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On hand for the first day of classes at the new Fowlerville Elementary last Thursday were these second graders. From left were Bo Smith, Ava Taylor, Nolan Nogafsky, Reese Myers, Beckett Mason, and Vera Holley. Greeting them were Molly Moulton, the student support specialist, and Ross Richard, the building principal.

Students attend first day of classes at Fowlerville Elementary on Thursday

By Steve Horton

Students attended their first day of classes at the new Fowlerville Elementary this past Thursday. The start was two days later than planned due to frigid temperatures causing a cancellation of school on Tuesday—the planned first day—and again on Wednesday.

Greeting the 494 students were Ross Richard, the building principal, Molly Moulton, the student support specialist, 27 teachers, and over 40 support staff.

The 72,000 square-foot facility will serve all kindergarten through second grade students in the district. These students had been housed in the H.T. Smith Elementary building. The new building includes 22 regular classrooms, plus another five rooms for special education, art, science, and music as well as intervention spaces where teachers can instruct students on an

individual basis. A gymnasium, cafeteria, media center, and administrative offices are also part of the structure.

This new elementary school was made possible by the \$41.9 million dollar bond that voters approved in November 2021. Along with constructing the new building, money from the bond has been or will be used to improve air quality in all of the other buildings (including adding air conditioning), closing the Munn building and creating green space for future athletic improvements, and renovations at H.T. Smith Elementary which will house the Little Glad Center, recreation program and other specialty programs.

Richard and Moulton said that they wanted to thank the Junior High Honor Society students for their help, the custodian and maintenance staff from the other buildings who assisted, the High School Athletic Boosters for buying a special meal, the VFW Post for donating American flags for the classrooms, and others who helped with the transition.



Debbie Nordman and Edie Bajema enjoying the bouquet from Aleta's Flowers.



Debbie Nordman and Sharon Turner sampling the potluck lunch.



Bouquet from Aleta's Flowers.

Enjoying the Weather & Flowers at Fowlerville Senior Center

By Mark Thompson

Ever the optimists, we hope everyone enjoyed this past week's weather. To paraphrase a winter saying, "If you choose not to find joy in the snow or cold, you will have less joy but still the same amount of snow and cold."

And in the immortal words of our Yooper friends, "Holy Wah," it has been cold.

This would be a good time to remind everyone of the Fowlerville Senior Center closure policy – if the Fowlerville Schools are closed due to weather concerns, so is the Fowlerville Senior Center.

Our week started out on a bright note when, on Monday (Jan. 20), we received a bouquet of flowers from Aleta's Flowers. A truly beautiful creation and a topic of happy conversations. To the staff at Aleta's Flowers, thanks for taking the time and effort to brighten our week.

We have an enjoyable monthly potluck lunch from 11:00A – 12:00P which is served just before our bingo game. You will not be disappointed. The date is posted on our Facebook page, at Fowlerville Senior Center, or you can stop in, have a cup of java and chat, and pick up our monthly calendar of events.



Ed Wright and Edie Bajema enjoying the potluck offerings.

Fowlerville students named to Albion College Fall Dean's List

Albion College has announced the Fall 2024 semester Dean's List. Among those named were two Fowlerville students on the List: Griffin Gonzalez and Hannah Arledge.

Gonzalez is a first-year student at the college and a graduate of Fowlerville High School.

Arledge is majoring in psychology with a concentration in human services and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. Arledge is the child of Sandy Studer and Jace Arledge of Fowlerville and is a graduate of Fowlerville High School.

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Fowlerville Community School News



Fowlerville Elementary School Opened on Thursday

Fowlerville Elementary School welcomed our K-2 students into the new building for the first time on Thursday. The first couple of weeks will be a soft start as staff members are familiarizing students with the new building. Academics will continue, while also practicing safety drills in their new spaces. The goal is to make sure students feel comfortable and confident in their new learning environment.

We want to thank our staff for making the move to the new building so easy. In addition, we need to thank our maintenance and custodial staff for all they have done to assist teachers and help prepare the building for students. Finally, a special thanks to the Fowlerville VFW for donating flags for all of our new classrooms.

As a reminder, with the opening, we have new traffic patterns for pick-up and drop-off. We appreciate your cooperation in following these new procedures so we can keep all of our students and staff safe as they enter and exit their buildings daily.



H.T. Smith Building Renovations to Begin

Following our K-2 students and staff departure at H.T. Smith Elementary, the construction team will immediately begin remodeling the current Kindergarten and first grade classrooms to make way for the Little Glad Early Childhood Center's move into the building slated for late this summer. Renovations will occur to the main entrance, office, and former Kindergarten and first grade classrooms.

In addition, upgrades to the electrical and HVAC systems including air conditioning will also take place. After Little Glads' moves into the H.T. Smith Building, the construction team will begin the demolition of Munn. These renovations

are made possible by the generous support of our community with the passage of the November 2021 \$41.9 million dollar bond.

Community Recreation Agreement Update in Progress

This past Dec. 31st, the current Community Recreation agreement expired. The agreement between Fowlerville Community Schools, the Village of Fowlerville, the Township of Iosco, the Township of Cohoctah, the Township of Conway, and the Township of Handy had been in place since Feb. 20, 2018. While the agreement has expired, participants won't see any changes to programming or fees. The district and the municipalities are currently negotiating a new agreement with the hope of having it in place by the end of this school year.

Second Semester Begins, Report Cards Available Beginning Thursday

Tuesday marked the start of semester two for the 2024-25 school year although classes were canceled that day and Wednesday due to extremely cold weather. With the start of a new semester, students have a fresh start both academically and attendance wise. Studies show attendance is critical to student academic success and mental wellness, so please make sure your students are attending regularly.

Report cards for semester one are available electronically beginning Thursday, January 24 via Parent Connect.

Wrestling Teams Doing Well, Preparing to Host District Individual Competitions

Fowlerville High School's wrestling teams are both doing extremely well. The girls team is currently ranked #2 in the state, with the boys team currently ranked #4. Girls wrestling continues its growth around the state and Fowlerville has helped lead that growth, especially girls wrestling coach, Dan Coon, who was named Girls Wrestling Coach of the Year. This will be the first year the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) will host a girls team championship in wrestling.

In addition, Fowlerville High School will host districts for individual wrestling competitions. Boys individuals will take place on Feb. 8th and the girls individuals will be held on Feb. 9th. Come out and cheer these athletes on

Kindergarten Registration information Coming Soon

Fowlerville Community Schools is currently planning for Kindergarten registration for the 2025-26 school year. Information on registration will be available late February/early March. Please keep an eye on the district website/social media as information becomes available. As a reminder, the 2025-26 Academic calendar is also now available on our website.

Fowlerville Hosting FFA Regionals

Fowlerville High School's FFA students will head to Byron on Jan. 30th to compete in Region 4 district competition. Then FHS will host the regional competition on Feb. 13th, from 2:00-7:00pm. We wish all of our competing students the best of luck!

Michigan FFA prepares students to fulfill the growing diversity and new opportunities in the industry

of agriculture. In addition, the organization also helps develop leadership skills, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Fowlerville's Daddy/Daughter Dance

Fowlerville Recreation will host a Daddy/Daughter(s) Dance on Friday, Feb. 21, at the Munn building beginning at 7:00pm. Admission is \$30 per family and includes a live DJ, photo booth/keepsake photo, arts and crafts, snacks and punch. Prior registration is required. The Munn building is located at 450 N. Hibbard Street.

What's Coming up in Our Schools:

January

- 23 - Report cards available on Parent Connect
- 30 - FFA District competition in Byron, Michigan

February

- 04 - Board of Education Meeting, 7:00pm
- 08 - Boys Individual Wrestling District Competition
- 09 - Girls Individual Wrestling District Competition
- 13 - FHS Hosts FFA Regional competition
- 17 - No School, President's Day
- 18 - No School, Teacher Professional Development Day
- 21 - Fowlerville Daddy/Daughter(s) Dance, 7:00pm

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Calm, Cool and Collected

By Jace Arledge

Last week we celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr Day. Many cities held celebrations, while others held protests/marches to make sure that the ideas and humanity that MLK, Jr fought for would not be forgotten. That those who were disadvantaged or suffered discrimination had the same God-given rights as those who enjoy more advantageous circumstances.

I can already feel the uncomfortable gasps as this is being read, many laughing or smirking while they drink coffee. That's ok, I also must put into perspective the life many who read this paper and others have lived. Though they may not have grown up with money or a silver spoon in their mouth, other aspects of their lives have protected them from certain "bad situations."

I was a substitute teacher in multiple school districts, from Pontiac, South Lyon, Lansing, Fowlerville, Howell, Pinckney... I think you get the idea. Very diverse, but it wasn't until I had my own classroom in Sumter, South Carolina that I gained a different perspective.

My first job was teaching 7th and 8th grade social studies. Back in 2009 when I was employed at this district, the demographics were 88% minority enrollment (11.9% white, 80.1% Black or African American, 3.8% Latino/Hispanic, 3.8% two or more races, 0.3% Asian or Asian/Pacific Islander, 0.3% Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander). The students had a 9% proficiency in Math, 25% in reading, there are about 371 students whose families identify 100% as economically disadvantaged. I stayed there for a school year then moved back home.

My next teaching endeavor was at a charter school in Detroit. Plymouth Educational Center 9th – 12th grades. 400 students, 100% minority enrollment, 100% economically disadvantaged. Many of these students had to catch multiple city busses just to come to school, due to schools in their neighborhoods being shuttered. There was not a textbook to be found that wasn't over 15 years old, the office copier was always inoperable, while pencils, paper, computers, and a library were not staples.

