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Representatives from the Fowlerville Rotary and Fowlerville Business Association made a financial donation to the Family Impact Centers last week. From left were Jennifer Cruz, Rotary secretary; Bryan Blattert, Rotary president; Paul Harmon, FBA president and Rotary treasurer; Michael Schafer, executive director of the Family Impact Centers; Patti DuFore, FBA administrator; and Dawn Horton, Rotary and FBA member.

**Fowlerville Rotary, FBA make financial donation to Family Impact Centers**

Representatives from the Fowlerville Rotary Club and the Fowlerville Business Association (FBA) made a financial donation to the Family Impact Centers last Wednesday. A check for \$3,500 was presented to Michael Schafer, the executive director of the Impact Centers, by Paul Harmon, president of the FBA.

The money was raised by the two local organizations at a Christmas Party in December through an auction of donated items. Because many of the members belong to both groups, a combined party is held with each group taking turns at hosting it. This year was the FBA's turn.

The tradition is to donate the proceeds from the auction to the Family Impact Centers.

Schafer said that the donation will be used to buy food and help pay for operations.

"We are thankful to the community for being supportive in our effort to help those in need through the food pantry and with our other programs," he added. "We appreciate the help of businesses, including those who belong to the FBA, and service groups like Rotary."

Schafer said that "the need is continuous" and the number of families seeking assistance has been increasing. "The situation is that as those numbers go up, so too do our operating expenses. So we need both donations of food and other household items, but also monetary help."

The mission statement notes that "At Family Impact Centers of Fowlerville, we are dedicated to improving the lives of those in need by providing essential resources and support. Our mission is to offer hope and to bring restoration to our community."

Family Impact Centers is located at 9430 W. Grand River, Fowlerville.



A large audience attended the public hearing held last Tuesday, Jan. 14, by the Iosco Township Planning Commission. The hearing was held on rezoning requests by DTE that, if approved, would likely result in the development of a solar powered generating system. Shown here is one of the many residents who spoke during the Call to the Public, all of them expressing opposition.

## Iosco Township Planning Commission holds public hearing on proposed solar energy project

By Steve Horton

A large audience attended the public hearing held by the Iosco Township Planning Commission last Tuesday, Jan. 14, on proposed zoning ordinance amendments that, if approved, would likely pave the way for a large solar energy generating system in two areas of the township.

DTE (Detroit Edison), the major public utility that provides electricity in the eastern part of Michigan, had submitted applications late last year—the first in October and the second in November—making the requests. The township board then referred the two applications to the planning commission for consideration and a recommendation.

One request would locate solar panels and inversion units on a portion of 851 acres in an area between West Coon Lake and Roberts Roads as the north-south boundaries and Bull Run and Gregory Roads as the east-west boundaries. Much of this area is land that's been leased from the Johnson Farm.

The other request is to construct a solar array on a portion of 918 acres in an area located between West Coon Lake and Wasson Roads as the north-south boundaries and Dutcher and Weller Road plus a small segment of Bull Run Road as the east-west boundaries. Much of this area is land that's been leased from Buurma Farms.

Not all of the land within the boundaries of these two areas would be included in the solar system as both locations have a number of neighboring properties, including residential homes.

Based on the leases with landowners, any project would have an anticipated lifespan of around 35 years.

The meeting, which lasted over three hours, started with a presentation on the dual request as well as some details of the proposed system by representatives from DTE (Detroit Edison), followed by questions from members of the planning commission directed at the DTE representatives. The hearing was then opened to comments from the public.

The Call to the Public portion of the agenda took up much of the time as numerous people spoke. The chair of the commission, Tammy Higgins, asked that residents who lived within 300 feet of either of the proposed projects be given the first opportunity to speak, followed by other township residents, and finally the floor was opened to any others in attendance.

**By way of background, Iosco Township** was one of several municipalities in this part of mid-Michigan, along with other areas of the state, where DTE, Consumers Energy, and private energy companies expressed interest in locating large-scale wind and solar projects on farmland and other vacant land that had been leased.

While these type of renewable-energy projects have a longer history, much of the effort began two-to-three years ago due to available federal and state subsidies. Both the Biden Administration at the national level and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer at the state level put a priority on reducing reliance on fossil fuels and increasing the use of renewable energy. Financial incentives for both the manufacture and purchase of electric vehicles has been part of their shared effort.

The Iosco Township Board, not having an ordinance in place to address a project of this scope when initially approached by DTE, paused the application process until a zoning ordinance could be put in place.

A similar scenario occurred in Conway, Cohoctah, and Marion townships, with Ranger Power being the company interested early on in locating a system in northwestern Livingston County.

Early on, these local officials worked with the utilities and companies with much of the public being unaware of the

situation. When the ordinances neared completion, which required public hearings, awareness of the large acreage being sought for these projects became more widespread. The result was that many local residents showed up at the meetings to voice their opposition and urge officials to reject the requests.

In many instances around the state, as well as locally, moratoriums on accepting applications were extended and eventually ordinances were put in place that limited the size of these projects or had the effect of making them impractical to pursue.

Last year, seeing this response in the more rural areas of the state and wishing to still pursue green-energy goals, the Democratic-controlled Legislature passed Public Act 233 which establishes uniform statewide standards for such zoning considerations as proximity to homes (setback distances) and noise levels for solar projects of at least 50 megawatts (about 350 acres) and wind farms of at least 100 megawatts (about 35 turbines).

While companies were still encouraged to work with the local governments and their zoning ordinances to reach an agreement, the new law sets up a mechanism that allows developers to appeal to the Michigan Public Service Commission if their application is rejected even though it meets the state standards.

**Emily Palacios, who is an attorney for DTE,** gave the first part of the presentation and began by stating that “we want to permit locally and create a project that has community acceptance.” She pointed out that not all of the land that's in the overlay rezoning requests would have solar panels or inversion units on them.

“Our estimate is that the northern part would need roughly 300 acres of the 851-acre area for panels, while the southern part would need about 500 of the 918 acres,” she said, noting that environmental restraints and unbuildable areas would prevent the panels from being erected as one contiguous unit.

Palacios said that this amount of acreage for panels was needed to generate around 150 megawatts of electricity. The two locations, she pointed out, along with providing this amount of space, are also near existing transmission lines to the east. These are lines in neighboring Marion Township.

As an added note, the southern area includes a small parcel in Unadilla Township that would add another 15 megawatts.

“The 165 megawatts was the target DTE was seeking in where we located a solar-generating system and determined how much land to lease,” she said. “The other land that's been leased in the township is scattered about and would not allow for a large enough parcel for development.”

With the goal of gaining community acceptance, having enough land to meet the megawatt number, and dealing with the current township zoning ordinance that (Palacios said) has “too restrictive of a setback requirement,” DTE is submitting a ‘conditional overlay request.’

“This is an option available under state law where the applicant voluntarily offers conditions that are not subject to negotiations,” she said. “That's not to say something couldn't be added to or deleted during our talks, but—if the township accepts it—it is not easily changed. Both sides would have to agree and a public hearing would be required to do so.”

A main condition being offered are ‘solar exclusionary acres,’ which is land, Palacios pointed out, that can not be developed in the future with panels or inversion units.

“A solar exclusionary area might be 50 feet from a property line or road or it might be a quarter mile,” she said. “The zoning ordinance you put in place a couple of months ago requires a minimum of 500 feet which would make the project unfeasible for DTE. This option would allow us to arrive at a more workable agreement.”

“The northern part would have 300 exclusionary acres where panels could not be placed and the southern part would have 150 exclusionary acres, she added.

The exclusionary acres, while prohibiting the future

construction of panels and other equipment, could be used for access roads, but would otherwise remain an open space.

Coinciding with this option is to change the type of landscape barrier used between the project and neighboring property owners or along the road, allowing for the use of special grass that (Palacios said) grows taller, blends in with the rest of the vegetation, and provides a better screen rather than the current requirement of berms and evergreen trees.

The DTE attorney finished by noting that the township, in establishing an overlay district on part of the southern parcel for a possible solar development, had indicated this type of project was a compatible use, also that the project would not require additional public services like on-site water or sewer, does not pose an undue risk that necessitates increased fire and law enforcement protection, and does not cause harm to the environment in the area.

The second part of the presentation dealt with the effect a large-scale solar project would have on nearby property values.

A representative from CohnReznick, LLP, a national appraisal firm, went over a number of graphs and statistics taken from other communities where these projects are located, including Lapeer and Shiawassee County. She sought to show that the impact has not been adverse—either with re-sale prices or appreciation. The firm was commissioned by DTE to do the study and has a real-estate appraiser who worked on the study and did the comparables.

She noted that the study included talking with people in the communities that had solar projects, including neighboring property owners, real estate professionals and local officials from these areas, and doing their own analysis of the data.

**The final presentation was made by Theresa Hannath,** a DTE staff member who has been working with the township over the past two years.

She began by offering a background on how she got involved in this line of work and her commitment to renewable energy.

She then did a review of what's happened since DTE first approached the township board in early 2023, recalling the moratorium and the evolution of the ordinance—caused, she noted, by opposition of residents who came to the meetings.

“In reducing the size of the overlay and other requirements, all of the changes have resulted in exactly what was intended, to make this unworkable,” Hannath said.

Hannath then reviewed the actions of DTE over the last two years.

“We've tried to present you with factual information and answer your questions,” she said. “DTE has been committed to transparency. We held an open house in June of 2023 where residents could talk with us about the proposed project. In July of 2023 we invited residents to tour our solar facility in Lapeer. We went door-to-door to provide information and answer questions of residents.”

“We've attended the township board and planning commission meetings and workshops to answer any questions or concerns that were raised,” she said. “When the issue of property values was brought up, we commissioned a national firm to do a study which you heard tonight. We will continue to provide accurate information and hope you trust the facts. We want to be good neighbors and support the community.”

Hannath then addressed some of the objections that have been raised.

On the issue of property rights, she pointed out that a landowner has the right to develop their property, that a solar project is a lawful use in an agricultural area, and it is no different in that manner than a landowner deciding to pursue a housing development.

She pointed out that the assessments on solar equipment raise tax revenue for the township and county, providing financial benefits in future years.

As to the charge of government overreach by the state,

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## Fowlerville Wrestling News

By Coach Dan Coon

The Fowlerville Girls Wrestling Team won another tournament. This makes the third tournament they have won this season. Fowlerville hosted the Gladiatrix on Friday night, Jan. 10th. We had 45 teams in the tournament with 245 matches featuring some of the best girls in the state attending and we were done before 10:30 pm. Our score was 136 points. Second place was West Bloomfield with 90.5 points. Third place was Portland with 64. We had a total of ten girls wrestling for Fowlerville.

Individually, we had some outstanding performances. Cayden Taylor finished 4th. Anna Buurma and Chloe Herrell beat up and outlasted the competition respectively at 115, placing 1st and second at this class. Hannah Blyveis and Maggie Buurma placed first as well. Kaley Murphy and Lindsey Bergin both placed second in their brackets. Other girls not placing but competing for Fowlerville Wrestling were Elliana Tolentino, Sailor Lee and Anna Braidwood.

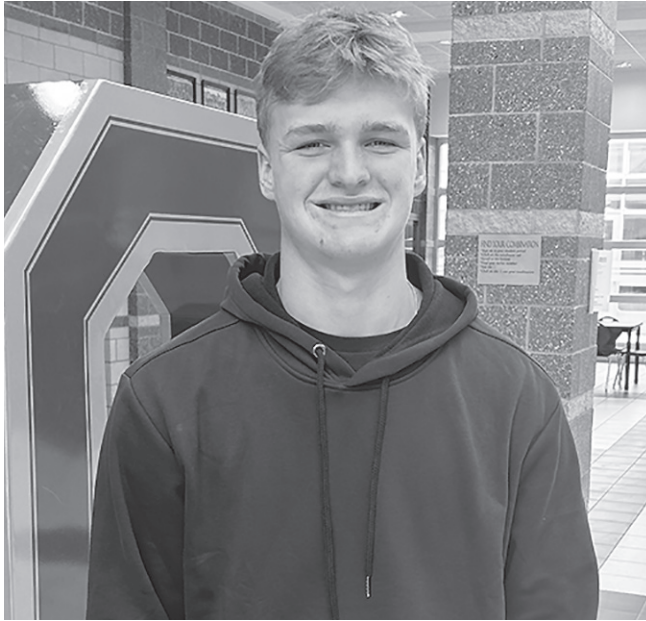
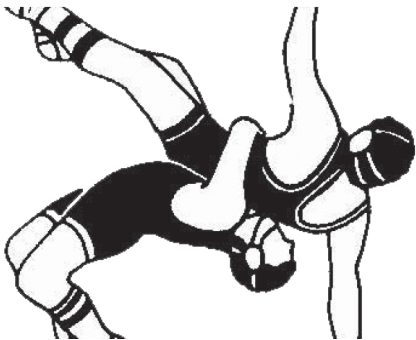
The guys were at Lansing Eastern on Wednesday night, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, and beat the host team 65-12 and then wrestled Okemos and beat them 77-0. Double pins from the night were done by Matthew Jeffrey, Alex Loomis, Ayden Goodwin, Brayden Packer, and Layne O’Neil. Two match winners were Justin Guterrez, Gavinn Stankov, Connor Stankov, Will Shrader, Todd Darling, Waylon Lamkin, and Douglas Braidwood.

