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Among those taking part in the 4th of July Parade last Tuesday were these members of Fowlerville Girl Scout Troop 30061. From left are Andrea Simmons, Wynne Conley, Charlie Ray Mohs, and Brooklyn Berger.

Fowlerville celebrates 4th of July with car show, kids games, live music, parade & fireworks

Fowlerville celebrated the 4th of July last Tuesday with a car show, kids games, live music, plenty of food and refreshments, a parade, and fireworks.

Activities began mid-day at the Fowlerville Community Park with the sign-up for the combination Car, Motorcycle and 4x4 Show. The public cast ballots for their favorite entries in each category, with trophies awarded to the winners. Judges Choice Awards were given out as well.

Also during the afternoon, a country music concert took place at the park. Kari Holmes and Keith Ozment were the featured performers.

The Fowlerville First Baptist Church, meanwhile, hosted its traditional 'God and Country' Celebration that featured various kids games, bounce houses, and other family-oriented activities. The church also gave out 'free' cotton candy, snow



Getting tattoos at the First Baptist Church's 'God & Country' Celebration were, from left, Gemma Bartholomew, age 9, and Soplia Bartholomew, age 12, both of Webberville, while Morgan Johnson and Caleb Russell assisted them.

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JULY EVENTS

Please sign up for events in advance by stopping in or calling 517-672-8259.

Board meeting is Friday, July 21, 10-11a.m.

Jazzercise Thursday, July 13th 11:00am-12:00pm. Free for members, \$3 for nonmembers.

Doin' the Decades at St. Agnes Church Monday, July 10th

11:00am-2:00pm free to all seniors. The Senior Center will close at 10:30am that day.

Senior Day at the Fowlerville Library Tuesday, July 11th 1:00pm-3:00pm. The Senior Center will close at 12:30pm that day.

Chair Yoga Monday the 17th, 24th & 31st from 1:00pm-2:00pm. Free for members, nonmembers \$3.

Cardio Drumming Tuesday the 18th & 25th 10:30am-11:30am. Free for members, nonmembers \$3.

Animal Sock Craft Friday the 21st 11:00am-12:00pm. Free to all.

BBQ Potluck Friday the 21st 12:30-2:00pm. Free to all.

Kelsey's Music & entertainment Wednesday the 26th 11:00am-12:00pm. Free to all.

Birthday Bingo Wednesday the 26th 12:00pm-2:00pm.

If your birthday is in July you have the chance to win a prize.

Wood Carving Class Thursday the 27th & Friday the 28th. This program has some extra information, so please call 517-672-8259 if interested.

Blood Pressure Checks July 31st 10:00am-11:00am Free to all.



Pastor Diane Greble and friends welcome the community to attend St. John's Lutheran Church's upcoming Vacation Bible School.

St. John's Lutheran Church invites community to Vacation Bible School

Hero Hotline is the theme and kids are invited to become heroes following Jesus, July 10 through 12. St. John's Lutheran Church is ready again to bring faith, fun and friendship to kids ages 4 through teens with crafts, games, Bible teaching, music and more.

"We look forward to this opportunity every year," said Pastor Diane Greble. "We love to share good news and are grateful to be a part of the lives and faith of families."

The program is FREE and supported fully by the congregation. Pre-register at www.stjohnsfowlerville.org, by email at stjohnsfowlerville@yahoo.com or by phone, 517-223-9108. Leave a message and we will call you back. You may also register upon arrival at VBS.

St. John's Lutheran Church is located at 132 S. Benjamin Street, one block south of Grand River at the corner of Church and Maple Streets. www.stjohnsfowlerville.org.

Livingston County Salvation Army receives federal funds for emergency food & shelter programs

Livingston County has been allocated \$14,025 in Federal funds from Phase 40 of the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program to assist with the emergency food and shelter needs of our community. The allocation was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Specific guidelines and requirements must be followed by the agencies that receive funding.

The purpose of FEMA funds is to support emergency food and shelter programs, which includes allowable expenses for shelter, rent, mortgage, and utility assistance. These funds can also be used to support eviction diversion and transitioning of individuals from homeless shelters to stable housing.

Applications received by the Local Board were reviewed during the week of June 26th. The Local Board awarded the full \$14,025 to The Salvation Army of Livingston County for emergency housing. Since July 1, 2022, The Salvation Army of Livingston County has sheltered 1,555 people.

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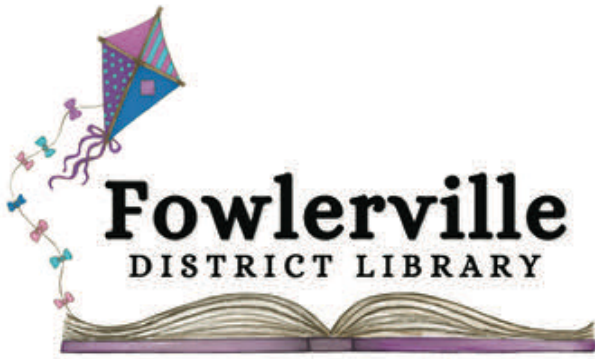
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For any questions, or to register for programs, call us at 517-223-9089

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Summer Reading Challenge 2023 (All Ages)

Readers of all ages and abilities are welcome to join our 2023 Summer Reading Challenge! Read books and complete activities to win prizes. You may even win some grand prizes, too! Registration begins June 19. Register by visiting the library or online at fowlervillelibrary.beanstack.org June 19 - Aug. 19

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STORYTIMES

Toddler Storytime (Ages 1-3)

Get ready to move and groove to some cool tunes and stories while developing early literacy skills!
 Tuesdays & Wednesdays, May 9 - Aug. 23 • 10am
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Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5)

Have fun singing songs, reading stories, dancing, and playing!
 Tuesdays & Wednesdays, May 9 - Aug. 23 • 11am
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KIDS & FAMILY

Chess Club

Join the Chess Club! All levels welcome from beginner to advanced!
 Saturdays, May 6 - Aug. 26 • 1-3:30pm
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STEAM Unplugged (Ages 7-12)

Drop in and take part in fun STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) exercises, contraptions, challenges, and more!
 Tuesday, July 11 • 1-2pm
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TEENS

Teen Crafting (Teens)

Join Mary and drop in to make crafts such as swirl art, resin jewelry, fairy making, diamond painting, and much more!
 Wednesdays, May 3 - Aug. 30 • 2:30-4pm
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Twitch Streaming (All Ages)

Join Connor and Tally and get sneak peeks of new games!
twitch.tv/fowlervillelibrary
 Mondays, May 1 - Aug. 28 • 3:30-4:30pm
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Pokémon Go (Age 10+)

Meet up with fellow PoGo players. Challenge raids, progress events, and register friends.
 Tuesdays, May 2 - Aug. 29 • 3-5pm
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Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 12-18)

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 Wednesdays, May 3 - Aug. 30 • 2:30-5pm
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Tabletop Gaming (Ages 10+)

Play TCGs like Magic, Yu-Gi-Oh!, and Pokemon, or crack open a board game from our collection.
 Thursdays, May 4 - Aug. 31 • 2:30-5pm
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Switch Free Play (Ages 10-18)

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 Fridays, May 5 - Aug. 25 • 2:30-5pm
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ADULTS

Yoga with Ellen Zezula (Adults)

Lean into Yin Yoga with Ellen from Simply Authentic. No cost, just bring your mat or use one of ours.
 Mondays, June 5 - Aug. 28 • 10am, 6pm
 Thursdays, June 1 - Aug. 31 • 11am
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Guided Meditation (Adults)

Join Ellen from Simply Authentic for a guided meditation to "Know Thyself."
 Thursdays, June 1 - Aug. 31 • 10am
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CRAFTING CORNER

*Scrapbooking (Adults)

Bring your favorite photos and stay for the day or just a few hours! Snacks provided. *Registration required. Sign up online or by calling or visiting the library.
 Saturday, July 15 • 10:30-3:30pm
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Sewing with Patty (Adults)

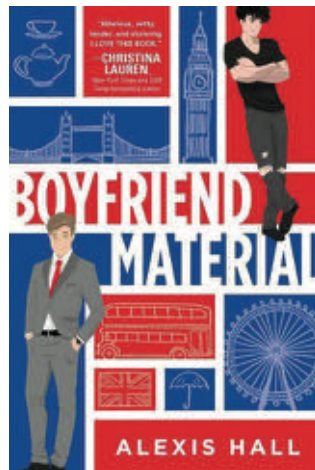
Join an expert seamstress for fun sewing projects from beginning to advanced. Bring your sewing machine and learn from a pro. *Registration required. Sign up online or by calling or visiting the library.
 Starting July 14, Patty will be doing a two part tote bag making series! Make sure to join her for her upcoming class, and her class in August!
 Friday, July 14 • 11-2pm
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*Painting Parties with Sarah Elaine

Join Sarah Elaine for painting parties.
 Wednesday, July 12 • 6:30pm
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STAFF BOOK REVIEW

"Boyfriend Material" by Alexis Hall Review by Riley Pullum
 Star Rating: ★★★★★



Luc O'Donnell is *technically* famous, with his recovered-addict rockstar father and retired rockstar mother, and he's over it. After another bout of bad press - that wasn't even true - he runs the risk of losing the only job that's been willing to hire him in years. The only solution: get a respectable (fake) boyfriend to fix his reputation- and posh lawyer Oliver Blackwood is the perfect man for the job. All they have to do is stay together long enough to save Luc's job and then they can both move on with their lives.

I was really not expecting to love this book that much. It's a cheesy romantic comedy but they still touch on some of the deeper, emotional aspects as well. They don't just brush things off, they actually talk about it- although it does take quite a few tries (remember kids, communication is key). Luc was a bit too cynical for me personally, but given everything he was going through it's understandable. Oliver was lovely, I love Oliver. Would recommend.



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Caleb Jenkins Column



The Concerning Lesson from the Titan

On June 18, Father's Day, mother ship Polar Prince lost contact with the Titanic-touring Titan submersible. That kicked off a five-day search and rescue campaign to save the five people on board, which eventually led to the discovery of wreckage and a high likelihood that all five passengers perished in an implosion. But during that time, the internet went crazy.

That occurs from time to time. Tragedies happen every

day all around the world, and the vast majority of them pass without widespread notice. Yet, every once in a while, an event grips our collective attention. The factors that make one incident stand out when so many others hardly get a reference in the news is not entirely clear.

Regarding the disappearance of the Titan, I suspect the tragically ironic subject material and some of the odd revelations brought about by the incident, such as submersibles controlled by video game controllers, contributed to society's fascination with the event. Interest in those factors was heightened by the naturally intense drama of a multi-day, multi-national search. That combination ultimately captured the attention of the internet, as well as water cooler conversations across the country. It seemed like everyone was talking about the Titan.