That teaching job was from 2011 to 2014. A charter high school authorized by Central Michigan University, where 1% of the students were proficient in math, 6% in reading and it had a 47:1 teacher student ratio. Revenue per student for 2023-2024 was \$9,516, the school spends \$10,664 per student annually. (Per US NEWS article)

Let's look at Fowlerville... 10% minority enrollment, 30.3% economically disadvantaged, teacher-to-student ratio is 18:1, total revenue for the district is \$38,385,000. Revenue per student \$14,545, with an expense per student of \$11,014. (Per US NEWS article)

These aren't numbers I made up; these are based on numbers from the state. Oh by the way, the high school I taught at permanently closed in 2015 and the elementary school closed 2024. Where do these children go now? How much larger will the teacher ratio get at other schools that take in these

displaced students? But for many people, this doesn't equate to a disadvantage or form of discrimination for these students. Same state, same nation, but different opportunities

When my wife and I ushered in 2025 we said we weren't going to let negative politics play in our life. So far, we have stayed away from radical politics, "punch and run" comments and have stayed the course of sharing facts. It wasn't until the treatment of those who were disadvantaged and discriminated against was shared physically on TV during the 1960s that those who didn't believe or thought it to be "fake news" were shown the truth. That is when real change took place, as the situation had a human face.

That's what I will continue to do as long as I can. Give information and then it's up to you to discern. No word of mouth or opinion. FACTS.

I've also found that being fully present in my baking and creating recipes helps my wellbeing during times like these. More on that next time.

Remember:

Worrying is like paying a debt you don't owe: It gives you something to do, but it doesn't get you very far.

Also, practice the three "C's"... Calm, Cool, Collected!!!

Til Next Time. . .

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Varsity Boys Basketball

Landon Aeschliman - Jr Forward - Landon is a first year starter on the varsity team. He was the leading scorer from last year's JV team and has transitioned nicely into this year's team. He currently is averaging over 7 points and 4 rebounds per game. The future is very bright for him! Congrats Landon.

Dylan Soli - Jr Guard - Dylan is in his first year on the varsity team and is the starting point guard. Dylan has done a real nice job with running the team and handling the pressure from our opponents. Dylan is currently averaging just under 10 points per game as well as 2 assists and 4 rebounds per game. We look forward to seeing what his future brings! Keep it up Dylan.

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Building a Strong Foundation

By Susan Kretchman

“Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him”. (Psalm 34: 8)

This is one of my favorite statements within all of the 150 psalms that are contained in Old Testament writings. David is credited for penning this particular psalm; he did so when fleeing his homeland in order to escape Saul’s rage. In order to further protect his life, he actually acted insane under Abimelek, the ruler of the Philistines where David had escaped. In the earlier portion of the psalm David declared he would *“extol the Lord at all times”*, that *“His praise will always be on my lips”*. He offers an invitation –*“Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together”*. David describes the protection God gave him as *“the angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them”*.

In light of California’s devastating fires raging through neighborhoods in the Los Angeles area, I did a quick search to find any stories of the miraculous. I stumbled upon an article describing how a \$9 million home survived total destruction while considering each home on both sides were total losses. Looking at the accompanying photo is proof of its resilience against fire and wind created by the wildfire. Explanations for the mansion’s survival are attributed that the house was built with fire resistant materials, including stucco and stone

walls, along with a specially designed fireproof roof. These elements likely shield the property from the intense heat and flames. (source businessstandard.com)

Wisdom. Forethought. These are two themes often taught in scripture. As the words of David in Psalm 34 instruct, likewise Jesus’ own words regarding wisdom are found in a parable He taught in Matthew 7: 24-25: *“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation built on the rock”*.

You and I, when creating and building our faith, can do well to follow God’s blueprint for a beautiful and successful outcome for our personal journey with Him. Like the mansion, we will be surrounded by people who are constantly negative, who will attack our belief systems, who challenge the very fabric of our biblical truths. By standing firm, by placing our trust in God, those weaker than us face the possibility of destruction, all while living “lost” and “unprotected” because of refusal to surrender pride and arrogance to an almighty God.

Let me make it clear, I’m not saying that God caused the wildfires in California. Although I’m a novice at best when it comes to that locale, I am wise enough to understand how policies prevented ample water supplies along with years of not performing deforestation practices may have greatly contributed to these current fires. Comparing years of enacted laws to that of common sense leadership appears to have been a mute topic until thousands of families are now displaced who are now calling out for answers and accountability from those who’ve been making decisions for Californians.

Beautiful homes require months to construct. Likewise, faith in Jesus takes time, too. All too quickly—in the blink of an eye—material possessions can be destroyed, leaving us homeless, empty, loss of hope, despair filling our once joyful hearts. Faith can also come under an onslaught of attack in the forms of illness, death, loss of income...but when wavering

faith keeps eyes focused on the architect and builder—Jesus Christ—reconstruction comes! Faith is nurtured once again, perhaps even restored as something stronger than when life was smooth sailing.

Finally, to the families in California, to anyone who feels as though life is hard, take refreshment from David’s own words in verse 17-18: *“The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”*



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- February 24: Hearing Screening for Kindergarten & 2nd Graders
- February 25: Hearing Screening for Kindergarten & 2nd Graders
- February 28: Popcorn Friday
- March 3-7: Book Fair
- March 21: Popcorn Friday
- March 24-28: SPRING BREAK

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Livingston Fine Art Association meeting this Jan. 28, at Cleary University

The Livingston Fine Art Association is meeting this Tuesday, Jan. 28th at the Commons Building at Cleary University, Room 3. Park in Lot C. Doors open at 6:30pm, meeting begins at 7:00pm.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Harvey E Barnett, a married man

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

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

Date of Mortgage: June 24, 2004

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 8, 2004

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

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

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

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: January 5, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(01-05)(01-26)

(1-5-25, 1-12, 1-19 & 1-26-25 FNV)

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

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on MARCH 5, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Marsha Reid, a/k/a Marsha B. Reid, a married person and Steven C. Reid, her husband, to Bank Of America, N.A., Mortgagee, dated June 11, 2007 and recorded June 18, 2007 in Instrument Number 2007R-021701 Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for Freddie Mac Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2024-1, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Eight and 54/100 Dollars (\$263,238.54).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Livingston County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MARCH 5, 2025.

Said premises are located in the Township of Genoa, Livingston County Michigan, and are described as:

PARCEL 1-B-2: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 2 North, Range 5 East, Genoa Township, Livingston County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 7; thence along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 7, South 00 degrees 07 minutes 27 seconds West, 1344.92 feet; thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 06 seconds East, 348.01 feet to point of beginning; thence North 00 degrees 10 minutes 53 seconds West 436.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 06 seconds East 200.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 10 minutes 54 seconds East, 436.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 49 minutes 06 seconds West, 200.00 feet to the point of beginning. EASEMENT PARCEL: The use of a Private Easement for Ingress and Egress and Public Utilities as described below and including the use of a 66 foot wide private easement as recorded in Liber 1654, pages 0655-0656 and Liber 2131, pages 482-485, Livingston County Records. Private 66 feet Ingress and Egress Easement: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 2 North, Range 5 East, Genoa Township, Livingston County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 7; thence along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 7, South 00 degrees 07 minutes 27 seconds West 1344.92 feet; thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 06 seconds East, 460.01 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 00 degrees 10 minutes 53 seconds West 66.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 06 seconds East, 88.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 10 minutes 54 seconds East, 66.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 49 minutes 06 seconds West, 88.00 feet to the point of beginning.

2561 Chilson Meadows Lane, Howell, Michigan 48843

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

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

Dated: January 26, 2025

File No. 24-017356

Firm Name: Orleans Law Group PLLC

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

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(01-26)(02-16)

(1-26, 2-2, 2-9 & 2-16-25 FNV)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on February 19, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Alicia M Hoffman, a married woman

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lake Michigan Credit Union

Date of Mortgage: March 9, 2021

Date of Mortgage Recording: March 25, 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: January 19, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(01-19)(02-09)

(1-19, 1-26, 2-2 & 2-9-25 FNV)

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Trust Estate

Charles Aiello Living Trust

Date of Birth: 02/07/1943

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Charles D. Aiello, died 11/16/2024.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Darlene Baut and Steven Caswell, named Successor Trustee within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Attorney:

J. Michael Hickox P14941

2850 S. Milford Road

Highland, MI 48357

(248) 685-8743

Successor Trustee:

Darlene Baut

14700 Summerfield Ln.

Howell, MI 48843

734-709-7675

Steven Caswell

7589 Wisteria Way

Brighton, MI 48116

248-866-4856

(1-26-25 FNV)



LEGAL NOTICES

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on February 19, 2025.

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

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

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

Date of mortgage: February 2, 2007

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.

Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-One and 31/100 Dollars (\$199,971.31)

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

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

Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.
Mortgagee/Assignee
Schneiderman & Sherman P.C.
23938 Research Dr, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
248.539.7400

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(01-19)(02-09)

(1-19, 1-26, 2-2 & 2-9-25 FNV)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 5, 2025. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Steve M. Kelty to America's Wholesale Lender dated August 18, 2003 and recorded August 29, 2003 in Liber 4119 at Page 909, Livingston County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Bank of America, N.A by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$39,917.98.

Said premises are located in Livingston County, Michigan and are described as: The land referred to in the Commitment, situated in the Township of Oceola, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, described as: A part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 3 North, Range 5 East, Oceola Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said section; thence North 231.3 feet for a place of beginning; thence North 135 feet; thence West 300 feet; thence South 66.30 feet; thence South 89 degrees 07 minutes 30 seconds East 110 feet; thence South 68.70 feet; thence South 89 degrees 22 minutes 33 feet East 190 feet to the place of beginning.

Common Address - 5055 Mack Road

Said property is commonly known as 5055 Mack, Howell, MI 48855.

The redemption period shall be 12 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.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply:

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 COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY.