On Saturday, Jan. 11th, Fowlerville hosted a dual meet tournament with 10 teams and a separate JV tournament with a total of 13 teams. Our Varsity team placed second of the ten-school field, while team points were not kept for the JV tournament. Yale, ranked #2 in the state in Division 3, won the team tournament. Our team scores were Petoskey 73-16, Gibraltar Carlson 47-26, Lake Orion 58-16, Lakewood Odessa 44-28 and our lone loss was to Yale 26 to 40.

Individually, we had some great performances against some good competition. Those going 5-0 on the day were Jacob Hodge, Waylon Lamkin with 5 pins, and Brayden Packer. Those going 4 wins and 1 loss were Justin Guterrez with 3 pins, Matt Jeffery 2 pins. Alex Loomis 2 pins, Connor Stankov 2 pins, and Layne O’Neil 3 pins. Doug Braidwood and Ryder Kleinschmidt went 3-2 on the day.

Our JV wrestlers dominated. First-place wrestlers were Todd Darling, and Zach Wallace. Second-place wrestlers were Arthur Nystrom, and Jackson Bastian. Our lone third-place wrestler was Owen Carney.

Our next competition at home was Senior Night against Haslett and Dewitt this past Wednesday, Jan. 15th.



### Student of the Week—Cole Sova

Cole Sova, a senior at Fowlerville High School, is an exceptional student and a leader both in and out of the classroom. As the Varsity Tennis Captain and a member of the Sports Broadcasting class, Cole exemplifies leadership, teamwork, and dedication. He works well with students of all abilities and is always willing to assist those who may be struggling, fostering a supportive and inclusive environment. Known for his positive attitude, outstanding problem-solving skills, and initiative, Cole sets a high standard for his peers. He is an excellent role model and a true representation of what it means to be a Gladiator.

### Local student named to Southern New Hampshire University President’s List

McKenna Harper of Fowlerville has been named to Southern New Hampshire University’s Fall 2024 President’s List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with a 92-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 200,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH.

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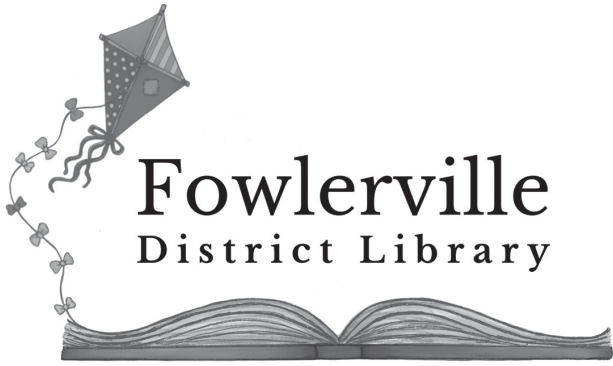
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For any questions, or to register for programs, call us at 517-223-9089.

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### KIDS & FAMILY

#### 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

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#### Toddler Storytime (Ages 0-3)

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#### Kids Club (Ages 6-12)

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

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#### 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. Next meeting, we will discuss ANT STORY by Jay Hosler. Monday, Jan. 24 • 4-5pm

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

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#### January Create! (Ages 13 and up)

Join us in the month of January for a Maker’s Space Open House. Make your visions a reality. What will you create? Tues. • 4-5pm

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### ADULTS

#### 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. Registration Requested. Tues., Feb. 18 • 1-2:30pm

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#### Jam Session (Adults and teens)

Open Jam Sessions are becoming a monthly tradition here at the library. Led by community members who love to learn, share and connect; all levels, instruments and genres are welcome! Newcomers are encouraged to lead tunes when they feel called. Song leads call out chords and changes. Questions? Email [kjdamerow@gmail.com](mailto:kjdamerow@gmail.com). OPENJAM in the subject line. Tues., Jan. 21 • 5:30 – 7:00pm

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#### Cardmaking (Adults)

Greet your friends and loved ones with beautiful homemade greeting cards-made by you! You will make four different cards to take home. All supplies included. Registration is required. Thurs., Jan. 23 • 6:30pm & Fri., Jan. 24 • 11am

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#### 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. Feb. 15 • 10:30am – 3:30pm

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#### Shelf Indulgence Book Club (Adults)

We’re excited about the new format for our monthly afternoon book club. Members will 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 BLACK WIDOWS by Cate Quinn. Thurs., Feb. 20 • 2pm

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#### Sewing (Adults)

Bring your sewing machine and learn from a master seamstress. All levels of skill are welcome. Registration is required. Wed., Feb. 19 • 5:30-8pm & Friday Feb. 14 • 10-2pm

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#### Valentine Sensory Bins (Adults)

Join us to make sensory boxes for that special little one in your life. You will choose from a variety of supplies and each one will be unique. All supplies are included. Registration is required. Supplies are limited. Thurs., Feb. 6 • 6 pm

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#### Civil War Enthusiasts – Gettysburg Address

Owen McMaster will be here to deliver the Gettysburg Address and will take a deep dive into the significance and lasting consequences of the “271 Words that Changed History”. Wednesday, Jan. 22 • 5:30 pm

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#### The Secret Love Life of Birds

Laurel Zoet, naturalist and educator presents this adult minded, educational program about the secret love lives of birds, just in time for Valentine’s Day. Thurs., Feb. 13 • 6pm

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#### Library Holiday

The library will be closed on January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

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## Bread, King of the Table

By Susan Kretchman

Well, I found myself caught in a craze that offers great success or equal in failure. It's a craze that uses simple ingredients which produce a rich product if everything is done correctly and with diligent care and determination to succeed. These simple ingredients are merely flour and water and when measured correctly, tended under the right conditions, produces a starter for "all things sourdough".

Although many of my friends tout the ease and beauty of baking with sourdough, my past attempts have not had successful outcomes. In response to my failures, I gave up trying to create a beautiful sourdough mix. Until this past week, I resurrected the challenge to try again.

Knowing that there "can" be the ability to create a starter, I set about mixing up my flour and water. I used a favorite YouTube channel for my guide, a woman who reminds me of a gentle kind grandmother, explaining each step with a soft gentle lilt in her voice. She assured me—as one of her many followers—that I too could make my own starter which she guarantees as "no fail".

It's Day 4 of my small bowl's activity. Much like tending a small child, I'm in the phase of "feeding" my batter twice a day, after removing some of the gooey blend. The part I remove is referred to as "discard", but it doesn't mean I need to throw it away. Now that I have discarded batter, I can use it in other baked goods.

Ours is a family that enjoys bread, all types of bread. Growing up in Saginaw, we were blessed with several family owned bakeries that specialized in breads. One favorite—Spatz—still operates in the same location, under the efforts of a third generation. Distribution of their bread isn't widespread, however. To enjoy it we will on occasion purchase some during a trip back to visit relatives. It freezes well but doesn't have a long shelf life on a counter. I've been told the recipe hasn't changed since my childhood days enjoying grilled cheese or peanut butter/jam sandwiches. If a loaf wasn't eaten quickly and became dry, my mother turned it into bread pudding.

Bread has long been a staple of diets for humans. A quick check revealed that the word bread appears in the Bible 492 times in the original languages. Bread was a staple of diets then and remains so for us today. Assuming that this delicious and filling food satisfies a hungry belly, I find it very comforting that Jesus declared Himself as "the bread of life, he who comes to Me will never hunger..." (John 6:35). How surreal that Jesus used an everyday commodity to describe His heavenly role to feed hungry people—not merely empty bellies—but

aching hurting hearts, too.

Back to my "starter". My current phase requires my careful attention twice a day now. I haven't had to set an alarm just yet to remind me not to miss a feeding (smile) but I hope I don't forget and can make adjustments if I'm away.

Comparing my little sourdough starter's needs that can only be met by me pales to that of how Jesus cares and tends us who are part of His flock. As I imagine future loaves of bread from my starter, I'm also gathering the image in my mind from the time when Jesus fed thousands of people with a few loaves of bread and fish. He was able to perform a miraculous meal that filled every belly—men, women, and children—complete with leftovers! Nothing was wasted, the leftovers were put into 12 baskets.

Another quick search showed me there are at least 30 different types of bread. By today's standards I'm taking liberty that not all of them on our store shelves are healthy versions of this basic staple. Maybe this is why I find myself—many friends—learning how to make homemade bread, leaving out unnecessary ingredients.

I'm truly hoping my sourdough starter will get to the goal of being nice and bubbly with a fermented aroma which is part of its intrigue. Deep down I know that if this batch fails, I can

## Letter to the Editor

I am writing because Congress is supposed to be passing two bills shortly that are going to affect the way we vote and the Republicans want to increase the difficulty for us when we vote, where we vote, and how we vote.

Save act/H.R.8281: This bill would disenfranchise millions of eligible voters with overly restrictive voter ID requirements, disproportionately impacting marginalized communities, including senior citizens, college students, people of color, and the disabled.

ACE Act/H.R.4563: This legislation creates new barriers to voter registration and participation, rolling back efforts to ensure fair and accessible elections while increasing the influence of billionaires and corporations in our democracy.

You can go to Congress.gov to learn more about these bills. After you do that call your members of Congress, both your Senators and House representative. Tell them why you do not support these bills. Follow that up with an email, and send them one, every day until the vote takes place.

My husband and I are both retired, and I am disabled. I don't want anything that will make it harder for my husband or I to vote. I have children, and grandchildren who go away to school, or work during the day with family obligations at night. They should continue to enjoy early voting, mail voting and should be able to vote when they are away at school, WITHOUT difficulty. Voting should be easy in this country. We are not a third world nation, yet.

Peggy Van Sickle  
Brighton

try again. In addition, when the day arrives that I can turn batter into a dough, I will delight in the time and effort to create a delicious loaf of bread.

Furthermore, each time I come across the word "bread" in scripture, I will smile. I will take delight in realizing that Jesus—the Son of God—who is often referred to as the King of Kings described Himself in the commonality of a mere loaf of bread. Notedly, as the "bread of life" He is the main ingredient...He has no beginning or end...He satisfies...He fills. The distribution of His "bread" is worldwide and available to all who are hungry.

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## MARION TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED MINUTES JANUARY 9, 2025

The regular meeting of the Marion Township Board was held on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 7:30 pm. Members Present: Fenton, Lowe, Andersen, Witkowski, Lloyd, Donovan, and Beal. Members Absent: None. The following action was taken: 1) Call to Order. 2) Call to the Public. 3) Motion carried to adopt resolution to approve opting out of PA #152. 4) Motion carried to adopt resolution approving Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines. 5) Motion carried to adopt resolution to allow residents to file letter appeals to 2025 Board of Review. 6) Motion carried to adopt a resolution to conduct school elections for 2025-2029. 7) Motion carried to adopt a resolution to eliminate refunds of over/under tax payments on payments over/under \$10. 8) Motion carried to adopt resolution to amend 2024-25 General Fund budget. 9) Motion carried to have Jim Witkowski and Bill Fenton work with Panhandle on narrowing easements. 10) Correspondence & Updates. 11) Call to the Public. 12) Motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm.

Tammy L. Beal, MMC  
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William Fenton  
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### VACANT LAND

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Great location on M-52 for this nice 5-acre parcel currently zoned B-1 commercial. There is an existing well & septic on the property which may be able to be used. \$109,900



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Spacious 5 bedroom, 1 bath farm home on 2 country acres with nice a location just 1/2 mile off pavement & close to town. Roof was updated 10 years ago. Bring your ideas to make this your new home. Lots of storage with large outbuilding for your workshop needs. Fowlerville schools. \$199,900

LEASE! Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex that has been totally renovated inside. New siding & deck also. Appliances are included, central air & natural gas. Paved road, Howell schools. Pet is possible with owner approval & pet deposit along with additional \$100 per month. \$1,500

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# LEGAL NOTICES

## Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on February 5, 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): Harvey E Barnett, a married man

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust

Date of Mortgage: June 24, 2004

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 8, 2004

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$194,811.35

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Cohoctah, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Parcel 1: Part of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20, Town 4 North, Range 4 East, Cohoctah Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 20; thence North 01 degrees 42 minutes 36 seconds West 333.01 feet along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section as monumented; thence North 88 degrees 24 minutes 45 seconds East 654.09 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described; thence North 01 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds West 666.34 feet; thence North 88 degrees 26 minutes 49 seconds East 655.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds East 665.95 feet along the East line of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section and the centerline of Schrepfer Road; thence South 88 degrees 24 minutes 45 seconds West 655.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to a 66 foot wide private easement for ingress, egress and public utilities, having a centerline described as follows: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 20; thence North 01 degrees 42 minutes 36 seconds West 333.01 feet along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section as monumented; thence North 88 degrees 24 minutes 45 seconds East 1309.09 feet; thence North 01 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds West 412.58 feet along the East line of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section and the centerline of Schrepfer road to the point of beginning; thence South 88 degrees 26 minutes 49 seconds West 33.00 feet; thence 56.82 feet along the arc of a 50.00 foot radius circular curve to the right through a central angle of 65 degrees 06 minutes 46 seconds and having a chord bearing North 58 degrees 59 minutes 48 seconds West 53.81 feet; thence North 26 degrees 26 minutes 25 seconds West 163.12 feet; thence 85.23 feet along the arc of a 75.00 foot radius circular curve to the left through a central angle of 65 degrees 06 minutes 46 seconds and having a chord bearing North 58 degrees 59 minutes 48 seconds West 80.72 feet; thence South 88 degrees 26 minutes 49 seconds West 440.78 feet to the point of ending.

