

- Most mailbox damage occurs when heavy, wet snow is thrown against a weakened post or box.
- The Village of Fowlerville cannot assume responsibility for such damage.
- Homeowners are responsible for:
 - o Repairing or replacing damaged mailboxes/posts.
 - o Installing mailboxes in accordance with U.S. Postal Service guidelines.

Ensure the front of your mailbox is positioned just behind the curb.

Plow trucks use back blades, and improperly placed mailboxes may be struck during plowing.

Thank you for your continued support and efforts.

Gov. Whitmer proclaims December as Michigan Christmas Tree Month

Governor Gretchen Whitmer has proclaimed December as Michigan Christmas Tree Month, honoring the economic, environmental and social benefits of the state's Christmas tree industry. To celebrate the start of the month, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) and the Michigan Christmas Tree Association (MCTA) toured Peacock Road Family Farm in Laingsburg.

"Real Michigan Christmas trees are a holiday tradition for many families, whether you visit a Christmas tree farm or a retail tree lot," said MDARD Director Tim Boring. "You not only get a fresh, fragrant, beautiful tree as the centerpiece of your celebrations, but at many locations you also get to experience activities like hayrides or sleigh rides, petting farms, visits with Santa and more. We continue to see that Michiganders are interested in connecting directly with agriculture, and establishments like Peacock Road Family Farm are really the fabric of our state culture this time of year."

Michigan's integrated network of family farmers, processors, wholesalers and retailers work together to ensure a quality product celebrated by millions throughout our state and country.

The state ranks third in the nation for the number of Christmas trees harvested, supplying about two million fresh trees – with an annual net value of more than \$45 million – to the national market each year. There are more than 500 Christmas tree farms on a combined 33,000 acres in Michigan, ranging from large wholesale farms, to choose and cut farms, to small farms with a few acres selling pre-cut trees.

"Michigan's Christmas tree industry delivers more than just holiday cheer," said Amy Start, Executive Director of MCTA. "It generates jobs, supports environmental sustainability, and provides joy to millions of families during the holiday season. It means a lot to know Gov. Whitmer supports our industry and celebrates our role as a memory maker for Michiganders."

Michigan grows and sells more than a dozen Christmas tree varieties on a wholesale level, which is more species than any other state. The most popular types of Christmas trees available in Michigan are Fraser fir, Scotch pine, Colorado blue spruce, Douglas fir, Concolor fir and Canaan fir. In addition to Christmas trees, the industry makes an additional \$5 million in sales of wreaths, cut boughs, garland and other fresh greenery products.

"The holidays are always a magical time at Peacock Road Family Farm, and we're excited to welcome families back to the farm this Christmas season," said Farm General Manager Christian Voorheis. "You can take a wagon ride out to the field to cut your own tree or choose from our pre-cut lot and visit Santa in his cabin, roast marshmallows at a firepit, sip cocoa, buy lunch or a snack, visit our Christmas store, and leave with a beautiful Christmas tree, a warm heart and lasting

holiday memories."

Real Christmas trees are also a great environmental choice. They grow on rocky soil typically unsuitable for other crops and provide extra woodland for animals, create oxygen, and take carbon dioxide out of the air, helping combat global warming. Christmas trees are renewable resources and 100 percent recyclable. The best way to recycle your tree after Christmas is to chip it into mulch, which can be used for landscaping projects.

Christmas trees take six to eight years to reach marketable height. For every Christmas tree harvested, Michigan growers plant three new trees for future harvests.

ORDINANCE NO. 501 ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 612 OF ORDINANCE NO. 346

The Village of Fowlerville ordains:

Section 1. Section 612, Fences, walls and screens, Chapter 6, *GENERAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS*, of Ordinance No. 346, entitled "Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Fowlerville, Michigan" is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 612. - Fences, walls and screens.

No fence, wall or structural screen, other than plant materials, that encloses residential property shall exceed six feet in height. No fence, wall or hedge plantings shall exceed a height of three feet within any residential front yard within an area closer than 20 feet to the street right-of-way line. On any corner lot or parcel, no fence or planting shall exceed a height of three feet within 20 feet of any corner so as not to interfere with traffic visibility across a corner. No fence, wall or hedge planting shall encroach upon a public right-of-way or sidewalk. If the principal structure is closer than 20 feet to the street right-of-way line, no fence, wall, or hedge shall exceed a height of three (3) feet beyond the front wall of the principal structure.

Section 2. Validity and Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 3. Repealer Clause. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4. Savings Clause. This Ordinance does not affect rights and duties matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective seven (7) days from and after its publication.

Carol Hill, Village President

Jamie Hartman, Village Clerk

REVIEWED FOR FORM:

Sarah Osburn (on behalf of Dave Stoker)

David G. Stoker, Village Attorney

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

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

The President thereupon declared this Ordinance approved and adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Fowlerville, this 17th day of November 2025.

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. 501 adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Fowlerville, County of Livingston, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on November 17, 2025.

Jamie Hartman, Village Clerk
(12-7-25 FNV)

(12-7 & 12-14-25 FNV)

Fowlerville Senior Center members participating in Community & in Life
By Mark Thompson

Once again, resilient members of the Fowlerville Senior Center participated in the Christmas in the Ville Parade. We planned on doing lots of waving to help us keep warm and we upgraded our lights this year, so now we were a flashing multi-color spectacle as we promenaded down Grand River and had a grand time under the warming flames of the hot air balloon burners.

On Nov. 22nd, we concluded our monthly free community CPR/AED/NARCAN training. We had an excellent final



Participants of the Senior Centers last CPR-AED-NARCAN class for 2025.

class, and we thank our instructor and Fowlerville Senior Center member, Robert Lechtanski, of RL Emergency Training Center for instructing our classes.

The Fowlerville Senior Center will now transition to biannual Community First-Aid training for 2026. The training dates are yet to be determined but will again be offered to everyone in the community.

The Fowlerville Senior Center continues our Family Impact Center Food Drive and just delivered our third donation which included food and personal care items. Our food drive will continue through Dec. 19th, and we invite anyone who would like to donate canned goods, pasta, boxed dinners, rice, or personal care items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste to drop them off at the Fowlerville Senior Center, 203 N Collins St.

We had such a good time at our first Cardio Drumming Class, we have scheduled another on Wednesday, Dec. 17, from 11A – 12P. It's a robust, moving and banging good time.

We can't say the Fowlerville Senior Center is having a membership initiative because we are always accepting new members and resigning current members. We always look forward to new members, new ideas and camaraderie. Membership is only \$25 per year and offers a host of opportunities which range from having a warm or cool beverage and chatting too, several physical fitness classes, travel, entertainment and activities at the Senior Center. Senior Center members can be as active as they want, but 2026 looks to be a very opportune time if you want to do something other than watch TV. Oh, we do that too.

Have you seen the huge construction project going on at Fowlerville Community Park. The improvements and additions to the park are outstanding and we very much look forward to utilizing the park's new features. It truly looks like these upgrades will enhance our community's opportunities for outdoor recreation and quality of life.

Arnold Schwarzenegger said, "You can't tell a kid that it's time to exercise; that's a turn off... you have to say, "Let's go to the park and have some fun! Then you get them to do some running, play on the swings, practice on the balance beam, and basically get a full workout disguised as play."

That quote isn't just for kids....

Fowlerville High News

OFFICE HOURS

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

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES TO NOTE:

Dec 22 – Jan 5 Holiday Break -Building will not be open

ALL SENIOR portraits are due by Friday, JANUARY 9, 2026 for the yearbook. Photographers should submit digital photos through email (preferred) at: FHSyearbook@fowlervilleschools.org or via photo CD or flash drive. If the picture is emailed, a return email confirmation will come back within 48-72 hours. If you do not receive an email, the picture did not go through.

Senior parents – Graduation is around the corner, cap and gown ordering has begun. Order online Jostens.com pick the graduation tab, order now, enter school and state, then start your order. The basic cap and gown unit is under Cap & Gown section shop all.

**ORDINANCE NO. 502
ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTION 620
OF ORDINANCE NO. 346**

The Village of Fowlerville ordains:

Section 1. Subsection 7, *Storage Area(s) and Garages*, of Section 620, *Supplementary dwelling regulations*, Chapter 6, *GENERAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS*, of Ordinance No. 346, entitled "Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Fowlerville, Michigan" is hereby amended to read as follows:

7. Storage Area(s) and Garages.

a. The dwelling shall contain storage area in a basement located under the dwelling, in an attic area, in closet areas or in a separate structure of standard construction, similar in exterior appearance to the principal dwelling. Such storage area shall contain a floor area not less than 15 percent of the minimum floor area required for that district.

b. All dwellings, constructed after the effective date of this ordinance, shall have an attached or detached garage. Attached and detached garages must comply with all applicable ordinance provisions.

Section 2. Validity and Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 3. Repealer Clause. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

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Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective seven (7) days from and after its publication.

Carol Hill, Village President
Jamie Hartman, Village Clerk

REVIEWED FOR FORM:
Sarah Osburn (on behalf of Dave Stoker)
David G. Stoker, Village Attorney

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

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Jamey Hardenbrook, Trustee	AYE
Jamie Hernden, Trustee	AYE
Mary Helfmann, Trustee	AYE
Jim Mayhew, Trustee	AYE

The President thereupon declared this Ordinance approved and adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Fowlerville, this 17th day of November 2025.

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. 502 adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Fowlerville, County of Livingston, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on November 17, 2025.

Jamie Hartman, Village Clerk
(12-7-25 FNV)



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Regular Meetings. The Planning Commission shall hold no fewer than four (4) regular meetings each calendar year. Regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, as needed, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Village of Fowlerville. Additional meetings may be scheduled when necessary.

Applications may be picked up Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Village of Fowlerville Office or downloaded from the Village website at www.fowlerville.org.

Please submit your letter of interest and application by **December 18, 2025**, no later than **5:00 p.m.**, to:

The Village of Fowlerville
Attn: Jamie Hartman, Village Clerk
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(12-7 & 12-14-25 FNV)



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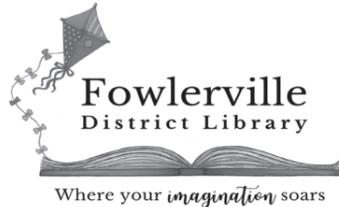
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 Thursday: 9:30 am to 8:00 pm; Friday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm
 Saturday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; Sunday: Closed
 For any questions, or to register for programs, call us at 517-223-9089.

KIDS & FAMILY

Homeschool Hangout

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

Family Storytime (Ages 1-5)

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

Toddler Storytime (Ages 0-3)

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

Kids Club (Ages 6-12)

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

Graphic Novel Book Club

Read the book and then come to discuss it. Snacks provided. Books are available at the front desk and are yours to keep. We will be discussing MAX A LITTLE AXOLOTL by Joey Spiotto. Mon, Dec 22 • 4pm

Book Boxes (All ages)

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

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Sensory Playtime (Ages 2-5)

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

TEENS

Origami (Teens Age 13+)

Learn or practice origami skills. Instructions are provided for those without prior experience or who need a refresher. Thurs, Jan 8 • 3-4pm

Button Making (Teens Age 13+)

Create your own unique pinback buttons, or build one from an existing design. Thurs, Dec 11 • 3-4pm

Murder Mystery Puzzle Boxes (Teens Age 14+)

Immerse yourself in the mystery as you try to solve one of these puzzle boxes. Handle clues, profile suspects, and find the killer with your deductive reasoning. Thurs, Dec 18 • 3-4pm

Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 12-18)

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

Switch Free Play (Ages 10-18)

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

Maker Space Open House (All Ages)

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

Build your Own Touchscreen Gloves (Teens Ages 13+)

Get ready for winter by upgrading your gloves to make them with your touchscreen. BYOG (Bring your own gloves) Tuesdays in Dec • 3pm

Gaming Playground (Teens Age 13+)

School’s out, so come try out our new Nex Playground Console, or just use the Switch like it’s Friday. Tues, Dec 23 & Dec 30 • 2-3pm

ADULTS

Board of Trustees Meeting

The library board will meet. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Thurs, Dec 18 • 6pm

Find Your People at the Library

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

Cardmaking

Enjoy camaraderie and cards at this popular program. You will make four different cards to take home. All supplies included. Registration is required. Thurs, Dec 18 • 6:00pm & Fri, Dec 19 • 11am

Christmas Garland

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

Scrapbooking (Adults)

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

Shelf Indulgence Book Club (Adults)

Members take turns facilitating the discussions. Come and enjoy some literary camaraderie! Register to get a free copy of the book, while supplies last. Registration begins one month before each scheduled meeting. Next up we will discuss YOURS EVENTUALLY, by Nura Maznavi. Thurs, Dec 18 • 2-3pm

Sewing (Adults)

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

Repair Cafe

Don’t throw it away! Bring your broken items here for repair and advice from handymen. Sat, Feb 28 • 10-12pm

Did You Know?