Dated: January 21, 2025

Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage:

Thomas E. McDonald (P39312)

Brock & Scott, PLLC

5431 Oleander Drive

Wilmington, NC 28403

PHONE: (844) 856-6646

File No. 24-38237

(01-26)(02-16)

(1-26, 2-2, 2-9 & 2-16-25 FNV)

NOTICE OF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

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

Said default under the Master Deed has resulted in the recordation of a "Notice of Lien for Nonpayment of Assessments" by Town Commons Master Association, said Notice of Lien for Nonpayment of Assessments being dated November 25, 2024, signed on November 25, 2024, and recorded on November 26, 2024, in Instrument No. 2024R-021729, Livingston County, Michigan, Register of Deeds (the "Lien") on which Lien there is claimed to be due, as of the date hereon, the sum of SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX AND 73/100 DOLLARS (\$6,946.73).

Under the power of sale contained in the Michigan Condominium Act of 1978, MCL 559.208(2), and Article II, Section 5 of the Condominium Bylaws, attached as part of said Master Deed, please take notice as follows: Notice of foreclosure by advertisement.

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Lien will be foreclosed by a sale of the lien premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on February 12, 2025. The amount due on the Lien may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the premises. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Said premises are located in the City of Howell, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and more particularly described as: Unit 120, Town Commons, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 3092, Pages 899 through 1036, both inclusive, Livingston County Records, and any amendments thereto, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 228, together with the rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above-described Master Deed, and any amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Owner(s) of Record: Toni Denise Popa

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

Parcel ID No. 4717-26-201-175

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

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale pursuant to MCL 559.208(2) unless the property is determined abandoned, then, in that event, the redemption period shall be one (1) month from the date of such sale pursuant to MCL 559.208(2), after which Toni Denise Popa and all persons claiming through or under her shall be forever barred from all equity of redemption. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, the owner, Toni Denise Popa, will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to Town Commons Master Association for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: January 6, 2025

By: Town Commons Master Association, a Michigan Nonprofit Corporation

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

Chantelle R. Neumann, Esq. Hirzel Law, PLC 37085 Grand River Avenue, Suite 200 Farmington, Michigan 48335

Phone: (248) 478-1800

Hirzel Law, PLC

File No. 17872

(01-12)(02-02)

(1-12, 1-19, 1-26 & 2-2-25 FNV)

Fowlerville student named to Kettering University Dean's List

Thomas Parker of Fowlerville was named to Kettering University's Fall 2024 Dean's List. Parker is majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

The Dean's List recognizes overall academic performance based on the student's term grade point average (GPA). To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must satisfy the following requirements: be a degree-seeking student with a minimum term grade point average of 3.5, no grades below B, and a minimum of 16 earned credits for the term.

"Being named to the Dean's List is a testament to the dedication and excellence of our students," Kettering

University Provost James Zhang said. "It reflects their hard work and their ability to thrive in a challenging academic environment. Our rigorous programs are designed for driven students to push boundaries and inspire growth. I am very proud that so many of our students have risen to that challenge with remarkable success."

More than 260 Kettering University students were named to the Fall 2024 Dean's List.

About Kettering University

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Michigan House Report

By Jason Woolford,
50th District

Hello ‘Fowlerville News & Views’ readers! This week was an eventful one in the world of politics. I was privileged to attend the inauguration for President Donald Trump on Monday, Jan. 20, and hear his remarks about what we can expect from his upcoming term. Before discussing the inauguration, however, I wanted to invite Fowlerville residents to an upcoming in-district office hour meeting I will be hosting soon.

On February 7th, I will be hosting a meet-and-greet in Fowlerville from 10:30am to 11:30am at the Feed Bag Café (590 S Grand Ave.). If you are unable to attend the Fowlerville meeting for whatever reason, I will also be hosting similar coffee chat meetings the same day at the Sunrise Family

Diner in Howell from 9am to 10am and at Leo’s Coney Island in Hartland from 12 noon to 1pm. The purpose of these meetings is for me to hear from anyone I represent who has thoughts, concerns, or questions they would like to share with me. I welcome anyone looking for a casual conversation with one of their elected representatives in Lansing to come and chat.



Jason and Maria Woolford were at the inaugural ceremony.

As one of only two of the Electoral College’s at-large electors in Michigan for President Trump, I proudly cast my vote for him at last month’s meeting of the presidential electors in Lansing. This week, I was able to see the results of that meeting come to fruition at the presidential inauguration. I attended the event along with Pastor Lorenzo Sewell from Detroit, who was one of the invocation speakers at the inaugural ceremony after also doing the invocation at last month’s meeting of the Electoral College in Michigan, where he and I met. I admire Pastor Sewell’s impassioned love for the Lord and how he fully displays his trust in God’s sovereignty over our people and our nation, and I am glad the rest of the nation got a chance to see that in his prayer on Monday.

I was also very pleased to hear the policy priorities mentioned in President Trump’s inaugural address, as they are very similar to the ones that other Michigan Republicans and I have prioritized for this term. The House Republicans regaining a majority in Michigan definitely mirrors the same shift in our political landscape that resulted in President Trump’s resounding electoral victory.

Americans are exhausted with progressive politicians’ disregard for the rule of law and their assault on our family, our children, and our constitutionally guaranteed freedoms. These concerns are what animated the America First movement and got Trump back into the White House, and they will be some of the highest priorities addressed by House Republicans this term. The content of the inaugural address included many of these concerns, articulated them in front of a national audience, and made it clear that they will be made the focus of elected Republicans’ work in the foreseeable future.

I hope to see you at my coffee hour in a couple of weeks! As always, please reach out to me if you have concerns you would like to share. You can call my office at (517) 373-3906 or email us at JasonWoolford@House.MI.Gov.

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IOSCO TOWNSHIP WINTER PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Winter 2024 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 Dec. 1st, 2024 to Feb. 18th, 2025. Please include the lower portion of your bill with payment.

The Treasurer’s office will be open on Thursdays from 1pm to 5pm, December 28th from 9am to 11am, Feb. 18th from 9am to 5pm, Feb. 28th from 9am 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

Amanda Bonville
Iosco Township Treasurer
(12-8-24 and 1-26-25 FNV)

Fowlerville High School News

OFFICE HOURS

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

Visitor Policy: All Fowlerville High School visitors will need to check in to the main office. During the school day, visitors who are accessing any part of the building will be required to provide formal identification. A copy of the identification will be made by the office staff. Visitors will be provided with a visitor pass and be escorted to their location. Visitors will need to check out at the main office prior to departing the building.

FHS Yearbook Sale is almost over, don't miss out on the 2024-2025 FHS yearbook. The deadline for orders is Feb. 15th. Go to jostens.com and use the discount code YRBK5 (\$5 off). Don't wait to order, last year we sold out!

FHS Class of 2024 Local Scholarship Winners:

Congratulations once again on your scholarship award. The deadline to request your scholarship is March 1st, 2025. Please submit your semester 1 transcript, semester 2 course schedule and the completed Scholarship Request Form to Mr. Hardenbrook: hardenbrookj@fowlervilleschools.org. The request form is available on the FHS Website-Counseling Department-Scroll to scholarship ribbon.

Senior parents – Cap and Gown for graduation 2025 online ordering – Jostens.com.

From the Assistant Principal and Attendance Office

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

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

Students are not allowed to park in the PAC lot.

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

All students must sign out of the HS in the Main Office when exiting the building.

Anyone wishing to donate to the Micro Food Pantry please go ahead and put canned goods etc. into the pantry. Self-serve and self-fill. The pantry is located on 2nd St and Grand River next to State Farm.

Fowlerville Varsity Girls Basketball Team loses close game to Williamston

The Fowlerville Varsity Girls Basketball Team lost a close league game to Williamston last Thursday, Jan. 16, by a score of 39-33. Mariah Kirby led the Gladiators with 12 points, while Tommi Kleinschmidt and Michaela Gullede scored 7 each.

The Gladiators are now 6-4 on the season and 2-3 in the CAAC Red.



Kreeger Elementary School News

CALENDAR OF KREEGER EVENTS

1-27-25 OK2Say Presentation
2-6-25 Student Council Meeting 3:40-4:40pm
2-17-25 NO SCHOOL
2-18-25 NO SCHOOL
2-19-25 KPTN Meeting 3:45-4:45pm
2-20-25 Student Council Meeting 3:40-4:40pm
3-3-25 Kreeger Spring Book Fair Starts
3-6-25 Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-7:30pm
3-7-25 Kreeger Spring Book Fair Ends
3-21-25 Spring Break Starts end of day
3-31-25 School Resumes

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LIVINGSTON COUNTY FARM BUREAU



Agenda

8:30 – 9am | Registration/Welcome

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

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

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

10 – 10:15am | Snack Break

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

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

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

Brian Jonckheere, Livingston County Drain Commissioner, Howell, MI

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

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

12:15 – 1pm | Lunch

Banquet style, Room A

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

Madelyn Celovsky, Conservation Agronomist Educator, MSU Extension

2 – 3pm | Navigation of Crop Damage Mitigation Procedures

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

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

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

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

Hannah Meyers, Southeast Regional Manager, Michigan Farm Bureau

Closing Comments/Questions



Discovering Buc-ee's on our way home from Florida

By Karen Grab

Ed and I drove to Sanibel Island in Florida this past December and on the way home, while driving on I-75, we saw quite a few signs urging motorists to stop at a place called Buc-ee's off Exit 144 in Georgia. Since many of the cars ahead of us were turning off at that exit, we followed them.

What we discovered was a travel center that featured a huge convenience store as well as over 50 gas pumps and many people using them. On the other hand, what we didn't see were any 18 wheelers as they are not allowed in. Buc-ee's, we learned, wants to be a family-oriented travel center rather than a truck stop. In addition, to all the gas pumps, there were charging stations for electric vehicles and a car wash.

The Buc-ee's we stopped at is located in Warner Robins, Georgia. We took several pictures of this interesting place.

We noticed that the beef jerky was popular, along with the brisket beef sandwiches. The biggest seller is the beaver nuggets (sweet crunchy corn puffs coated in a caramelized sugar glaze). Homemade fudge, pastries, drinks, theme sweatshirts, pajamas, and activity books were also available... There is so much you can buy here.