Common street address (if any): 8245 Schrepfer Rd, Howell, MI 48855-9323

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: January 5, 2025

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## NOTICE OF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Master Deed, Conditions and Restrictions for Town Commons dated August 14, 2001, signed on August 14, 2001, and recorded on August 20, 2001, in Liber 3092, Page 899, et seq., Livingston County, Michigan, Register of Deeds, and any amendments thereto, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 228 (the "Master Deed").

Said default under the Master Deed has resulted in the recordation of a "Notice of Lien for Nonpayment of Assessments" by Town Commons Master Association, said Notice of Lien for Nonpayment of Assessments being dated November 25, 2024, signed on November 25, 2024, and recorded on November 26, 2024, in Instrument No. 2024R-021729, 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 SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX AND 73/100 DOLLARS (\$6,946.73).

Under the power of sale contained in the Michigan Condominium Act of 1978, MCL 559.208(2), and Article II, Section 5 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 February 12, 2025. 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 City of Howell, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and more particularly described as: Unit 120, Town Commons, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 3092, Pages 899 through 1036, both inclusive, Livingston County Records, and any amendments thereto, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 228, together with the rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above-described Master Deed, and any amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Owner(s) of Record: Toni Denise Popa

Property Address: 1609 Town Commons Drive, Howell, MI 48855

Parcel ID No. 4717-26-201-175

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 Toni Denise Popa and all persons claiming through or under her 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, Toni Denise Popa, will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to Town Commons Master Association for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: January 6, 2025

By: Town Commons Master 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

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File No. 17872

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## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on January 29, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

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

Original Mortgagee: KeyBank National Association

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: January 8, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: February 1, 2005

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$49,951.57

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Howell, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: PART OF LOT 35 AND PART OF VACATED CHESTNUT STREET (66 FEET WIDE) OF CRANE AND BROOKS PLAT OF THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF HOWELL, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PAGES 180 AND 181 OF TRANSCRIBED RECORDS, LIVINGSTON COUNTY RECORDS, DESCRIBED AS; BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SIBLEY STREET (66 FEET WIDE) LOCATED NORTH 62 DEGREES 00 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY STREET LINE 17.3 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 34; THENCE NORTH 62 DEGREES 00 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE STREET LINE 39 FEET; THENCE WEST ALONG THE RELOCATED STREET LINE 37.3 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 24 DEGREES 00 MINUTES WEST TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY (REAR) LINE OF LOT 35; THENCE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 00 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LOT LINE AND THE EXTENSION THEREOF TO A POINT LOCATED NORTH 62 DEGREES 00 MINUTES WEST 14 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 34; THENCE NORTHERLY 132 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Common street address (if any): 329 W Sibley St, Howell, MI 48843-2131

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: December 29, 2024

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(12-29-24 & 1-5, 1-12 & 1-19-25 FNV)



### Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball loses tough game to Grass Lake, 57-53

The Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team hosted the undefeated Grass Lake Warriors last Monday, Jan. 13, and lost a tough 57-53 game. Wyatt Soli led the Gladiators with 19 points, Dylan Soli chipped in with 12, and Sam Shrader added 10.

### Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team defeats Carson City Crystal

The Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team defeated Carson City Crystal last Tuesday night (Jan. 14), 69-41. Wyatt Soli led the way for the Glads with 21 points. Landon Aeschliman added 14 and Sam Shrader had 12. The team is now 2-9 overall and 0-4 in CAAC Red play.



### Fowlerville Varsity Girls Basketball Team picks up league win over Mason

The Fowlerville Varsity Girls Basketball Team picked up a league win over Mason in a game played on Thursday, Jan. 9th. The final scored was 38-34.

McKenna Maybee led the Gladiators with 12 points, and drew 4 charges on the defensive end. Tommi Kleinschmidt and Michaela Gullede each scored 6 points, while Mariah Kirby and Izzy Cox added 5 points each.

The Gladiators are now 6-2.

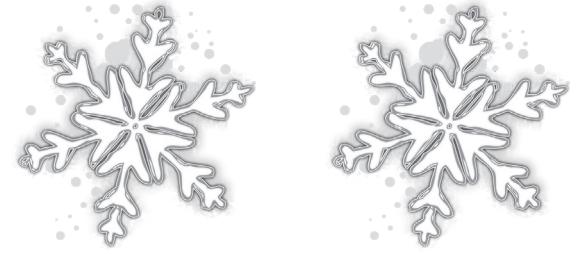
### Fowlerville Varsity Girls Basketball Team falls to Okemos, 49-20

The Fowlerville Varsity Girls Basketball Team fell to Okemos in a non-league game played last Tuesday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>. The final score was 49-20. Mariah Kirby led the Gladiators with 8 points, while McKenna Maybee and Ella Olrich each added 4 points.

Fowlerville moves to 6-3 on the season.

### Fowlerville JV Girls Basketball Team falls to Mason, 38-29

The Fowlerville Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Team battled hard against Mason on Thursday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, winning 3 out of the 4 quarters. But they fell short at the end, losing to the Bulldogs, 38-29. Missed free throws played a large part in the defeat, but it was great to see 7 out of the 11 girls score. Ella Shaw led the offense with nine points with Jaymie Iseler dropping in five. Jose Ratliff and CJ Cheacchi each scored four points, while Anja Ott added three. Josie Kaitner and Brynn Goulding each had two points to complete the scoring.



# LEGAL NOTICES

#### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

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

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Regina Silcox and James Silcox, Wife and Husband

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage 1 Incorporated, its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Date of Mortgage: November 18, 2021

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 23, 2021

Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$396,513.73

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Green Oak, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 21, Town 1 North, Range 6 East, Green Oak Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point located distant North 88 degrees 54 minutes 44 seconds West 581.85 feet and North 00 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East 1041.87 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 21; thence continuing North 00 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East 137.44 feet; thence North 87 degrees 55 minutes 48 seconds East 185.06 feet; thence South 00 degrees 29 minutes 17 seconds West 140.21 feet; thence South 88 degrees 47 minutes 11 seconds West 184.99 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly Known as: 9849 Marshall Rd., South Lyon, MI 48178

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

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

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

Date of notice: 01/19/2025

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#### FORECLOSURE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE TO ALL PURCHASERS -

A lien has been recorded on behalf of Hidden Lakes Estates Association. The lien was executed on April 15, 2024 and recorded on April 19, 2024, as Instrument No. 2024R-006754, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Six Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Seven Dollars and Forty- Cents (\$6,477.40). Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement.

Under the power of sale contained in the recorded Condominium Documents and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212 that the lien will be foreclosed by a sale of the property described below, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, at the main entrance of the Judicial Center located in Howell, Michigan (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on Wednesday, January 29, 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 Ramenpreet K. Singh, and is situated in the Township of Green Oak, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 190, of Hidden Lake Estates, a Condominium according to the Restated and Amended Master Deed recorded in Liber 2709, Page 0002 et seq., Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 74. Sidwell No. 16-16-406-190

Commonly known as: 10424 Sandpiper Court, South Lyon, Michigan 48178

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 16, 2024

Hidden Lakes Estates Association

c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC

Sarah R. Karl

30140 Orchard Lake Road

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

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(12-22)(01-19)

(12-22, 12-29-24, 1-5-25, 1-12 & 1-19-25 FNV)

#### 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 on FEBRUARY 5, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert W. Steinkraus, an unmarried man and Roxanne L. Steinkraus, an unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Ross Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 6, 2017 and recorded November 16, 2017 in Instrument Number 2017R-033787 Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Newrez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Five and 11/100 Dollars (\$147,975.11).

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 vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Livingston County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on FEBRUARY 5, 2025.

Said premises are located in the Township of Green Oak, Livingston County Michigan, and are described as: Lot(s) 8 and 9 of FONDA LAKE SUBN. according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 55 of Livingston County Records.

6298 Fonda Lake Drive, Brighton, Michigan 48116

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

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

Dated: January 5, 2025

File No. 24-014910

Firm Name: Orlans PC

Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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# Fowlerville High School News

**OFFICE HOURS**  
 Administration Offices 7:00 a.m.– 2:30 p.m.  
 The building opens 6:45 a.m.  
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**IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES TO NOTE:**

Jan 20 NO SCHOOL  
 Jan 21 1<sup>st</sup> Day Sem 2  
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**Visitor Policy:** All Fowlerville High School visitors will need to check in to the main office. During the school day, visitors who are accessing any part of the building will be required to provide formal identification. A copy of the identification will be made by the office staff. Visitors will be provided with a visitor pass and be escorted to their location. Visitors will need to check out at the main office prior to departing the building.  
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# Kreeger Elementary School News

**CALENDAR OF KREEGER EVENTS**

1-20-25 NO SCHOOL  
 1-21-25 KPTN Meeting 3:45pm  
 1-23-25 Student Council Meeting 3:40-4:40pm  
 1-27-25 OK2Say Presentation  
 2-6-25 Student Council Meeting 3:40-4:40pm  
 2-17-25 NO SCHOOL  
 2-18-25 NO SCHOOL  
 2-19-25 KPTN Meeting 3:45-4:45pm  
 2-20-25 Student Council Meeting 3:40-4:40pm  
 3-3-25 Kreeger Spring Book Fair Starts  
 3-6-25 Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-7:30pm  
 3-7-25 Kreeger Spring Book Fair Ends  
 3-21-25 Spring Break Starts end of day  
 3-31-25 School Resumes  
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**ATTENDANCE LINE:** If your child will not be at school, please call the attendance line to excuse their absence. The attendance line number is 517-223-6333.  
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**LOST AND FOUND –** Our lost and found is overflowing! If your child is missing sweatshirts, coats, boots, gloves, hats, etc – please have them check the lost and found.



Jud Scott

**From the Assistant Principal and Attendance Office**

Students that have permission to leave for lunch cannot bring food back into the building for their friends.

No Food deliveries from DoorDash, GrubHub, etc. will be accepted.

Students are not allowed to park in the PAC lot.

All students parking on School property must have a parking permit and park in their assigned parking spot.

All students must sign out of the HS in the Main Office when exiting the building.  
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**Anyone wishing to donate to the Micro Food Pantry** please go ahead and put canned goods etc. into the pantry. Self-serve and self-fill. The pantry is located on 2<sup>nd</sup> St and Grand River next to State Farm.

**Fowlerville Fire Department Report January 9**

1:32 a.m.- Medical response on Roberts Rd in Iosco Township.

2:47 p.m.- Medical response on Garden Ct in the Village.

**January 10**

2:41 p.m.- Medical response on N Hibbard St in the Village.

4:05 p.m.- Medical response on Hickory St in the Village.

7:53 p.m.- Medical response on Gehringer Dr in the Village.

**January 11**

NO CALLS

**January 12**

8:50 a.m.- Medical response on Hickory St in the Village.

**January 13**

2:45 a.m.- Medical response on Ashlyn Ct in Iosco Township.

11:44 a.m.- Medical response on W Coon Lake Rd in Iosco Township.

5:24 p.m.- Chimney fire on Weller Rd in Iosco Township.

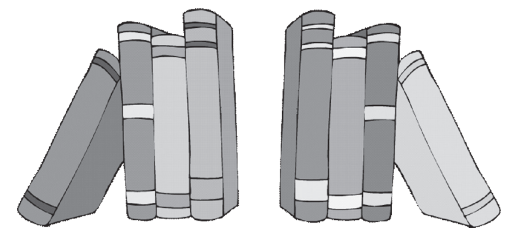
**January 14**

10:45 a.m.- Smoke investigation on Grouse Ln in Iosco Township.

4:27 p.m.- Medical response on Hickory St in the Village.

**January 15**

9:27 a.m.- Medical response on Mason Rd in Iosco Township.



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## Fowlerville Police Report for the Village of Fowlerville Council Meeting Tuesday, January 21, 2025

The Fowlerville Police Department responded to **878** calls for service over the past seven weeks.

**Total citations issued this period:** 69 moving and parking citations.

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### Warrant Authorized/Declined

Incident #24-01073- Retail Fraud- Warrant Authorized

- 42 y/o male, Morrice, Friday November 15, 2024, at approximately 1617 hours.