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

A Friendly Reminder

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

Library Survey

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

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Rep. Bollin wants to take closer look at work projects; dismisses time concerns

By Lily Guiney

Gongwer News Service

House Appropriations Committee Chair Ann Bollin wants to take the remaining legislative time left in the year and put it to use on an endeavor that’s long been a governmental “sore spot” to her: reviewing departmental work projects in a more transparent and meticulous way than usual.

That’s why she directed her appropriations subcommittee chairs to seek further information on work projects from the departments within their purviews, Bollin, R-Brighton, told Gongwer News Service in response to letters obtained earlier this week from one such subcommittee chair, Rep. Tom Kuhn, R-Troy, putting a hard deadline on his departments to justify their work projects.

Bollin said it’s been a priority of hers for many years to retool the process for non-statutory work projects, which take effect automatically 75 days after the end of the fiscal year unless lawmakers in appropriations committees vote to reject them. This year, as part of the budget process, Bollin directed

her subcommittee chairs to review the projects at two separate points in the year.

“Looking at the work projects has been on my radar and is one of the sore spots to me since I’ve been a legislator, and in particular (since I became) appropriations chair,” she said. “In the very beginning of the year, I asked all my subcommittee chairs, and included myself, to review all the existing work projects and get a feel for where they stood. And post-budget, I asked (them) to dig in again and see if (departments) made progress from the first time you met with them, knowing that the State Budget Office would make a recommendation, which is typical.”

Kuhn, who chairs the House Appropriations General Government Subcommittee, stirred some panic amongst the departments his committee oversees when he seemed to abruptly push up a deadline for them to meet with his office from Dec. 8 to Nov. 26. In his first letter to the departments, he said he would recommend his members vote to reject the work projects of any department that did not meet with him or whose presentations were “incomplete or inadequate.”

The deadline push ahead of Thanksgiving drove concern

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Student of the Week—Ella Olrich

Ella Olrich, a senior at Fowlerville High School, has challenged herself throughout high school with a rigorous college-prep schedule, including AP courses such as AP Language, and is currently dual enrolled during her senior year. Beyond the classroom, she contributes her voice and creativity as a member of The Coliseum staff while excelling athletically as a Varsity basketball and softball player, as well as a member of the Varsity girls’ golf team. Known for her strong work ethic, commitment to her goals, and willingness to put in the time necessary to succeed, Ella exemplifies what it means to be a true Gladiator.

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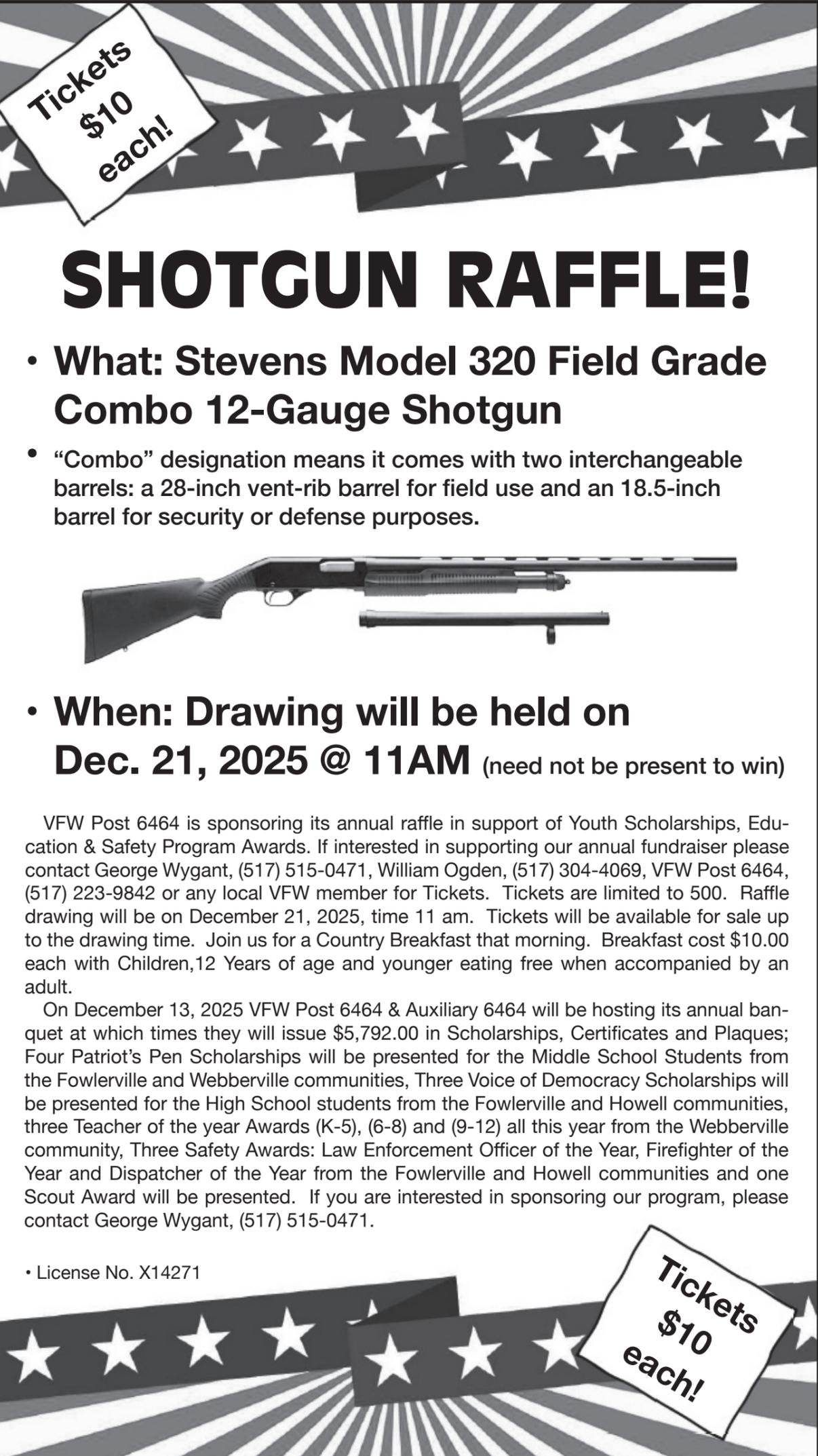
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On December 13, 2025 VFW Post 6464 & Auxiliary 6464 will be hosting its annual banquet at which times they will issue \$5,792.00 in Scholarships, Certificates and Plaques; Four Patriot’s Pen Scholarships will be presented for the Middle School Students from the Fowlerville and Webberville communities, Three Voice of Democracy Scholarships will be presented for the High School students from the Fowlerville and Howell communities, three Teacher of the year Awards (K-5), (6-8) and (9-12) all this year from the Webberville community, Three Safety Awards: Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Firefighter of the Year and Dispatcher of the Year from the Fowlerville and Howell communities and one Scout Award will be presented. If you are interested in sponsoring our program, please contact George Wygant, (517) 515-0471.

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Traditional Cremation: Why it's my personal favorite option

By Aaron Franks, 'Aaron the Funeral Guy'

Last week, I shared how excited I was to talk about traditional cremation — and for good reason. This option blends the meaningful structure of a traditional funeral with the flexibility of cremation. For many families, it truly offers

the best of both worlds.

What sets traditional cremation apart is the opportunity to view your loved one before the cremation takes place. This is something the other cremation options simply don't provide. Viewing offers a kind of closure that can't be replicated in direct cremation or a memorial service alone. There's something deeply healing about seeing your loved one at rest, taking a moment to say goodbye, and allowing your heart to begin processing the reality of the loss. Time after time, I've watched families walk into a viewing carrying a heavy emotional weight — and walk out with a sense of peace they didn't expect.

A common question families ask is about the casket used for this option. Most funeral homes, including ours, offer a rental casket specifically for traditional cremation. And just to clear up a worry many people have: only the *outer shell* of the rental casket is reused. Inside is a completely new insert

designed for cremation, made of materials that are cremated along with your loved one. All interior fabric and anything that touches your loved one is *never* reused. This setup gives families a dignified and traditional presentation without requiring them to purchase a full casket they don't need long-term.

And for families who prefer something different, there are options to upgrade the casket. Yes — even metal caskets can be cremated. Many people are surprised to learn that. Because metal caskets require higher heat and can be harder on crematory equipment, they're often cremated at the end of the operational day. This gives the crematory time for proper cool-down and maintenance before the next day begins. It's a safe and respectful process, and it's absolutely an option if the family chooses it.

Traditional cremation is a meaningful choice for families who value the healing nature of a viewing and funeral service but appreciate the flexibility cremation provides afterward. It combines ceremony, connection, and closure in a way that honors both tradition and practicality.

And just as I've said before, you will very rarely hear me tell a family what they *should* do. That's not my place. My job is to lay out every option clearly and compassionately and help guide you toward whatever brings the most peace to your family. But when someone asks for my personal opinion on cremation? Traditional cremation is the option I genuinely believe brings the greatest opportunity for healing.

If you ever have questions about cremation options, funeral planning, or topics you'd like covered in future posts, please feel free to reach out. My goal is always to help families understand their choices long before they ever need to make them. You can reach me anytime at aaronthefuneralguy@gmail.com

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

Antrim Baptist Church
 4509 E. Lovejoy Rd., Byron
 Pastor Mark Bohman
 517-223-3126
www.antrimbc.org
 Sunday School 10:00am
 Sunday Morning Service 11am
 Sunday Evening Service 6pm
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7pm
 Our deaf friends are always welcome.



Area Church Listings

St. Agnes Catholic Church
 855 E. Grand River, Fowlerville
 517-223-8684
 Fr. Nathaniel Sokol
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 Tuesdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm
 and 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Mass Times
 Wednesday: 4:00 pm
 Thursday: 10:00 am
 Friday: 8:30 am
 Saturday: 4:30 pm
 Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am
 (Memorial Day to Labor Day Sun. 10:30am)

Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene
 8040 Country Corner Drive,
 Fowlerville, MI 48836
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
 Rev. Craig Weihman
 (517) 223-7111
www.fowlervillenazarene.org

Oak Grove United Methodist Church
 Pastor David Mulder
 Sunday Worship 9:15am
 6686 Oak Grove Howell • 48855
 517-546-3942

Fowlerville First United Methodist Church
 201 S. Second St., Fowlerville
 517-223-8824
www.fowlervillefumc.org
 Pastor Scott Herald
Sunday Worship Service
 Nursery available
 11:00am
Sunday School
 September - May
 9:30am

Trinity United Methodist Church
 8201 Iosco Rd, Fowlerville
 517-223-3803
Plainfield United Methodist Church
 17845 M-36, Gregory
 Rev. Paula Vergowven
Sunday Worship Service 9:15am
 12-7 Trinity, 12-14 Plainfield, 12-21 Trinity, 12-28 Plainfield
12-24 Christmas Eve Service at 8pm at Plainfield
 Facebook: Trinity United Methodist Church

MARION TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE 2026

<p>Board of Trustees January 08, 2026 February 12, 2026 March 12, 2026 April 09, 2026 May 14, 2026 June 11, 2026 July 09, 2026 August 13, 2026 September 10, 2026 October 08, 2026 November 12, 2026 December 10, 2026 January 14, 2027</p>	<p>Board of Trustees January 22, 2026 February 26, 2026 March 26, 2026 No Meeting - MTA Conference May 28, 2026 June 25, 2026 July 23, 2026 (Lower Level) August 27, 2026 September 24, 2026 October 22, 2026 (Lower Level) No Meeting - Thanksgiving No Meeting - Christmas January 28, 2027</p>
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<p>Zoning Board of Appeals January 05, 2026 February 02, 2026 March 02, 2026 April 06, 2026 May 04, 2026 June 01, 2026 July 06, 2026 *August 10, 2026 *September 14, 2026 October 05, 2026 *November 09, 2026 December 07, 2026 January 04, 2027</p>	<p>Planning Commission January 27, 2026 February 24, 2026 March 24, 2026 April 28, 2026 May 26, 2026 June 23, 2026 *July 21, 2026 (Lower Level) August 25, 2026 September 22, 2026 *October 20, 2026 (Lower Level) November 24, 2026 *December 15, 2026 January 26, 2027</p>
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30pm.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m., if there are agenda items.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

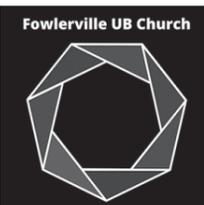
***Meeting is scheduled on a date that is different than normally planned.**

Tammy L. Beal, MMC, MiPMC
 Marion Township Clerk
 (12-7 & 12-21-25 FNV)



St. John's Lutheran ELCA
 132 S. Benjamin, Fowlerville
 PO Box 218 • 517-223-9108
 Pastor Diane Greble
 Worship with Holy Communion
 Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
 "Story Stretch" for Kids
 9:45 a.m.
 More information available:
www.stjohnsfowlerville.org
 All are welcome here in Jesus Christ!