An added plus are the large clean bathrooms.

The next day on our journey from Florida to Michigan we saw another Buc-ee's—this one at Exit 83 in Richmond, Kentucky. We had to stop again and got another look at the bathrooms and merchandise. We took pictures of each of us at the store, standing next to a truck loaded with Buc-ee Beaver-

stuffed toys and bought a couple of souvenir sweatshirts and t-shirts.

There is no eating in the store as the food is packaged 'to go.' It is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

I subsequently learned that Arch "Beaver" Aplin III was just 23 when he opened his first Buc-ee's in Clute, Texas, a small town outside of Houston. The date was 1982. He expanded from there, naming the chain of convenience stores and gas stations by combining his childhood nickname 'Beaver' and his beloved dog 'Buck' and used a cartoon character 'Bucky Beaver' as its mascot.

There are now 50 locations in nine states—Texas, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, South Carolina, Kentucky, Missouri and Colorado. More are planned. As the stores edge northward, Michigan will likely join the list with its own Buc-ee's.



Exit 144 in Georgia.



Cars going to Buc-ee's.



The sweatshirt we bought.



Buc-ee's nuggets.



Inflatables of Buc-ee's.



On our way out of the store we saw this job sign.



There are a total of 120 gas pumps at the Warner Robins, GA and Richmond, KY stores.



Selection of meats and sweets.



Buc-ee's merchandise.



Karen with the Buc-ee's display.



U.S. Congress Report

By Tom Barrett,
7th District, U.S. House of Representatives

Named to Influential House Committees, Tapped as Subcommittee Chairman

Congressman Tom Barrett (MI-07) has been selected to serve on the influential House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs for the 119th Congress. Additionally, Barrett has been named Chairman of the Subcommittee on Technology Modernization within the Veterans' Affairs Committee, where he will oversee efforts to improve the Department of Veterans Affairs' technology infrastructure and modernization initiatives.

"It is an honor to serve on these important committees in the House of Representatives where I will have the unique opportunity to improve Michigan's infrastructure and advocate for our veterans," said Barrett. "As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, I am committed to delivering for those who served our country and doing everything in my power to ensure the VA's systems produce only the highest standard of care. I'm grateful to Chairman Bost and Chairman Graves for the opportunity and look forward to getting to work."

The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure plays a crucial role in shaping policies related to transportation, highways, railroads, aviation, and water resources. As a member, Barrett will be a strong advocate for modernizing Michigan's roads, bridges, and transit systems while ensuring that federal investments support economic growth and job creation in the state. Additionally, he will work to enhance and expand operations at Lansing's Capital Region International Airport, ensuring it remains a key hub for commerce, travel, and economic development in mid-Michigan.

"I'm excited to add a fellow pilot to the committee in Congressman Barrett, and we will draw on the expertise he developed as Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman in the Michigan Senate," said Chairman Sam Graves (R-MO). "He will bring to the table valuable real-world experience as we work this Congress to build America's infrastructure, improve the efficiency of our transportation systems, and ensure that taxpayer dollars dedicated to improving infrastructure are used wisely."

The House Committee on Veterans' Affairs is responsible for legislative oversight of the Department of Veterans Affairs and policies affecting America's veterans. Barrett, a 22 year U.S. Army veteran, has been a steadfast advocate for ensuring veterans receive the care, support, and benefits they have earned.

"Veterans in Michigan and across the country are lucky to have my fellow veteran and colleague, Rep. Tom Barrett, fighting for opportunity for them on the VA Committee," said Chairman Mike Bost (R-IL). "Tom knows what it means to serve and brings a wealth of knowledge to the Committee from his over 20 years in the Army, to his service in the state legislature, he knows firsthand the issues veterans and their families face. I have no doubt that Tom will lead our Subcommittee on Technology Modernization in the right direction to propel VA into the modern, fiscally responsible, and quick delivery of care and benefits today and tomorrow's veterans have earned."

Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team drops league game to Williamston

The Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team dropped a league game to Williamston on Friday, Jan. 17, by a score of 76-60. Wyatt Soli led the Glads with 16 points, Dylan Soli added 13 and Sam Shrader had 10. Fowlerville is now 2-11 overall and 0-5 in the CAAC Red Division.

THERE ARE TWO ROAD BLOCKS THAT WILL PREVENT US FROM SEEKING A SPIRITUAL SOLUTION

1. "SELF-JUSTIFICATION": (TRYING TO PROVE WE ARE RIGHT).
2. "SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS": (A BELIEF THAT WE ARE BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE)

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

Everyday thoughts that create feelings of helplessness in our lives. Scripture proves, the "Word of God" will always provide an answer.

Thoughts to Ponder: There are aggressive sins of commission, and passive sins of omission. There are wrong things we do, and there are right things we don't do.

A relationship may be destroyed by speaking thoughtless words as well as omitting kind words of appreciation that could have been spoken.

Scripture: *And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.* (Colossians 3:17)

Thoughts to Ponder: A passive person thinks he is doing nothing wrong because he is doing nothing. Confronted with his error, he will say, "I didn't do anything!" His analysis is correct, but his behavior is not. The problem arose precisely because he did nothing. The first step to overcoming passivity is to ask God to renew our mind.

Scripture: *Throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.* (Ephesians 4:22-23)

Thoughts to Ponder: When we are in a weakened state due to inactivity, beginning to change is difficult. When a believer had been inactive in any area, that area begins to

atrophy. The longer he does nothing, the less he wants to do anything.

Scripture: *Do not waste your time arguing over godless ideas and old wives tales, instead train yourselves to be godly. Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.*

(1 Timothy 4:7-8)

Submitted by Deandra (Dora Ann Smith)

New Worship Dates for Trinity & Plainfield United Methodist churches

Trinity United Methodist Church & Plainfield United Methodist Church are now holding alternating Sunday worship services. Service at both churches will begin at 9:15am on Sunday mornings.

--February 2 at Trinity UMC

--February 9 at Plainfield UMC

--February 16 at Trinity UMC

--February 23 at Plainfield UMC

Paula Vergowven is the new pastor at both churches. She is also the pastor at the Webberville United Methodist Church.

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Michigan Governor's Report

By Gretchen Whitmer

Tips on Staying Safe & Warm

With sub-zero temperatures and difficult driving conditions that occurred for a few days last week, I want to make sure everyone has the resources and information they need to stay safe and warm for the rest of this winter.

Michiganders can all handle a little snow and ice, but we must take precautions to keep ourselves, our families, and our communities safe. By using and sharing the resources below, we can get through these cold conditions together.

Protect Yourself- Be 'Winterwise'

Given the risk of icy roads and extremely low temperatures is occurring at anytime, the Michigan State Police encourages Michiganders to make a plan for winter weather emergency preparedness. To learn more about how to prepare for winter weather emergencies, check out the MIREADY Winter Weather Preparedness page at michigan.gov/miready.

Driving during bad winter weather is not recommended, but often unavoidable. If you have to drive in bad conditions, drive slowly and stock your car with emergency supplies.

Cold Weather Safety Tips

To stay safe during this extreme cold, the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division recommends the following:

- Limit time outdoors. If you must go outside, wear several layers of warm clothing and watch for signs of frostbite or hypothermia.
- Frostbite symptoms: Numbness, loss of feeling, pale or waxy skin, especially on the face, fingers, and toes.
- Hypothermia symptoms: Shivering, exhaustion, confusion, slurred speech, or drowsiness.
- Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Use generators and grills only outdoors and away from windows. Never use a gas stovetop or oven to heat your home.

- Avoid overexertion. Shoveling snow can put extra strain on your heart, so take it easy and avoid sudden bursts of activity.
- Check on others. Older adults, young children, and pets are especially vulnerable to extreme cold and should be checked on regularly. Keep pets indoors.
- Prepare for travel emergencies. If you must drive, ensure your gas tank is full and your vehicle is stocked with an emergency kit, including warm clothing, blankets, gloves, hats, and a phone charger.
- If you become stranded, stay with your vehicle and wait for help rather than attempting to walk in the cold.

Be "Winterwise"

The Michigan Public Service Commission offers excellent tips on how we can all be proactive about conserving energy and being "winterwise." Some of these tips include:

Shut-Off Protection – Senior citizens, low-income customers, those with a medical emergency or in critical care, and military personnel may qualify for heat shut-off protection. Contact your utility company for more information.

Plan Ahead – Many utility companies have Budget Billing Plans that can spread out your peak winter heating bills, allowing for a more affordable monthly bill during the heating season. Contact your utility company for more information.

Request Assistance – Qualifying seniors and low-income customers may be eligible for financial assistance. Call 2-1-1 or visit mi211.org to learn about agencies in your county that can help you with your utility bill.

Be Proactive – Contact your utility company as soon as you know you will be unable to pay your bill on time. Do not wait for a shut-off notice.

Be Helpful – Share this information with family and friends! If you are able, you can donate to organizations that provide energy assistance for families in need.

Utility Assistance Plans

Winter can become stressful with high utility costs. Low-income Michiganders may qualify for assistance through MEAP. We are prepared to ensure everyone across the state stays warm this winter.

State Emergency Relief – State Emergency Relief is a crisis intervention program that provides assistance for energy-related expenses like heating fuel, electricity, and home repairs. Those who can demonstrate need are encouraged to apply online through MI Bridges.

Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) – The Michigan Public Service Commission administers the MEAP. The purpose of the MEAP is to establish and administer statewide programs that provide energy assistance and self-sufficiency services to eligible low-income households. To seek help, contact 2-1-1 or your utility company to find programs in your area.

Weatherization Assistance Program – The Weatherization Assistance Program provides free home energy-conservation services to low-income Michigan homeowners and renters. These services can reduce energy use and lower utility bills. Some of the services include insulation, air leakage reduction, smoke detectors, and dryer venting. These services are conducted by local Community Action Agencies and non-profit organizations. You can contact your local weatherization operator to start the application process.