But not all of those conversations were healthy. What sickened me about the entire affair were the many jokes that people made, both while the search was underway and after the wreckage was discovered. To be clear about context, we now know that the submersible likely imploded due to structural issues midway through its tour. But the Titan's fate was uncertain until Thursday and into Friday, meaning it also seemed possible at the time that the five passengers were slowly and painfully dying from lack of oxygen, water, and food. It was a grim situation.

But that did not stop people from having a good laugh at their expense. Memes about the Titan and the deaths of those on board blasted the internet. Those participating tried to justify their dark humor in two ways. First, they claimed the jokes were fine since some of the passengers were rich, and thus, for some reason, their deaths were acceptable. By some people's own admissions, they viewed their deaths as even desirable. Second, others blamed the victims, saying it was their own fault for going on the trip.

Both arguments are disturbing precedents to set. I do not know the full life stories of the five people who died, but they had families and impacted the world in their own ways. One was a long-serving French veteran. Another was a nineteen-year-old college student just getting started on life. There was more to their lives than the jovial vipers of the internet want to admit. And besides all that, someone simply being rich is no reason to want them dead. Life is still precious, and they at least deserve the most basic respect as a fellow human being.

The second argument is a poor attempt at clearing someone's conscience from a lack of empathy. Are we supposed to make light any time a tragedy happens because the victims should not have been there? Are we never supposed to explore new paths or push boundaries or even leave our houses because we will be laughed at and scorned if tragedy befalls us? What a cowardly yet callous position to take, one that is disrespectful to human life and an individual's own ethos.

I occasionally hear the excuse that people view life with a twinge of dark humor as a coping mechanism. They blame the spread of COVID and the lockdowns as the start of this trend, and it simply continues as a character trait of society. Reactions to the tragedy of the Titan further demonstrate that this is indeed a recurring trend in society, but we must get off that path. This sort of disregard for human life, even if they think it is harmless fun, wears down our morals; desensitizes us to tragedies and wrongdoings; and twists our worldview. Such dark disrespect is not a healthy coping mechanism, and I pray we reverse this precedent.

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Removal of all mulched beds around the property. Removal of materials. Grade to existing lawn grade.

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Install barrier edging around the stone beds next to the building to contain decorative rocks.

All bids must be submitted to the Conway Township Clerk by: July 10 at 5 p.m. Bids may be submitted electronically to clerk@conwaymi.gov, in person at the township hall during regular business hours or placed in the drop box anytime. A current Certificate of Insurance and a completed W9 must be included with all bids.

The township reserves the right to reject any and all bids that do not conform to the specifications.

Elizabeth Whitt
 Conway Township Clerk
 (6-11, 6-25 & 7-9-23 FNV)



Michigan House Report

By Bob Bezotte,
50th District

I recently co-sponsored a plan to shore up our state's commitment to our veterans and reimburse local governments for the veteran's property tax exemption.

On November 11, 2013, Gov. Snyder signed Public Act 161, which exempts 100% disabled veteran homeowners from property tax liability.

The legislation I am backing, House Bill 4741, would require the state to reimburse local communities for the loss of tax revenue for this state benefit for disabled veterans. In no way would this negatively impact a disabled veteran who claims this exemption.

On June 27, the Michigan Strategic Fund offered its support for a new Operating Engineers' Local 324 training facility in Howell.

OE324 plans to construct a new \$25 million, 108,000-square-foot facility for its journeyman and apprentice training program that will include a training arena, a wash bay, and finished areas for classrooms and offices. The project is expected to create 370 jobs within two years.

The Michigan Strategic Fund approved \$3.25 million in collateral support from the Michigan Supplier Diversification Program as a part of the Independent Bank's loan to fund the construction of the facility. For information on careers with OE324, visit www.oe324.org/careers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office by calling (517) 373-3906 or emailing RobertBezotte@house.mi.gov. I am always happy to hear from people in our community.

—Area Deaths—



Hope (Garver) Gilkeson
Fowlerville, MI

Her Legacy... Hope Ann Gilkeson, age 72, passed away July 5, 2023 at home. She was born on February 23, 1951 in Howell, MI to Leo and Vivian (Turner) Garver. Hope married the love of her life, James Gilkeson in 1969 in Howell, MI. She was a registered nurse for 34 years. In her spare time, Hope enjoyed volunteering at a variety of animal shelters. She adopted her dearly loved cats from an animal shelter. Hope also liked basket weaving and watching Star Trek. She was an original Trekkie. Hope was a Girl Scout leader. Most of all, Hope loved spending time with her family and going to the movies. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Her Family... Hope leaves behind her daughter, Shanna Gilkeson; and sisters, Shelby Garver and Lori (Terry) Little. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, James; and brother, Keith (Linda) Garver.

Her Farewell... Hope's Community Farewell will be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 11AM at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Howell Memorial Chapel with a gathering beginning at 9AM until the time of service. She will be laid to rest at Lakeview Cemetery in Howell, MI. Memorial contributions are suggested to Turning Pointe Donkey Rescue or the Humane Society of Livingston County. Please leave a message of comfort for Hope's family at 1-877-231-7900, or sign her guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.



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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): David A. Mast and Suzanne M. Mast, Husband and Wife

Original Mortgagee: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for SASCO Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-WF4

Date of Mortgage: June 24, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 26, 2005

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$228,817.66

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Handy, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: A part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 24, T3N, R3E, Handy Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the South Section line South 89 degrees 00 minutes 41 seconds East 307.00 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 24; thence North 01 degrees 26 minutes 12 seconds West 1245.20 feet; thence South 89 degrees 00 minutes 41 seconds East 350.17 feet parallel with the South Section line; thence South 01 degrees 26 minutes 12 seconds East 1245.20 feet to the South Section line; thence North 89 degrees 00 minutes 41 seconds West 350.17 feet along the South Section line to the point of beginning, subject to any easements or right of way of record.

Easement 1: A 33 foot wide easement for ingress and egress whose centerline is described as follows: A part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 24, T3N, R3E, Handy Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as beginning on the East-West 1/4 line at a point North 88 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds West 1408.73 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section 24; thence South 02 degrees 37 minutes 03 seconds West 78.78 feet; thence Southwesterly 470.71 feet along the arc of a 576.20 foot radius curve to the right whose chord bears South 34 degrees 24 minutes 50 seconds West 457.73 feet; thence South 69 degrees 38 minutes 08 seconds West 54.60 feet; thence Southwesterly 437.27 feet along the arc of a 339.15 foot radius curve to the left whose chord bears South 34 degrees 48 minutes 55 seconds West 407.61 feet; thence South 02 degrees 13 minutes 13 seconds East 651.73 feet; thence South 76 degrees 46 minutes 49 seconds West 67.52 feet to the point of ending.

Easement 2: A 33 foot wide easement for ingress and egress whose centerline is described as follows: A part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 24, T3N, R3E, Handy Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as beginning on the East-West 1/4 line at a point North 88 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds West 1710.87 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section 24; thence South 01 degree 26 minutes 11 seconds East 476.39 feet to the point of ending.

Common street address (if any): 6277 Layton Rd, Fowlerville, MI 48836-7950

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

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

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

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Date of notice: July 2, 2023

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Robert A Williams an unmarried man and Brian Williams, a single man

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

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

Date of Mortgage: May 9, 2018

Date of Mortgage Recording: May 15, 2018

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$141,525.75

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Putnam, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: A PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 25, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, MICHIGAN; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 00 MINUTES WEST 529.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST 360.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 00 MINUTES WEST 629.9 FEET; THENCE WEST 734.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST 157.4 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 40 MINUTES EAST 1734.4 FEET FOR A PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 20 MINUTES EAST 181.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 40 MINUTES WEST 84.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 20 MINUTES WEST 181.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 40 MINUTES EAST 84.0 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO AN INCLUDING THE USE OF A 500 FOOT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 25, THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE WEST 629.9 FEET; THENCE WEST 734 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST 157.4 FEET TO A POINT ON SOUTHERLY LINE OF DARWIN ROAD FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING OF LAND TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREES 40 MINUTES EAST 2286.4 FEET; THENCE WEST 50 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 25 TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF DARWIN ROAD; THENCE NORTH 85 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF DARWIN ROAD TO BEGINNING.

Common street address (if any): 11157 Wynns Rd, Pinckney, MI 48169-8111

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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

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MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tyler Gregory Mukensturm and Shyla Marie Trottier, the Mortgagor(s), and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Cason Home Loans, the original Mortgagee, dated June 13, 2022, and recorded on June 15, 2022, as Instrument No. 2022R-016991, in Livingston County Records, Michigan and last assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, the Foreclosing Assignee, as documented by an Assignment of Mortgage dated May 11, 2023, and recorded on May 11, 2023, as Instrument No. 2023R-008716, in Livingston County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and owing as of the date of this Notice, the sum of Three Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Six and 49/100 U.S. Dollars (\$348,366.49).

Said premise is situated at 335 Sunbury Drive, Howell, Michigan 48855, in the Township of Howell, Livingston County, Michigan, and is described as: SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL, COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN: UNIT 68 OF AMBER OAKS, A SITE CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED THEREOF, RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 2006R-004961, LIVINGSTON COUNTY RECORDS, DESIGNATED AS LIVINGSTON COUNTY CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION PLAN NO. 357, AND ALL RECORDED AMENDMENTS THEREOF, IF ANY, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHTS IN GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS, AS SET FORTH IN SAID MASTER DEED AND AS DESCRIBED IN ACT 59 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AS AMENDED.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Pursuant to Chapter 32 of the Revised Judiciary Act of 1961, if the property is sold at foreclosure sale the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder under MCLA 600.3278 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.