Place of Refuge Ministries
 6909 Grand River, Fowlerville
 (across from Greenwood Cemetery)
 Pastor Bob Storey
Sunday Worship 10:30am
Wed. Evening Bible Study 7:00pm
 (517)223-3660
 Psalm 46:1
 "God is our refuge and strength."
www.psalms461.com



Fowlerville UB Church
 9300 W. Grand River, Fowlerville
 223-9490
www.fowlervilleub.org
Sundays
 9:00am & 10:45am
 Infant, Toddler, and
K-5th grade programming at 9:00 am & 10:45am

Webberville United Methodist Church
 4215 E. Holt Rd., Webberville
 Pastor Paula Vergowven
All Ages Sunday School 9:30am
Worship Service 11:00am
 12-14: Barn Service at Sean & Sherilyn Butler's house - 18395 Wasson Rd., Gregory
 12-17: Blue Christmas Service at 6:30pm
 12-24: Christmas Eve Service at 6pm
 Church: 521-3631
www.webbervilleumc.church



Grace Life Community Church
 "A Place to Belong - A Place to Believe"
 203 N. Collins Street
 Fowlerville, MI 48836
gracelifecc.churchtrac.com
 Pastor John Plumley
 517-304-4145
Sunday Worship at 10:30am
 Communion observed
 Grace Life Kids available
 Fellowship & meal after service
 Weekly group studies available



GREAT LAKES COUNTRY CHURCH
COME FOR COFFEE STAY FOR THE LORD'S PRESENCE
 134 Free St • Fowlerville
10:30am Sunday Church For Everyone
 Communion & Healing Service Every Sunday
 Chuck Wagon (pass a dish)
 Lunch the last Sunday
 Inner Healing by appointment
info@roacrm.org

First Baptist Church of Fowlerville
 214 S. Grand, Fowlerville
 517-223-9084
 Pastor Mark Jones
www.fowlervillebaptist.org
All ages Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
 (nursery provided)
Youth Group (6-12th grade)

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THE INSIDE SCOOP

Special Section

WINTER 25-26

Your first look at library happenings

December 2025-February 2026



Dear Friend,

I was watching the news one morning recently when there was a special report: Oxford University Press announced the 2025 Word of the Year. After three days of online voting by more than 30,000 participants, the Oxford 2025 Word of the Year is “rage bait.” It is defined as “online content deliberately designed to elicit anger or outrage by being frustrating, provocative, or offensive” that is usually associated with a website or social media. It makes me sad that the word of the year to sum up 2025 is rage bait. It certainly has been a raucous and dare I say, caustic, year, but I think we are better than that.

To help counteract rage bait, the library is offering a program “deliberately designed” to elicit joy and delight. It’s the Reading Dragons Good Deeds initiative. The lovely idea is for any person of any age to do a good deed for someone during the month of December. The good deed doer then comes into the library, fills out a good deed slip, and receives a family of special edition, holographed Reading Dragon cards in return. Kindness isn’t just for kids; adults can do good and get Reading Dragon cards, too.

We organized this promotion last December and received 81 good deed slips! From helping “an old lady across the street who was 97 with a bad hip” to comforting

a friend who had been bullied, and with a whole heap of household chores done without complaining thrown in for good measure, it was a successful campaign.

As Dr. Seuss once wrote, “Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.”

And Mother Teresa said, “Three things in human life are important. The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. The third is to be kind.”

This December let’s close out the year of rage bait with good deeds and kindness. And let’s commit to kindness in the New Year, too. Maybe, just maybe, our actions will elicit a decidedly different word of the year. If nothing else, we’ll feel really good and have extra clean homes.

New at the Library

This newsletter is your first look at library happenings, and we have a host of awesome programs planned for you this winter. New this quarter is The Library Lounge. The adults only, after-hours program offers a chance to read a book of your choosing for a glorious, uninterrupted hour. It’s a reading ungroup. There’s no preset discussion

questions and you can read what you want. Participants can imbibe with a special literary-themed MOCKtail, like Tequila Mockingbird or Watermelon for Elephants, or enjoy hot coffee or tea, and find a cozy spot to curl up and read.

Special speaker events include a shipwreck historian and a writer for *Car and Driver Magazine*. We are also offering a series that will explore career opportunities in the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, Teach for America and more. Great information for young people who want to be the change and mid-career professionals who need a change.

Friendly Reminder

Strategic planning is underway to plot the library’s programs and services for the next three to five years. In November we conducted 11 focus groups with 133 participants. It was amazing to hear so many great ideas from our local community!

The community survey is still open through the end of December. We need to hear from you. Please share your thoughts and ideas with our brief survey. You can find the survey by clicking the orange link at the top of our homepage online. It is also available on a designated laptop in the library or you can request a paper copy at the front desk. **YOU** are a major stakeholder in our future plans and services. Your voice matters. Plus, you could win a \$100 VISA gift card.

Thank you for all you do to support the library.

Cheers,
Isabella Rowan, MLIS
Library Director



Scan to take the Fowlerville District Library Strategic Plan Survey.

You could win a \$100 gift card

Don't QR? No problem! Visit www.fowlervillelibrary.org and click the link at the top of the page. Thank you!

Fowlerville District Library

130 S. Grand Ave.,
Fowlerville, MI 48836

Regular Hours		Holiday Hours	
Monday	9:30 - 7:00	Christmas Wednesday 12/24 Closed	
Tuesday	9:30 - 7:00	Thursday 12/25 Closed	
Wednesday	9:30 - 7:00	New Year's Wednesday 12/31 Closed	
Thursday	9:30 - 8:00	Thursday 1/1/26 Closed	
Friday	9:30 - 6:00	MLK, Jr. Day Monday 1/19/26 Closed	
Saturday	10:00 - 4:00	President's Day Monday 2/16/26 Closed	
Sunday	Closed		

www.fowlervillelibrary.org | 517.223.9089

TALKING CARS
WITH ROBIN WARNER
CAR AND DRIVER JOURNALIST

THURSDAY, 1/29 @ 6PM



Senior Appy Hours

Registration required. Call 517.223.9089 to reserve your 30-minute personal session for help with any technology.

WEDNESDAYS @ 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
JANUARY 14 & FEBRUARY 11

Adult Programs

Special Programs

Small Towns Big Stories

Livingston Centre Historical Society will offer a collaborative seminar for residents and visitors alike to share personal stories and family histories from Livingston County. Bring in that special photograph or artifact to share, or drop in to say, “Hi”. Monday, 12/8 • 5pm

Holistic Wellness

Lyndsey Johnson from Natural Roots and Wellness presents workshops for promoting health and vitality through holistic practice.

Mondays • 5pm

- 1/5: Detoxing through Juicing
- 2/2: Balancing Hormones

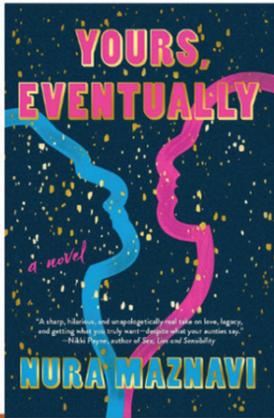
The Library Lounge

Bring your own book, or read one of ours, and come to our monthly after-hours silent reading ungroup for adults 18+ only. You can imbibe with a non-alcoholic literary-themed signature MOCKTAIL, grab some pub snacks, then go find a comfy chair and read uninterrupted in delicious silence for an hour. Discussion is optional. We'll have an area for those of you that want to talk about what you're reading and the rest of the library will be for the folks who just want to read in peace. Registration is required. For adults 18+ only.

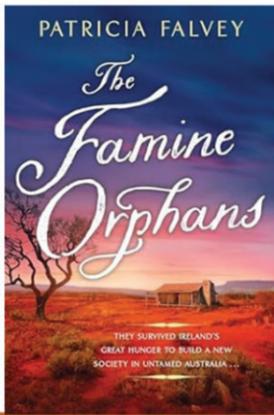
Tuesdays, 1/13 & 2/10 • 7-8:30pm

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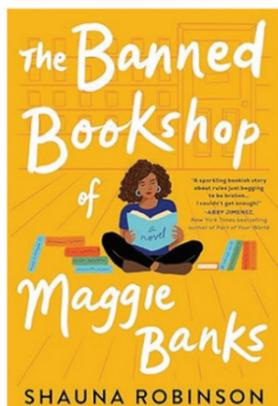
Book Club



December 18 @ 2 pm



January 15 @ 2 pm



February 19 @ 2 pm

Senior “Appy” Hours

Learn how to use that app, cancel subscriptions, register for telehealth, or anything else tech related on your phone or computer. Sign-up for a 30-minute, 1-on-1 personalized session to master your technology. Call the front desk at 517-223-9089 to reserve your spot. Wednesdays, 1/14 & 2/11 • 2-4pm

Writer’s Group Exploratory Meeting

Are you an established or aspiring author? You are not alone. There are many writers in Fowlerville and the surrounding areas. We would like to help you find each other and support you in your endeavors. We are hosting a fact-finding meeting to see what type of group is most desired by area writers. Come give us your input. Registration not required.

Friday, 1/16 • 11am

Peace Corps: “Make the World Your Classroom”

Curious about life beyond Michigan? Discover how the Peace Corps sends young people around the globe to teach, support communities, and learn new cultures from the inside out. If you’ve ever dreamed of traveling with purpose or making a difference far from home, come learn how the Peace Corps can turn those dreams into real-world adventures.

Tuesday, 1/27 • 6pm

Talking Cars with Automotive Journalist Robin Warner

Robin Warner from *CAR AND DRIVER*, talks cars. What’s it like to drive a super car from McClaren or the new minivan from KIA? Chevy Silverado, Corvette or anything in between, as a 20-year veteran journalist, Robin Warner has reviewed them all and looks forward to sharing his views and answering any of your questions about the cars of today. He will be here right after attending the North American Auto Show with the latest car news.

Thursday, 1/29 • 6pm

Introduction to Bitcoin and Digital Currency

Eric and Kelly from Cleary University will explain the brave new world of digital currency. They will present a basic history of crypto currency and explain how it works.

Thursday, 2/5 • 6pm

So You Think You Can Puzzle! Puzzle Challenge

Calling all puzzlers for another puzzle challenge just because they are so much fun! Register your team of up to 4 people to compete to complete an identical 500-piece puzzle in the fastest time. Single registrants will be paired with other singles. Prizes will be awarded, and refreshments will be served. This month’s puzzle features a valentine theme. Space is limited.

Thursday, 2/12 • 6pm

Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald 50th Anniversary

Shipwreck historian Ric Mixer will talk about the Edmund Fitzgerald, the largest shipwreck of the Great Lakes. Ric is one of only a handful of people who have visited the wreck personally, diving 550 feet down to explore the site for over an hour. This was the beginning of over 20 years of research for Mixer, who has collected one of the largest film archives of Fitzgerald related material. Registration required.

Thursday, 2/19 • 6pm

Teach for America: “Lead Change in the Classroom”

Explore how Teach for America empowers young leaders to make an impact in classrooms across the country. Whether you care about fairness, education, or helping kids succeed, TFA offers a launchpad for meaningful work. Learn how you can step into a teaching role, gain leadership skills, and spark change—starting from right here in Fowlerville.

Tuesday, 2/24 • 6pm

Repair Cafe

Toss it?! No way! Bring your broken items here to see if they can be repaired. Skilled volunteers will be on hand to assist and advise. Saturday, 2/28 • 10am-12pm

Genealogy

Find Your People @ The Library

We are thrilled to continue this popular working group to learn tips for sorting and organizing your documents and photos. You will also learn how to navigate Ancestry Library Edition and other valuable genealogy resources to find your people.

Wednesdays, 12/17, 1/21 & 2/18 • 2-3:30pm

Let’s Talk Books

Shelf Indulgence Book Club

Book Club members take turns facilitating the book discussions. Come and enjoy some literary camaraderie! Register to receive a free copy of the book while supplies last.