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St. Agnes sponsoring Firekeepers Casino bus trip on Feb. 12th

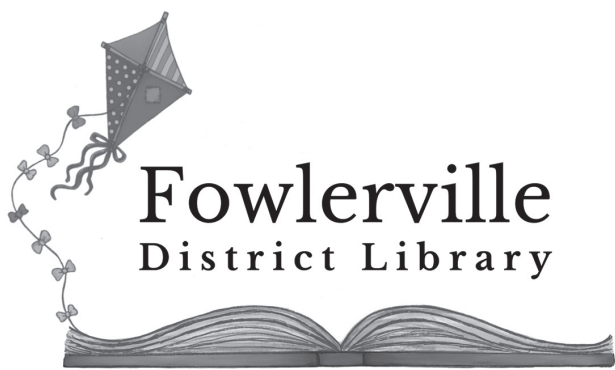
St. Agnes Catholic Church's next scheduled bus trip to Firekeepers Casino will be Wednesday, Feb. 12th. We will be offering a full hot breakfast at 9:00am, at St. Agnes Church, 855 E Grand River Avenue, Fowlerville, in the Lothamer Parish Center prior to departing at 10:00am, on Wednesday morning.

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

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

First come first served, and ALL are welcome to join us for a fun day out!





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

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Family Storytime (Ages 1-5)

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Toddler Storytime (Ages 0-3)

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Kids Club (Ages 6-12)

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Graphic Novel Book Club

Read the book and then come to discuss it. Snacks provided. Books available at the front desk and are yours to keep. Next meeting, we will discuss THE NIGHT LIBRARIAN by Christopher Lincoln.

Book Boxes (All ages)

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

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Switch Free Play (Ages 10-18)

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January Create! (Ages 13 and up)

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ADULTS

Find Your People at the Library

We are thrilled to continue this popular working group to explore the Ancestry Library Edition and other valuable genealogy resources. Bring your laptop or use one of our computers. Registration Requested.

Tues., Feb. 18 • 1-2:30 pm

Jam Session (Adults and teens)

Open Jam Sessions are becoming a monthly tradition here at the library. Led by community members who love to learn, share and connect; all levels, instruments and genres are welcome! Newcomers are encouraged to lead tunes when they feel called. Song leads call out chords and changes. Questions? Email kjdamerow@gmail.com, OPENJAM in the subject line. Tues., Feb. 18 • 5:30 – 7:00pm

Cardmaking (Adults)

Greet your friends and loved ones with beautiful homemade greeting cards-made by you! You will make four different cards to take home. All supplies included. Registration is required. Thurs., Feb. 27 • 6:30pm & Fri., Feb. 28 • 11am

Scrapbooking (Adults)

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

Sat., Feb. 15 • 10:30am – 3:30pm

Shelf Indulgence Book Club (Adults)

We're excited about the new format for our monthly afternoon book club. Members will take turns facilitating the discussions. Come and enjoy some literary camaraderie! Register to get a free copy of the book, while supplies last. Registration begins one month before each scheduled meeting. Next up we will discuss HUSBANDS AND LOVERS by Beatriz Williams.

Thurs., Feb. 20 • 2pm

Sewing (Adults)

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

Wed., Feb. 19 • 5:30-8pm & Friday Feb. 14 • 10-2pm

Valentine Sensory Bins (Adults)

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

Olympic Night with Adam Coon

Hometown hero, Adam Coon, will be here to share his experience representing the USA in the Greco Roman Wrestling event at the 2024 Paris Olympics. You won't want to miss this special evening. Wednesday, Feb. 26 • 5:30pm

The Secret Love Life of Birds

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

FDL Oral History Project

Record your history with us as we capture the memories and stories of our residents. Call to schedule an audio interview, which can be done by a family member or staff and can include video. Recordings will become part of the FDL historical collection.

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JV Girls Basketball Team hits rough patch against Williamston, Okemos

The Fowlerville Junior Varsity Basketball Team hit a rough patch in games played earlier in the month. They fell to Williamston on Thursday, Jan. 16, by a score of 51-7 and were beaten earlier in the week by Okemos, 45-14.

The Glads were led by Danykah Muck with four points against the Hornets, with Kendra Peterson adding two points and Anja Ott a point.

CJ Checchi was the top scorer for Fowlerville in the Okemos game, tallying five points. Ella Shaw had four, Josie Kaitner and Anja Ott two points each, and Josie Ratliff a point.

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From left, Becky Goodman, a teacher at Webberville, and Elementary Principal Jason Kubiak are pictured with Ryan Kramer from Riding Towards Success and Ingham County Sheriff Officer Rashaan Allen.

Webberville Elementary students receive bikes & helmets thanks to community support

An exciting collaboration between local organizations and Webberville Elementary School is giving students in the special education program the chance to ride bikes and develop new skills.

Becky Goodman, a teacher at Webberville Elementary, reached out to Riding Towards Success, an organization dedicated to providing bikes and related resources to children in need. She initially sought helmets for her special education students, as the school had recently purchased two bikes for the program. With the goal of providing every student with their own helmet, Goodman was thrilled when the organization responded with enthusiasm.

In their first drop-off, Riding Towards Success provided

several pieces of equipment, in collaboration with donations from Scooter's Pro Cycle. They were able to provide two helmets, a glide bike, and a training-wheeled bike to complement the bikes the school already had.

"My students can often be seen riding bikes through the elementary school hallways to practice their skills and get some exercise," said Goodman. "The students love bike riding and we are so grateful for the support!"

The organization has committed to continuing their support, planning to deliver additional helmets in the coming weeks, ensuring every student can practice their riding skills safely. Riding bikes allows the students to not only improve their physical abilities but also gain confidence and a sense of independence, two skills vital to positive growth and development.

For more information on Riding Towards Success, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61554859233219>



Senior Spotlight—Meadow Loftis

By Lillyan Davis

"Seize every opportunity to spend time with your friends, as those moments will become the cherished memories you share with your children. Enjoy yourself, but remember to stay focused and always lay the groundwork for a promising future and a positive senior year."

Meadow Loftis is the daughter of David and Katie Leal, the younger sister of Jillian, a 2019 Webberville graduate, and Raymond Loftis Ariez. She is also the older sister of Uriah Leal. Meadow attended Webberville for 1st through 8th grades and returned for her senior year.

One of Meadow's favorite high school memories is attending the fall awards ceremony, where she received an award from Lonny Norton for her role as the golf manager. Norton made her feel included and valued, even though she wasn't a playing member of the team. His kindness left a lasting impression on her.

Among her classes, Meadow's favorite has been art, explaining that the reason is "because everyone was so nice, and I enjoyed spending time with my friends." Mr. Wilson,

her art teacher, noted, "Meadow is a very creative person, and I enjoy having her in class."

In her spare time, Meadow enjoys a variety of hobbies, including 4-H, farm work, and hanging out with friends and family. Her dedication to 4-H, where she shows dairy feeders and dairy steers, began in her childhood.

When she isn't focused on her interests, you can often find her chatting with her friend and fellow senior, Emma.

Emma shared that "Meadow has always been there for me, even after she changed schools. Despite the distance, we maintained our friendship from our days in softball and school. It's a wonderful quality to find in a friend."

Williamston's Farmers Market holding bottle-can collection on Sunday, Feb. 2

Support the Eastern Ingham Farmer's Market by donating your Michigan-returnable bottles and cans on Sunday, Feb. 2nd. Pick-up dates are scheduled twice a month during the off-season, anytime between 11am and 1pm, in the large parking lot of McCormick Park, at 123 High Street over the next few months.

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

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

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

Williamston Area Senior Center

500 Williamston Center Road - 517-655-5173

January-February 2025 Events

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

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

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

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

Monday, Feb. 3rd: Cards 9am - 11:45am, Blood Pressure Screening at 10am, Chair Exercise at 10:30am, and Kirt Wilson from *Happy Home Services* presents at 12:30pm.

Tuesday, Feb. 4th: Cards 9am - 11:45am, Bingo with Nila from Independence Village at 12:30pm.

Wednesday, Feb. 5th: Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 10:30am, and Chair Volleyball at 12:30pm.

Thursday, Feb. 6th: Cards 9am - 11:45am, BIRTHDAY BASH, Chair Exercise at 10:30am, and Drum Circle with Ian at 12:30pm.

Monday, Feb. 10th: Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 10:30am, and Johanna from McDaniels Kitchen & Bath presents 'Staying Safe in Your Home' at 12:30pm.

Tuesday, Feb. 11th: Cards 9am - 11:45am, Lunch with a WASC Board Member, and Williamston CADL cookie decorating with us at 12:30pm.

Wednesday, Feb. 12th: Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 10:30pm, and Amy presents her 'Peaceful Accompaniment' Trip with Meta Peace Team at 12:30pm.

Thursday, Feb. 13th: Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 10:30am, and Card making with Sandra at 12:30pm.

Monday, Feb. 17th: Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Massage at 10am, Chair Exercise at 10:30am, Cards & Games with WHS Varsity Girls Basketball Team at 12:30pm.

Tuesday, Feb. 18th: Cards 9am - 11:45am, Craft with Nikki at 12:30pm.

Wednesday, Feb. 19th: Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 10:30am, and Yoga for All at 12:30pm.

Thursday, Feb. 20th: Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 10:30am, and the Senior Class Band performs at 12:30pm.

Monday, Feb. 24th: Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 10:30am, Williamston CADL Tech Support 11am - noon, and Dr. LaBerge presents 'Dementia Care' at 12:30pm.

Tuesday, Feb. 25th: Cards 9am - 11:45am, Mind Benders with Jackie at 12:30pm.

Wednesday, Feb. 26th: Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 10:30am, and Yahtzee Game and Leaderboard at 12:30pm.

Thursday, Feb. 27th: Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 10:30am, and Book Club meets to discuss 'All the Light We Cannot See' by Anthony Doerr at 12:30pm.