Dated: 06/14/2023

For More Information, please call: Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. Attorneys for Servicer

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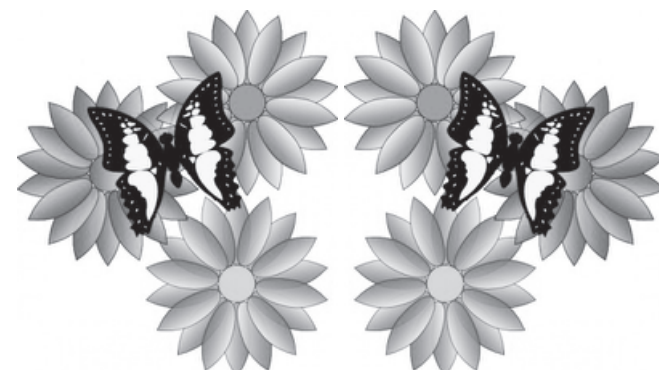
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LEGAL NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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

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

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Michael S Sonnenfeld, A Married Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting Solely as a nominee for John Adams Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated April 29, 2009, and recorded on May 1, 2009, as Document Number: 2009R-012897, Livingston County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage which has been submitted to the Livingston County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Nine and 60/100 (\$135,269.60) including interest at the rate of 4.50000% per annum.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Hartland, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Land in the Township of Hartland, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, Unit 11, San Marino Park Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 1758, Pages 301 through 350, both inclusive, as amended by First Amendment to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 1829, Pages 151 through 153, both inclusive, as amended by Second Amendment to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 1869, Pages 614 through 917, both inclusive, Livingston County Records, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 57 together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in the above Master Deed and as described in Act 229 of the Public Acts of 1963 and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Commonly known as: 1871 PARK RIDGE CT, HOWELL, MI 48843. If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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

Dated: July 9, 2023

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180,
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 23MI00496-1

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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.

Names of Mortgagor(s): Shawn Motyka and Julie Motyka. Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Plaza Home Mortgage, Inc. Date of mortgage: 5/18/2018. Mortgage recorded on 6/4/2018 as Document No. 2018R-014598. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Wampus Mortgage Loan Trust. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: \$321,933.68.

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Livingston County, and described as: LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MARION, COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, MARION TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 34; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF BENTLEY LAKE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY (66 FOOT WIDE), SAID CENTERLINE ALSO BEING THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 34, 450.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE AND WEST LINE, 156.61 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST, 589.41 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST, 156.61 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST, 589.33 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 5389 Bentley Lake Rd, Howell, MI 48843.

The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after the statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241, the redemption period will be 1 month from the date of such sale. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes pursuant to MCL 600.3240(16), the redemption period is 1 year from the date of such sale. The redemption period may be extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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

Date of Notice: 07/09/2023.

Codilis & Moody, P.C.
15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100
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C&M File 23-23-00158

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MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Andrew Westphal a/k/a Andrew J. Westphal and Melissa Westphal a/k/a Melissa J. Westphal, husband and wife

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

Date of mortgage: May 1, 2008

Recorded on May 14, 2008, in Document No. 2008R-016207, and re-recorded via Loan Modification recorded in Document No. 2023R-000138

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Ninety-Five Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Five and 84/100 Dollars (\$95,445.84)

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Livingston County, and described as: A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWN 3 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, OCEOLA TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 1311.14 FEET ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF CURDY ROAD TO A POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 89 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 210.46 FEET ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF CURDY ROAD; THENCE NORTH 8 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST 132.69 FEET; THENCE NORTH 22 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 604.78 FEET; THENCE DUE SOUTH 693.44 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Commonly known as 4221 Curdy Rd, Howell, MI 48855
The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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Potential Bidders: For sale information, please visit www.realtyBid.com or call 877-518-5700.

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Fraudsters never take a break or go on vacation

By Hillary Hatch,

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Fraudsters will never take a break. While you are out enjoying fun and sun this summer, they are working hard to find new ways to scam you. Seniors and younger people are particularly vulnerable to scammers who claim to represent Social Security. To protect you and your loved ones, you can:

- Visit our Protect Yourself from Social Security Scams webpage at www.ssa.gov/scam for information on what tactics scammers use and how to report them.
- Check out the Federal Trade Commission's page at consumer.ftc.gov/scams for additional scam-related information.

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Look at Your Hands

By Jace Arledge

This week I continue speaking about songs that have touched me in some way. I want to talk about two songs that when listening they provoke mindfulness on how even the smallest hands can do big work.

In 1989, Elton John released a song called “Healing Hands” and in the lyrics of this song he talks about the pain one suffers after they have lost the feeling of love from someone. It doesn’t specify who that someone is, so it’s generic. The words could represent a parent, sibling, family member or friend.

Elton writes:

*I never dreamed I could cry so hard
 That ain't like a man
 I could fly like a bird someday
 Had a place where I could land*

I know that I have felt that way before, thinking that things were good to realize that the safe place to land wasn’t/isn’t there and how it felt... the heartbreak it created. I know there are many who feel that way. Someone you thought would be your safety net, wasn’t there. It’s a very lonely feeling.

But Elton gives us hope when he continues with:

*And reach out for the healing hands
 Reach out for the healing hands
 There's a light, where the darkness ends,
 Touch me now and let me see again,
 Rock me now in your gentle healing hands*

The next song that touched me is a little more current. I am sure more of you will recognize it. It was released in 1998 by the talented Jewel. This song speaks of hope, faith and helping and that, no matter how small your hands, there is something you can do to help others through whatever it is they are facing.

We hear Jewel lead off this song with:

*If I could tell the world just one thing
 It would be that we're all ok
 And not to worry because worry is wasteful
 And useless in times like these
 I will not be made useless
 I won't be idled with despair
 I will gather myself around my faith
 For light does the darkness most fear*

She lets us know that worrying answers nothing, it helps nothing and for us to stop being wasteful because in the end the light will overcome the darkness. What power those words have.

She goes on to say:

*In the end only kindness matters
 In the end only kindness matters*

Those words, which is something I have spoken every day of my life since I attended school, worked for the churches, runs the Save UR Life Outreach, raised my children, drives the students on the school bus and just how I try to live. By my actions, not just mere words.

I feel in society today, that’s a big piece that is missing, KINDNESS. Not just your once-in-a-blue mood random act,

but your steady, never-ending display of kindness. The one where, when you see something that isn’t right, you speak up, say something, bring attention to it... Let others know that there is not a place in society for mean/hateful actions or words. It seems that with the rise of social media we have found courage to say things we would never say to someone’s face. The opportunity to be anonymous is there so words run free, no matter how hateful or harmful they may be.

I encourage you to take the time this weekend and pull these two songs up and listen to them. If you have never heard them, I hope you get something out of them. If they are familiar songs, I hope that you re-energize your desire to be kind to those you come in contact with and that you work towards making a difference in other’s lives.... Oh, and teach your children to be kind and compassionate to others also, because it starts at home. Be a good role model.

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 Hands lyrics © BMG Rights Management, Downtown Music Publishing, Songtrust Ave, Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC
 Stay kind and LOVE unconditionally!
 Til next Time. . .*



**U.S.
 Congress
 Report**

By Elissa Slotkin,
 7th District, U.S. House
 of Representatives

**Advocates for Domestic
 Production of Critical Minerals**

U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin (MI-07) has announced that she is co-leading bipartisan legislation to encourage domestic production of minerals critical to U.S. economic and national security by adding phosphate and potash – minerals used for the production of fertilizer – to the Department of Interior’s Critical Minerals List.

Currently, foreign countries like Russia and China control a significant portion of the global market and supply of potash and phosphate. This leaves U.S. agriculture vulnerable in the event of supply disruptions, like those after Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. Adding the minerals to the Critical Minerals List will encourage domestic production, securing U.S. fertilizer production and driving down costs for farmers.

“Our food security is our national security, so when we’re dependent on Russian and Chinese minerals for the fertilizer that grows our crops, we are putting ourselves at risk,” said Slotkin. “Adding potash and phosphate to the Department of Interior’s Critical Minerals List will accurately reflect their strategic importance, encouraging increased domestic production, lowering fertilizer costs for our farmers, and keeping our food supply secure. And as one of the only states to hold its own supply of potash, Michigan is well-equipped to fuel a resurgence in production.” “Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin’s bipartisan proposal to include potash and phosphate fertilizer on the U.S. Critical Minerals List ensures the federal government will treat our nation’s food security as a national security issue,” said Chuck Lippstreu, President, Michigan Agri-Business Association. “A reliable supply of plant nutrients, including potash, is essential for the success of Michigan and U.S. agriculture. Fertilizer market disruptions during the past two years underscore the need to include these products on the nation’s Critical Minerals List. We appreciate Congresswoman Slotkin for stepping up on behalf of Michigan’s farmers and rural businesses with this common-sense legislation.”

“We have clearly seen how international supply chain disruption can negatively impact agriculture. Adding Phosphate and Potash to the Department of the Interior’s Critical Minerals list is vital to safeguard our farmers ability to provide a cost-effective food supply to the consumers. We applaud Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin and her colleagues for introducing this bipartisan legislation,” said Carl Bednarski, President, Michigan Farm Bureau.

The bill is co-led in the House by Reps. Kat Cammack (FL-03), Jimmy Panetta (CA-19), and Barry Moore (AL-02). Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC) is leading companion legislation in the U.S. Senate.





Revisiting Mr. Rader's Field

By Susan Kretchman

Last week I wrote about how myself and several childhood friends managed to damage Mr. Rader's wheat because we made a portion of his crop our personal playground. If you missed that column, you may want to find a copy of the article and read through it to get an understanding of our antics and the lessons I could apply to an early childhood memory. This week, I have another memorable experience—that, looking back, has allowed me to glean wisdom from as well. It seems that growing up across from a farm which was bordered by wild grasses, swamp and a river afforded much to enjoy, discover, and learn from during summer vacations from school.

When Mr. Rader didn't plant wheat, his fields yielded a crop of beans or sugar beets. The latter—those big brown oddly shaped beets—were a source of curiosity to us kids on a hot summer day as they grew under weeks of sunshine and ample rain. We didn't know anything about sugar beets. Surely because the word "sugar" was part of their name they would taste great, right? A carefully hidden paring knife from our mom's kitchen drawer became the perfect tool to begin cutting through the outer layer of skin to get to the yummy insides of what had to be a delectable feast waiting inside that yummy treasure.

If you've ever peeled a sweet potato or a big squash, then you have a bit of an idea of the struggle we had trying to strip away the dirty outer layer of our sugar beet. We couldn't wait to cut off a chunk of the white insides and begin chewing to our heart's content. Boy, were we wrong. All that work and the hard white flesh of the beet in our mouths, chewing away, waiting for the "sweet" to kick in never happened. As we threw the mangled beet to the ground, we spit out the remains of chewed "nothingness", disgusted and disappointed. We frantically tried to reason and understand how sweet sugar came out of something we had encountered as being completely opposite!

Through no actual fault of our own immaturity, our expectations were based on lack of knowledge and false hope.

Psalm 34: 8 says "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him".

Our vast world offers much to see, experience, and enjoy. Much like Mr. Rader's field, which was bordered by our road, a swamp to the west, the Saginaw River to the south, where we live has physical borders, too, and as each one of us grows from childhood into becoming an adult, ideally, emotional and spiritual borders are laid down to establish healthy and wise habits. Living in an imperfect world, one that has been ravaged by the wear and tear of man's sinful nature, temptations and unhealthy habits surround us. Unless we are taught to seek God, to grow in understanding and wisdom from Him, our lives can and will remain much like

an unprocessed sugar beet—bitter, tasteless, disgusting, until properly processed into what we know as pure sugar—a taste that most of us certainly enjoy and has countless uses!