Incident #24-01110- Retail Fraud- Warrant Denied

- 45 y/o male, Howell, Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at approximately 1630 hours.

Incident #24-01113-Retail Fraud-Warrant Authorized

- 55 y/o female, Howell, Saturday November 30th, 2024, at approximately 1500 hours.

Incident #24-01105- Flee and Elude/R&O-Warrant Denied

- 29 y/o male, Fowlerville, Wednesday, November 27, 2024, at approximately 0152 hours.

Incident #24-01137- Retail Fraud-Warrant Authorized-FELONY X2

- 42 y/o, male, Lansing, Monday, December 9, 2024, at approximately 2251 hours.
- 31 y/o, female, Lansing, Monday, December 9, 2024, at approximately 2251 hours.

Incident #24-01145- Retail Fraud- Warrant Furthered

- 35 y/o, female, Webberville, Thursday, December 12, 2024, at approximately 1506 hours.

Incident #24-01181- Retail Fraud/Trespass- Warrant Authorized X2

- 31 y/o, female, Howell, Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at approximately 1314 hours.
- 31 y/o, female, Howell, Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at approximately 1314 hours

Incident #24-01142- Domestic Assault- Warrant Denied

- 26 y/o, female, Fowlerville, Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at approximately 1634 hours.

Incident #24-01143- MDOP/Larceny- Warrant Authorized

- 70 y/o, male, Howell, Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at approximately 1907 hours.

Incident #24-01162- B&E- Warrant Denied

- 52 y/o, male, Fowlerville, Monday, December 16, 2024, at approximately 1554 hours.

Incident #24-01164- Hit & Run- Warrant Authorized

- 36 y/o, male, Williamston, Monday, December 16, 2024, at approximately 1739 hours.

Incident #24-01184- Retail Fraud- Warrant Authorized-FELONY

- 45 y/o, male, Fowlerville, Monday, 23 of December 2024, at 1410 hours.

Incident #24-01188- VCSA- Warrant Furthered

- 28 y/o, male, Lansing, Tuesday, December 24, 2024, at approximately 0002 hours.

Incident #24-01192- OWI-Warrant Authorized

- 53 y/o, male, Farmington Hills, Tuesday December 24, 2024, at approximately 2100 hours.

Incident #24-01200- Flee and Elude- Warrant Authorized-FELONY

- 23 y/o, male, Ruskin, Monday, December 30, 2024, at approximately 0135 hours.

Incident #25-00001- DWLS/CCW- Warrant Under Review

- 41 y/o, male, Fowlerville, Wednesday, December 31, 2024, at approximately 2320 hours.

Incident #24-01205- OWI- Warrant Under Review

- 62 y/o, female, Fowlerville, Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at approximately 2318 hours.

Incident #25-00009- Traffic Offense- Warrant Under Review

- 51 y/o, male, Fowlerville, Monday, January 6, 2025, at approximately 1000 hours.

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### Officers Investigated the Following Types of Complaints:

- 57-Assist to EMS/FAFD
- 3-Abandoned vehicle
- 1-911
- 5-Alarm
- 9-Animal complaint
- 634-Area checks
- 1-Assault report
- 7-Assist other agency
- 710-Building property check
- 1-Burglary report
- 17-Citizen assist
- 5-Civic event
- 2-Civil complaint
- 23-Community Policing
- 2-Disturbance

- 10-Domestic
- 363-Follow up
- 25-Foot patrol
- 3-Fraud
- 100-General Non-Criminal
- 4-Hazard
- 5-Hit & run
- 1-Info
- 4-Intimidation/threats
- 1-Juvenile complaint
- 8-K9 training
- 4-Larceny
- 65-Liquor inspections
- 6-Lockout
- 2-Lost/found animal
- 1-Loud party
- 1-MDOP
- 1-Medical alarm
- 2-Meetings
- 1-Mental CMH
- 5-Message delivery
- 8-Motorist assist
- 1-Noise complaint
- 22-Ordinance investigation
- 6-Parking/traffic complaint
- 8-Patrol information
- 1-PBT
- 6-PDA
- 4-Prisoner
- 10-Retail Fraud
- 23-School events
- 10-School patrol
- 338-Subdivision patrol
- 3-Subpoena service
- 2-Suicidal subject
- 31-Suspicious Situations
- 261-Traffic detail
- 211-Traffic stops
- 9-Traffic violation arrests
- 2-Unknown medical
- 2-Vin inspection
- 7-Warrant arrest
- 1-Weapons offense
- 11-Welfare check

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

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### Additional information:

Officer Edmonds and I presented a drug awareness program to five Fowlerville High School classes. Each student who graduates from FHS must attend the class. The Fowlerville Police Department has been administering the class for approximately nine years. We talk to the students of the dangers of drug use, alcohol, vaping and nicotine-related products. We also bring in Livingston County Jail inmates who speak about the struggles that they have had with addiction and how they got to where they are. This program is very impactful, and we get good feedback from students, teachers, and parents.

We want to thank our amazing community for all the appreciation for National Police Appreciation Day. We received homemade goodies, calls and citizens stopping in to thank us for service. We even had a visit from State Senator Jason Woolford. I have stated this in the past, how lucky we are here at the Fowlerville Police to serve in such a great community.

Respectfully Submitted  
John J. Tyler, Chief of Police

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## Cohoctah & Conway Townships notified of plan to construct large solar-generating system on area farmland

By Steve Horton

At this point information is sketchy, but officials in Cohoctah and Conway Townships have been notified by Ranger Power of its plans to construct a large solar-generating facility on farmland it's leased with their jurisdictions.

Mark Fosdick, Cohoctah Township supervisor, said he received a letter from the Chicago-based energy company on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> indicating its intent to proceed with the development. The letter came three days after Michigan Public Act 233 went into effect.

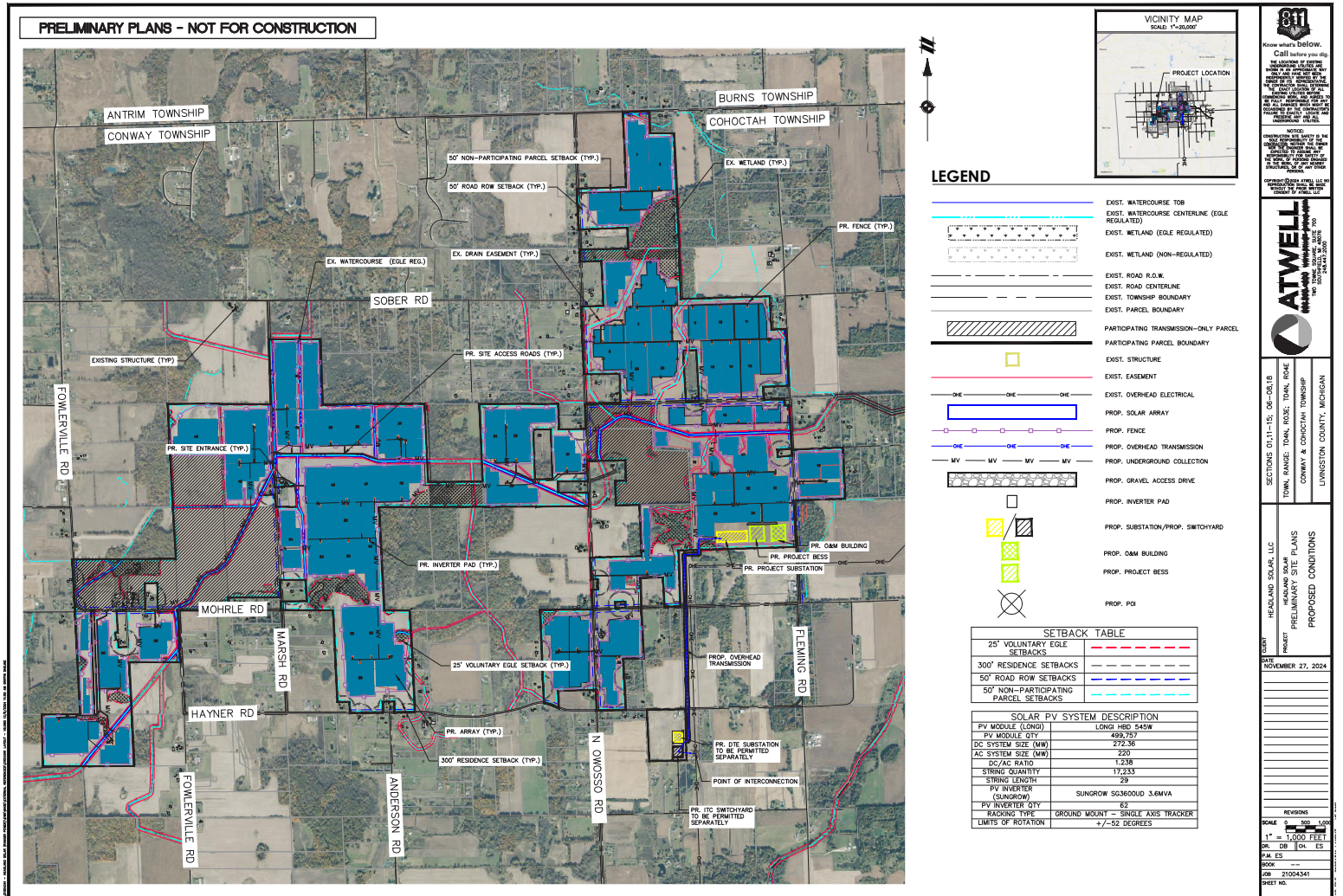
Mike Brown, the supervisor of Conway Township, was similarly notified.

The new state law sets up a mechanism that allows developers to appeal to the Michigan Public Service Commission if their application for a solar or wind energy project is rejected by a local government even though it meets the state standards for proximity to homes (setback distances) and noise levels if the solar project is at least 50 megawatts (about 350 acres) and the wind farm is at least 100 megawatts (about 35 turbines). A smaller size project would remain the sole providence of the affected local government.

The law came about because many local municipalities, including Cohoctah and Conway Townships, established zoning ordinances that limited the size and scope of solar and wind projects—with restrictions that in many cases made a large development unfeasible.

Last year, seeing this response in the more rural areas of the state and wishing to still pursue green-energy goals, the Democratic-controlled Legislature passed Public Act 233 that allows for this second avenue of siting a development if a local agreement can not be reached.

Ranger Power had approached both of the area townships



Shown here is a map of the Cohoctah & Conway Townships solar-generating system area.

over two years ago with plans for a solar power system, but eventually the opposition of area residents resulted in the new zoning ordinances that put limitations in place.

“Cohoctah Township is the first community to see a siting for a large scale industrial solar facility, despite indicating we did not want this development,” said Fosdick. “We were told the development was going forward because PA 233 allows them to do so.

“Cohoctah Township is a plaintiff in the litigation challenging the Michigan Public Service Commission October 10, 2023 Order,” he noted, adding that “The township has adopted a Compatible Renewable Energy

Ordinance and two overlay districts for renewable energy facilities. Although the preliminary injunction seeking a stay was denied by the Michigan Court of Appeals, the appellate court did grant the motion for immediate consideration of the appeal. Our township remains positive and we realize that however the appellate court rules the decision will be appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court.”

Fosdick said that Ranger Power had asked for a copy of the township’s ordinance and, as required, supplied a map showing the proposed locations of solar panels, inversion units, and transfer sub-stations.

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## Iosco Township Public hearing on proposed solar energy project, continued

Hannath noted the same could be said of a local government having an overly restrictive ordinance that prohibits lawful use of a property.

“As for those who say solar panels would ruin your view, a landowner wrote that ‘your view stops at the property line,’ adding that ‘no one ever promised you a certain view when you bought your property.’ This is legal use if it doesn’t adversely effect the health, safety and welfare of the community.”

Hannath noted in her comments that DTE designs the solar array so noise is turned inward, has never abandoned a project whether it’s coal, gas, nuclear, wind or solar, and would recycle the panels.

“If the township chooses to do nothing it loses local control,” she added. “The state law is not going away nor is the push for renewable energy.

“As for the issue of this taking farm land out of production, the proposed array is just over three percent of what’s now used,” she said. “When the project is retired, the land can revert back to agricultural use. Also, while the masterplan calls for the preservation of farming, there’s nothing that requires a landowner to farm. They can stop farming or sell it to a developer for housing.

“There is the argument that a solar facility should only be large enough to supply the needs of local residents,” she said. “Currently, the township does not generate any energy but instead gets its power from sources located in other communities. Other communities have supported this community. This project would be part of a regional supply of electricity.”

Hannath concluded by urging commission member to base their decision on facts and to maintain local control of the process.

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### Call to the Public speakers told Planning Commission to reject both requests

The many speakers who addressed the Planning Commission during the lengthy ‘Call to the Public’ brought up a number of concerns about the proposed project and reasons for opposing it.