IOSCO TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED MINUTES January 16th, 2025

The regular meeting of the Iosco Township Board was held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. Members Present: Bonnville, Dailey, Harman, Miller, & Parker. The following action was taken: 1) Motion to approve the agenda. 2) Supervisor's comments 3) 1st. Call to the Public: The public was heard from. 4) Motion to adopt the proposed Regular Meeting Minutes from 12/19/2024. 5) Clerk's report. 6) Treasurer's report. 7) Motion to pay \$41,658.33 in Township bills. 8) Fire Board and Recreation updates were heard. 9) Planning Commission update was heard. 10) Assessor & Zoning Administrator's report was heard 11) Motion to accept the Policy and Procedure for the Public Inspection and Copying of the Assessor's Office Public Records In Lieu of Customary Business Hours. 12) 2nd Call to the Public: The public was heard from. 13) Motion to adjourn at 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Dailey
Iosco Township Clerk
(1-26-25 FNV)

Williamston Theatre starts 2025 with a beautiful, fatherhood-centered story

Williamston Theatre is starting off 2025 with the Michigan Premiere of *A Case for the Existence of God* by Samuel D. Hunter. Performances for this production begin Thursday, February 6 and run through Sunday, March 16. Tickets are now on sale.

Inside an Idaho office cubicle, yogurt-plant worker Ryan and mortgage broker Keith couldn't be more different. They unexpectedly discover one thing they have in common – they are single fathers of toddler daughters. Ryan, white and divorced, wants to buy a plot of land that his family once owned, with dreams of making a stable life for his daughter. Keith, Black and gay, is dealing with challenges to his hopes of adopting his foster daughter. With humor, empathy, and deep compassion, playwright Samuel D. Hunter intertwines these two lives in a story about fatherhood, family, and friendship. Contains mature language.

The schedule for the first week of performances: Thursday and Friday at 7:30PM, Saturday and Sunday at 2:00PM. The schedule for the remaining performances: Thursday at 2:00PM, Friday at 7:30PM, Saturday at 2:00PM and 7:30PM, Sunday at 2:00PM. The first four performances of *A Case for the Existence of God* are Preview performances where audience members will have the opportunity to take part in a talkback session with the director following each performance. The Official Opening Night is Friday, February 14 at 7:30PM. The Conversation Sunday is March 9 immediately following the 2:00PM performance.

Tickets are Pay-What-You-Wish for the Preview on Thursday, February 6. Remaining Preview tickets are \$22.00. Starting Thursday, February 13 tickets for all performances are \$44. Senior citizens (65+) and members of the Military (active and retired) receive a \$2 discount on all tickets except Previews. Student tickets (with a valid student ID) are \$10 for all performances. Ticket prices for patrons 30 or under are \$30 (with valid ID). Discounts are also available for groups of 10 or more (booked at least 1 week in advance through the Box Office).

Tickets can be purchased Tuesday - Friday from 12-5pm by calling (517) 655-SHOW (7469) or ordered on-line up until 1 hour prior to the performance by visiting our website www.williamstontheatre.org. There is a \$1 per ticket processing fee on all tickets. Payment is required at the time the reservation is made. Patrons are responsible for knowing and understanding all ticket policies which are available on our website (www.williamstontheatre.org/general-ticket-information).

Williamston Theatre is located at 122 S. Putnam Street in downtown Williamston (exit 117 off I-96) just south of Grand River Avenue. Additional information about the company and the 2024-2025 Season is available online at www.williamstontheatre.org or by calling (517) 655-SHOW (7469).

Visitors can win a Valentine's Day prize at the Webberville Library

Visitors to the Webberville Public Library can win a box of candy by coming to the Library and completing an entry for a drawing. Several winners will be selected for this drawing sponsored by Friends of the Webberville Library.

Entries will be accepted starting Monday, Jan. 27 until Friday, Feb. 12 at 5:00 pm. One entry per visit and only one winner per family. Please enter and have a happy Valentine's Day.



Livingston County Genealogical Society holding meeting on Feb. 6th in Howell

The Livingston County Genealogical Society will hold an in-person meeting on Thursday, Feb. 6th at 7pm at the First United Methodist Church in Howell, 1230 Bower Street. We will also offer a zoom link to this meeting; the link may be found on our Facebook page the week of the meeting. All are welcome.

The guest speaker is James Jackson who will talk about "Fold 3: Military Records". With over 500 million images, there are records of soldiers serving in every conflict from the American Revolution to the Iraq, Afghanistan and Persian Gulf Wars. But there is much more than just military records on Fold 3 and much of it is available from home for free.

Jackson speaks regionally and nationally on many topics, many of them military related. He has served as president of the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, the Oakland County Genealogical Society and the Calhoun County Genealogical Society. He has been the Index Editor of the DSGR Magazine since 1994 and is past-Commander of Camp 22 (Battle Creek, MI) Sons of Union Veterans. In 2006, he was awarded the Lucy Mary Kellogg Award by the Michigan Genealogical Society.



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Dinner: \$25 suggested donation **Euchre:** \$20 per person
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For more info and to RSVP see the [Grit and Grace Facebook event!](#)

For online donations to help support Tammy
<https://glimmersfortammy.squarespace.com/>

Organized by the FHS Class of '86



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

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

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

New this year, the Secretary of State Mobile Office will be on-site and provide a variety of services.

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

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

The event will offer many valuable resources for Livingston County residents. Some of the free services will include health screenings, haircuts, legal services, and information on topics like housing, utility programs, and basic needs. Many free resources will be available as well. Those who attend can pick up personal care items, winter gear, laundry detergent, diapers, food, and more.

No registration is needed to attend, and families are more than welcome! (Please note that childcare will not be provided.) Thank you to 2|24 Community Church for hosting the event and the following sponsors who make Community Connect possible, Livingston Sunrise Rotary, Brighton Masonic Lodge, and the Livingston County Homeless Continuum of Care.

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

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Letter to the Editor

Thanking Senator Stabenow for Service

I am writing to thank Senator Debbie Stabenow for her many years of service as a State Legislator and as a member of the U.S. House and then U.S. Senate. I am thankful for all the federal funding that she (and Senator Peters) was able to get passed for Michigan, for the Great Lakes, and all of the other projects that helped Michigan and the surrounding states, for that matter the Nation. She has given so much of her life to us. I know that I appreciate her. I hope that you do too.

Respectfully,
Peggy L Van Sickle
Brighton

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on February 19, 2025.

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

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

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

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 23, 2021

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

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

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

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

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

Date of notice: 01/19/2025

Potestivo & Associates, P.C.

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248-853-4400

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(01-19)(02-09)

(1-19, 1-26, 2-2 & 2-9-25 FNV)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE

TO ALL PURCHASERS - A lien has been recorded on behalf of Hometown Village of Marion Association. The lien was executed on April 26, 2024 and recorded on May 3, 2024, as Instrument No. 2024R-007580, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Four Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Seven Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents (\$4,287.74).

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Under the power of sale contained in the recorded Condominium Documents and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212 that the lien will be foreclosed by a sale of the property described below, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, 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, March 5, 2025, at 10:00 AM, Eastern Standard Time.

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

The name of the record property owner is Paul Lewis and Hannah Lewis, and is situated in the Township of Marion, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 4, of Hometown Village of Marion, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2812, Page 215 et seq., Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 198. Sidwell No. 10-11-201-004

Commonly known as: 88 Champlain Blvd., Howell, Michigan 48843

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

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

Dated: January 16, 2025

Hometown Village of Marion Association

c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC

Sarah R. Karl

30140 Orchard Lake Road

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

248 671 0140

(01-26)(02-23)

(1-26, 2-2, 2-9, 2-16 & 2-23-25 FNV)

Attention homeowner:

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

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on FEBRUARY 5, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

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

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Livingston County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on FEBRUARY 5, 2025.

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

6298 Fonda Lake Drive, Brighton, Michigan 48116

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

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

Dated: January 5, 2025

File No. 24-014910

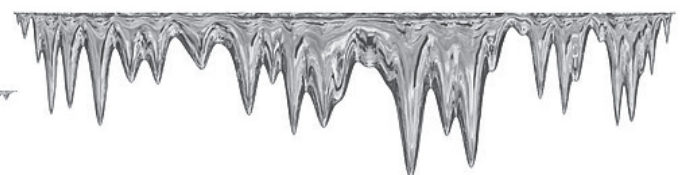
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Michigan House Speaker announces updated plan to fund roads

Speaker of the House Matt Hall has released an updated plan to fund roads with more than \$3.1 billion in annual revenue without raising taxes. Speaker Hall began the discussion on fixing Michigan roads by proposing a \$2.7 billion plan in November. With strong tax revenues and additional time to investigate current funding, Hall's plan is now a stronger and more detailed \$3.145 billion plan that still focuses primarily on local roads.

Speaker Hall's plan in November permanently dedicated \$1.7 billion in funding from the Corporate Income Tax (CIT). After significant review, that total is now up to \$2.2 billion, and specific line items have now been identified, leading to a more detailed and for the roads.

By The Numbers:

\$3.145 Billion Annually

-- \$2.2 billion from the Corporate Income Tax, offset in the following way:

- * \$500 million from eliminating outdated and costly MEGA credits

- * \$500 million from preventing legislative earmarks, based on average annual spending levels of nearly \$600 million

- * \$600 million in ongoing general funds from higher than expected tax returns after the state's revenue estimating conference last week

- * \$500 million that had been set aside for automatic deposits into the corporate attraction (SOAR) fund. Those deposits sunset next year, freeing up this funding in the budget. Future SOAR deposits will now need to be sold to the Legislature on the merits and on a case-by-case basis.

- * \$50 million that had been set aside for automatic deposits into a corporate placemaking (RAP) fund that are set to expire.

- * \$50 million that had been set aside for automatic deposits into a community development fund (HCDF) that are set to expire.