One of my favorite phrases is "things are not always as they appear". To my 10-year-old self, that odd brown root vegetable looked like a source of absolute sugary delight to satisfy a sweet tooth, but actually turned out to be a major disappointment. As I look back on my life—and as you do the same—how many times can we admit we're being enticed by "something" or "someone" actually leading us to disappointments or hurts?

In Celebrate Recovery, we help men and women face the hardships that come into our lives, whether by personal choice or not. In our 12-step program, we use step number 4 as a tool to pursue healing: "We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."

Akin to peeling a sugar beet root with a small paring knife, reflecting on our lives and writing down our hurts, either from the result of actions against us, along with how we have harmed others, is hard work which pays off when we admit and share our "inventory" with a trusted human being.

Celebrate Recovery is a world-wide ministry which has had the privilege of witnessing tremendous results of healing for thousands of people. These people—myself included—have indeed "tasted and seen that the Lord is good" and we now "live in His refuge". Hurts, habits and hangups have and continue to be released, replaced by confident hope that only God provides by pursuing Him with the reading of scripture and living within healthy boundaries that protect worldly deceptions.

We meet every Tuesday at 7 pm at Fowlerville United Brethren in Christ Church. All men and women aged 18 and up are welcome to check us out! We'd love to have you join us. For more information please feel free to email: celebraterecovery@fowlervilleub.org.

Fowlerville 1st United Methodist Church holding Vacation Bible School

The Fowlerville 1st United Methodist Church is holding its Vacation Bible School on July 10-13 from 5:30-7:45pm.

This year we are doing *SonRock Kids Camp*. Quite possibly the most memorable times in a kid's life is when he or she gets a week at summer camp. Bring on the memories; roll out the fun. Here's a laughing, splashing, hiking, climbing program designed for discovery, dedication, and devotion to The Rock, Jesus Christ.

SonRock Kids Camp takes a wilderness camp concept, and places it in a fun VBS program. As they participate in fun-filled activities, children will learn how each one of them is loved by Jesus! We will have a great time with lively songs, creative crafts, exciting games and Bible stories—all of the things that make Vacation Bible School so much fun for children!

Each day we'll start with a simple dinner at 5:30pm with the program beginning at 6pm. We will be collecting Laundry Soap for the Family Impact Center as our mission project. If the kids can fill the tent they'll be able to plan a surprise for Pastor Scott.

Fowlerville 1st UMC is located at 201 S Second St, Fowlerville, church office 517-223-8824. All are invited ages three-year-olds to fifth grade. Older siblings are invited to come to help and earn community service credit hours.

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

June 29

7:44 p.m. Medical response on Robb Rd in Conway Township.

8:31 p.m. Tree down on W Coon Lake Rd in Iosco Township.

June 30

NO CALLS

July 1

11:26 a.m. Medical response on W Coon Lake Rd in Iosco Township.

2:49 p.m. Medical response on Owosso Rd in Handy Township.

July 2

1:07 a.m. Electrical fire on South St in the Village.

4:03 p.m. Medical response on Van Orden Rd in Handy Township.

July 3

10:09 a.m. Medical response on Lance Lane in Handy Township.

12:30 p.m. Medical response on Sargent Rd in Handy Township.

6:54 p.m. Medical response on W Grand River in Handy Township.

July 4

1:49 a.m. Medical response on Lance Lane in Handy Township.

3:19 p.m. Medical response on Heatherwood Trl in Conway Township.

July 5

3:48 a.m. Medical response on W Lovejoy Rd in Conway Township.

12:07 p.m. Medical response on Lange Rd in Iosco Township.

4:19 p.m. Medical response on W Grand River in Handy Township.

5:45 p.m. Medical response on E Grand River Ave in the Village.

6:46 p.m. Medical response on W Lovejoy Rd in Conway Township.

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Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

Elder mediation can help families navigate thorny caregiving issues

Dear Savvy Senior,

Are there any services that you recommend that can help families resolve elder parent caregiving conflicts? My 86-year-old father was recently diagnosed with early-stage Alzheimer's disease, and to make matters worse, my sister and brother and I have been perpetually arguing about how to handle his future caregiving and financial needs.

Conflicted Siblings

Dear Conflicted,

It's not unusual when adult children disagree with each other regarding the care of an elder parent. If you and your siblings are willing, a good possible solution is to hire an "eldercare mediator" who can help you work through your disagreements peacefully. Here's how it works.

Elder Mediation

While mediators have been used for years to help divorcing couples sort out legal and financial disagreements and avoid court battles, eldercare mediation is a relatively new and specialized service designed to help families resolve disputes that are related to aging parents or other elderly relatives.

Family disagreements over an ill or elderly parent's

caregiving needs, medical care, living arrangements, driving issues, legal and financial decisions are just some of the many issues that an elder care mediator can help with. But don't confuse this with family or group therapy. Mediation is only about decision-making, not feelings and emotions.

The job of an elder mediator is to step in as a neutral third party to help ease family tensions, listen to everyone's concerns, hash out disagreements and misunderstandings, and help your family make decisions that are acceptable to everyone.

Good mediators can also assist your family in identifying experts such as estate-planners, geriatric care managers, or health care or financial professionals who can supply important information for family decision making.

Your family also needs to know that the mediation process is completely confidential and can take anywhere from a few hours to several meetings depending on the complexity of your issues. And if some family members live far away, a conference or video call can be used to bring everyone together.

If you're interested in hiring a private eldercare mediator, you can expect to pay anywhere from \$100 to more than \$500 per hour depending on where you live and who you choose. Or, if available in your area, you may be able to get help through a community-based nonprofit program that offers free or low-cost services by volunteer mediators.

Finding a Mediator

To locate an elder mediator in your area, start by asking for referrals from health professionals or hospital social workers or search online at The Academy of Professional Family Mediators website (apfmnet.org) or Mediate.com. Both sites have searchable directories.

Or, to search for free/low-cost community-based mediation programs in your state, see the National Association for Community Mediation website (nafcm.org). Unfortunately, not all states offer them.

There is currently no universally accepted credential or professional standard for eldercare mediators, so make sure the person you choose has extensive experience with elder issues that are similar to what your family is dealing with. Also, be sure you ask for references and check them. Most elder mediators are attorneys, social workers, counselors or other professionals who are trained in mediation and conflict resolution.

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.

Donations will be sought for Silent Auction at the Webberville Library

Plan now for donating to the Friends of the Webberville Library Silent Auction fundraiser coming Nov. 1 through Nov. 21. We are asking for original artwork, homemade craft items, themed gift baskets, gift cards, event tickets and services from local businesses. We will accept donations October 23 through 31.

For questions contact Webberville Public Library at 517-521-3643 or visit the Capital Area District Library (C.A.D.L.) website for library hours.

Family Game Night being hosted by Place of Refuge Church on July 14th

Family Game Night is being hosted by Place of Refuge Church, 6909 E Grand River, Fowlerville, on Friday July 14, 6-8pm. Pizza/Lemonade/Water/Cookies/Brownies provided. Sponsored by some of other local churches in support of Pregnancy Help Clinic. Please bring a donation of baby wipes and/or diapers, cash donations accepted.

Do you have what it takes to be the Fowlerville Family Fair's 2023 Homemaker of the Year?

You'll never know unless you apply!

Homemakers of today have either full-time homemaking careers or may combine this with a career outside of their home. Your written essay should reflect how to cope with some of the problems of our complex and rapidly changing world.

Open to all (male/female) Livingston County residents, ages 18 and older. The same exhibitor cannot win awards for two consecutive years.

- Entry form, essay and a snapshot must be submitted no later than July 21, 2023.
- Exhibitors will need to be at the fairgrounds for an interview with the judging panel on Monday, July 24th.
- Entries become the property of the Fowlerville Agricultural Society and will not be returned.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Exhibitors must provide a completed application.
2. Exhibitors must bring one homemade/handmade item to the judging that you have made/created. Examples include but are not limited to Baking, Canning, Photography, Painting, Floriculture, Needlecraft

Please include the answers to the following questions in your essay. The essay should be 50 words or more.

- What are some aspects of homemaking that you enjoy?
- Do you take time for yourself? How do you use this time?
- What are the two most important values that you want to pass on to future generations?
- Explain the importance of the Fowlerville Family Fair to the community.
- Volunteer participation: your involvement in social organizations, school, church, and your community.
- Please note any leadership roles as well.

To apply for Fowlerville Family Fair's 2023 Homemaker of the Year, visit:

<https://www.fowlervillefamilyfair.com/fair/homemaker-of-the-year/> or

stop in the Fair office at 8800 W Grand River Ave, Fowlerville for an application.

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Fowlerville celebrates 4th of July, continued

cones, popcorn, and water and held a bake sale.

The evening parade had a couple dozen entries, along with the fire trucks and a contingent of motorcycles. Spectators were lined along both sides of Grand River from the start at Veterans Drive to the finish at the St. Agnes parking lot.

Gordon and Teena Munsell served as the Grand Marshals. The couple has been active in the Fowlerville Family Fair and Livingston County 4-H for many years. Judy Recker was named as this year's recipient of 'Smoky the Clown' aka Allen Hale Award given to someone who reflects Hale's many years of involvement and commitment to the community. The line-up included floats, classic cars, ponies, and scouting troops.

The Fowlerville United Brethren Church hosted its annual '4th of July Party' after the parade, with live music, food, and summer treats given out at no cost.

The Independence Day festivities culminated with the fireworks display that—as in years past—drew several thousand spectators. The show lasted around an hour and filled the evening sky with an array of brilliant colors.



Charlie and Del Turk of Fowlerville own this 1964 Ford Galaxie 500 which has a special meaning to them—as does the 4th of July. The couple was married on that date in 1954 and at that time had the same car model.



Jeff Griffin of Fowlerville brought his 1957 Chevy Cameo truck to the Fowlerville Community Park.



Bob Hinton of Fowlerville entered his 2022 BMW R18 Transcontinental in the Motorcycle Show. Bob belongs to the Fowlerville VFW 6464 Riders and also is part of the Howell American Legion 141 group.



Tony Kleinschmidt entered his unique 1979 Little Red Express Truck.



Lorie and Ed Ball of Fowlerville brought their 1953 Ford.



From left were Lynn and Rich Turchi of Fowlerville and Lorna and Dave Standler of Webberville next to Dave's 2022 Harley Davidson Tri-Glide—the 80th bike he's owned.