A number of them also urged township officials to “fight” the development by rejecting both rezoning requests and “see

what happens.”

Many of them said they live in this rural area or have moved here to enjoy the scenery and quiet, both of which they felt would be ruined by the sight and hum of the rows of panels.

They felt the project would cause flooding to some of the neighboring residential properties, result in soil erosion, and pollute the streams and groundwater. They also brought up the danger of burning panels during the wild-fire season, the tangled mess that might be caused by a wind storm or a tornado, and that their presence would have an adverse impact on hunting and to wildlife in general.

They also said that a solar generating facility is an industrial use and incompatible in an agricultural-residential area and that the township had designed the land near Mason Road for this kind of land use.

No one seemed assured by the real-estate study that was presented, with several speakers stating their belief that property values would go down and selling a home would be a problem.

A couple of speakers also pointed out that the soon-to-be President Trump and the Republican-majority in Congress did not favor the green-energy subsidies which, they felt, would change the situation.

Speaking on the option that DTE might go to the Public Service Commission if turned down, resulting in there not being any local input, a resident said “They are using fear and pressure to try to force a decision.”

Anne Gebauer was the first to address the Commission, noting that she and her husband have a home on West Coon Lake Road across from the proposed north project area. She brought up two main points in her opposition. One was that it goes against the township’s Master Plan and, hand-in-glove with this, the need to preserve farm land in general.

“The amendment submitted to the township on Oct. 15, 2024 does not support the Master Plan dated July 20, 2020 and approved on Jan. 21, 2021 by the board of trustees,” she said. “It does not follow the goals and objectives stated in the plan of preserving natural resources including farmland, woodlands and water resources.

“How is permitting the construction of a utility scale solar power plant preserve farmland?” Gebauer asked, answering that “It doesn’t. An installation of a power plant includes the trenching in of thousands and thousands of feet of high current cables, sinking tens of thousands of solar support posts and then adding all the panels, installing inverters at regular intervals, building permanent sub-station structures and laying

material for access roads. All of this would be done over hundreds and hundreds of acres of farmland. Allowing the rezoning and construction of a utility scale power plant will destroy the farmland—both in this township and elsewhere.”

Gebauer reminded the Commission that the township trustees voted to join the lawsuit with over 70 other townships and municipalities, attempting to invalidate Public Act 233 for taking away local zoning control, and urged them to wait to see how the matter was resolved.

“Solar developers are using the Public Service Commission like a billy club against townships,” she said. “I do not believe this will be the only expansion. It needs to be stopped and we need to choose when enough is enough.” Also speaking was Jason Woolford, who recently took office as the area’s state representative. He criticized the renewable-energy policies of Governor Whitmer and the Democrats in the Legislature as well as the Biden Administration, vowing to oppose them and make changes.

“...while I believe in renewable energy, I’ll stand strong against costly, unrealistic policies that are destroying America and its workers,” he said. “And now respectfully to the consultants, you’re here speaking on behalf of DTE due to the forcing of the hand of our energy companies to go green by giving them money from our taxpayers money that comes from an increase in our state budget that went from 50 billion to over 80 billion.

“This build out, according to the Mackinac Center, will go for green energy, will cost billions of dollars to the point that they don’t even know what it’ll cost,” Woolford continued. “So I strongly oppose the green energy bills. The wind and solar will never provide adequate electricity for our Michigan citizens. Our legislation pushing this green agenda is true overreach from our government. The solar agenda is funded by we, the people, the taxpayer. Why? Because it doesn’t work. If it did, we should send it to the free market and see how it works out.”

Woolford said that he’d oppose the governor and the Public Service Commission in pushing this agenda, and concluded by stating “If this new green deal was not taxpayer funded, we would not be having this conversation. It doesn’t work.”

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Having held the public hearing on the two rezoning requests, the township Planning Commission can make a decision at its next monthly meeting in February on whether to recommend approval or denial. They could approve or deny both or split the decision. They also have the option of tabling the requests to a later date.

## Several Fowlerville High wrestlers reach 100 career wins

Congratulations to all the Fowlerville High School wrestlers who have reached their 100th career victory so far this season. They include: Hannah Blyveis, Layne O’Neil, Matthew Jeffrey, Waylon Lamkin, and Levi Baker.



## Cohoctah & Conway Townships notified of plan, continued

The map shows that the parcels of leased land are scattered around the two townships, but the general area has a north-south boundary of Lovejoy and Hayner Roads and east-west boundary of Fleming and North Fowlerville Roads. A parcel is located west of North Fowlerville Road and another east of Fleming Road.

Fosdick said the total amount of acreage has not been determined, but the project has a goal of producing 226 megawatts of electricity.

The Cohoctah supervisor added that there is a yellow square on the southeast part of the map, near Owosso Road, that shows a station that would connect this solar power system with one that is being developed by DTE (Detroit Edison) south of Ranger Power’s proposed system.

“I don’t have any information on what DTE is planning, but I’ve heard they’re leasing land on or near Owosso Road,” he said.

Fosdick said that an application has not been submitted to the township, but noted that Ranger Power told him it plans to host an open house sometime in the second part of February to provide information to the public.

Both Fosdick and Brown expressed their opposition to the proposed project by issuing the following statement.

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### Joint Statement by Supervisors of Cohoctah and Conway Townships

We, the undersigned representatives of Cohoctah and Conway Townships, are united in our outrage and disbelief at the proposed industrial developments that threaten to devastate our communities. The projects spearheaded by DTE Energy (to be submitted separately) and Ranger Power, if approved, would irreversibly alter the landscape of what has long been our rural and productive farmland—farmland that has sustained our families, our livelihoods, and our way of life for generations.

It is unconscionable that our peaceful, tight-knit communities are now being treated as mere collateral damage in the face of corporate greed. The massive scale of these industrial ventures is an affront to the values we hold dear, as they seek to sacrifice our health, our environment, and the character of our communities for short-term economic gain.

The encroachment of such industrial developments will not only destroy our agricultural heritage but will also impose an unimaginable burden on our infrastructure, natural resources, and quality of life. The sprawling construction sites, incessant noise, and pollution associated with these projects will suffocate the very essence of what makes Cohoctah and Conway the vibrant rural communities they are today.

We cannot, and will not, stand by as our farmland is bulldozed in the name of industrialization. The consequences for our children, our families, and our future are too severe to ignore. These developments threaten to turn our fertile soil into wastelands, putting at risk the livelihoods of those who have worked the land for decades. It is an insult to our heritage, and we will not allow it to stand.

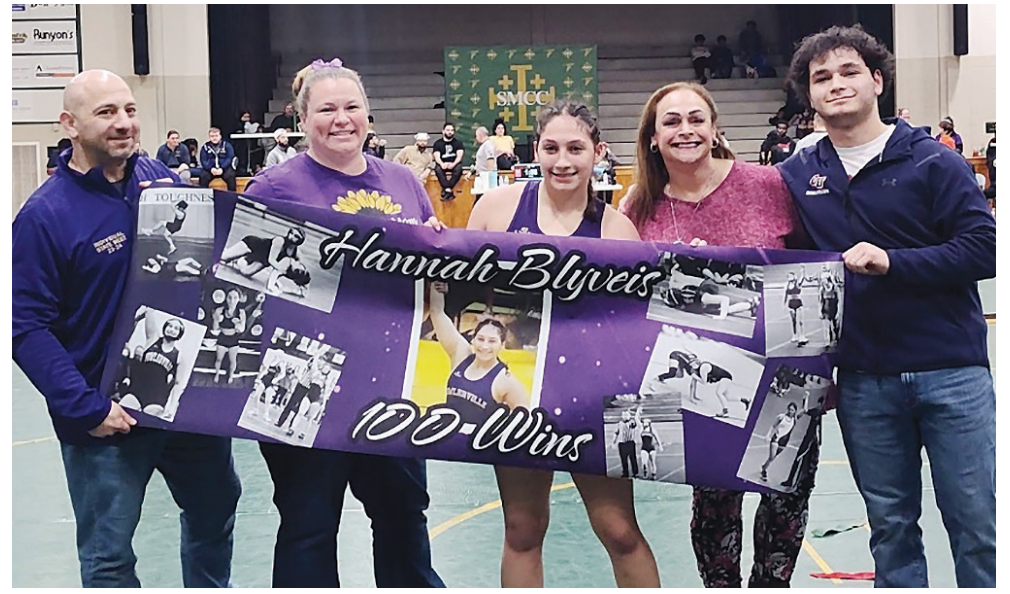
We demand that the State of Michigan take immediate action to enjoin implementation of PA 233 and protect our communities from this catastrophic legislation. Our rural way of life is not for sale, and we will not let these industrial giants trample on our rights and our future. The people of Cohoctah and Conway Townships deserve better than this—

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Waylon Lamkin shown at left.

Hannah Blyveis shown at right.



Matthew Jeffrey.



Layne O’Neil.

it is time to stand up for the preservation of our land, our communities, and our way of life before it is too late.

We urge our residents to contact DTE, Ranger Power, Governor Whitmer’s office, and their representatives in the Michigan Legislature, and demand that Michigan’s rural communities be protected and preserved. Contact information is provided below.

Mark Fosdick  
Cohoctah Township Supervisor  
[cohoctahsupervisor@gmail.com](mailto:cohoctahsupervisor@gmail.com)

Mike Brown  
Conway Township Supervisor  
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# Michigan Governor's Report

By Gretchen Whitmer

## Making Michigan the Best State for Teachers

Our educators are the foundation of a high-quality public education that every Michigander needs to build a great life. That's why, since taking office, I have made it a priority to have their backs. By lowering costs for teachers and making historic, bipartisan investments in students and schools, we are making Michigan the best place to be a teacher.

Michigan is one of the lowest-cost states to become a teacher, with tuition-free training, student loan repayment, and stipends for student teachers.

The MI Future Educator program offers \$10,000 scholarships to 2,500 future educators annually, as well as \$9,600 stipends per semester for student teachers. I signed legislation to recruit and retain skilled educators by allowing the state to accept out-of-state teaching certifications, to help retired teachers get back to work while receiving retirement benefits, and to invest millions to recruit and retain educators in rural areas.

We closed the funding gap between schools, expanded mental health resources, bolstered school safety, and upgraded classrooms while lowering class sizes. We are making historic direct investments in K-12 students, including increasing per-pupil funding by 26% in total since I took office in 2019 and delivering free breakfast and lunch to all 1.4 million public school students. We also put more resources into strengthening special education, supporting at-risk students, and assisting English language learners.

There is still more to do, and I remain committed to working with anyone who wants to continue helping make Michigan the best place to be a teacher.

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## Lowering the Cost of Becoming a Teacher

Recruiting and retaining educators is vital to our children's success. That's why we've implemented initiatives that have made Michigan one of the lowest-cost states to become a teacher.

In 2022, we took bipartisan action to establish the MI Future Educator Fellowship, a tuition-free program for college students to become certified teachers. The program helps up to 2,500 aspiring teachers every year by lowering their cost of higher education by \$10,000. The program also supports Michigan's hardworking student teachers with up to \$9,600 a semester as they continue their journey to being in the classroom full-time.

We're putting money back in the pockets of our teachers by helping current teachers pay back their student loans. This September, more than 9,500 educators from over 500 Michigan school districts received the first payments from the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) Student Loan Repayment Program grant for teachers. Teachers are eligible to receive hundreds of dollars each month to pay back their loans, helping to retain teachers and reduce shortages in critical areas.

We are also bolstering Grow-Your-Own programs that are helping staff in school districts across the state get in front of a classroom. Through Grow-Your-Own, districts receive funds to lower costs for existing school employees to get their initial certification to become an educator or teachers seeking additional endorsements.

I also signed legislation to recruit and retain skilled educators by allowing the state to accept out-of-state teaching certifications, helping educators collectively bargain, and boosting transparency in staffing.

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## Supporting Teachers in the Classroom

Since I took office, we have made record investments in our students, teachers, and schools, including providing free breakfast and lunch to every Michigan public school student, investing in students' mental health and school safety, and increasing our per-pupil funding by nearly 26% since 2019. Just this year, schools will see per-pupil funding increase by 4%, representing an average of \$400 more per student. Making sure students are healthy and ready to learn with increased resources and free breakfast and lunch makes a real difference for both students and school employees.

Last year, I signed the Fiscal Year 2025 budget which builds on our historic efforts to invest in educators and ensure they have the resources they need to succeed. The budget raises pay for veteran teachers and continues reducing costs for current and future teachers.

Last year, I also signed legislation that will permanently end the state's 3% tax that many public school teachers pay into a health care fund for their retirement, putting money back in their pockets to pay bills and build a life here in Michigan.

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## Protecting Retired Teachers

Our educators work hard. We must ensure they are supported now, and in retirement. Here in Michigan, we will not pit students who deserve a high-quality public education against educators who deserve a great quality of life now and in retirement. That's why we will continue to take fiscally responsible actions to make historic investments in our classrooms while ensuring benefits remain available for all current and future eligible public school retirees.