-- \$945 million from permanently dedicating all taxes paid at the pump to road funding

- * The plan removes the sales tax on gas and replaces it with a revenue-neutral motor fuel tax, which goes entirely to roads. Drivers will see no difference, but roads will receive more repair funds.

- * \$700 million to ensure school funding is not impacted by this shift will come from permanently dedicating sales tax revenue.

--The plan focuses more funding onto local roads that have been neglected for far too long.

--The plan includes zero new taxes and no new bonds that increase the taxpayers' long-term debt.

Crucial investments in water and sewer infrastructure, as well as the establishment of a Public Safety Trust Fund, guaranteeing ongoing support for law enforcement and emergency services across the state will also be key pillars of

priority for House Republicans. Additionally, transparency reforms will be front and center during the 103rd Legislature – House Republicans will target earmarks, lame-duck reform, and the revolving door between government and the lobbying industry to ensure that the people's business is done with full accountability.

"Ensuring value for taxpayer dollars is important to the people we represent, and our priorities reflect that by targeting inefficiencies and waste," said Speaker Hall. "Roads and infrastructure are top priorities, and our budget choices should reflect that. We are committed to restoring trust in government through smart, transparent reforms that prioritize the well-being of every citizen."

NIESA Fire Report (Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority)

On Wednesday January 15, 2025 NIESA responded to nine calls. Two calls were in Leroy Township with one being a citizen assist and one a vehicle accident on the corner of Grand River Ave and M-52. Two calls were in Williamstown Township with both being fire responses. Four calls were in the City of Williamston with three being medical responses and one a citizen assist. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a vehicle accident on I-96.

On Thursday January 16, 2025 NIESA responded to seven calls. Three calls were in the City of Williamston with all being medical responses. One call was in Williamstown Township for a medical response. Two calls were in Leroy Township with both being medical responses. One call was in Locke Township also for a medical response.

On Friday January 17, 2025 NIESA responded to three calls. All three responses were medical calls, with one in the City of Williamston, the second in Williamstown Township, and the third in Leroy Township.

On Saturday January 18, 2025 NIESA responded to three calls. Two calls were medical responses, with one in Leroy Township and the other in Wheatfield Township. The third response was for a carbon monoxide alarm activation in Williamstown Township.

On Sunday January 19, 2025 NIESA responded to one call. It was a medical response in the City of Williamston.

On Monday January 20, 2025 NIESA responded to three calls. Two of the calls were medical responses with one in the City of Williamston and the other in Leroy Township. The third call was in Wheatfield Township for a vehicle accident on westbound I-96 at Zimmer Road.

On Tuesday January 21, 2025 NIESA responded to four calls. Two of the calls were medical responses with both being in the City of Williamston. The remaining calls were vehicle accidents in Leroy Township, with one occurring on westbound I-96 at Dietz Road and the second at Grand River and M-52.

Two more candidates announce plans to run for governor

Two more candidates have announced their plans to run for governor. Aric Nesbit, the Minority Leader in the State Senate, recently launched his bid for the Republican nomination, and Jocelyn Benson, the Secretary of State, this past week unveiled her intention to gain the Democratic Party nomination.

They join Mike Duggan, the Detroit mayor, who said he is running for governor as an independent.

Other Republican and Democratic Party candidates are expected to join the field. The current Michigan governor, Gretchen Whitmer, is midway through her second four-year term and can not run again due to term limits.

Plainfield United Methodist Church hosting 'take out only' chicken supper

Plainfield United Methodist Church is hosting a 'take out only' chicken supper on Saturday, Feb. 8th from 5pm until sold out. Church is located on M-36 north of Gregory. Free will offering.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

CASE NO. and JUDGE

25-23146-DE Hon. Miriam A. Cavanaugh

Court address

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

Court telephone no. (517) 546-3750

Estate of Philip Edward Prystash

Date of Birth:*

TO ALL CREDITORS:**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Philip Edward Prystash, died 12/06/2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Mathew Philip Prystash, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 204 S Highlander Way, #2, Howell, MI 48843 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 1/13/2025

Attorney

Michael J. Leavitt (P45336)

P.O. Box 5490

Northville, MI 48167

(248) 349-3980

Personal representative

Mathew Philip Prystash

405 S Third Street

Brighton, MI 48116

(810) 599-2647

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Trust

The Donna I. Losey Revocable Living Trust dated October 20, 2009

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Donna I. Losey died on January 16, 2025.

No probate estate has been opened and no personal representative has been appointed.

Creditors of the decedent and/or Trust are notified that all claims against Donna I. Losey and/or The Donna I. Losey Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Gary R. Losey, Successor Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: January 23, 2025

Attorney for Trustee:

Tara A. Pearson, Law Offices of Parker and Parker

704 E. Grand River, P.O. Box 888

Howell, Michigan 48844-0888; (517) 546-4864

Trustee:

Gary R. Losey

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Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

What Happens to Your Debt When You Die?

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can my kids inherit my debt after I die? I have taken on a lot of credit card debt over the past 10 years or so, and I'm worried that my son and daughter will get stuck with it when I die.

Indebted Senior

Dear Indebted,

In most cases when a person with debt dies, it's their estate, not their kids, that is legally responsible. Here's what you should know.

Debt After Death

When you die, your estate – which consists of the stuff you own while you're alive (property, investments and cash) – will be responsible for paying your debts. If you don't have enough cash to pay your debts, your kids will have to sell your assets and pay off your creditors with the proceeds.

Whatever is left over is passed along to your heirs as dictated by the terms of your will, if you have one. If you don't have a will, the intestacy laws of the state you reside in will determine how your estate will be distributed.

If, however, you die broke, or there isn't enough money left over to pay your “unsecured debts” – credit cards, medical bills, personal loans – then your estate is declared insolvent, and your creditors will have to eat the loss.

“Secured debts” – loans attached to an asset such as a house or a car – are a different story. If you have a mortgage or car loan when you die, those monthly payments will need to be made by your estate or heirs, or the lender can seize the property.

There are, however, a couple of exceptions that would make your kids legally responsible for your debt after you pass away. One is if your son and/or daughter is a joint holder on a credit card account that you owe on. And the other is if either one of them co-signed a loan with you.

Spouses Beware

If you're married, these same debt inheritance rules apply to surviving spouses too, unless you live in a community property state, which includes Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin. In these states, any debts that one spouse acquires after the start of a marriage belongs to the other spouse too. Therefore, spouses in community property states are usually responsible for their deceased spouses' debts.

Protected Assets

If you have any IRAs, 401(k)s, brokerage accounts, life insurance policies or employer-based pension plans, these are assets that creditors usually cannot get access to. That's because these accounts typically have designated beneficiaries, and the money goes directly to those people without passing through the estate.

Settling the Estate

You should also make your kids aware that if you die with debt, and you have no assets, settling your estate will be fairly simple. Your executor will need to send out letters to your creditors explaining the situation, including a copy of your death certificate, and that will probably take care of it. But your kids may still have to deal with aggressive debt collectors who try to guilt them into paying.

If you have some assets, but not enough to pay all your debts, your state's probate court has a distinct list of what bills get priority. The details vary by state, but generally estate administering fees, funeral expenses, taxes and last illness medical bills get paid first, followed by secured debts and lastly, credit card debts.

Need Legal Help?

If you or your kids have questions or need legal assistance, contact a consumer law attorney or probate attorney. If you can't afford a lawyer, go to LawHelp.org to search for free legal help in your area.

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.

NOTICE OF SALE

A liquidation sale will be held on **February 11, 2025** @ **11:00am** to dispense of the items stored in:

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HANDY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025

The regular meeting of the Handy Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Hinton at 7:06 P.M. Trustees present: Clerk Eisele, Trustees Munsell & Redinger and Treasurer Shear. Absent: None. Also present: Twp. Atty.-Homier (via Zoom), Twp. Eng.-Darga and resident: Chuck Wright. Meeting was opened with a Moment of Silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- To approve the agenda as presented.
- To approve the minutes of 12-16-24 as presented.
- To pay the bills in the amount of \$109,461.36 and authorize the budget transfer.
- To approve additional hours for temporary help in assessor's office.
- To request written report from Assessor.
- To postpone discussion of payment for RBC work until the Feb. meeting.
- To adjourn meeting at 8:20 P.M.

Laura A. Eisele
Handy Township Clerk
(1-26-25 FNV)

General Enrollment Period for Medicare Part B

By Hillary Hatch,

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

If you did not apply for Medicare Part B (medical insurance) within 3 months before or after turning age 65, you have another chance each year during the General Enrollment Period. The period runs from January 1 to March 31 every year.

If you didn't enroll in Part B when you're first eligible, you may have to pay a late enrollment penalty for as long as you have Part B coverage. Your monthly premium will increase 10% for each 12-month period that you were eligible for Part B, but did not sign up for it. Your coverage starts the first day of the month after you sign up.

To learn more about Medicare, please visit our Medicare Benefits page at www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare.

You may also read our Medicare publication at www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10043.pdf.

Please share this information with your friends and loved ones who may need it.



Washing the pots, pans, dishes, coffee pots, and utensils for a number of years were these two Rotarians—Scott Niblack, left, and Ken Curtis.



Enjoying their meal and each other's company were Mary Miller, left, and Ann Dietrich—Conway Township neighbors.



From left were Ruth U'ren, Juanita Curtis, and Bill U'Ren.



Practicing their coffee pouring skills were, from left, Tom Stachler, Harold 'Humpy' Allmendinger, Pat Jackson, and Wayne Copeland. Tom, Humpy, and Pat were Rotarians at the time, while Wayne later joined the club.



Dick Brewer had the job of directing traffic.



Flipping pancakes was a young Jim Burnie.



Three generations of Damman's were on hand at this Dawn Patrol. From left, were John, Aaron, and George.



Working on the cooking line were, from left, Jim Hall, Larry Schmid, and Rick Hill. Jim was a Rotarian, Larry a volunteer, and Rick later joined the club.