From left were Mike and Lisa Hawley, Madisyn Blaisdell, Carol Kramer and Greg and Jenni Blaisdell with Greg's 23 T Bucket.



From left were Lisa & Mike Hawley and Madisyn Blaisdell with the Hawley's 32 three-window coupe.

Photos continue on next pages.

Fowlerville July 4th festivities



Wendy Dalton of Hartland, left, won the Best of Show Judge's Choice in the Motorcycle Class with her Harley Street bike, while Ranger Rick of Fowlerville was runner-up with his Indian bike.



Bobby Roths of Webberville, left, won the Best of Show Judge's Choice in the Truck Class with his 1962 F-100 Ford, while Tony Kleinschmidt of Fowlerville was runner-up with his Little Red Express Truck.



Mike Jones of Howell, left, won the Best of Show Judge's Choice in the Car Class with his 1981 Corvette, while Mark Silvernail of Owosso was runner-up with his 1964-1/2 Ford Mustang.



The Connect Five Veterans Foundation had a booth at the Fowlerville Community Park. From left were Paul DeSha, the director; Chris Hatfield, Livingston County Auxiliary Member of the Year; Yvonne Mester, and (in back) Dave Mester.



Kari Holmes, a Nashville Country recording artist and Fowlerville resident, entertained the audience during an afternoon concert at the Fowlerville Community Park. Accompanying her on guitar was husband and fellow band member William Shadrick.



Enjoying the Duck Pond were Samuel Carpenter, age 4, and Silas Carpenter, age 1—both of Perry.



At the Scavenger Hunt tent were, from left, Bella Woods, age 12, and Ava Jewett, age 8—both of Fowlerville—assisted by Tammy Ozar and (in back) David Howe.



Operating the Bounce House were, from left, church helpers Chloe Ozar, a second-year student at Lansing Community College, and Kennedy Kiser, an eighth grader.



Handing out free cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn, and water were these church helpers. From left: Glory Anna Williams, Katelyn Johnson, Hailey Johnson, Melissa Russell, Amelia Johnson, and Cindy Britton.



The Fowlerville First Baptist Church had a Bake Sale as part of their holiday event. The pies, cookies, and other treats were offered for a donation. Helping with the sale were, from left, Morgan Johnson, Kay Johnson, Kathy Paul, Katie Paul, and A.J. Kitchen.

Fowlerville July 4th festivities



Enjoying the miniature golf course was this family, from left, Rob, Brantley, Jace, and Jackie Sibb and, in back, Paul Bycraft.



VFW Post 6464 led the parade along with the VFW Auxiliary.



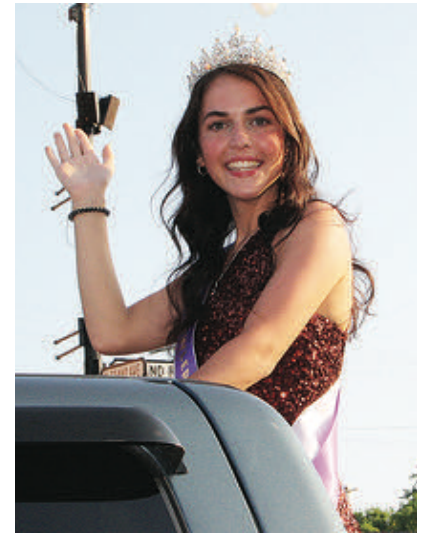
Receiving the Allen Hale 'Smokey the Clown' Award for her many efforts to help the community was Judy Recker. From left, were Melissa (Hale) Houck, Allen's daughter; Judy Recker; Brandon Denby, chair of the 4th of July Committee; and Michelle (Soli) Johnson, vice chair of the committee.



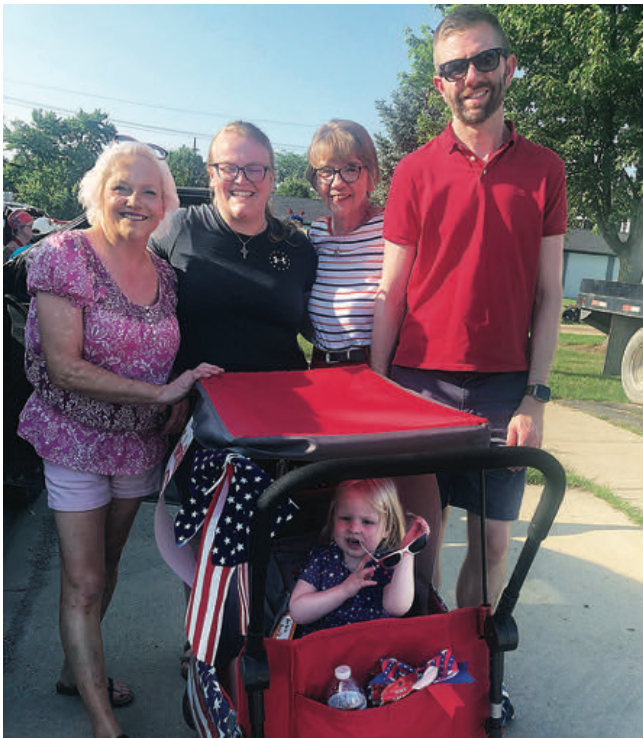
Standing for the National Anthem were, from left, Brandon Denby, chair of the 4th of July Committee; Joe Hune, emcee of the parade; and singing was Michelle (Soli) Johnson, vice chair of the committee.



Teena and Gordon Munsell were the Grand Marshals of the parade. They have been active for many years in the Fowlerville Family Fair and Livingston County 4-H.



2022 Fowlerville Fair Queen Taylor McConaughy.



Getting ready to take part in the July 4th Parade during the line-up on Veterans Drive were three generations of the Fowlerville News & Views. From left were Kris Jacobs, Lindsay Horton, Dawn Horton, and Brad Horton. In the wagon was granddaughter Mackenzie Horton.



2022 Fowlerville Fair Homemaker of the Year Kayla Lehner rode in the parade with her son Chase.



Linsey's Llama Promise Youth Center, The Giving Barn and Save UR Life Outreach walked in the parade.



The Fowlerville VFW Riders Post 6464, Howell American Legion Riders Post 141 and The Sentinel Knights Riders brought their bikes to the parade.



Kim Hune rode in the parade with her grandson Alex Hune and passed out candy.



NIESA Fire Rescue brought up the rear of the parade. Photos continue on next page.

Fowlerville July 4th festivities



Bob Daymon rode his 1930 Chevy Street Rod through downtown.



Girl Scout Brownie Troop 30428 rode along on the Fowlerville First United Methodist Church float. The church was advertising their Vacation Bible School on July 10th-13th.



Kern Mechanical showed off this John Deere tractor in the parade.



The Fowlerville Harness Pony Racers brought some of their ponies to the parade.



Attending the post-parade activities at the Fowlerville United Brethren Church were the Biding family, from left, front row, Deagan and Kylin and in back, Kelly and Curtis.



The UB Church volunteers prepared 800 hot dogs that were served 'free' to those in attendance. From left were Scott Hardesty, Darcy Sorensen, Dan McEvoy, Jerry House, Tanisha Lee, Chris Morgan, and Rita House.



Kamry Lovejoy, age 4, poured the water, while Isaiah Beach, a FHS senior, provided the lemonade.



Joe and Judy Shields enjoyed listening to the music.



Logan Rhodes entertained the attendees with music prior to the fireworks. He also encouraged the listeners to 'get up and dance.'

Nature can nurture: Gardens at Michigan State help heal students

By Anna Lionas
Capital News Service

Tucked away in the center of Michigan State University's campus is the nation's oldest university botanical garden – and a site of the emerging practice of horticulture therapy.

"We have people laying in the garden, popup Pilates classes, tours, anything you can imagine," said Maeva Bassett, the education program director at the 150-year-old Beal Botanical Garden. "In a very general sense, pretty much everything we do is horticulture therapy."

The practice engages people in gardening and plant-based activities, according to the American Horticultural Therapy Association. It is facilitated by a trained therapist with specific treatment goals.

Encouraging people to use nature as a healing space is a growing discipline, Bassett said. Whether they are mathematicians, musicians or veterinarians, her specialty is to find ways to connect the Beal Botanical Garden to what people are interested in.

"The garden has always been made primarily by and for botanists," Bassett said. "My aim is to show every single person on campus how they can engage with it and get something out of it."

Following the Feb. 13 shooting that killed three students and seriously injured five others on Michigan State's campus, the Beal Garden team decided to launch a program already in the works called Nurture Your Roots. The idea was to provide some guidance to the grieving campus.

"It was intentionally designed to be acted out within the garden space because being outdoors and surrounded by nature is an added element of wellness." Said Angelica Bajos, a Beal Scholar and a garden staff member who studies the environment and sustainability.

Nurture Your Roots focuses on individuals and their wellness and mindfulness.

Locations throughout the garden have a scannable QR code that provides a wellness experience unique to that site. Users are guided through practices like exercise, meditation,



One of the Nurture Your Roots locations in the Beal Botanical Garden and the pocket journal where visitors can write down their experiences in the garden guided by the program. *Photos by Anna Lionas*



4-H Butterfly Garden on the MSU campus.

writing poetry and listening to music.

"We want to help people develop habits to feel better and healthier about themselves," Bajos said.

Beal isn't the only place on campus where students and other people connect with the environment.

"Nature is a great place to reconnect and separate from all the terrible things that have been happening," said Jessica Wright, the education coordinator at the university's Michigan 4-H Children's Garden.

Horticulture has been part of Michigan State since the university opened in 1857. The university was founded in 1855 as an agricultural school and designed to host an abundance of green space. University officials describe the campus as "a key component of a sustainable university, enhancing biodiversity and providing habitat for pollinators."

Take a stroll south of Beal Botanical Garden and end up in the MSU Horticulture Gardens featuring 14 acres of themed gardens that bloom all summer.

Visiting the Horticulture Gardens means stepping into a different world. A large set of greenhouses at the entrance holds plants, students studying horticulture and, in the springtime, butterflies.

School groups ranging from kindergarteners to graduate students tour them.

"The gardens are a healing and restorative space at MSU," said Stefon Funderburke, an instructor of a university class that visits sites around campus for its curriculum and that recently toured them. "I will definitely be coming back."

Wide-eyed students captured colorful flying insects with cell phones. One trio huddled around a butterfly that was laying unmoving in another student's palm. The group listen intently as Wright from the 4H garden explained that this butterfly was at the end of its life cycle.

"Often students will tell me coming to the gardens brings them back to their childhood and reminds them of fond memories in nature," Wright said.

The garden is a great way for students to reconnect with nature and an invaluable landscape laboratory for horticulture students, she said.