Third Thursdays • 2pm

• 12/18: *Yours Eventually* by Nura Maznavi

• 1/15: *The Famine Orphans* by Patricia Falvey

• 2/19: *The Banned Bookshop of Maggie Banks* by Shauna Robinson

Get Crafty

Christmas Garland

We will follow along with a Craft & Hobby instructor to make a festive Christmas garland that will be lovely on a mantle, door frame or Christmas tree. Supplies are included. Registration is required as supplies are limited.

Thursday, 12/11 • 6pm

Sewing with Patty

Bring your own sewing machine and learn from a master seamstress. All levels of skill are welcome. Registration required.

Fridays, 12/12, 1/9 & 2/13 • 10am

Wednesdays, 12/17, 1/14 & 2/18 • 5:30pm

Cardmaking

Enjoy camaraderie and cards at this popular program. You will make four different greeting cards to take home. All supplies included. Registration is required.

Thursdays, 12/18, 1/22 & 2/26 • 6pm

Fridays, 12/19, 1/23 & 2/27 • 11am

Scrapbooking

Make the most of your memories and join us for a fun day of scrapbooking your favorite photos. Stay for the day or just a few hours. Light snacks will be provided. Everyone gets their own table. Registration required.

Saturdays, 12/20, 1/17 & 2/21 • 10:30am-3:30pm

Paper Bag Junk Journal

Follow along with the Craft & Hobby Artist’s Academy to make a paper bag junk journal. Quick and easy, totally customizable, and so much fun! Supplies provided. Registration required.

Thursday, 1/8 • 6pm

Chunky Scarf Weaving

Christine will show us how to weave a cute chunky scarf in about an hour. No tools necessary. You’ll leave with a completed scarf to chase away winter’s chill. Registration is required as supplies are limited.

Thursday, 1/15 • 6pm

After Hours THE LIBRARY LOUNGE

quiet reading / literary MOCKtails / pub snacks / ages 18+

Tuesdays @ 7-8:30 pm
January 13 &
February 10



*registration required

Children’s Programs

Family Storytime (Ages 1-5)

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

Toddler Storytime (Ages 0-3)

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

Kid’s Club (Ages 6-12)

Build with Legos, play a game, or complete a craft/activity. See the winter lineup below:
Thursdays • 4-5pm

- 12/11: Paper Gingerbread Houses
- 12/18: Perler Beads
- 1/15: Paper Snowflakes
- 1/22: Origami
- 1/29: Slime
- 2/5: Mini Guided Paintings
- 2/12: Valentines
- 2/19: Play-Doh
- 2/26: Tissue Paper Mosaics

Homeschool Hangout (Ages 5-12)

This is a fun drop-in program for homeschoolers to connect with one another over games and activities. Each session will include a specialized STEAM activity.
Wednesdays, 12/17, 1/7, 1/21, 2/4, 2/18 • 1-2pm

Sensory Playtime (Ages 2-5)

This is a drop-in playtime filled with unstructured, sensory fun! Watch your littles use their imaginations to turn everyday things into toys. *Please note: Caregiver supervision is expected at all times as some sensory items may contain small parts.*
Fridays, 12/19, 1/16, 2/20 • 10-11am

Sesame Street Raising Kids in a Digital World Workshop (Ages 3-5)

Brought to you Sesame Workshop and Google, this 45-minute family workshop helps young children and caregivers explore healthy digital habits through storytime, creativity, and movement. Families will learn about digital well-being with help from their favorite Sesame Street friends, and practice strategies to connect both on and off screens.
Tuesday, 12/9 • 10-11am

Scooby PJ Party (Kids)

Come in your PJs (if you wish) for a mystery marathon with your favorite gang of young detectives and their snack-loving dog. Take a picture in the Mystery Machine and enjoy popcorn and hot chocolate. Rated G/TV-G.
Monday, 12/22 • 10-12pm

*Graphic Novel Book Club (Ages 7-12)

Read the book by the date, then come discuss the book while enjoying snacks and an activity! Books are available at the front desk and are yours to keep. *Registration Required*

Mondays 12/22, 1/26, 2/23 • 4-5pm

- Dec: *Max, a Little Axolotl*
- Jan: *Detective Beans Adventures in Cat Town*
- Feb: *Night Chef*

Nex Playground Open Play (Ages 6-12)

Drop in and try out our new Nex Playground—a full body movement-based gaming system. Enjoy other seasonal activities while you wait for your turn to play.
Tuesday, 12/23 • 10-4pm

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Kid’s Club Friday (Ages 6-12)

Build with Legos, play games, or complete a snowy craft! Make your own snow dough or design a crystal to take home and grow.
Friday, 12/26 • 3-5pm

Spark Club (Ages 10 -13)

Find your spark in a variety of creative ways at one of these programs just for pre-teens (sorry, no younger siblings allowed)!

Monday, 12/29 • 1-2pm

Saturdays, 1/24 & 2/28 • 1-2pm

- 12/29: Try unique cereal and milk flavor combinations to determine the best!
- 1/24: Squeegee Painting – Create a unique canvas with a squeegee.
- 2/28: Polymer Clay- Design your own jewelry or figurines.

Happy Noon Year (Ages 2-6)

It’s a New Year’s party way before bedtime! Make your own party hats, noise makers, and party poppers to help us countdown to noon. We will end the program with dancing and an apple juice toast.
Tuesday, 12/30 • 11-12pm

Reading Dragon Games (All Ages)

Calling all Reading Dragon collectors! It’s time to put your dragons to work with friendly games and battles. Gather your decks and bring them in for rounds of Memory, Dragon War, Dragon Ir, Battle Dragons, or Rock, Paper, Scissors. Participants will receive an exclusive Reading Dragon card and will be entered into a raffle for a special prize! Demo decks will be available.
Friday, 1/2 • 2pm

Snow Day (Ages 0-5)

Snow or no snow outside, it’s a snowy day at the library! A variety of snow themed crafts and activities. The same activities will be available on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tuesday, 1/20 • 10-11am

Wednesday, 1/21 • 10-11am

Teddy Bear Tea Party (Ages 0-5)

Bring your teddy bear (or any stuffy) for a tea party! We’ll have special Valentine crafts, activities, and “tea”! Come dressed up if you would like.

Tuesday, 2/10 • 10-11am

Wednesday, 2/11 • 10-11am

Reading Dragon Break-In Bags (Ages 6+)

Our library dragon, Paige, has been kidnapped and locked up! Follow the clues with the help of Detective Magnum to figure out how to break her out. Participants will earn the exclusive Magnum card and Paige family pack. For ages 7+ with second-grade-level reading proficiency. *Registration Required*

Tuesday, 2/17 • 1-2pm & 4-5pm



Reading Dragon Break-In Bags
Tuesday, 2/17 @ 1pm & 4pm

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Winter Break Fun For Kids!

 **Scooby PJ Party**
Mon. 12/22 @ 10-12pm | All Kids

Nex Playground Open Play 
Tue. 12/23 @ 10-4pm | Ages 6-12

 **Kid’s Club Friday**
Fri. 12/26 @ 3-5pm | Ages 6-12

Spark Club: Cereal Taste Test 
Mon. 12/29 @ 1-2pm | Ages 10-13 only

 **Happy Noon Year**
Tue. 12/30 @ 11-12pm | Ages 2-6

Reading Dragon Games 
Fri. 1/2 @ 2-3pm | All Ages

Check it out at the Library!

Snow Day

Tuesday, 1/20 & Wednesday, 1/21 @ 10-11 am
Snow or no snow outside, it’s a snowy day at the library!
Make a snowflake, toss some snowballs, build a snowman and more.



Winter Fun for Ages 0-5



Teddy Bear Tea Party

Tuesday, 2/10 & Wednesday, 2/11 @ 10-11 am
Bring your teddy bear (or any stuffy) for a tea party!
We’ll have special Valentine crafts, activities, and “tea”!
Come dressed up if you would like.

Teen Programs & More

Makerspace Open Hours (All Ages)

The library has two 3D printers and a laser engraver that are available to the public to use for projects. During our open hours, the public is invited to come in and speak directly to us about project ideas, see demonstrations, and learn about what the machines can do for them. Tuesdays • 4-5pm

Touchscreen Gloves (Age 13+)

Use conductive thread to convert a pair of your gloves to be compatible with touchscreens. December Tuesdays, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30 • 3-4pm

Make Your Own Bookmarks (Age 13+)

Make a bookmark of your own design, whether to use yourself or donate to others. January Tuesdays, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27 • 3-4pm

Custom Block Printing (Age 13+)

Carve your own stamps from rubber to create patterns for clothing or paper art. February Tuesdays, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24 • 3-4pm

Dungeons & Dragons (Age 13+)

Play Dungeons & Dragons 5e with a regular crew of players. All levels of experience are welcome, but familiarity with the rules will be very helpful. Wednesdays • 2:30-5pm

Origami (Age 13+)

Learn or practice origami skills. Instructions are provided for those without prior experience or who need a refresher. First Thursdays, 1/8, 2/5 • 3-4pm

Button Making (Age 13+)

Create your own unique pinback buttons, or build one from an existing design. Second Thursdays, 12/11, 1/15, 2/12 • 3-4pm

Murder Mystery Puzzle Boxes (Age 14+)

Immerse yourself in the mystery as you try to solve one of these puzzle boxes. Handle clues, profile suspects, and find the killer with your deductive reasoning. Third Thursdays, 12/18, 1/22, 2/19 • 3-4pm

Switch Free Play (Age 13+)

Play Smash or Mario Kart on the Library's Switch with other interested players. Fridays • 2:30-5pm

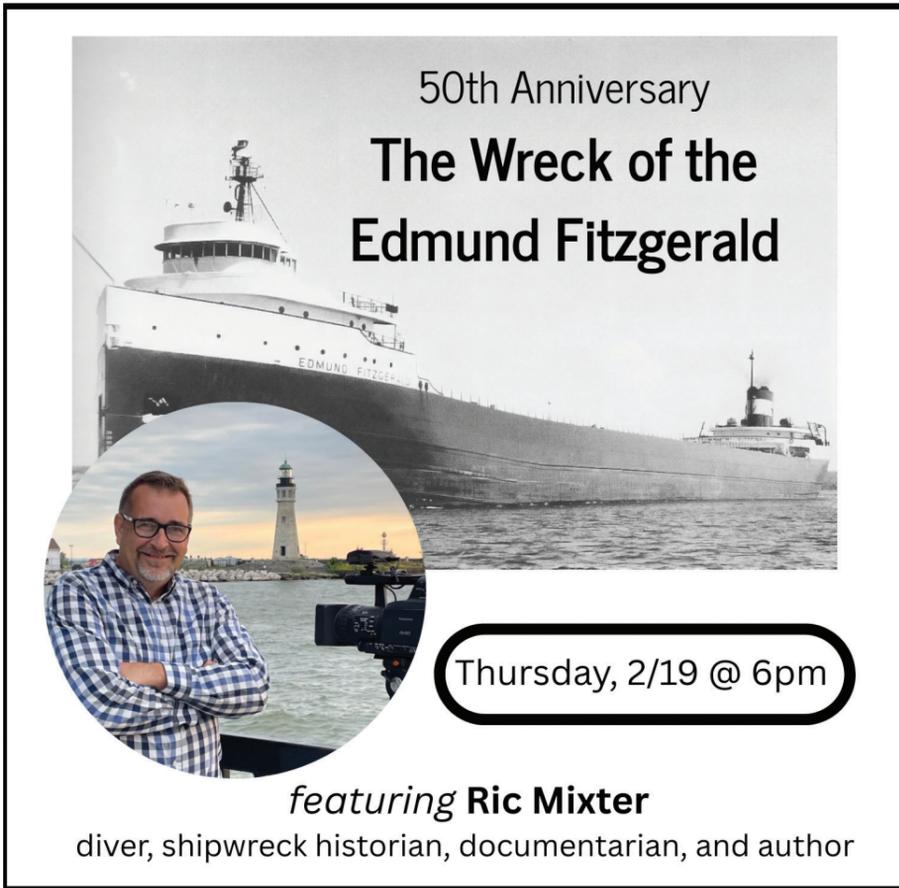
Gaming Playground (Age 13+)

School's out, so come try out our new Nex Playground console, or just use the Switch like it's Friday. Tuesday, 12/23, 12/30 • 2-3pm

Investing 101 for Teens (Age 13+)

You're a teen; you have a job, and you work hard for your money. Come and learn the basics of investing to make your money work for you. Presented by Steve MacDermaid from Edward Jones. Thursday, 1/29 • 3-4pm

Check it out at the Library!



50th Anniversary
The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald

Thursday, 2/19 @ 6pm

featuring **Ric Mixer**
diver, shipwreck historian, documentarian, and author



SPARK Club
For ages 10-13 only

Saturdays, 1/24 & 2/28 @ 1-2pm

SQUEEGEE PAINTING 1/24
Create a unique canvas with a squeegee.