In 2023, I signed a bill that allows retired public school teachers to return to the classroom sooner without forfeiting their pension. Michigan's educators are devoted to the success of their students and children, and some want to return as substitute teachers or coaches, helping to fill the teacher shortage. This allows recent school retirees to return to help in the classroom.

Retired teachers will also benefit from our rollback of the retirement tax, which will put an average of \$1,000 a year back in the pockets of 500,000 senior households. Our teachers work hard, and they deserve to keep every hard-earned dollar of their retirement funds.



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## Fowlerville Senior Center is both a helpful & fun place

Here's a success story involving Fowlerville Senior Center members working to assist a member of our community.

Over the holiday season, a request for a piece of medical equipment was made to Dean Snyder, a member of the Senior Center. Dean was visiting family in Florida, but the medical equipment needed was important. Dean contacted Mark Thompson, another Senior Center member, and told him what was being requested. About two hours later, Mark was able to obtain and provide the requested medical equipment to the family. Not bad for a couple of "old guys."

It's the new year and our Chair Exercise Class is a fun way to keep some of those resolutions and to get out of the house during our winter weather. It's also a great way to keep our bodies, muscles and joints moving and stretching with like-minded members.

This class is a fun, low impact, program consisting of a variety of exercises for all parts of our bodies, and we probably have everything you will need to participate. One of the best things about this class is you participate at your own comfort level. For Senior Center members the class is free, while for nonmembers the cost is \$20 per class. We invite you to come check out the class along with other Senior Center activities.

Speaking of Senior Center memberships, those 18 – 89 can sign up to be a member of the Fowlerville Senior Center for \$25 a year and those who are 90-plus can join for free.

A good time to become a member is at the concert on Thursday, January 23 from 11am – 12 noon, featuring "The Boogie Woogie Kid" and his repertoire of classic American songs.

On Sunday, February 9 we are hosting a Super Bowl – Potluck Party. The potluck will start at 5:30pm and of course the big game starts at 6:30pm. Bring a dish/snack to share and your own drinks. Remember, alcohol is not allowed at the Senior Center. Join us in rooting for your Super Bowl team... Go Lions!

On Thursday, February 20 we are traveling to Great Lakes Crossings Mall to lunch at the Rain Forest Café, to tour the Sea Life Michigan Aquarium and maybe ride the carousel. Senior Center members' cost for this trip is \$45 which covers your meal, tour of the aquarium and transportation.

For more information regarding our programs and membership, stop in and pick up our monthly calendar of events or visit our Facebook page at Fowlerville Senior Center.

**Snow shoveling:** Studies have shown that heart attack rates jump dramatically in the first few days after a major snowstorm, usually a result of snow shoveling. Shoveling snow is a very strenuous activity that raises blood pressure and stresses the heart. Combine those factors with cold temperatures and the risks for heart attack surges. If your sidewalk or driveway needs shoveling this winter, hire a kid from the neighborhood to do it for you, or use a snow blower. Or, if you must shovel, push rather than lift the snow as much as possible, stay warm, and take frequent breaks.

**New Year's resolutions:** Every Jan. 1, millions of people join gyms or start exercise programs as part of their New Year's resolution to get in shape, and many overexert themselves too soon. If you're starting a new exercise program this winter, take the time to talk to your doctor about what types and how much exercise may be appropriate for you.

**Winter weight gain:** People tend to eat and drink more and gain more weight during the holiday season and winter months, all of which are hard on the heart and risky for someone with heart disease. So, keep a watchful eye on your diet this winter and avoid binging on fatty foods and alcohol.

**Shorter days:** Less daylight in the winter months can cause many people to develop "seasonal affective disorder" or SAD, a wintertime depression that can stress the heart. Studies have also looked at heart attack patients and found they usually have lower levels of vitamin D (which comes from sunlight) than people with healthy hearts. To boost your vitamin D this winter, consider taking a supplement that contains between 1,000 and 2,000 international units (IU) per day.

**Flu season:** Studies show that people who get flu shots have a lower heart attack risk. It's known that the inflammatory reaction set off by a flu infection can increase blood clotting which can lead to heart attacks in vulnerable people. So, if you haven't already done so this year, get a flu shot and Covid-19 booster for protection. And, if you've never been vaccinated for RSV or pneumococcal pneumonia, you should consider getting these vaccines too.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



## Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

### Be Wary of Winter Heart Attacks

Dear Savvy Senior,

I've heard that people with heart problems need to be extra careful during the winter months because heart attacks are much more common. What can you tell me about this?

AFib Alan

Dear Alan,

Everyone knows winter is cold and flu season, but many don't know that it's also the prime season for heart attacks too, especially if you already have a heart condition or have suffered a previous heart attack. Here's what you should know, along with some tips to help you protect yourself.

In the U.S., the risk of having a heart attack during the winter months is twice as high as it is during the summertime. Why? There are a number of factors, and they're not all linked to cold weather. Even people who live in warm climates have an increased risk. Here are the areas you need to pay extra attention to this winter.

**Cold temperatures:** When a person gets cold, the body responds by constricting the blood vessels to help the body maintain heat. This causes blood pressure to go up and makes the heart work harder. Cold temperatures can also increase levels of certain proteins that can thicken the blood and increase the risk for blood clots. So, stay warm this winter and when you do have to go outside, make sure you bundle up in layers with gloves and a hat, and place a scarf over your mouth and nose to warm up the air before you breathe it in.

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## Truth Among the Pages

By Jace Arledge

Hmm... January 15<sup>th</sup> and oh the places you will go... Isn't that what Dr. Seuss wrote? I remember that book, not when I was growing up, but when my children were small. I always wondered what the deeper meaning of this book was, and if you read it, then it is apparent...it's "The Waiting Place." It's about when you are in a place of pause or stagnation, the area called limbo just waiting for your next move.

This is a sign, to remind us that life is about taking action and not waiting for things to happen. It's a place where fear can't exist, as there isn't time for that.

As when President Franklin Roosevelt said in his 1933 Inaugural Address to the some 148 million living in the US "So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is...fear itself- nameless, unreasoning,

*unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance"*

I understand this to mean that if we face things head on, and not let doubt guide us...the places we could/would go.

If you have lived here long and read this wonderful paper, you know that I have three grown children, each very different, each choosing different paths. One is in their junior year of college, studying psychology and forging their path to the future. One is still looking for what they wish to do, and another is starting a new journey by attending college to help them in their pursuit of owning their own business. Each one has been encouraged to fight no matter what, to not fear, even though you can't see what's ahead.

That's the message I am also taking heed of in my personal life. The message I want to share with anyone reading this who is having doubt. Don't let that scared voice make it so you don't live out your full potential. We are all made for greatness. Manifest what you want, say the words, write them down, keep them close to your heart. There are those who believe that saying a prayer to achieve or fix things is the road to travel.

Madeleine L'Engle, writer of poetry, fiction, non-fiction once said "God doesn't stop the bad things from happening; that's never been part of the promise. The promise is: I AM WITH YOU NOW UNTIL THE END OF TIME."

Please understand, I am not saying that one shouldn't pray, what I am saying is that if you still fear while saying that prayer, you have given up its power. Understanding that, knowing that the positive attitude you put forth, with the assurance that you are not alone, should be the motivation to press on, continue the course, stay strong.

Remember, as said in the Harry Potter book "Help will always be given to those who ask for it" Albus Dumbledore in 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows'.

Forge over and through, we got this!!!

Til Next Time...

Stay kind and LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY

## Smith Elementary School News

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

School Hours: 8:50 am – 3:32 pm

### IMPORTANT DATES:

January 20: NO SCHOOL, MLK Jr Day

January 21: **FIRST DAY IN THE NEW SCHOOL!**

January 31: Popcorn Friday

February 7: Vision Screening for 1<sup>st</sup> Graders

February 24: Hearing Screening for Kindergarten & 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders

February 25: Hearing Screening for Kindergarten & 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders

February 28: Popcorn Friday

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### NEW SCHOOL STARTS JAN. 21<sup>st</sup>

We are excited to see all of our students in our new school starting Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>! Our doors will now open at 8:50am. Please refer to your email this past week in regards to drop off and pickup procedures.

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### WINTER GEAR

Winter gear should be sent in every day with your child. Boots, hats, gloves and snow pants are needed for outdoor recess and an extra set of clothes in your child's backpack will be helpful in case clothes get wet.

### Livingston United Methodist Circuit churches to rotate Sunday services

Paula Vergowven has been named as the new Pastor at Livingston United Methodist Circuit which includes the Trinity UMC and the Plainfield UMC. This is in addition to her duties as the pastor at the Webberville United Methodist Church.

Plainfield and Trinity will combine their service times at 9:15am and rotate each Sunday between churches, with the first four weeks being as follows: Jan. 19 at Trinity, Jan. 26 at Plainfield, Feb. 2 at Trinity, and Feb. 9 at Plainfield. Webberville UMC service will be held each Sunday at 11:00am.

### Knights of Columbus hosting Italian dinner at St. Agnes Church on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting an Italian Dinner at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Fowlerville on Saturday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 5:30pm, with the dinner served at 6pm. Tickets are \$20 per person. The meal includes lasagna, spaghetti, appetizers, salad, and dessert.

Tickets can be purchased at the church office or at the door. The church is located at 855 E. Grand River Ave. on the east side of Fowlerville. All are welcome to attend.

## Social Security's Top 10 Webpages for 2025

By Hillary Hatch,

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

SSA.gov is your best resource to learn about Social Security programs and benefits and conduct business with us. Our website is designed to make it easy for you to find what you need.

Here are our top 10 webpages:

1. *my* Social Security — You can open a personal *my* Social Security account to verify your earnings, view your *Social Security Statement*, get benefit estimates, and more, at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount).
2. Social Security blog — You can find the latest Social Security news and updates at [blog.ssa.gov](http://blog.ssa.gov). You can easily share these informative articles with others.
3. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) — Do you need answers to Social Security-related questions? Visit [www.ssa.gov/faq](http://www.ssa.gov/faq) to find answers to common questions and other valuable information.
4. Retirement application — You can complete and submit your online application for retirement benefits in as little as 15 minutes at [www.ssa.gov/retirement](http://www.ssa.gov/retirement).
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10. Fraud and Scam Prevention and Reporting — Learn how to recognize and report Social Security fraud and scams at [www.ssa.gov/fraud](http://www.ssa.gov/fraud).

Remember, if you need information or want to do business with us, the first place to go to is our website. Please share these top resources with your loved ones.

### St. Agnes sponsoring Firekeepers Casino bus trip on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>

St. Agnes Catholic Church's next scheduled bus trip to Firekeepers Casino will be Wednesday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be offering a full hot breakfast at 9:00am, at St. Agnes Church, 855 E Grand River Avenue, Fowlerville, in the Lothamer Parish Center prior to departing at 10:00am, on Wednesday morning.

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

A Blue Lakes Charter Motorcoach will leave the St. Agnes Church parking lot at 10:00am. Anticipated arrival time back in Fowlerville is 5:30pm. To pre-register: contact Lisa at the parish office at 517-223-8684 or email at [stagnesfowlerville@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stagnesfowlerville@sbcglobal.net).

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**Livingston County Catholic Charities celebrates a historic year with its Christmas Blessing Project**

This past Christmas season, the spirit of generosity and compassion was alive and well, as the 2024 Christmas Blessing Project, hosted by Livingston County Catholic Charities (LCCC), achieved a record-breaking milestone.

Thanks to the unwavering support of our community, LCCC provided 364 low income and homebound seniors with blessing boxes, more than doubling the number served in 2021. The project, which received over \$85,000 in monetary and in-kind donations, was brought to life by the dedication of more than 200 volunteers. Together, they contributed over 900 hours of their time, ensuring each blessing box was thoughtfully packed with essential items and delivered with heartfelt care.

A recipient shared a heartfelt note expressing their gratitude: "Thank you so very much for the blessing boxes. Everything is greatly appreciated. You are a blessing to so many of us seniors, and we wish you well in the New Year."

These words, echoed by many, capture the profound impact of this initiative. Beyond the items in the boxes, donors provided the priceless gifts of hope and connection to seniors who might otherwise feel forgotten during the holiday season.

Livingston County Catholic Charities is honored to host this community-driven project, but it is the generosity of donors and volunteers that truly makes it possible. Together, we have created moments of joy and hope that will be cherished for years to come.

To see the joy and gratitude your contributions inspired, please visit our Facebook page for photos from this year's project.