It also welcomes people with a general passion for nature, said Kollin Bartz, a computer science major who began working at the gardens because of his love of plants.

"I've always had a membership to my community garden in my hometown," Bartz said. "I think being around plants has a positive impact on mental health."

While a valuable resource, many students are unaware of the gardens, according to those who tend them.

This summer is a good time to get to know them as there are many programs

happening at the MSU Horticulture Gardens and for the 150th anniversary of the Beal Botanical Garden.

Bajos said, "It's really important that we have a lot of greenspaces on campus. Everyone is coming from different backgrounds, so you never know what people had access to or didn't before coming to MSU."

Anna Lionas writes for Great Lakes Echo.

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Webberville Report

Webberville United Methodist Church to serve Chicken Dinner on July 15th

The Webberville United Methodist Church, located at 4215 E. Holt Rd., is having a drive-through chicken dinner on Saturday, July 15. The dinner includes two pieces of oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, green beans, corn casserole, coleslaw, roll and cookies. All for \$10. The dinner will be served 5 to 7 pm or until we run out.

Area quilters invited to work session at Webberville Spartan Center on July 11

Area quilters are invited to the Webberville Spartan Center (community meeting room on the ground level--parking in the back of the building) on Tuesday, July 11. The room will be available from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m.; come and go as you wish. Sewers and other crafters are welcome to come and work on their own projects. Ages 15 and up; beginners are welcome.

Bring your own project, supplies and your sewing machine; 6-ft tables are provided for your workspace. Iron and cutting mat are also provided. Plan your own snacks or meal; there is a microwave and refrigerator in the room, as well as places to go in the Village.



Snakes in the wild help control populations of mice and other small rodents. These are an adult female Northern Water Snake and a juvenile, sharing a soak in a water dish at Nature Discovery's facility in Williamston, where they have over 40 species of Michigan snakes, turtles, lizards, frogs and salamanders.

Williamston Farmers Market on July 9th to feature Michigan Snakes

The Eastern Ingham Farmers Market in Williamston, continues this Sunday, July 9th. An exhibition of Michigan snakes will be featured. The Market is open between 10am and 2pm in McCormick Park's large parking lot.

The vendors continue to bring a wider variety of local produce each week, and over 30 vendors are expected this Sunday in Williamston, selling: early produce like lettuce, spinach, Swiss chard, microgreens, radishes, green onions, and herbs such as parsley, chives, cilantro, garlic scapes, a few strawberries, possibly raspberries, snap peas, home-baked sugar cookies, donuts, bagels and other baked goods, local meat including poultry, lamb, beef, pork, jerky and brats, eggs, canned sauces, canned vegetables including mushrooms, canned marinara sauce, regular and spicy pickles and spicy sauces, honey, maple syrup, prepared food including Mediterranean and authentic Mexican as well as sandwich wraps, cheese, jams, doll clothes, cut flowers, knife and tool sharpening, home and yard crafts and fabric items, and so much more! The vendors proudly bring their unique products from their farms, gardens, kitchens, craft rooms and workshops.

Williamston's own Nature Discovery is back this Sunday, bringing their *Michigan Snakes!* exhibit. Stop by and learn about all the good things snakes are doing in our environment, including gardens, where they like to explore at night and spread their guano as they move about, which is like a fertilizer additive. Snakes also can be credited for control of larger (mice) and smaller (insects like ticks) pests. For more information on the educational mission of Nature Discovery see their latest newsletter: <http://naturediscovery.net/pdf/WILD%20TIMES%20June23.pdf>

In the Pollination Station Community Service Booth, representatives from the Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club will be sharing information about integrated pest management (IPM) which is an effective and environ-

mentally sensitive approach to pest management that relies on a combination of common-sense practices. IPM programs use current, comprehensive information on the life cycles of pests and their interaction with the environment. This information, in combination with available pest control methods, is used to manage pest damage by the most economical means, and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment. The Garden Club welcomes new members any time of the year to help them continue their many activities in the area, such as civic beautification and encouraging home gardening, landscaping, and flower arranging. They meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Michigan-returnable bottles and cans are collected at every Market. It is the most successful fundraiser of Sowing Growth, the non-profit that operates the Market. Load up your car and drop off your bottles and cans at the "Bottleground", any Sunday between 10am and 2pm for this win-win weekly event. 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 or email any member of the Sowing Growth Board of Directors (listed on the website: www.EasternInghamFarmersMarket.org) or contact the Market Manager Tom Cary to make arrangements for special pick-ups.

Musicians Welcome: The Market ambience is pleasantly improved with live music performed by volunteers each Sunday for 2-hour gigs. This Sunday, Mellow Market Music will be provided from 10am to noon by *John, Glenn and the Moonlighters*, with John Kroneman on keyboard and Glenn Grossman on guitar. Have a seat in the *Spotted Goat Lounge* with your purchases and relax and sing along with them for a set or two.

The Market has a new Customer Loyalty Program which rewards regular shoppers with the chance to win a prize in monthly drawings. The June and July Customer Loyalty Program members whose names were drawn are *Selena Sternicky and Christian Scott*, and each chose the custom-designed and crafted Sowing Growth charcuterie board as their prize. Other monthly drawings will be held on August 6, September 3 and October 15, so remember to pick up a loyalty card at the Market's Information Booth and get it stamped with every purchase. After only ten stamps, drop your card in the 'drawing box' and start another card!

Williamston Area Senior Center

201 School Street - 517-655-5173

July 2023 Events

Monday, July 10th– Bike Club at 9am, Euchre 9am-Noon, Blood Pressure Screening 11am, and Crafternoon with Pat Cookingham making Trivets at 12:30pm.

Tuesday, July 11th– Euchre 9am-Noon, Lunch with a Board Member at Noon, Bracelet Making with Sharon at 12:30pm, and Knitter Group 1pm-3pm.

Wednesday, July 12th– Euchre 9am-Noon, Foster Woods Adult Day Center Presentation with Robert Valasck at 12:30pm, and Needle Work Group 1pm-3pm.

Thursday, July 13th– Euchre 9am-Noon, Fear Factor with The Willows of Okemos at 12:30pm.

Monday, July 17th– Bike Club 9am, Euchre 9am-Noon, and Euchre Lunch & Party with the Fowlerville Senior Center at Noon Sponsored by Brookdale of Meridian.

Tuesday, July 18th– Summer Senior Picnic at Wheatfield Township Sponsored by Red Cedar Lodge at Noon. *Senior Center will be closed.*

Wednesday, July 19th– Euchre 9am-Noon, Book Club at 10am, The Benefits of Exercising with Bands by Athletico Physical Therapy at 12:30pm, and Needle Work Group 1pm-3pm.

Thursday, July 20th– Euchre 9am-Noon, Tech with Drew at Noon, and Drum Circle with Ian at 12:30pm.

Monday, July 24th– Bike Club 9am, Euchre 9am-Noon, and Fall/Balance Workshop & Screening with DPT Doctors of Physical Therapy at 12:30pm.

Tuesday, July 25th– Euchre 9am-Noon, Mind Benders FACE OFF Mickie VS C.J. at 12:30pm with Williamston Library, and Knitter Group 1pm-3pm.

Wednesday, July 26th– Euchre 9am-Noon, French Style Lunch at Noon, Author Visit with Colleen Gleason "Mastering the Art of French Murder" at 12:30pm, and Needle Work Group 1pm-3pm.

Thursday, July 27th– Euchre 9am-Noon, 11:30am American Senior Benefits, and Sam Tucker a Certified Aging in Place Specialist from Home Management Company at 12:30pm.

Monday, July 31st– Bike Club 9am, Euchre 9am-Noon, and Mascot Monday at 12:30pm.

Michigan to receive \$1.5B in federal funding to expand high-speed internet access

By Anna Gustrafson,
Michigan Advance

Michigan will receive about \$1.5 billion in federal grants to expand high-speed internet to approximately 210,000 homes in unserved and underserved areas, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced last Monday.

Calling it a “game-changing investment to expand access

NIESA Fire Report (Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority)

On Wednesday June 28, 2023 NIESA responded to two calls. Both were medical responses in Leroy Township.

On Thursday June 29, 2023 NIESA responded to three calls. One call was a medical response in the City of Williamston. Two calls in Leroy Township; one call was a medical response, and one was a brush fire.

On Friday June 30, 2023 NIESA responded to five calls. Two calls in Leroy Township; one call was a citizen assist, one call was a vehicle accident on I-96. One call was a medical response in Wheatfield Township. One call was a utility response in Locke Township. One call was a utility complaint in Williamstown Township.

On Saturday July 1, 2023 NIESA responded to six calls. Three calls in the City of Williamston, one call was a smoke investigation, two calls were medical responses. Two calls were medical responses in Leroy Township. One call was a citizen assist in Williamstown Township.

On Sunday July 2, 2023 NIESA responded to three calls. One call was a mutual aid to Fowlerville on a structure fire. One call was a citizen assist in the city of Williamston. One call was a citizen assist in Leroy Township.

On Monday July 3, 2023 NIESA responded to one call. It was a medical response in Williamstown Township.

On Tuesday July 4, 2023 NIESA responded to four calls. One call was a medical response in Williamstown Township. One call was a medical response in the Village of Webberville. One call was a mutual aid in Okemos for a structure fire. One call was a medical response in Wheatfield Township.

to reliable, affordable high-speed internet,” Whitmer said the funding from the federal Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program will help struggling households and boost the state’s economy.

“Today’s win will expand economic opportunity for Michiganders and build on the over \$700 million in high-speed internet federal funding we have leveraged and \$249 million we invested with the bipartisan Building Michigan Together Plan last year,” Whitmer said in a prepared statement.

Funding for BEAD comes from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which Congress passed in 2021. The legislation included \$65 billion to close the nation’s digital divide that in Michigan especially impacts low-income households, older residents, and Black and Latino residents, according to a 2021 report from the state Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO).

In that report, LEO said an estimated 1.24 million Michigan households did not have a permanent, fixed internet connection at home. Nearly 35% of households earning less than \$20,000 annually do not have a broadband connection, and the same goes for 22% of Michiganders ages 65 and older, according to LEO. Black and Latino Michiganders were half as likely to have a home broadband connection than non-Black or Latino residents, LEO reported.

As part of the BEAD program, each state will receive at least \$100 million to close the digital divide. The Michigan High Speed Internet Office now must finish BEAD’s required five-year action plan that will set the priorities for the implementation of the \$1.5 billion – including achieving universal availability of high-speed internet across the state, according to a press release from Whitmer’s office.