POLYMER CLAY 2/28
Design your own jewelry or figurines.

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Livingston County’s 2026 Master Plan is available for review & public comment

The Livingston County Planning Department has drafted a new 2026 Livingston County Master Plan that is now available

for review and comment. The new master plan represents a comprehensive two-year initiative that is heavily shaped by public engagement and data-driven analysis.

Public input has revealed a strong support and interest for farmland and open space preservation, a priority that is further reinforced by the Michigan Association of Planning’s award for the *Livingston County, Michigan: 2025 Sustainable Agriculture, Food Systems, and Rural Environments Plan*. Demographic analysis reveals a rapidly aging population with significant implications for healthcare, housing, and transportation while the plan promotes intergenerational strategies that meet the needs of older residents while attracting and retaining younger households. The plan details the people, economy, natural resources, infrastructure, transportation, and other components of the Livingston County community.

The plan concludes with an existing land use inventory and a future land use component that is intended to utilize current development trends to establish a sound vision for the future informed by resident input and local community plans. The Livingston County 2026 Master Plan provides a strategic approach to managing growth, preserving community identity, and ensuring progress toward sustainable development.

The draft copy of the Livingston County 2026 Master Plan will be available on the Livingston County website for review and comment period that continues until Jan. 26: <https://milivcounty.gov/planning/2026-master-plan/>. An interactive feedback form is available online for residents to complete if they’d like.

A hard copy of the plan will also be available for review at the Livingston County Planning Department, 304 E. Grand River Ave., Howell, MI, Suite 206.

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**Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes
*Synopsis
Monday, October 20, 2025**

*This synopsis is not the official record of the meeting. Official minutes are available for public inspection at the Village of Fowlerville Office during regular business hours and can be viewed on the website at www.fowlerville.org.

The Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Hill at 6:31 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers.

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

Absent: Helfmann and Hernden

Quorum Present

COUNCIL MEMBER MAYHEW MOVED; COUNCIL MEMBER HEATH SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL MEMBER CURTIS MOVED; COUNCIL MEMBER MAYHEW SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, CONSISTING OF ITEMS 6. a. THROUGH 6.g., AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL MEMBER CURTIS MOVED; COUNCIL MEMBER HEATH SECONDED TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY EVENT APPLICATION FOR CHRISTMAS IN THE ‘VILLE. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL MEMBER CURTIS MOVED; COUNCIL MEMBER MAYHEW SECONDED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 500, AMENDING SECTIONS 612 AND 620 OF ORDINANCE NO. 346.

COUNCIL MEMBER HEATH MOVED, AND COUNCIL MEMBER HARDENBROOK SECONDED, TO POSTPONE THE MAIN MOTION UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING TO ALLOW TIME FOR CLARIFICATION FROM THE VILLAGE PLANNER. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL MEMBER HEATH MOVED; COUNCIL MEMBER MAYHEW SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MULTI-TENANT AND SHARED BUSINESS SIGN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE AND FOWLERVILLE INVESTMENTS, LLC.

COUNCIL MEMBER CURTIS MOVED; COUNCIL MEMBER HEATH SECONDED TO postpone THE main MOTION UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING to allow time for clarification from the Village Planner. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL MEMBER HEATH MOVED, AND COUNCIL MEMBER CURTIS SECONDED, TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION UNDER SECTION 8(D) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT, MCL 15.268(D), TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY UP TO THE TIME AN OPTION TO PURCHASE IS OBTAINED, AT 7:15 P.M. ROLL CALL VOTE: VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND ALL TRUSTEES PRESENT VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL MEMBER CURTIS MOVED; COUNCIL MEMBER MAYHEW SECONDED TO ADJOURN THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:36 PM. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Prepared by:
Jamie Hartman, Village Clerk
(12-7-25 FNV)

Livingston Dems invited area high students to take part in Martin Luther King Contest

Livingston County Democrats invite area high school students to take part in an essay/art/video contest in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The contest will offer \$100 cash prizes for the top entry in each of three different categories.

“It has been more than a half century since Dr. King’s death, and there are many streets, parks, and monuments named after him. But we can’t let the real meaning of his life and struggle fade away with time. That’s why Livingston Dems are inviting high school students to express what his legacy means to them and how it can apply to society today,” said Judy Daubenmier, party chair.

Students may choose to enter in one of the three categories:

--Essay of no more than 3 pages, typed, single spaced based on one of the following prompts:

1. How can you apply Dr. King’s “I Have a Dream” speech to today’s world?
2. What social justice issue matters most to you, and how can you raise your voice to lead change, as Dr. King would suggest?
3. What does carrying on Dr. King’s dream look like in today’s world?

--“Acts of Kindness Challenge” Mini-Documentary. Students record themselves completing three acts of kindness during a week. The video must be seven minutes or less and include narration explaining why they chose each act, how it helps others, and how it connects to Dr. King’s message.

--Martin Luther King Poetry and Art Video Mash-Up. An original drawing or painting inspired by Dr. King’s dream with a voiceover of the student reading a short, original poem expressing their interpretation. The video must be seven minutes or less.

The winner in each category will be invited to share their work at the Livingston County Democrats’ Martin Luther King Day event on Sunday, Jan. 18, at the Historic Howell Theater.

To enter, students should email their entries to livcodems@gmail.com with an active, viewable link such as to a google document. Those entering should include their name, high school, parent/guardian’s name, email, and phone number.

Entries are due Jan. 1, 2026.

Questions may be emailed to livcodems@gmail.com.

The party’s Martin Luther King observance will also include a film showing at the Historic Howell Theater on Jan. 18 and a day of service. Details on those events will be announced later.



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Friends of Webberville Library holding Gloves, Mittens, Hats & Scarves Drive

Friends of the Webberville Library is sponsoring their annual Children's Gloves, Mittens, Hats & Scarves Drive November 26 through December 15. All donations will be given to the Webberville Area Food and Clothing Bank. You may bring your new items to the library during the following times: Monday and Wednesday 10 to 6; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 2 to 6; Saturday 10 to 1. Your donations will help some Webberville area children stay warm this winter.

Webberville United Methodist to hold Cookie & Candy Walk on Dec. 13th

Women of Webberville United Methodist Church, located at 4215 E. Holt Rd., are having a Cookie & Candy Walk on Saturday, Dec. 13th from 8:30 to 11:30 am. Price is \$6 per pound for cookies and candy will be individually priced. Plastic gloves will be provided. Jams and jellies will also be available for purchase. A great opportunity to buy Christmas treats and gifts.

Webberville Cribbage Report

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All are invited to join the fun!

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Webberville Report



Senior Spotlight—Mackenzie Wyatt

"If you can be anything, be kind."

Mackenzie Wyatt is the daughter of Rebecca and Travis Wyatt and sister to Taylor Wyatt (WHS '24). She has been a student at Webberville for the past ten years, blossoming into an honest and loyal leader.

Academically, Kenzie's favorite class has been drama, thanks to Ms. Tredway, who nurtured her love for theater and music.

"She has helped me find my voice, not just on stage, but in life," Kenzie said.

Kenzie has been a vital part of the Webberville drama community throughout high school, performing in *Fairytale Misfits*, *Matilda*, *It Happened on Route 66*, *Frozen*, *Death Aboard the Dutchess*, and *Percy Jackson: The Lightning*

Thief. She also performed at the Sutton Foster Awards.

"Kenzie is a talented student who, in the time I've known her, has grown in her passion for theater and music," said Tredway. "Kenzie is always looking to excel in whatever way she can, and consistently rises above and beyond expectations. I look forward to seeing how she grows past high school and beyond."

Outside the theater, Kenzie has been a dedicated member of the Varsity Volleyball and Varsity Track and Field teams. Her most cherished volleyball memories are grabbing food after games and spending time with her teammates.

"I've been through so much with these girls; I can't imagine high school without them," she said.

On the hard days, volleyball has been Kenzie's escape. "Volleyball is my way to leave everything else behind," she explained. "When I step onto the court, I can forget about my problems and focus on the game."

In her free time, Kenzie enjoys listening to music, reading, and spending time with her friends and family. As her friend, Mackynzie puts it, "Even though I haven't known her long, she's become my closest friend. With her, I never have to pretend to be anyone but myself, and she has been there for me through thick and thin. I'm so grateful to have someone as amazing as her in my life."

Kenzie has also attended the Wilson Talent Center in Mason. Here she was part of the Health Foundations program during her first year. She earned certifications in CPR/First Aid and OSHA 10-hour General Industry Safety and Health. She is now enrolled in the Patient Care Technician Program (PCT) and will graduate as a certified PCT, Electrocardiogram Technician, and Phlebotomy Technician.

Looking ahead, Kenzie plans to attend Central Michigan University, where she will pursue a degree in Exercise Science or Music/Acting. Her goal is to one day become a physician or a professional performer, combining her love for both the arts and science.

Webberville Home Economics students wrap up successful apple pie fundraiser

The Webberville Home Economics program recently concluded its annual apple pie fundraiser, marking one of its most successful efforts to date. Over the course of a month, students dedicated their class time to learning essential kitchen skills while preparing pies for the community.

In total, students sold 161 apple pies, raising approximately \$1,500 to support future class projects and activities. All apples used in the baking process were generously donated, reducing costs and making the fundraiser even more meaningful for the students involved.

Several students stood out as top sellers. Joey W. led the effort with 23 pies sold, followed by Carter W. with 10 pies, Alanah W. with 8 pies, and Ryley W. with 5 pies.

Throughout the project, students strengthened their measuring, cutting, peeling, and slicing skills while also gaining firsthand experience in running a full-scale



Home economics students carefully work with fresh apples and spices to create their apple pies. Ingredients were individually packaged and frozen for assembly and later, baked to perfection by the buyer.

fundraiser—from preparation to production to community engagement.

The Home Economics department expressed its gratitude to all who purchased pies or contributed in any way. The support of the Webberville community, they noted, played a key role in the fundraiser's success.

Plans announced for Webberville Tree Lighting, Parade & Santa Visit

The annual Webberville Tree Lighting, Parade and Santa visit will take place on Saturday, December 13, 2025.

Parade line up will begin at 6 PM on South Clark St.

At 6:30 PM, the tree lighting ceremony will take place by the gazebo on Grand River and Clark St.

Following the tree lighting ceremony, the parade will commence west down Grand River toward downtown and then head south on Summit St. and west on Walnut St. ending at the N.I.E.S.A. Station 62 (Formerly Leroy Twp. Fire Department) where Santa will meet with area children. Refreshments will be served.

The Annual "Stuff The Bus" for the food bank will also take place downtown, sponsored by the Webberville High School Student Council and the WCS Transportation Department.

The Webberville United Methodist Church will be serving hot chocolate in front of the Ben Stiffler Insurance Agency (Former Lloyd's Barber Shop building) prior to the tree lighting ceremony.

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The Webberville boys regroup during a timeout, focused and fired up for the next run.

Spartans Boys Basketball Team opens season with strong road win

Written in collaboration with Payten Sholty

The Webberville Varsity Boys' Basketball team hit the road to face the Lakeville Falcons, aiming to open the season with energy, intensity, and a disciplined approach.

Ingham & Clinton County Veterans Affairs offices adjusts Dec. schedule

The Ingham & Clinton County Department of Veterans Affairs announced today that, due to temporary staffing shortages and ongoing onboarding of new team members, office doors will be closed on **Mondays and Fridays** throughout the month of December.

During this period, the office will remain open Tuesday through Thursday with the following hours of operation:

- 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

“Our priority is to maintain high-quality services for our veterans and their families,” said Director Amy Poca. “These short-term schedule adjustments will help ensure that new staff receive proper training while we continue to support the community effectively.”

Although the office will be closed to walk-in traffic on Mondays and Fridays, staff will continue monitoring voicemail and email to address urgent veteran needs as quickly as possible.

For the most up-to-date information on office hours and schedule changes, please visit our Facebook page. For questions or assistance, contact the Ingham & Clinton County Department of Veterans Affairs at 517-887-4331.

Rep. Bollin wants to take closer look at work projects, continued

among departmental staff that if they were unable to accommodate Kuhn's requests due to holiday season absences, they would have work projects canceled.

Bollin acknowledged the busy nature of the end of the year but said the timeline set in statute, as well as the constitutional end to the fiscal year, guarantees any review of work projects would take place at a hectic time – something she said departments must be able to handle.

“The expectation is that I work every day as a representative, okay? And the timeline is the timeline, the fiscal year ends on September 30,” she said. “It's not likely to change, so everybody should be really kind of preparing themselves for it.”