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**January 2025 Events**

**Monday, Jan. 20th:** Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Massage at 10am, Chair Exercise at 10:30am, Ellen and Oak Brook Senior Living of Williamston provide lunch and talk about their new living community at 12:30pm

**Tuesday, Jan. 21st:** Cards 9am - 11:45am, Quarter Bingo at 12:30pm

**Wednesday, Jan. 22nd:** Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 10:30am, and Yoga for All at 12:30pm

**Thursday, Jan. 23rd:** Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 10:30am, and Book Club meets and discusses 'In Between Days' by Andrew Porter at 12:30pm

**Monday, Jan. 27th:** Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 10:30am, CADL Tech Support 11am - noon, and Mitch Lutzke presents 'Williamston Museum Programs and Projects' at 12:30pm

**Tuesday, Jan. 28th:** Cards 9am - 11:45am, Valentine Craft with Nikki at 12:30pm

**Wednesday, Jan. 29th:** Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 10:30am, Wheel of Fortune Game at 12:30pm

**Thursday, Jan. 30th:** Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 10:30am, and Yahtzee Game and Leaderboard at 12:30pm

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# Webberville Report



Makayla Culver will represent the Health Foundations Program at the HOSA State Conference.



## Senior Spotlight—Bree Dolan

By Maeve Chapman

Bree Dolan is the daughter of Michael and Jamie Dolan and the sister of Ian Dolan, a sophomore at Webberville High School. Bree has been at Webberville since sixth grade, starting in 2018. Their favorite memory at Webberville is making lots of friends that have lasted many years—and hopefully will continue to last.

When Bree first came to Webberville, they were quick to start joining activities. They have participated in band since sixth grade, playing the clarinet, and have sung in the choir since eighth grade. Bree is very musically talented, but they are also a skilled leader, as demonstrated by their involvement in Student Council during the 2023-2024 school year. Along with their several other activities and extracurriculars, Bree also took the Early Education course at Wilson Talent Center for one year. The highlights of taking this course were making new friends and touring colleges with their group.

Bree is an incredible singer and musician. This is especially evident in their favorite class, HS Choir—specifically their tenth grade year—because being in that class with many talented students made every concert and event worthwhile. They have also enjoyed participating in the 2022 musical *Bye Bye Birdie* and the 2023 musical *Matilda Jr.*, where they played the role of Agatha Trunchbull and wowed the audience with their incredible acting and singing abilities.

When interviewed about Bree, Band Director Gary Franks had this to say, "Bree has many positive qualities. They are an incredible musician; they play the clarinet and sing beautifully. They are creative, friendly, and outgoing. They are never afraid to speak their mind, and they are selfless. Their laugh is infectious. I see Bree exhibit their best qualities daily. They are a great leader in the band, and this year have been very helpful in news media class as well. Having Bree in news media has helped me see some of their talents that I never knew they had. They are a great speaker on camera, and I can see them with a media job in the future."

Some things Bree enjoys doing outside of school include listening to and collecting music, such as CDs and vinyl records. They also enjoy reading books, watching movies of various genres, playing with their lizards, and spending quality time with their friends. Fellow senior and friend William Schriener said, "Bree is a funny, dependable, and honest individual—someone I can always go to because I know they will be honest yet kind. In five years, I see Bree pursuing a degree in music or teaching. The thing I value most in our friendship is the honesty of our relationship."

After high school, Bree plans to continue working at their job and take a gap year before attending college. Bree's advice to younger students is, "Always do your work and turn it in on time. Even if you don't want to, I promise you it will be worth it in the long run."



Dexter Figure and Matthew Howery advance to the HOSA State Conference in Traverse City in April.

## Webberville High School students advance to the State HOSA Leadership Competition

Several of the Wilson Talent Center healthcare students from Webberville High School have placed in the Top 7 in their respective competitions at the HOSA Region 3 Leadership Conference.

HOSA's mission is to empower future health professionals to become leaders in the global health community, through education, collaboration, and experience. The competition recognizes students who are willing to pursue excellence by preparing for competition and participating in a competitive event.

The following students will advance to the HOSA State Conference in Traverse City on April 17-18th. Congratulations, Spartans!

### From the Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation Program:

- Daxten Feguer - Occupational Therapy - 6th Place
- Matthew Howery - Sports Medicine - 4th Place

### From the Health Foundations Program:

- Makayla Culver - Health Education - 7th Place







Competing in the Perry Winter Classic for Varsity Cheer were, from left, Cecilia Bedwell, Olivia Reiswewer, Shawna Davis and Savannah Bayard.

**Webberville High School Sports Update**

Varsity Cheer traveled to Perry for the Winter Classic on January 11th. They had an almost 50-point improvement from their previous competition. They ended their meet with a score of 495.64, which secured them a third-place trophy.

Also on Saturday, Varsity Wrestling was at the Legends meet in Flint. Junior Josh Boschma finished in second place with a tech fall and two pins on the day. Junior Michael Bilalke also had a great meet with 3 pins and finished in third place.

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Webberville Girls' Varsity Basketball went on the road Tuesday, January 14th to face off against Ashley. They came away with a win, 62-46, to improve to 5-2. Stat leaders for the Lady Spartans were Jolie Bryan with 22 points, 11 rebounds, 1 block and 4 threes; Jenna Lycos contributed 12 points, 7 rebounds, 9 assists, 6 steals and 1 block; Jane Wilder chipped in 8 points, 3 rebounds, 1 block and 2 threes; Haley Proctor had 8 points; and Makayla Culver offered 7 points.

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Webberville Varsity Boys' Basketball also defeated Ashley in their game on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, with a final score of 75-45. Leading the team was Dylan Rhodes with 21 points and 4 steals. Daxton Feguer contributed 13 points and 2 steals, while Brodee Tyler had 10 points and 6 rebounds. Landon Taylor knocked in 8 points and Cam Buchanon had 7 points, 5 assists and 3 steals.



**Williamston's Farmers Market holding bottle-can collection on Sunday, Jan. 19**

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Just drop them off any of these upcoming Sundays: February 2nd and 16th; March 2nd and 16th; April 6th and 20th; and May 4th and 18th.

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

**For more information about Sowing Growth**, the non-profit organization that operates the Eastern Ingham Farmers Market in Williamston, to become a vendor for the 2025 season, to be added to the newsletter email list, to volunteer or to donate to the Market, contact Market Manager Perry Youngs at 517-618-1630, or EasternInghamFM@gmail.com.



**Michigan House Report**

By State Rep. Jason Woolford, 50<sup>th</sup> District

Hello 'Fowlerville News & Views' readers! My colleagues in the Michigan House of Representatives and I just wrapped up our first full week of session in Lansing. I wanted to provide a brief update of what has been happening at the Capitol, as well as some of my activities in-district.

Michigan House Republicans are taking immediate action to address an important policy issue that will impact many small business owners and employees in our community. Last year, the Michigan Supreme Court issued a decision that will eliminate tip wages for restaurant servers starting next month if the legislature does not act before then. The court's ruling held that the people's elected representatives in the Legislature do not have the authority to change a law if that law originated as a ballot proposal adopted by the Legislature within the same term. I disagree with the court's belief that representatives elected by the people lose their authority to amend a law because of how and when that law was passed, seeing as nothing in the Michigan Constitution provides for that. I believe that this decision is a clear example of the court "legislating from the bench" by using their judicial authority to enact their preferred policy outcomes instead of simply saying what the law is.

Regardless of the soundness of the court's decision, my Republican colleagues and I are now coming into this next term with a new majority, having been left with a dire situation that went unaddressed by our predecessors. Starting next month, tip wages will begin to be eliminated for servers, and paid leave requirements and minimum wages will be raised to unsustainable levels for small businesses. Small business owners throughout our state have voiced their concerns about this policy change to me and my colleagues. These entrepreneurial leaders and their employees make up the backbone of the Michigan economy, and last year's court decision jeopardizes their entire livelihoods.

Fortunately, House Republicans are now taking immediate action to solve the issue this term. While last term's Democrat majority in the Michigan House of Representatives refused to consider any legislation to fix these crippling mandates on our small businesses, the very first two bills we introduced this term will restore tip wages and amend the paid leave and minimum wage requirements to far more realistic levels. The Republican House majority's first act was also to form a special select committee dedicated to the issue, which has already held hearings on these two bills. If you want to learn more about these bills, you can look up House Bills 4001 and 4002 of 2025. They have been referred to the House Select Committee on Protecting Michigan Employees and Small Businesses.

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For Officer Appreciation Week this past week, I had the privilege of personally delivering legislative tributes to police stations around the district. I visited the Fowlerville Police Department, Howell Police Department, Pickney Police Department, Unadilla Police Department, and the Livingston County Sheriff's office. The men and women who place themselves in dangerous environments for our community's safety and security deserve our respect and gratitude at all times, and this week was a particularly good opportunity to show them that. I was also able to visit with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class from Hutching Elementary while they visited the Capitol building this week.

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To conclude, I wanted to reiterate my invitation from last

week to reach out to me if you have concerns you would like to share. You can call my office at (517) 373-3906 or email us at [JasonWoolford@House.MI.Gov](mailto:JasonWoolford@House.MI.Gov).

**NIESA Fire Report (Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority)**

On Wednesday January 8, 2025 NIESA responded to three calls. One call was in Leroy Township for a citizen assist. One call was in the Village of Webberville for a medical response. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a fire response.

On Thursday January 9, 2025 NIESA responded to three calls. One call was in Williamstown Township for a fire response. One call was in the City of Williamston for a medical response. One call was in the Village of Webberville for a smoke investigation.

On Friday January 10, 2025 NIESA responded to eight calls. Three calls were in the City of Williamston with all being medical responses. Two calls were in the Village of Webberville with one a fire response and one a medical response. One call was in Wheatfield Township for an accident on I-96. Two calls were in Williamstown Township with both being medical responses.

On Saturday January 11, 2025 NIESA responded to three calls. One call was in the City of Williamston for a fire response. One call was in the Village of Webberville also for a fire response. One call was in Locke Township for a medical response.

On Sunday January 12, 2025 NIESA responded to six calls. One call was in Williamstown Township for a medical response. Three calls were in the City of Williamston with two being medical responses and one a fire response. One call was in Williamstown Township for a medical response. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a vehicle accident on I-96.

On Monday January 13, 2025 NIESA responded to six calls. One call was in Leroy Township for a medical response. One call was in Locke Township for a vehicle accident at Morrice and Haslett Rds. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a medical response. One call was in the Village of Webberville also for a medical response. Two calls were mutual aid with one to Okemos for a medical response and one in Gregory for a fire response.

On Tuesday January 14, 2025 NIESA responded to four calls. One call was in Leroy township for a medical response. Two calls were in the City of Williamston with both being medical responses. One call was in Williamstown Township for a utility response.

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### Rep. Woolford eager to serve the people of Livingston County

State Rep. Jason Woolford (R-Howell) recently assumed his new role representing Michigan's 50<sup>th</sup> House District, which covers the vast majority of Livingston County. He is looking forward serving as a voice in Lansing for the concerns of Livingston County residents and assisting them with any issues with which they may need help.

“I sought the opportunity to represent the families of Livingston County because I share their concerns about the direction of our country and our state,” Woolford said. “Voters understand the threats to our children, our economy, and our rights protected by the Constitution, and they have entrusted me to be a champion of those causes. I am very aware of not only the incredible honor, but the enormous responsibility I have incurred to offer that representation. With a mere 149 people deciding on how to spend a budget of over \$80 billion, every member of this legislative body will have to make tremendous decisions that impact every Michigan family. Residents across not only Livingston County, but the whole state can be certain that I will fight for them.”

Rep. Woolford encourages anyone he represents to reach out to his office if they need assistance with a public matter or would like to express their views on a policy issue. Like Rep. Woolford himself, his office Legislative Director, Jasen Wrubel, is also a United States Marine Corps veteran. The two believe their shared experiences and similar records of service will go a long way in enabling the office to more capably serve the people of Livingston County.

“The Marine Corps instilled values in Jasen and me that continue to shape our character and guide our decisions to this day,” Woolford said. “It is comforting to have staff that have a deep understanding of the importance of honor, courage, and commitment, and I know it will make us a better office. We are eager to help anyone who needs it, and so I would ask anyone residing in my district to not hesitate to reach out to us.”

Residents of Rep. Woolford's district can contact his office by calling (517) 373-3906 or emailing [JasonWoolford@House.MI.Gov](mailto:JasonWoolford@House.MI.Gov). Correspondence can also be addressed to Rep. Jason Woolford, N-899 House Office Building, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48933.

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### Consumers Energy's Reliability Roadmap reduced power outages an average of 21 minutes in 2024

Consumers Energy's commitment to building a smarter and stronger electric grid led to major reliability improvements for nearly 2 million homes and businesses in 2024. The average customer experienced 21 fewer power outage minutes compared to last year, and over 93% of customers saw their power restored in less than 24 hours.

“We're excited to better serve our friends and neighbors through our Reliability Roadmap. Even with major storms and tornadoes last year, we moved closer to goals that enable better quality of life in the Michigan communities we serve,” said Greg Salisbury, Consumers Energy's vice president of grid design. “Last year's improvements were significant, and we plan to build on them in 2025.”

Consumers Energy's Reliability Roadmap has set long-term goals to have fewer power outages affecting no more than 100,000 customers, even during major storms) and to restore power to all customers in less than 24 hours.