“Access to high-speed internet means access to jobs, education, and healthcare. These investments in high-speed internet infrastructure will mean that even the most remote areas of Michigan have equitable access to high-speed internet,” Zachary Kolodin, Michigan chief infrastructure officer and director of the Michigan Infrastructure Office, said in a prepared statement.

Michigan’s federal lawmakers expect the funding to significantly reshape the state’s economic landscape and help families do everything from attend classes online to connect to health care.

“High speed internet isn’t a luxury, it’s an essential service that we need for everything from work, school, doctors’ visits, and paying our bills,” U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Lansing) said in a press release.

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Car Show being held on Saturday, August 19, during Howell Melon Fest

The Howell Melon Fest is holding a Car Show on Saturday, August 19, from 10 a.m. to 2:00 P.M. on Grand River Ave, in front of the historic Courthouse. Come enjoy the camaraderie of fellow vintage car enthusiasts, and experience Howell’s Melon Festival at the same time. Cost is \$10 in advance, and \$15 the day of. All proceeds benefit the Howell Depot Museum.

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MARION TOWNSHIP 2023 JULY BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING NOTICE

The Marion Township Board of Review will convene on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 10:00 am inside the Marion Township Hall located at 2877 W. Coon Lake Rd., Howell, Michigan.

This meeting is held for the purpose of correcting qualified errors, clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact, pursuant to MCL 211.53b of the General Property Tax Act. The board will also have authority to act upon agricultural exemptions, hardship exemptions, and veteran exemptions.

Loreen Judson, MAAO
Township Assessor
(7-9 & 7-16-23 FNV)

Iosco Township Summer Property Tax Bills

Summer 2023 property tax bills may be paid at Bank of Ann Arbor, Fowlerville branch only. The address is 760 South Grand Avenue, Fowlerville. Payments will be accepted from July 1st, 2023 to Sept. 14th, 2023. Please include the lower portion of your bill with payment.

The Treasurer’s office is open Thursdays from 1pm to 5pm. The hall is located at 2050 Bradley Road. You may also mail your payment, drop it in the drop box at the hall, or pay online. www.ioscotwp.com

Thank you,
Amanda Bonnville, Iosco Township Treasurer
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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, July 26, 2023. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Yvette Quigley to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for GVC Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 5, 2014, and recorded on September 10, 2014, as Document Number: 2014R-025518, Livingston County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 17, 2022 and recorded February 17, 2022 by Document Number: 2022R-005273, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Seventy-Four and 04/100 (\$123,074.04) including interest at the rate of 4.00000% per annum.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Brighton, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Land is located in the Township of Brighton, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and describe as follows: Lot 118, Woodland Lake Estates No. 3, a subdivision, as recorded in Liber 7 of Plats, Page(s) 19, Livingston County Records. Commonly known as: 8058 GRANADA AVE, BRIGHTON, MI 48114

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

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

Dated: June 25, 2023

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Carrington Mortgage Services LLC
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180,
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
(248) 335-9200
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Case No. 22MI00720-3

(06-25)(07-16)

(6-25, 7-2, 7-9 & 7-16-23 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 AUGUST 2, 2023. 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 Joseph M. Bennett a/k/a Joseph Bennett and Brenda K. Bennett a/k/a Brenda Bennett, Husband and Wife, to JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated May 24, 2010 and recorded June 4, 2010 in Instrument Number 2010R-016443 and Scriveners Affidavit for Mortgage recorded on May 10, 2022, in Instrument Number 2022R-013827, Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2018-4, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Four and 4/100 Dollars (\$250,474.04). 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 AUGUST 2, 2023.

Said premises are located in the Township of Hamburg, Livingston County Michigan, and are described as: Unit(s) 12, of Hidden Valley Estates, a Condominium according to the Master Deed thereof recorded in Liber 2055, Page 355, Livingston County Records, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 89, and any amendments thereto, together with an undivided interest in the common elements of said condominium as set forth in said Master Deed, and any amendments thereto, last amended by amendment recorded in Liber 2483, Page 311 and as described in. Act 5.9 of the public Acts of Michigan of 1978, as amended. 3298 Habitat Trl, Unit 12, Pinckney, Michigan 48169

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: June 18, 2023

File No. 23-006172
Firm Name: Orlans PC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road,
Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE TO ALL PURCHASERS -

A lien has been recorded on behalf of Pineview Village Condominium Association. The lien was executed on March 15, 2023 and recorded on March 17, 2023, as Instrument 2023R-004304, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Four Dollars and Seventy-Nine Cents (\$4,884.79). 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, August 2, 2023, 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 Corey Wilson, and is situated in the Township of Howell, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 141, Building 19, of Pineview Village, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 4599, Page 269 et seq., Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 318. Sidwell No. 4706-27-201-141

Commonly known as: 2234 Knotty Pine Trail, Howell, Michigan 48855

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

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

Dated: June 14, 2023

Pineview Village Condominium Association c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC
Stephen M. Guerra
30140 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
248 671 0140

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Kids Count Report shines spotlight on nation's faltering childcare system

Commentary by Monique Stanton

The burdens that families have been carrying on their shoulders as a result of costly and hard-to-find childcare in our

country keep getting heavier, causing too many households to struggle to make ends meet, while also driving people out of the workforce and having a direct impact on child well-being at a critical time in their development.

Our faltering childcare system has also cost the economy billions of dollars annually and failed our critical childcare workforce by not paying living wages.



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These were my key takeaways from the recent release of the national 2023 Kids Count Data Book from the Annie E. Casey Foundation — a 50-state report of recent household data analyzing how children and families are faring.

This year's report presents an important opportunity for us to lift up the childcare issues impacting every state in our country, including Michigan, and advocate for ways that government leaders can improve our childcare system through new solutions and investments.

While America's childcare system has long been on shaky ground, things have only become worse as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. As it stands today, many families in our country and state are facing overwhelming affordability issues when it comes to securing care for their children, resulting in tremendous stress and impossible choices.

Here in Michigan, the average cost of center-based childcare for a toddler in 2021 was \$11,309 — 11% of a married couple's median income and an astounding 37% of a single mother's median income in the state.

Moreover, we also know that families are facing access challenges, including hard-to-find childcare, long waitlists to get into childcare programs and issues with securing care that is compatible with work schedules and commutes.

Affordability and access challenges have made working

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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 August 02, 2023.

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

MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Andrew L. Roman and Heather R. Roman, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship

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

Date of mortgage: July 15, 2021

Recorded on July 20, 2021, in Document No. 2021R-030856, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC

Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Seventy-One and 27/100 Dollars (\$178,071.27)

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Livingston County, and described as: Unit 24 of Pineview Village, a Condominium according to the Master Deed thereof, recorded in Liber 4599, Pages 269 through 339, inclusive, Livingston County Records, designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 318, and all recorded amendments thereof, if any, together with the rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Commonly known as 1618 Red Hickory Ct, #24, Howell, MI 48855

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

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

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC Mortgagee/Assignee

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Clare J. Williams and Tifanie E. Williams, husband and wife

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): MIDFIRST BANK

Date of Mortgage: September 4, 2015

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 22, 2015

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$179,040.22

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lower than the pay for retail and customer service workers in 2022 — and has certainly contributed to childcare workforce shortages that have exacerbated access challenges for families seeking care.

To help ease the burdens that families and childcare workers have been shouldering for far too long, the League joins the Annie E. Casey Foundation in advocating for stronger childcare investments and the strengthening of existing federal programs that provide support, including the Child Care and Development Block Grant program, Head Start and the Access Means Parents in School program.

Here in Michigan, state leaders have prioritized childcare in recent investments, including through start-up grants for new childcare businesses and regional childcare planning grants, efforts that will make childcare accessible and affordable to more families. To build on that momentum, we at the League support maximizing remaining pandemic recovery act dollars to fund needed childcare services and capacity. We also support the Think Babies Michigan collaborative policy agenda, which focuses on increasing access and affordability of childcare, ensuring childcare subsidies are fully utilized

by families and providers and growing the critical workforce needed by thousands of Michigan families by making childcare an in-demand career path.

Additionally, we support improving the infrastructure for home-based childcare, beginning with lowering the barriers to entry for potential providers by increasing access to start-up and expansion capital. Improving home-based childcare infrastructure will not only support this critical segment of the childcare workforce, but also support families, as home-based childcare is more affordable than center-based childcare in almost every state, including Michigan.

It is crucial that we do more to support our families with young children and childcare workers. They are critical to our economy and, more importantly, they are essential to the well-being and early learning opportunities for young children growing up in our country today.

Monique Stanton is the President and CEO of the Michigan League for Public Policy. Stanton comes to the League after working for CARE of Southeastern Michigan from 2008-2020, including eight years at its helm.

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Kids Count Report, continued

while raising children difficult, if not impossible, for too many American families, including Michigan families. In fact, according to this year's report, 14% of Michigan children 5 and under lived in families in which someone quit, changed or refused a job because of problems with childcare in 2020-21, which is slightly more than the national average of 13%.

Women are disproportionately impacted as they are five to eight times more likely than men to experience negative employment consequences related to caregiving.

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Out for Trout

By John Pepin

“Headin’ in or headin’ out, standin’ on the shore; pause a moment to reflect which trip costs you more,” Bob Seger

With the hot afternoon sun finally beginning to sink toward the western horizon, my brother Jimmy and I were headed into the woods to do a little trout fishing before darkness arrived.

For me, there are several types of trout fishing, and each has its own appeal, while differing greatly in its feel and approach.

There’s trout fishing by myself, which usually offers great moments of introspection, solace and peace.

I experience all the various stimuli nature has to offer – from the touch of cold waters to the smell of summer blossoms, the ebullient and delightful songs of the river and the birds to the sights and tastes of the seasons, like blueberries, blackberries and apples.

There’s also hitting the stream banks with my longtime brook trout fishing buddy, the Coaster King. The camaraderie we share is truly special to me, as we continue to pursue our childhood-borne pursuit of small-creek brook trout fishing.

Another, rarer pleasure is fishing with the Queen of Shebis, my lovely wife. While she is often too busy to follow this trout bum out into the woods, when we do get to arrange a day on the water together, we have a wonderful time.

She often catches more fish than I do, and I am happy to clean them.

Still rarer these days is the opportunity to trout fish with my boys, who live out west with wives of their own. We only get to fish together every few years, but it’s a tremendous thing when it happens.

I taught them how to fish when they were very young, like my dad and mom taught me. It’s very rewarding to know that they still love to fish themselves and do so often, chasing fish like cutthroat trout that I’ve never seen in real life, much less caught.

I recall one summer when they came here to Michigan for a visit, we spent a few days in the western part of the peninsula, fishing for trout and spending evenings at a cabin we’d rented.