Bollin said several departments across state government have already offered additional information or met with subcommittee chairs without concerns. Those making claims to be unable to fulfill the chairs' requests, she said, “sound like bureaucrat back-talk.”

In the House Appropriations Committee, which Bollin said she plans to convene Dec. 10 for votes on work projects, there's a bill to require legislative approval for work project appropriations and prohibit the expenditure of the funds under certain circumstances. HB 4800, introduced by Bollin back in August, would be one step in reforming a process she believes needs to be changed in the interest of better financial accountability and transparency on the state's behalf.

“When we were developing this year's budget, we found over \$6 million worth of work projects on the books. And that's a lot of money to be socking away,” Bollin said. “And sometimes there's an absolutely legitimate reason why they need to be carried forward, (but) then sometimes it just looks like departments are trying to sock money away, or they're really trying to provide a path for staffing. And work projects are supposed to have a specific purpose, and they are supposed to give us an outline of what they're going to be used for, the timeline and the cost and the reporting is very different for every department.”

The Spartans delivered on all fronts, securing a strong 65–47 victory. Webberville set the tone early with sharp defense and confident shooting, maintaining control throughout the game. Senior Dylan Rhodes led the offensive effort with 21 points, followed by junior Dominic Driver with 18 points and junior Camdyn Buchanan with 16 points. Senior Daxten Feguer added 9 points and pulled down 10 rebounds, helping the Spartans keep momentum firmly on their side from start to finish. The win gives Webberville a solid start to the season and plenty to build on moving forward.

Webberville JV Boys' Basketball also easily defeated Lakeville, by a score of 49-27. Nathan West was the top scorer for the Spartans, knocking down 13 points. Cole Morris contributed 10 points, Mathias Singh and Connor Acker each tossed in 8 points.



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Lawmakers eyeing more restrictions on internet gaming & online sports betting advertising

By Finn Mills
 Capital News Service

Two new bills would tighten guidelines for Internet gaming and online sports-betting advertisements.

The bipartisan bills aim to curb gambling addiction by requiring placement of the toll-free gambling addiction hotline number as well as the legal gambling age within the advertisements.

The sponsors are Democratic Sens. Erika Geiss of Taylor, John Cherry of Flint, Dayna Polehanki of Livonia, Rosemary

Bayer of West Bloomfield and Mary Cavanagh of Redford Township, as well as Republican Sen. John Damoose of Harbor Springs.

The goal is to ensure that Michigan's gambling industry "operates with the utmost integrity and accountability," according to Geiss.

Under the bills, if a company breaks the regulations, it would be fined \$1,000 for the first offense, \$5,000 for the second offense and have its gaming license revoked after the third offense.

These bills would also allow municipalities to set their own rules and regulations for how Internet gaming and online sports betting are advertised in their areas.

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LEGAL NOTICES

THE CIRCUIT COURT SALE BELOW WILL BE
 ADJOURNED FROM 12/10/2025 TO 12/17/2025
 Case No. 25-32668-CH Circuit Court Sale

In pursuance and by virtue of an Order Granting Motion for Default Judgment and for Judicial Foreclosure as to All Defendants in the Circuit Court for the County of Livingston, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 27th of June, A.D., 2025 in a certain cause therein pending, wherein Michigan State Housing Development Authority was the Plaintiff and Travis A. Hernandez and The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development were the Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at public vendue, at the Livingston County Courthouse (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on the 19th of November, A.D., 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz: A certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Oceola, County of Livingston, State of Michigan: Lots 4 and 5 and the South 50 feet of Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 1, of OAKWOODS COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page(s) 77, Livingston County Records. 4707-30-301-367 c/k/a: 1487 Butler Blvd, Howell, MI 48843

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale. Except 1 year redemption ONLY for the United States of America.
 John Whitehurst, Deputy Sheriff _/s/
 Gregory MacKay
 Gregory MacKay of Schneiderman & Sherman P.C.
 Attorney for Michigan State Housing Development Authority
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Date: 12/1/25

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

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised 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 JANUARY 7, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by P & H Legacy Co. LLC, a Wyoming limited liability company, to BPL Mortgage Trust, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Mortgagee, dated August 28, 2023 and recorded September 6, 2023 in Instrument Number 2023R-016562 Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for Ibis Holdings A Trust, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Three and 22/100 Dollars (\$350,273.22).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Livingston County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JANUARY 7, 2026.

Said premises are located in the Township of Green Oak, Livingston County Michigan, and are described as: Lot(s) 13 of FAIRLANE MEADOWS according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 27 of Plats, Page 12 of Livingston County Records.

9925 Timothy Ln, South Lyon, Michigan 48178
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Dated: December 7, 2025
 File No. 25-014658
 Firm Name: Orleans Law Group PLLC
 Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
 Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

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

Date of Mortgage: November 4, 2003
 Date of Mortgage Recording: November 20, 2003

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$165,220.31
 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Howell, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: The North 10 acres lying West of the railroad right of way of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast fractional 1/4 of Section 2, Town 3 North, Range 4 East, Michigan.
 Common street address (if any): 5800 Preston Rd, Howell, MI 48855-9365

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

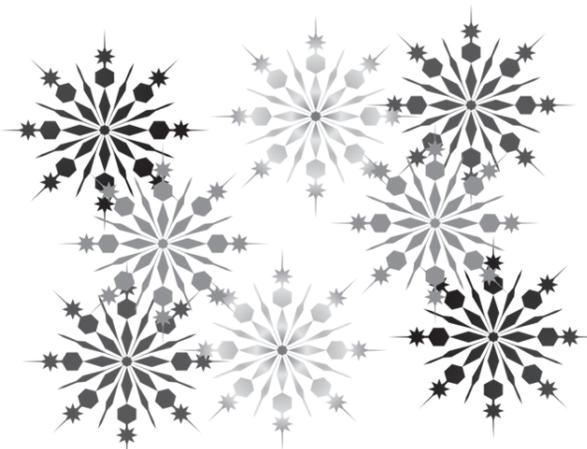
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judiciary Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.
 Date of notice: November 16, 2025
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Lawmakers eyeing more restrictions, continued

Geiss said that online gambling is “addictive and coercive” and compared online gambling advertisements to the way cigarettes used to be advertised.

Sen. Erika Geiss, D-Taylor, is the chief sponsor of the sports betting advertising legislation. Credit: Michigan Senate.

She noted that things such as flashy lights and visuals and celebrity endorsements are often added to make their products more appealing to younger people, thus leading to more addicted customers.

“These marketing campaigns often glamorize gambling, downplay the dangers and reach impressionable audiences who are far too young to participate,” Geiss said.

These bills have been referred to the Committee on Regulatory Affairs.

—Area Deaths— JoAnn Phillips

JoAnn Phillips, age 90 passed away on October 20, 2025. She was born September 30, 1935 in Detroit, Michigan to Martin and Mary Nelson.

JoAnn was employed at Citizens Insurance Company for several years. During that time, many longlasting friendships were created. She always wore a smile on her face and had a great sense of humor. Retirement provided her time to enjoy her favorite passion of rummaging through garage sales, flea markets and estate sales searching for nothing in particular but always walking with another trinket for her already full china cabinet.

JoAnn spent her final years residing in Bethlehem, Ct, being taken care of by family relatives, Julie and Robert Eastin and their kids, Jacob, Kaleb and Genevieve. JoAnn was pre-deceased by her parents, Martin and Mary Nelson, her longtime companion Jim Nagy and her daughter Derise Burgess. She is survived by her son Marty Phillips.

—Area Deaths—



Basil Bloss
Howell, MI

Basil Benjamin Bloss, 83, passed away on Friday, November 28, 2025. He was born on January 14, 1942, in Gaines Township, Michigan to Laverne Bloss and Elma (Muchler) Bloss. He graduated from Swartz Creek High School in 1960. After graduating, Basil held several jobs, including co-owner of a local gas station before his first call to service. He served in the Army from 1965-1967 with his last post in Bindlach, Germany as Specialist E5. After returning from overseas, Basil started working at the Swartz Creek Department of Public Works. He met the love of his life, Coralene Jackson, on a blind date in February 1968. They married on August 24 of that year. Their union of 57 years was filled with many adventures.

Basil will be remembered for his participation in many activities with his church and community. He assisted with both Boy Scout & Girl Scout troops during his own children’s involvement, and later became Scoutmaster of Troop 122, supporting many of his scouts to reach the rank of Eagle.

He retired from Swartz Creek DPW in 1995 after 28 years of service, 22 of which he was foreman. Following his retirement, he worked part-time at Gillroy’s in Swartz Creek where he enjoyed helping those who came in the store and maintaining a connection to the community.

He and Coralene moved to Howell in 2006 where they joined First United Methodist Church of Howell. While on the family farm, he found peace and solitude outdoors, enjoying hunting, gardening, mowing the lawn, or just being outside. He participated in many mission trips over the years to Costa Rica, Panama, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, and several in the U.S. He was a faithful participant in many local missions as well, including the CROP Walk, Walk for Warmth, and Gleaner’s Food Pantry. For all these things he will be remembered for his strong devotion to his faith and family, along with his kindness and servant’s heart.

Basil will be missed by his loving wife, Coralene; his children, Christopher (Jennifer) Bloss, Ruth DeLong; siblings, Beverley Hartman, Bradley Bloss; grandchildren Alexandra (Jorge), Elizabeth (Caleb), Nathaniel, Andrew, Michaela, Josephine, Zachary; many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Laverne and Elma Bloss; and brother, Bernard Bloss.

Basil’s family and friends are invited to gather from 3-7pm on January 16, 2026 at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Howell Memorial Chapel in Howell, Michigan. His Celebration of Life will be held at Noon on January 17, 2026 with a visitation held at 11am at First United Methodist Church in Howell. Pastor Doug McMunn will serve as celebrant. In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions are suggested to First United Methodist Church in Howell. Please leave a message of comfort for Basil’s family at 1-877-231-7900, or sign his guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.

LEGAL NOTICES

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on January 07, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Perry Fetterley a/k/a Perry G. Fetterley and Lisa Fetterley a/k/a Lisa R. Fetterley, husband and wife

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

Date of mortgage: February 2, 2007

Recorded on April 3, 2007, in Document No. 2007R-011170, and re-recorded via Loan Modification recorded on May 12, 2015 in Document No. 2015R-014591

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

Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Nine Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Six and 14/100 Dollars (\$209,426.14)

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Livingston County, and described as: A part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 20, Town 4 North, Range 3 East, Conway Township, Livingston County, Michigan: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 20, Town 4 North, Range 3 East, Conway Township, Livingston County, Michigan; thence South 00 degrees, 36 minutes, 42 seconds East, 321.92 feet along the West line of said Section and the centerline of Stow Road for a Place of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees, 23 minutes, 18 seconds East, 581.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees, 36 minutes, 42 seconds East, 150.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees, 23 minutes, 18 seconds West, 581.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees, 36 minutes, 42 seconds West, 150.00 feet along the West line of said Section and the centerline of Stow Road to the Place of Beginning. Commonly known as 8922 Stow Road, Webberville, MI 48892

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

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCAF Acquisition Trust Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C.

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: November 3, 2025

Hometown Village of Marion Association

c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC

Sarah R. Karl

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Monday, Dec. 8th: -Cards 9-11:45am-Exercise 10:30am-Christmas Tree Craft with Barb (\$5 fee) 12:30pm

Tuesday, Dec. 9th: -Cards 9-11:45am-WASC Board Meeting 12:30pm-Katherine (DPT) presents 'Back Care & Back Pain' 12:30pm

Wed., Dec. 10th: -Cards 9-11:45am-Chair Exercise 9:30am-Exercise 10:30am-Senior Class Band performs 12:30pm-Needle Work Group 1-3pm

Thursday, Dec. 11th: -Cards 9-11:45am-Exercise 10:30am-Drum Circle 12:30pm

Monday, Dec. 15th: -Cards 9-11:45am-Chair Massage 10:00am -Exercise 10:30am-Book Club 'Christmas Book Swap' at 12:30pm

Tuesday, Dec. 16th: -Cards 9-11:45am-Memorial Lutheran School Sing-A-Long 10:30am-Nurse Chat with Michelle 12:30pm

Wed., Dec. 17th: -Cards 9-11:45am-Chair Exercise 9:30am-Exercise 10:30am-Yoga for All 12:30pm-Needle Work Group 1-3pm

Thursday, Dec. 18th: -Cards 9-11:45am -Exercise 10:30am-Ugly Christmas Sweater Day-Christmas Party and gift exchange 12:30pm

Closed Dec. 22nd - Jan 1st-Happy Holidays!