In 2023, Consumers Energy restored power within 24 hours nearly 87% of the time. The increase to 93% represents a major step forward – the result of faster responses to catastrophic storms and ongoing investments to strengthen the grid. In Mid-Michigan alone, Consumers Energy dedicated more than \$32 million of reliability funding to infrastructure projects last year.

The average Consumers Energy customer also went without power for 155 minutes in normal weather last year, down from 176 minutes. The 12% decrease in total minutes without power from 2023 to 2024 is the largest improvement over the past decade.

“We understand how important it is to keep the lights on for our communities who count on us, and we're driven to do better every day,” said Chris Laird, Consumers Energy's vice president of electric distribution. “We are carrying out our plan to build on this progress. When you see Consumers Energy crews at work, they're adding new technology, clearing trees away or burying power lines to build a stronger grid.”

Consumers Energy carried out over 1,350 major upgrades and cleared trees, limbs and branches along 7,000 miles of electric lines last year. Other tactics included new technology, infrared cameras, more durable iron poles and even a robotic dog.

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## Michigan Senate Report

By Lana Theis,  
22<sup>nd</sup> District

### Increased revenue should benefit Michigan taxpayers

Sen. Lana Theis, R-Brighton, issued the following statement after the state's fiscal leaders announced earlier this month an increase in projected revenues during the annual January Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference:

“As we approach the annual budget process, it is critical to avoid blowing unexpected revenue on partisan priorities like we saw during the last two years. The reckless spending spree on pet projects did nothing to address the real issues facing Michiganders. I am confident the new Republican majority in the House will help ensure this increased revenue is handled responsibly and not wasted on frivolous, short-sighted schemes.

“This additional revenue should be used to undo the financial burdens placed on taxpayers under the Whitmer administration. Her decision to bypass the Legislature and bond billions for road funding strapped future generations with unnecessary debt. I opposed this irresponsible move from the start, and this is our chance to pay down that debt and correct her reckless financial mismanagement.

“We must also consider the possibility of returning these funds to the hardworking taxpayers who earned them. Families across Michigan are already struggling with skyrocketing prices, and government shouldn't be hoarding excess funds at their expense. If the state has taken more than it needs, those dollars should go back to the people. It's not complicated — responsible budgeting means cutting spending, paying off debt, and putting taxpayers first.”

## Community Connect to be held at 2/42 Church in Brighton Feb. 1st

The Livingston County Homeless Continuum of Care is reminding residents to mark their calendars for Community Connect 2025, which will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> at 2|42 Community Church in Brighton.

“We’re busy planning the final details of the event, but look forward to bringing the community another day of connection with services, free resources, and plenty of helpful information,” organizers said, adding that “Everyone in our community who could benefit from these services and resources is welcome to attend.”

New this year, the Secretary of State Mobile Office will be

on-site and provide a variety of services.

“Necessary documents and fees will still apply, but we are excited to have a new service for our guests” said Amy Johnston, Community Collaborative Planner for the Livingston County Human Services Collaborative Body.

If you are interested in visiting the SOS Mobile Office at the event, please view <https://milivcounty.gov/hscb/homeless-care/sos-mobile/> to see what documentation you’ll need to bring with you.

The event will offer many valuable resources for Livingston County residents. Some of the free services will include health screenings, haircuts, legal services, and information on topics like housing, utility programs, and basic needs. Many free resources will be available as well. Those who attend can pick

up personal care items, winter gear, laundry detergent, diapers, food, and more.

No registration is needed to attend, and families are more than welcome! (Please note that childcare will not be provided.) Thank you to 2|42 Community Church for hosting the event and the following sponsors who make Community Connect possible, Livingston Sunrise Rotary, Brighton Masonic Lodge, and the Livingston County Homeless Continuum of Care.

Finally, volunteers always help make this day possible. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities available from event set-up and tear down, loading assistance, guest guides, and more. Visit Volunteer Livingston to sign up and help out: [https://www.volunteerlivingston.org/need/index?agency\\_id=81231](https://www.volunteerlivingston.org/need/index?agency_id=81231)

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## Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on February 19, 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): Alicia M Hoffman, a married woman

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lake Michigan Credit Union

Date of Mortgage: March 9, 2021

Date of Mortgage Recording: March 25, 2021

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$256,594.27

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Marion, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lot(s) 1 of DAVIS ROAD ESTATES NO. 1 according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 13 of Plats, Page 1 of Livingston County Records.

Common street address (if any): 222 E Davis Rd, Howell, MI 48843-6870

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: January 19, 2025

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

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### Decedent’s Estate

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT LIVINGSTON COUNTY

### CASE NO. and JUDGE

24-23125-DE

### Court address

204 S. Highlander Way #2, Howell, MI 48843

Court telephone no. 517-546-3750

Estate of Haley Mae Allen

Date of Birth:\* 04-10-2002

**TO ALL CREDITORS:\*\***

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Haley Mae Allen, died 11-23-24. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Paula Jo Allen, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 204 S. Highlander Way #2 Howell, MI 48843 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 01-08-24

Attorney

Ajay Gupta P45739

1020 Springwells

Detroit, MI 48209

419-866-2098

Personal representative

Paula Jo Allen

9333 Klages Rd.

Brighton, MI 48116

810-333-3399

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## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT LIVINGSTON COUNTY

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### Decedent’s Estate

### CASE NO. and JUDGE

24-23114-DE Hon. Miriam Cavanaugh

Court address and telephone no.

204 S. Highlander Way, Ste. 2, Howell, MI 48843

(517) 546-3750

Estate of Wanda L. Brown

**TO ALL CREDITORS:**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, Wanda L. Brown, died September 19, 2024.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jennifer or Makayla Gradowski, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 204 S. Highlander Way, Ste. 2, Howell, MI 48843 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 12-26-24

Attorney:

Linda C. Walker P34214

P.O. Box 523

Fowlerville, MI 48836-0523

517-223-8078

Personal Representative:

Jennifer Gradowski and Makayla Gradowski

20901 E. Trebesh Circle

Pinckney, MI 48169

734-260-7020

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## Michigan’s lost prairies: Grassland restoration fights wildlife decline

By Ruth Thornton  
Capital News Service

Gary Groff fondly remembers hunting all day on his grandfather’s land as a boy.

“For all my dad’s life, he could not believe that I could go out there before daylight and come back after dark,” he said.

Now retired for many years, he still hunts the Ionia County property with friends.

The parcel is partially wooded and partially farmed, but the farmland is poor. “The soil is sandier than heck,” Groff said, and the farmer who rented it didn’t make much money from the crops.

So, a few years ago, they enrolled the parcel in a government set-aside program and seeded it with native grasses and wildflowers. Now, the farmer “gets paid more for leaving it idle than he does for farming,” Groff said.

The program is one of many by state and federal agencies to restore grasslands and native prairies in Michigan. Some target poor farmland prone to erosion to take it out of production, while others help landowners manage their land for recreation or conservation.

Many grasslands and wetlands created through these programs provide valuable habitat for pollinators and other wildlife.

While Michigan isn’t known for expansive areas of prairies like states farther west, they did occur here, said Tyler Bassett, a botanist with the Michigan Natural Features Inventory.

Restoration projects are fairly spread out across the state,

from West Michigan to Metro Detroit.

“They were more like islands within the forest and savanna landscape,” Bassett said.

Some of those islands were surprisingly sizable. “The largest mapped individual prairie was 12,000 acres,” he said. That’s about half the size of Walt Disney World.

“Fast-forward to now, I would say there’s no historically remnant prairie in Michigan,” Bassett said, but only small patches left mainly in railroad rights-of-way and cemeteries.

That is problematic for many animals that depend on them, such as grassland birds and pollinators.

“That’s probably one of the most ecologically important reasons to be planting prairies, because these are guilds of species that are disappearing at catastrophic rates,” Bassett said.

“Losing those species is like pulling the threads from a sweater,” he said. Each individual species lost may not have a big impact, but if too many threads are pulled, the sweater will no longer hold together.

“We as humans depend upon the integrity of ecosystems to support an environment that we can live in,” he said. “That provides clean water and clean air and productive soils and all the things that we’re kind of seeing unravel right now before our eyes.”

Even small native flower plantings can have big benefits. “You can create insane amounts of pollinator habitat pretty easily,” Bassett said.

Meredith Holm, the Great Lakes pollinator coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, says even small native flower plantings can have a big impact.

“There’s some that are as small as a tenth of an acre or



Prairies with many wildflowers are good habitat for pollinators and other wildlife species.

Credit: Ruth Thornton

less,” she said of the pollinator habitat projects she works on in Metro Detroit. “But then you do another tenth of an acre, or half an acre, and it’s really started to be a network of pollinator habitats out there.”

She says that anybody can participate in the program and make a difference by putting in habitats for pollinators and wildlife. Even renters.

“If you have a balcony, or you have anything where you have sun,” she said, “you can put flowers and boxes” there.

Michigan’s funding for private lands conservation has decreased in recent years, but the state is still working with landowners on habitat projects, said Kenneth Kesson, a wildlife biologist with the Department of Natural Resources.

“There’s lots of historic wetlands, pocket wetlands and things like that which can be restored,” said Kesson, who works with the state’s Private Lands Program. “Often we’ll complement a wetland restoration with a prairie buffer

planting to benefit waterfowl and other species.”

“Those prairie plantings help pollinators, but the benefits reach beyond those beneficial insects,” said Jim Hazelman, a wildlife biologist with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service who coordinates the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program in Michigan.

“When we design a pollinator habitat or a wetland, you’re going to benefit deer, turkey, the huntable species, as well as the non-game species,” Hazelman said.

“A lot of deer hunters will plant all this specialty stuff — clovers, beets, all these other things that they’ll pay money for and put food plots in,” he said. “Well, that pollinator planting is one giant food plot.”

Hunters notice.

“I’ll plant that wildflower patch, and then they’ll come back several years later and say, ‘My deer are all in that pollinator planting,’” Hazelman said.

Then the word often spreads, and neighbors who at first were reluctant to try something new are interested in working with the Fish & Wildlife Service.

Hazelman said his program has changed in recent years from partnering primarily with landowners who hunt to people who want to restore habitats for conservation.

“We’re reaching additional people, and the pollinator habitat and the native grassland habitats facilitate that change,” he said.

Hazelman said it can be confusing to decide which government agency to apply for.

Kesson encourages people to reach out to the DNR or their local conservation district with questions.

“We’re a fairly tight knit community,” Kesson said. “We know each other, we generally know each other’s programs.”

The Groff property may not be valuable farmland, but it now provides habitat not only for pollinators but also other local wildlife.

Groff said he received offers to sell the land to build houses, but he doesn’t want to do that.

“It’s the only place I got to hunt,” he said. “I got three or four friends that hunt out there. I just hate to see it go.”

Ruth Thornton writes for Great Lakes Echo.

# 2025 Farmer Education Day

**February 4, 2025**  
**8:30am–3:30pm**

**Livingston Educational Service Agency (LESA)**

1425 W. Grand River Ave.  
Howell, MI 48843

### FREE PROGRAM

Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of lunch.

**5 RUP credits are available for those who attend the entire program.**

**Open to non-members – bring a friend!**

**Register by January 28**

Scan the QR code to register or contact Stacey Coddington at (517) 546-8124 or scoddin@ctyfb.com.



## Agenda

### 8:30 – 9am | Registration/Welcome

Clark Humrich, Chairman, Livingston Conservation District;  
Ray Moses, Director and Membership Chairman,  
Livingston County Farm Bureau

### 9 – 10am | 2024 On-Farm Research Results — Soybean and Corn On-farm Research Targets

Phil Kaatz, Forages and Field Crops Senior Educator, MSU Extension

### 10 – 10:15am | Snack Break

### 10:15 – 10:45am | Livingston Conservation Updates

William Brandt, County Executive Director, USDA/FSA;  
Karry Trickey, District Conservationist, USDA/NRCS

### 10:45 – 11:15am | Best Management Practices for the Reduction of Nutrient, Pesticide, and Herbicide Non-Point Source Inputs to Surface Water

Brian Jonckheere, Livingston County Drain Commissioner, Howell, MI

### 11:15am – 12:15pm | Cash and Field Crop Management

Phil Kaatz, Forages and Field Crops Senior Educator, MSU Extension

### 12:15 – 1pm | Lunch

Banquet style, Room A

### 1 – 2pm | Getting the Most Out of Cover Crops

Madelyn Celovsky, Conservation Agronomist Educator, MSU Extension

### 2 – 3pm | Navigation of Crop Damage Mitigation Procedures

Kara Colton, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Holly, MI

### 2:30 – 3pm | CREP updates and Buffer Strip Applications

Donna Kanan, Conservation Specialist, Shiawassee Conservation District;  
Cynthia Fiser, PhD Candidate, MSU Department of Entomology

### 3 – 3:30pm | Livingston County Farm Bureau update

Hannah Meyers, Southeast Regional Manager, Michigan Farm Bureau

### Closing Comments/Questions

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY FARM BUREAU**