On that trip, I taught the boys how to pan-fry their brook trout and how to debone the fish once they were cooked. They helped clean up afterwards and participated in the whole process, from tying on and baiting their own hooks to giving the countertop a last wipe.

I was proud of them then, and I am proud of and impressed with the men they have become. I just wish we lived a little closer to each other. I hope to get to help teach my grandchildren to fish too.

I used to love to fish with my dad, but those days are gone. He’s now leaving me a spot next to him along the big trout waters in the sky. I wonder who he’s getting to clean his fish for him now that I’m not around.

Finally, there’s fishing with my brother. Fishing with him is kind of like a mixture of some of all the other types of trout fishing I just talked about, with a few more ingredients folded in.

We used to fish together all the time when we were young boys. He is four years younger than me. Our boyhood fishing ended abruptly when our parents got divorced when I was 13.

He moved to Canada with my mom and my two sisters, and I stayed in Michigan with my dad, the only child old enough to decide. Though we did fish a couple of times during those “missing years,” it wasn’t like the old days.

But when we get together now, it is.

As I used to do in those now-ancient times, I often serve as the guide, trying to find my little brother a good place to fish. I know that if he gets fish, he’ll be happy and that will make me happy.

It will also make my fishing experience better.

In some ways, I see a lot of my dad in my brother when fishing. Like my dad, he seems to be more bothered by mosquitoes than I am and gets frustrated more easily.

However, like my dad, he still toughs it out and is willing to stay out there as long as I am – which is usually a very long time. My brother also enjoys horrible puns. Clearly, he is his father’s son and his nephew’s uncle.

We parked my Jeep and got out, splitting up to each find a trout hole to fish. I urged my brother to head downstream, and I went upstream.

In any fishing partner pairing, I am most often the one to be using a spinner or other lure of some type. But tonight, before leaving the house, I decided to toss a container of Canadian crawlers into my bag, just in case.

I decided to start with a worm, as there happened to be a hook tied on the end of my line from the last time I was out. In about a half-dozen casts, I had three or four bites from small trout.

Just as I was realizing that there was nothing of any real size biting in this hole, my brother called out to me from the road beyond a big green wall of trees.

“Are you there?”

“Yeah, what are you doing?”

“There’s a couple of nice-sized fish over here that I can’t reach with my lure. I thought you might be able to get them



Brothers James and Jeff Pepin, children of the author and from left to right respectively, pose for a picture taken with some small trout they caught. (John Pepin photo)

with a worm.”

I followed him back downstream, and with two casts, I had both fish in my bag. I was obviously pleased with the beautiful catch, and he was happy to have been my guide to the fish.

“The roles have been reversed for once,” he said.

In a few more minutes, I landed another nice trout, and he hadn’t caught any yet.

I told him that it looked like a night for crawlers, and he should consider switching up his offering to the brookie trout gods.

He put a worm on his hook and was soon catching fish and catching up to me.

By the time we had moved to a couple more places on the creek, I had caught my limit of five trout. My brother had two.

I was now in guide mode once again, putting my fishing pole away in the Jeep.

I suggested he get down very low to the ground to be able to sneak a cast over some branches and into a deep hole.

When he said he didn’t think he could get his line in there without snagging it, I offered to cast it for him. I was surprised he accepted the offer. I casted and then quickly handed the rod off.

On that first cast, a fish hit, but got off the hook on the retrieval.

A few more casts led to a few more hits, but no trout landed. We moved on to the next hole, where Jimmy put another fish in his basket. With the nighttime approaching, he said we could quit now, and he’d be fine with that.

I urged him to continue. I said we could pass a few less-than-premier holes to get to one that I often had great luck with, especially as night was falling.

He agreed to follow me through the brush.

Arriving at the hole, he took one cast and then another. I think it was the first or second cast that he got his first bite.

He then snagged his line on a submerged log.

He tried to pull the hook free, and his line snapped loudly, the concussion rippled through the warm, night air. Again, he was ready to call it quits, as it was getting darker, but I told him I could see just fine and would tie another hook on for him.

I baited that hook and he casted his line into the hole. Within a few short minutes, he had landed two more beautiful trout. The last one was our biggest fish of the night.

We both had caught our brook trout limit. I led us back through the woods to the Jeep, my brother trailing me with a flashlight.

It was great fun and reminded me so much of the times I would fish as a kid along the creek banks near our house, with my little brother tagging along.

On the drive home, several woodcocks flew up off the dirt road, and a great horned owl afforded us a chance to see it with a flashlight trained on it.

At home, my brother headed for the shower and left me to clean our sink full of fish.

“Like father, like son,” I mumbled as I got my fillet knife out of the drawer.

But I didn’t really mind.

It’s been about a week since

that night, and time has since enveloped the entire evening within a memory packed away tightly inside our hearts and heads.

Demands and commitments of the dizzying world have once again crept in and consumed us, cementing the importance of taking the time to get out fishing together when we can.

Even just a couple of hours can prove to be incredibly fulfilling and helpful to our spiritual, psychological and physical well-being.

Though we’re older now, and perhaps a little gruffer around the edges, its incredible to be able to spend times like these together again – out for trout.

John Pepin is Deputy Public Information Officer Michigan Department of Natural Resources.



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Ocimeae Lavender Farm holds Grand Opening last Monday

By Steve Horton

“If you build it, they will come” is the famous line about a farmer putting up a ball field in the middle of a corn field in the movie *Field of Dreams*.

For Tom & Marilyn Smith, that field...and dream... is the Ocimeae Lavender Farm located north of Webberville. It’s been a work-in-progress for the past three years, but the public was finally invited to come last Monday for the start of their Lavender Fest that runs for the first two weeks of July.

The work began when the couple put in their first few thousand plants in March of 2020, placing them in curving rows along the contour of a hillside. From there, they did a lot of weeding, added more plants, built a barn for special-event use (like weddings and graduation parties) as well to display their lavender-based products and related merchandise, and then created areas of lawn by the barn and in the front and back of the farm that added to the ambiance.

During this time frame the Smiths experienced a bumper crop the first year that seemed a harbinger of coming success. They allowed those plants to mature further, with the goal of opening the farm for U-Pick visitors in July of 2022.

But a total crop failure in the spring scuttled those plans and forced them to clean out the damaged plants and replace them and wait until this year. In the meanwhile, they began hosting some private events which (they noted) is the main purpose of the farm and to produce their lavender-based products.

Well, the waiting ended last week when a Grand Opening was held, on Monday, July 3rd, marking the start of their Lavender Fest. A number of family, friends, neighbors, and others were on hand for the ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. and proceeded to pick the plants, check out the merchandise, and tour the grounds.

Artists had been invited to attend the event for the purpose of painting a scene of the field, with several answering the call. They were stationed at various locations around the farm on the first two days.

There were also a lot of cameras present, with visitors taking photos.

The opening week included a planned art festival this past Friday and Saturday, July 7-8. The Festival continues this week from Monday, July 10, thru Saturday, July 15.

The farm is located on Gramer Road, northeast of the village, between Pardee and Allen roads.

The Smiths named their farm Ocimeae, which is the tribal name for plants with square stems including; lavender, mint, oregano, and basil, to name a few.

“Lavender is the Swiss Army knife of herbs,” explained Tom. “It has so many uses— from culinary to medicinal.” The Smiths will be offering classes at Ocimeae on propagation, harvesting, pruning, stilling, and starting lavender from seed, along with hosting the various private events.

Ocimeae Lavender Products will also be available on site during public events and by special order.

You may visit their website for more details, OcimeaeLavenderFarm.com or find them on Facebook.



The curving rows contain different varieties of lavender and, going along the hillside, offer a picturesque scene. The Lavender Fest which marked the opening of the farm was held last week and will continue this week from Monday, July 10, thru Saturday, July 15.



A ribbon cutting marked the Grand Opening of the Ocimeae Lavender Farm in Webberville last Monday, July 3. Marilyn Smith was flanked by family and friends for the ceremonial event. Marilyn and her husband Tom own the farm.

These members of the Webberville Garden Club were present for the ribbon cutting and secured some lavender as well. From left were Janice Wheeler, Jody Royce, and Linda Erwin.



From left were Mark and Mary Lott visiting with owner Tom Smith. Tom was handing out scissors and bands for those wishing to cut the lavender stalks. The Lotts are neighbors.

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Ocimeae Lavender Farm Grand Opening, continued



A barn on the farm was used to display merchandise during the event. Shown here were, from left, Nick, Abigail and Kerry Tompkins—all from Webberville—Mary Butanowicz of Ohio, and owner Marilyn Smith. Mary is Kerry's mother.



Selling lavender-based products and other related merchandise at a table, along with directing visitors were, from left, Gavan Swann, Shyan Green, and Matthew Diaz. Gavan and Shyan are relatives of the Smith's.



Livingston County Genealogical Society holding zoom meeting on July 13th

The Livingston County Genealogical Society will meet via zoom, Thursday, July 13th, at 7pm. The program is "Eastern European Research for Beginners." (Note date change due to the Holiday week.)

Our guest speaker, Alexander Tolksdorf presents Research in Eastern Europe. Research can be difficult due to changing borders and many different groups in power throughout history. Alexander Tolksdorf's talk will help make sense in researching the Baltic States, Belarus, Czechia, Poland,

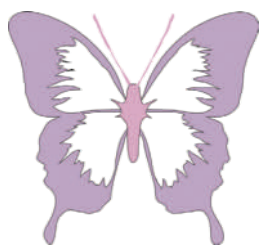
Russia, Slovakia, and Ukraine.

A link to this virtual meeting may be found on our Facebook page for the Livingston County Genealogical Society a few days before the meeting. All are welcome."

Livingston Centre Historical Society to meet July 11th

Due to the 4th of July holiday this past Tuesday, the Livingston Centre Historical Society will meet Tuesday, July 11, at 7 p.m. in the Fowlerville Fair office. Plans for the upcoming fair later in the month will be discussed. Public is welcome to attend.

Among those who cut some bundles of lavender were, from left, Patty & Greg O'Neil and Esther Marr. They are all Webberville residents.



Artists who wished to paint landscapes of the lavender farm were invited to attend the event. Among those who accepted was Nora Venturelli of Ann Arbor. She is a lecturer at the Stamps School of Art & Design at the University of Michigan.



Bob Perrish of Livonia was busy painting this scene of the Ocimeae Lavender Farm.



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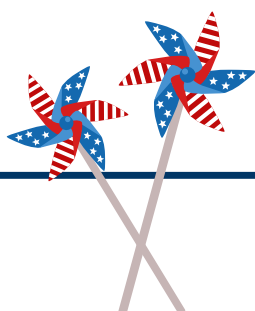
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