Williamston REPORT

Williamston business owner celebrates birthday during 'Pop Up' Show

Keller Plaza in Downtown Williamston held a 'Pop Up' Show last Saturday, Nov. 29th which was also a birthday celebration for Anita Saviko, owner of the Michigan Lighthouse Art Gallery, who turned 84 that day. Shown here were, from left, Stevie Fordyce, Anita Saviko, Karen O'Coner, and Mary VanAtta.



Others who attended the show and celebration were, from left, Jeanne VanWieran of Sunflower Studio in Spring Lake, Anita Saviko, Natasha Eichholz who is a watercolor illustrator, Jane Reiter, and Kate Wilcox Leigh who creates jewelry.



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Williamston Farm & Artisan Market scheduled for Dec. 7 & Dec. 16

The Williamston Farm & Artisan Market has two remaining Holiday Markets on Sunday Dec. 7 and Sunday Dec. 16. They will be held at the Williamston Area Senior Center, located at 500 Williamston Center Road in the former Merindorf's building from 10am to 2pm.

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

The twice-monthly bottle and can collections are located in the large parking lot of McCormick Park, 123 High Street

in Williamston, from 11am to 1pm, rain or shine. Load up the car, pull up to the Can Van, pop the trunk, and volunteers will cheerfully accept your generous donation. It's that easy, and every dime helps defray the costs of running the Market.

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

For more information about Sowing Growth, the non-profit organization that operates the Williamston Farm and Artisan Market, to apply to become a vendor, to become a Market Day Supporter, to become a yearly Market Sponsor, to be added to the newsletter email list, to volunteer or to donate to the Market, contact Market Manager Perry Youngs at 517-231-2124, or MarketManager@SowingGrowth.org.

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Silence is Frightening

By Jace Arledge

When I heard these words “Jace, get in your room and no music. Just sit there and think about what you have done!”

Oh, those words, they shook me to my core. I hated being alone, no noise, just the sound of my breathing, my heart beating and I swear I could hear the blood pumping through my veins! I’m not sure why I didn’t like being alone, I just knew that it wasn’t a place I cared to stay long.

Growing up, the TV ended its programming with the ‘Star-Spangled Banner’ and then the droning of static that could wake the soundest sleeper and force them out of bed to turn off the TV. We couldn’t go back a few days later and watch an episode of our favorite show, news wasn’t available 24/7 on what seemed like every channel, no social media and no phones for our eyes to be glued on instead of being present.

Which brings me to how chaos looked a lot different back then. Yet I turn my mind towards the time of Jesus’s birth. Herod wanted to get rid of all the children under the age of two, Mary was a teenage girl told she was going to carry the son of God (I mean, what words did she use to tell her parents, that couldn’t have been a calm, silent type of conversation... or was it?) Don’t you wish that we could witness and experience the stillness and silence of that time? I know, that was hundreds of years ago, but you do realize that the same peace and stillness offered two thousand years ago is still available to us today? It just takes courage, step out from the norm, dig a bit deeper than you are used to.

In my devotions, I read about a woman by the name of Caryll Houselander who was known as the “Divine Eccentric.” She wrote a book called “The Reed of God” and it is said that anyone who has read it, comes away from it changed. I haven’t read it, so I am going off of others’ thoughts, but I hope to pick it up.

The amazing thing about this book and Caryll’s life was that she was the last person anyone thought would write a book based on theology. She came from a broken home, had anxiety, self-medicated, smoked and drank, and had some not-so-appropriate relations with a Russian spy... Just to name a few. But one day while riding a subway, she witnessed something mystical. She saw Christ’s suffering in the face of those riding on the underground. This affected her to where, when she off boarded the subway, she was changed.

In the silence of that subway, a life was changed. By reading the infancy narratives we can get a grasp and illuminate our own realities. There is the part in the Gospel of Luke, the story of Zechariah, where he questions Gabriel about his wife and him being with child, and of course Zechariah questions

it and is presented with “Since you are questioning, you will be mute until your son is born!?” This turned his life UPSIDE DOWN!! Think about this, you and I know how to deal with these things, such as the phone call we didn’t expect, news that changes everything, this is where we find ourselves reaching for control and just working towards an understanding, trying to make sense of it all.

Look at your day-to-day movements, especially with children or elderly parents, marriages, finances, we question God’s providence. We are always questioning why something happens in our life. We want proof that will disregard our belief. In this story though, God gives Zechariah, SILENCE. Every time he wanted to talk to Elizabeth, SILENCE, asking for help, SILENCE, if he tried to help others, SILENCE, trying to correct others, SILENCE.

By doing this, God helped to build Zechariah’s faith. Don’t you long for more calm, stillness, solitude? If you’re going to receive the inner stillness that we have been taught about Mary, then we also must embrace the silence.

I read a transcript of the book by Ms. Houselander and she said “Strangely enough, those who complain the loudest of the emptiness of their lives are usually people whose lives are overcrowded, filled with trivial details, plans, desires, ambitions, unsatisfied cravings for passing pleasures, doubts, anxieties, and fears. Those who complain as such are usually afraid of the space or silence or the pause in their life which we need. We are afraid and dread it because of what I spoke of above, we don’t want to hear our own pulses beating out the seconds in our life.”

If you believe you don’t have time to be silent, re-evaluate. The multiple alarms and notifications, or the requests and obligations the world is set up against simple, silent and still. Yet if we can just allow ourselves the time, we know we may stir up something, something deep that makes us really think about what is happening in our lives.

Be prepared, because as much as I know that I don’t like all the noise every day, I don’t know what I would do without it. It has been a part of mine and your life for so long we are dependent. But this Advent, I would like to have you try and sit in silence. It may never be longer than a few minutes or it could blossom into 15 or even 30 minutes, but try to do it and see what happens.

There is a prayer, very simple, called the Jesus Prayer that goes like this:

*Jesus Christ, Son of God,
my soul waits for You in the
stillness*

Each time you feel overwhelmed, distracted or afraid say this, whether it be once or 1,000 times a day. During this time, listen, open your heart, ears and mind and see what you can make from it, what you hear. It just may surprise you.

Oh, I almost forgot... Listen to the song ‘Sound of Silence’. I mean LISTEN to the song. You’ll understand why silence isn’t a treasured event, yet in all the business we actually do nothing.

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SYNOPSIS FROM THE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES OF THE CONWAY TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 18th, 2025 AT CONWAY TOWNSHIP HALL

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by supervisor M. Brown with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board members present were Supervisor Mike Brown, Clerk Tara Foote, Treasurer Debbie Grubb, Trustee Sarah Porter and Trustee George Pushies.

The Following Motions were made:

- Motion to approve Consent Agenda. Motion carried 3-2.
- Motion to approve agenda as amended. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion that the Board enters into closed session under section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act to consider dismissal or disciplining of a public employee, as the employee requested a closed hearing. Motion carried 5-0 in roll call vote.
 - Motion to reconvene at 8:12pm. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Motion to approve our 11-18-2025 closed session minutes. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Motion to have the sexton attach Veteran plate for \$200. Motion carried 5-0 in roll call vote.
 - Motion to nominate Tara Foote to the Cemetery committee. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Motion for the Conway Township Board to appoint the officers for the cemetery committee for a two-year term which ends on 12/31/2027: Chair- Jamie Hertzler, Co-Chair- Gary Klein, Secretary- Brande Nogafsky, Jeff Klein, Russ Cesarz, Tara Foote and Rachel Kreeger. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Motion to approve resolution 251811-1 with amendments. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Motion that we issue another citation and if no response within seven days, unless our ordinance has different specifications regarding response time. That we then pursue getting a survey done and taking this up with the county when we get the written response from the county. Motion carried 5-0 in roll call vote.
 - Motion to approve the \$655 Apex software for the assessor’s new computer. Motion carried 5-0 in roll call vote.
 - Motion to postpone the Fowlerville Recreation Letter to next month’s meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Motion that we switch our cell phone service to first net and pay off the remaining AT&T balances. Motion carried 5-0 in roll call vote.
 - Motion to approve Elm Street conditional rezoning. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 abstention.
 - Motion to discontinue PHP and accept the Doyle & Associates contract not to exceed \$13,200. Motion carried 5-0 in roll call vote.
 - Motion amended to make solar escrow account \$100,000. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Motion to amend to put the date at the top and have the Board of Trustees special meeting fee scheduled to \$500. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Motion to accept resolution 251118 to adopt the amended budget for 2025-2026. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Motion that the Conway Township Board reappoints the Planning Commission Lucas Curd to a 3-year term ending 12/31/2028. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Motion that the Conway Township Board reappoints the Planning Commission Kayla Poissant to a 3-year term ending 12/31/2028. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Motion to send over fees owed to legal counsel. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Motion to pay K&S engineering \$2,337 from the general fund to be reimbursed by the solar fund when we when we get those. Motion carried 5-0 in roll call vote.
 - Motion to reimburse the Deputy Treasurer and Treasurer for their Christmas Luncheon for \$29. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Motion to reimburse \$33 for Assessors Holiday Party. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Motion to adjourn made by G. Pushies. Second by D. Grubb. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:46pm.

Tara Foote, Clerk
Conway Township
517-223-0358
(12-7-25 FNV)

NIESA Fire Report (Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority)

On Tuesday November 25, 2025 NIESA responded to four calls. One call was in the City of Williamston for a medical response. One call was in Leroy Township for a medical response. Two calls were in Wheatfield Township with one a utility response and one a medical response.

On Wednesday November 26, 2025 responded to four calls. Three calls were in the City of Williamston with two being medical responses and one a utility response. One call was in Williamstown Township for a medical response.

On Thursday November 27, 2025 NIESA responded to two calls. One call was in the City of Williamston for a medical response. One call was a mutual aid to Stockbridge for a medical response.

On Friday November 28, 2025 NIESA responded to three calls. One call was in Leroy Township for a medical response. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a medical response. One call was in the Village of Webberville for a medical response.

On Saturday November 29, 2025 NIESA responded to eight calls. Two calls were in Leroy Township with one a fire response and one a medical response. Three calls were in Wheatfield Township with two being vehicle accidents and one a medical response. One call was in Williamstown Township for a vehicle accident. Two calls were in the Village of Webberville with both being medical responses.

On Sunday November 30, 2025 NIESA responded to one call for a vehicle accident in Williamstown Township.

On Monday December 1, 2025 NIESA responded to two calls. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a medical response. One call was in Williamstown Township also for a medical response.

On Tuesday December 2, 2025 NIESA responded to five calls. One call was in the City of Williamston for a medical response. One call was in Leroy Township for a medical response. One call was in Locke Township for a medical response. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a vehicle accident. One call was in Williamstown Township for a citizen assist.

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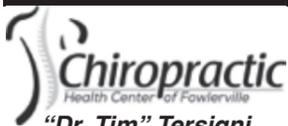
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Webberville businesses take part in Small Business Saturday Cookie Crawl

The 4th Annual Webberville Small Business Saturday Cookie Crawl was held last Saturday, Nov. 29th

The ladies picked up a bag at one of the participating businesses and then visited others that were open to get additional treats. Here at the Summit Street Shop were Diane Nelson of Webberville and Kaitlyn and Toni Jackson, also of Webberville.



Uptown Alure will be moving their business after they finish remodeling the former bank building. In front was owner Lindsay Kollek and in back, from left, stylists Megan McDonald, Jessica Stepp, and Kallie Mead.



These two ladies were checking out the new gift room at Diederich Produce Market which had boxes filled with various items ready to go. From left were Jodi McConnell who recently retired from the Fowlerville Community Schools, and her mother, Lynne Hecko of Williamston.



Working at the Summit Street Shop were, from left, Daisy Fuller, Jane Wilder and Evaleen Diaz.



These gals stopped in to check out the new location for Uptown Alure. In front was Presley Griffes of Webberville, and in back, from left, were Ashley Griffes, also of Webberville, and 'Grandma' Elaine Bielous of Howell.



Lana Stanfield, president pro temp of the Village of Webberville, and Nancy Webb of the Friends of the Library were at the Webberville Library, passing out items from the recent Silent Auction fundraiser to the winning bidders along with handing out the cookies.



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

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

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

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

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



From Simple to Everlasting

By Susan Kretchman

What does a clothes hanger bent in the shape of a circle and small strips of green and red tissue paper have in common?

Reflecting back on a Christmas season in my fifth grade class, where art projects were created under the guidance of our primary teacher, this particular year Miss McKenzie taught us how to make a simple—and by no means elegant—Christmas wreath.

I'm pretty sure each one of us kids in her classroom provided our own coat hanger. As was custom in her class, every Friday afternoon was dedicated to art. This meant that when we returned from lunch break, we had about two glorious hours to focus on working with our hands to create art projects that came alive using simple materials.

Making our wreath involved twisting and shaping our wire clothes hanger into a good circle—no wood or plastic ones would host this project! Layers and layers of red and green tissue paper were then gently torn or crudely cut to form strips of paper that we twisted around the wire, pushing each strip close to its neighbor until the entire circle was full. Then, we checked our final work, fluffing and adjusting each strip where necessary. Ribbon to form a bow was provided by our teacher as well, giving our wreath its final touch.

Where did Christmas wreaths originate? If we can trust

CHANGED BY GRACE – [THE WORK OF PATIENCE]

Week Four

Hebrews 10:35-36 - Your faith is the key! This verse speaks about our need for patience. Who do we need to be patient with?

- We need to be patient with ourselves. Sometimes we are slow to learn.
- We need to be patient with God because he does not move in our timing.
- We need to be patient with other people; ask God to help you. He will!

Everything we will ever need exists in the Kingdom of God, and Jesus has provided the ability to access those things through the Grace of God. Often the issue is not that we are doing the wrong thing, but that we are not doing the right thing long enough. The decision to stand on God's Word long enough will connect you to the Grace needed to bring God's promises to pass.

TO PULL THEM FROM THE SPIRITUAL REALM INTO PHYSICAL MANIFESTATION.

The more experience we have in something, the more quickly we will get results. This is true for so many things in life, and developing our faith is no different.

There is a link between faith and grace, and there is also a difference between works of the law and works of faith. The Will of God is for all Spiritual Promises made to us in the Bible to be manifested in our lives, and our faith is the bridge that connects the spiritual to the physical. Faith strengthens the bridge so that we can see the manifestations of grace that we need in our lives.

Romans 1:17 – Says: People who are just and upright “Shall Live by Faith.” Faith is defined as (Confidence in God). It is important that we seek to be consistently confident. Faith in Grace gives us the sure hope of a life in Christ. Everyone has been given a measure of faith, and we receive that measure when we are born again. Faith is the confirmation of what we hope for and the conviction of its reality, regardless of what we see or do not see. Hope is the earnest expectancy of something, but faith is the “Stuff” that fills our Hope with a tangible substance. If indeed faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God, then the Word can be the faith that we need. The communication of our faith becomes effectual by acknowledging the good things Jesus has already established in us.

THEREFORE, (INHERITING) THE PROMISE IS THE OUTCOME OF FAITH AND DEPENDS [ENTIRELY] ON FAITH, IN ORDER THAT IT MIGHT BE GIVEN AS AN ACT OF GRACE (UNMERITED FAVOR) TO MAKE IT STABLE AND VALID AND GUARANTEED TO ALL HIS DESCENDANTS ~ NOT ONLY TO THE DEVOTEES OF THE LAW BUT ALSO TO THOSE WHO SHARE THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM WHO IS (THUS) THE FATHER TO US ALL.

(ROMANS 4:16 AMP)

We hear this again in James 1:25 - God honors acts of faith done to claim his promises. When we act on the Word of God, going beyond simply hearing it and then forgetting it, we will be blessed.

Submitted by Deandra (Dora Ann Smith)

Wikipedia this site says:

The Christmas wreath originated from ancient traditions where circular arrangements of evergreen branches symbolized life and renewal during winter. It became associated with Christmas in the 16th century when Christians in Germany began using wreaths to mark the Advent season, representing eternal life and the promise of Christ's coming.

One of my daily devotions from this week focused on the words found in Jeremiah 31:3 where God spoke through this prophet... *Long ago the LORD said to Israel: “I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself.* (New Living Translation)

As I listened to the short reflection from the devotional reader, I learned that our tradition of putting up evergreen trees and hanging a wreath of greens on our front doors symbolizes love and hospitality. In addition, it's common understanding that a circle is eternal; it has no beginning or ending which depicts God's love and promises for us perfectly! Evergreen trees represent life, hope, and actually fare well in cold winter months thus reminding us of how our own lives can be resilient under pressures from outward influence and circumstances.

My tissue paper wreath from that long ago year of 1963 is long gone... I remember taking it home when it was finished and my mom hanging it on our front door. I don't recall if it survived being packed away with other decor when the holidays ended but I have fond memories that a simply crafted 5th grade art project helped to adorn my childhood home, hopefully letting all who entered know they were welcomed and much loved.

Now, in my own home, we have a beautiful lighted wreath that we display every year. It's too large for the front door but absolutely beautiful hanging on the front of the house near the living room window. My hope is that passersby enjoy the beauty of its glow in night skies and all who enter our home feel welcomed and loved, enjoying hospitality blanketed under the beauty of the Advent season.

As much as I love having our modern wreath I admit a bit of melancholy emotions rise inside me as I think back how my simple 5th grade tissue paper wreath didn't survive from year to year, yet as it eventually made its way to being discarded, the memories still linger and fill my heart with great joy.

Kind of what Jeremiah said about God's love. Everlasting.

LEGAL NOTICES

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 January 7, 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 Daniel F. Waterman and Jeannette Waterman, husband and wife, whose address is 5079 Mack Road, Howell, Michigan 48855, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, being a mortgage dated January 7, 2025, and recorded on January 13, 2025 with Document Number 2025R000686, Livingston County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated November 26, 2025 and recorded on November 26, 2025 and given document number 2025R-024042 in Livingston County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIX AND 48/100 DOLLARS (\$153,106.48).

Said premises are situated in the Township of Oceola, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 3 North Range 5 East, Oceola Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as Beginning at a point North 366.3 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 4, thence West 300 feet; thence North 110 feet; thence East 300 feet; thence South 110 feet to the Point of Beginning. Street Address: 5079 Mack Road, Howell, Michigan 48855

The redemption period shall be 6 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: December 7, 2025

For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing:

Robert A. Blumberg (P87490),
Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC,
30 North LaSalle St., Suite 3650
Chicago, Illinois, 60602.
Telephone: (312) 541-9710
File No.: MI 25 6855

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(12-7, 12-14, 12-21 & 12-28-25 FNV)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE

TO ALL PURCHASERS - A lien has been recorded on behalf of English Gardens Condominium Association. The lien was executed on September 19, 2025 and recorded on September 23, 2025, as Instrument No. 2025R-019006, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Sixteen Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$7,616.75). Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Under the power of sale contained in the recorded Condominium Documents and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212 that the lien will be foreclosed by a sale of the property described below, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, main entrance of the Judicial Center located in Howell, Michigan, on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 10:00 am, Eastern Standard Time.

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

The name of the record property owner is Paul D. Varana, and is situated in the Township of Howell, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 30, of English Gardens Condominium, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 3485, Page 014 et seq., Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 255. Sidwell No. 06-26-202-030

Commonly known as: 714 Olde English Cir., Howell, Michigan 48855

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

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

Dated: December 3, 2025

English Gardens Condominium Association
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Michigan House Report

By State Rep. Jason Woolford, 50th District

Honoring a Local Hero: Testifying to Preserve Lance Corporal Michael Hanks' Legacy

This week, I testified in the Senate on an important bill that holds deep meaning for our community. House Bill 4189 would rename the South Grand Avenue bridge over I-96 in Fowlerville in honor of Lance Corporal Michael Hanks, a hometown Marine who lost his life in Iraq on Nov. 17, 2004, at just 22 years old. His story reflects the bravery and

sense of duty that so many young men and women from our region have shown in service to our country.

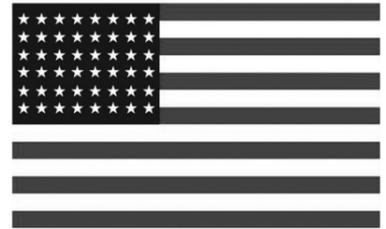
Michael grew up in Gregory and chose to serve our nation with extraordinary courage. Renaming this bridge ensures that everyone who crosses it will see his name and remember the sacrifice he made for our freedom. It is a lasting tribute not only to his service, but to the family and community that shaped him and continue to honor his memory.

Michael's sister, Melissa Hanks Ketchel, joined me in testifying before the Senate committee. Her perspective as a gold star family member was powerful, heartfelt, and deeply moving. I was grateful she shared her brother's story and helped honor his life and sacrifice.

I am pleased that House Bill 4189 passed through com-

mittee, and I was truly honored to testify on this bill to help preserve Michael Hanks' legacy for future generations.

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.



Local artist planning special project for 140th anniversary of Fowlerville Fair

“PASS THE PLATE, PLEASE.”



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

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

- 1) Each household can select one special plate (any size from dessert to large platters accepted). This plate will not be returned to you since it will be broken into a tile for the mosaic quilt. Images will be painted on the tile that provide some history of the community.
- 2) Provide owner's information (remember to put the dates on the letter.) Then you have 4-6 sentences to share your story. These will be printed in a catalog that includes a photo of the donated plate and the accompanying family story.
- 3) Enclose a \$20 check, money order, or cashier's check made out to the artist, Valerie Jean Reitzel, to cover costs of materials, transportation, and installation. However, I do not want the fee to inhibit any family who wishes to participate. If you need financial assistance please contact me at 810-814-6169. Please leave a message, and I will return your call in a timely manner.

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

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

LOCATION OF COLLECTION BOXES ARE TO BE FOUND AT THESE FINE ESTABLISHMENTS FROM 11/28/25 to 12/30/25.

- 1) Aleta's Flower Shop at 111 South Grand Ave.
- 2) Fowlerville District Library at 130 South Grand Ave
- 3) True Value Hardware at 110 West Grand River Ave.
- 4) Sweet Sensations at 129 East Grand River Ave.

Please wrap your plate carefully in a small box, or well taped paper wrapped. Thank you! Artfully Yours,
Valerie Jean
Art Educator and Artist

Public Act 188 of 1954 Proceedings November 24, 2025

NOTICE OF LAKE LOCHMOOR AQUATIC WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ROLL PUBLIC HEARING

Township of Marion, Livingston County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MARION, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the township supervisor has prepared and filed in the office of the township clerk for public examination a special assessment roll covering all properties within the Lake Lochmoor Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District benefited by the proposed treatment. The roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the costs as shown. The estimated roll is in the total amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 per year, with a proposed special assessment not to exceed \$500.00 per year per property owner. The actual amount of the assessment will be based on actual costs and levied on the winter tax bill starting in 2026. For further information, you are invited to examine the roll.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the district within which the service will be provided and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:



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4710-36-104-043

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing on the roll will be held commencing at 7:30 p.m. on December 11, 2025. During the hearing, the board will review the special assessment roll, consider any objections thereto, and may confirm the roll as submitted or revised or amended. Written objections to any of the foregoing matters must be filed with the board at or before the end of the hearing.

The roll may be examined at the office of the township clerk at the township hall during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of the hearing and may be examined at the hearing.

An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment in writing, or may file his or her appearance and protest by letter before the hearing, and in that event, personal appearance shall not be required. The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in writing at or before the end of the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within 35 days after the special assessment roll is confirmed.

After the public hearing, the township board may confirm the roll as submitted or as revised or amended; may provide for payment of special assessments with interest; and may provide by resolution for such other matters as are permitted by law with regard to specials assessments for aquatic weed control.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing and to submit any comments they may have.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the township at the address, telephone number, or e-mail listed below seven days in advance of the meeting.

Tammy L. Beal
Marion Township Clerk
2877 West Coon Lake Road
Howell MI 48843
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(11-30 & 12-7-25 FNV)

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Layne O'Neil will be joining the Grand Valley State University wrestling team next year after he graduates this June.



Layne O'Neil was joined by his parents, Dustin & Alison O'Neil at the signing.

Fowlerville wrestler signs a commitment letter to Grand Valley State University

Layne O'Neil, a wrestler at Fowlerville High School, recently sign a commitment letter to compete in the sport at Grand Valley State University. O'Neil, a senior, was joined by family and friends at the high school for the signing.

He is a two-time all-state wrestler in Division 2, finishing fifth at 190 lbs in 2024 and third at 215 lbs in 2025. He is currently ranked No. 1 at 215 lbs. O'Neil was a key member of Gladiators teams that made state finals runs, including last year's squad that placed second. He is a fifth generation Fowlerville student.

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Attention Residents,
To ensure efficient snow plowing and safe road conditions, we kindly ask that all garbage bins be placed in the *apron of your driveway* rather than in the road. Placing bins in the roadway obstructs plowing operations and creates hazards for both drivers and pedestrians.

⊘ DO NOT place bins in the street

✓ Place bins at the edge of your driveway apron

Your cooperation helps keep our roads clear and safe for everyone. Thank you for your attention to this important matter!

For any questions, please contact the Village of Fowlerville.

Jamie Hartman
Village Clerk
(12-7 & 12-14-25 FNV)