From the Scrapbook—

Some snapshots of past Rotary Dawn Patrols

During the next few months, the *Fowlerville News & Views* will be running a feature entitled 'From the Scrapbook' where photographs and news highlights from previous issues—many of them dating back to the first years of the weekly newspaper—will be spotlighted.

The recent Dec. 29, 2024 issue marked the completion of our 40th year of putting out a paper and this feature is a way of commemorating this anniversary by looking back and of also celebrating all of the people—past and present—who have made Fowlerville and Webberville great communities to be part of.

Time has taken away many of the people who will appear in the photos or news highlights, with all of them sadly missed. Others have, of course, gotten older...how much older depending on how long ago the picture or news article appeared.

We hope you enjoy the 'Scrapbook' and remembering our shared past.

Steve & Dawn Horton

The Fowlerville Rotary Dawn Patrol has been a major event in the community for several decades. It's held on the first Sunday after Labor Day in September at Maple Grove Airport, north of town. The formula for continued success has been simple: Pilots from around lower Michigan are invited to fly in for an all-you-can-eat breakfast put on by the service club. They are joined by a few hundred folks from around the area who also enjoy the meal, but also stroll the airfield to look over the planes parked on the grassy runway or that are landing or departing.

The club has been assisted by others in the community in putting on the event, with cooking, serving coffee, wiping off tables, and offering a smiling face being their primary duties. The Rotarians and volunteer help often enlist family members, including their kids, to assist in the effort. Over the passing years those kids grow up and bring their sons and daughters to the event.

With Dawn Horton being a Rotarian, the newspaper hasn't missed any of these annual Patrols during the past 40 years. Taking pictures of participants and attendees has been our main means of coverage. Here is a sampling of what we did.



Frank Utter, a longtime Rotarian, greeted Natalie and Harry Kreeger.



Shown here at the end of their shift were from left, Brian Boyce, Darrell Hughes, and Dave Peden (former school superintendent). All three gentlemen were Rotarians at the time.



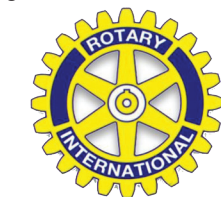
Attending the breakfast were, from left, Mary (Rose) Cook and Marian Eggleston.



Organizing Dawn Patrol for many years were Doug Burnie, a Rotarian, left, and Dennis Boudin, the airport manager.



Tom Harmon, a Rotarian, brought his daughter Annette and son Paul to help out for several years. Paul, now a Rotarian, is still helping out.



Assisting with the serving of the meal were Marion BeVier, left, and Debbie Hill. Debbie later joined the club.



The drawing of prizes donated by area merchants has been a mainstay of Dawn Patrol. For many years local attorney Joe Cox handled the duties.



Serving coffee with a smile and a friendly 'hello' was Tom Braun.



From left were Tim Glover, Fred Dillingham, and Irwin Glover, longtime Rotarian.



Operating the pancake batter machine were, from left, Max Bessert and two longtime Rotarians, Ken Tannar and Don 'Doc' Langdon.



Gray wolf. Credit: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Wolves could expand across the eastern U.S.—but might need help

By Ruth Thornton
Capital News Service

Gray wolves could thrive in the eastern United States well beyond their current range in the Great Lakes region, but they might have a hard time reaching other suitable habitats without human intervention, researchers say.

Wolves once had the largest known range of any land mammal but were nearly exterminated in the United States in the early 1900s after persecution by humans.

Their population recovered only after they were placed under federal protection in the 1970s. They have since recolonized some areas where they once flourished, including in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

A 2022 study analyzed which areas in the Eastern U.S. still have suitable habitats for wolves and are connected enough with each other so wolves might be able to travel between them.

To do that, the researchers used survey data collected between 2018 and 2020 by biologists working for the natural resource departments in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan.

They then modeled the characteristics of the habitats where wolves were found and predicted where else in the Eastern U.S. has large tracts of suitable land. They also modeled how connected those areas are to each other.

They found six areas that were good habitats and large enough to sustain wolves, but the animals occur in only one of them, the western Great Lakes. The other areas are separated from each other by less wolf-friendly habitats, including agricultural and urban areas.

Jerold Belant, a professor of wildlife biology at Michigan State University and a co-author of the study, said not all of these barriers are impossible for wolves.

“The longer or wider that distance is, and the less suitable [for wolves] that is, the less likely the wolf is to cross it,” he said. “It doesn’t mean wolves won’t cross it or can’t cross it – it just is less likely.”

The other areas identified as suitable habitats were in the Great Plains, Appalachian Mountains, Adirondacks, New

England and the Lower Peninsula of Michigan.

“But for a wolf to get from upper Michigan or Wisconsin all the way there, that’s tricky with all the highways, all the cities, all the agricultural zones,” said Merijn van den Bosch, a wildlife ecologist at Colorado State University who co-authored the study while a graduate student at Michigan State “It’s tough.”

Crossing the Straits of Mackinac between Michigan’s Upper and Lower Peninsulas, for example, would be tricky.

“Wolves can swim, and they can swim pretty well,” van den Bosch said. “During ice-over, they can cross the Straits relatively easily.”

The Straits don’t always ice over, however. And when they do, shipping traffic usually breaks the ice up quickly, he said.

“Wolves have made it to the Lower Peninsula a couple of times,” he said, but not often enough to establish a population.

It’s not just barriers between suitable habitats that might prevent wolves from expanding their current range, but also the human populations in and around those areas.

“Humans kind of ultimately decide where wolves are and where they are not,” he said. “Most wolf mortality is human-caused.”

Wolves have been protected under the federal Endangered Species Act since the 1970s and have since partially recovered, Belant said.

Many people therefore argue that they don’t need to be protected anymore.

But removing them from the list of threatened and endangered species is not that simple.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has tried to delist the gray wolf several times, only to be sued by conservation groups. Courts have sided with the conservation groups, ordering the wolf to be listed again.

The confusion comes from the wording of the Endangered Species Act, which defines an endangered species as “any species which is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.”

What exactly is a “significant portion” is not clear.

“Some of the more recent debates have been centered around how much of the range is occupied,” Belant said. “And part of that centers around historical range.”

About two-thirds of former wolf habitat in the Eastern U.S. is no longer suitable because of human development and agriculture, he said. According to Belant, wolves occupy only about 4% of their historical range and about 12% of the current suitable range.

John Vucetich, a wildlife biology professor at Michigan Technological University, said, “There is no question that wolves do fit the definition of endangered species as provided in the Endangered Species Act.”

If wolves are delisted, states could introduce wolf hunts again, and each state would probably end up managing wolves differently.

But, Vucetich said, it’s not purely a biological question, but also an ethical one.

“Wolves are symbols of nature for many humans across

millennia, what people love and hate about nature,” he said. Wolves also occasionally kill livestock and pets. Many states, including Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, have programs to reimburse livestock owners for the value of animals wolves kill.

Vucetich said that we live in a world where we’re losing a sense of what it means to conserve nature.

“There are so many competing values, – there’s human interests that are maybe a little separate from nature’s interests, and they often compete,” he said. “So when does one prevail over the other?”

Ruth Thornton writes for *Great Lakes Echo*.

LACASA emphasizes the link between natural disasters & domestic violence

While the ongoing devastation from fires in the Los Angeles, California area has begun to fade from the headlines in icy Michigan, LACASA, a leading provider of services to survivors of child abuse, domestic violence, and sexual violence in Livingston County, is highlighting the continued and heightened risk of domestic violence surrounding natural disasters.

“High levels of stress, isolation, and disruption to daily life can exacerbate existing vulnerabilities and increase the risk of abuse,” said LACASA President & CEO Bobette Schrandt. “It’s crucial for our community to come together and support those friends, family members, and even strangers who may be experiencing increased risk, and those who are actively working to assist them during this difficult time.”

A new study from the Institute for Global Health finds sharp increases in the rates of intimate partner violence in the wake of fires, floods, hurricanes, and other natural disasters, and underscores the urgent need for support and resources for survivors. While there is typically a period of silence in the immediate chaos of a natural disaster, domestic violence agencies across the nation have reported massive spikes in call volumes and demand for services following disasters like Hurricane Helene, the Texas ice storms, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Schrandt says the disruptions to power, communications, and housing that come with these disasters pose challenges for providers as well. “Shelters, counseling offices, and courts all face the potential for their own staff and volunteers to be impacted by the disaster, if their buildings are even still functional or standing,” Schrandt said.

The California Partnership to End Domestic Violence offers tools to find and learn more about domestic violence organizations in the Los Angeles area, with links to hotline numbers and websites, where available.

ABOUT LACASA: *This locally based nonprofit helps victims and survivors of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual violence. It also provides critical education programs to increase public awareness and prevent interpersonal violence in the community. More information is available at lacasacenter.org.*

Bank of Ann Arbor Announces Jeff Wenrich as Vice President, Direct Markets for UniFi Equipment Finance

Bank of Ann Arbor is pleased to announce the appointment of Jeff Wenrich as Vice President, Direct Markets for UniFi Equipment Finance. With over 20 years of extensive experience in equipment finance, including a decade of service in the community bank market, Wenrich brings a wealth of expertise and leadership to this new role.

“I’m excited to join Bank of Ann Arbor and lead UniFi Equipment Finance’s Direct Markets team,” said Wenrich “This is an exciting time for the company as we continue to expand our capabilities and strengthen our relationships with businesses across the state of Michigan and beyond.”

Over the course of his career, Wenrich has developed a reputation for innovative leadership and customer-centric strategies that drive profitability and long-term growth. He is particularly skilled in leveraging customer satisfaction to generate new business and in building strong, sustainable referral partnerships. His leadership experience and entrepreneurial mindset will serve him well as he takes on this critical role. Jeff earned a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Michigan and an MBA from Portland State University.

“We are thrilled to have Jeff join the UniFi Equipment Finance team,” said John Gougeon, President of UniFi Equipment Finance at Bank of Ann Arbor. “His industry knowledge, and ability to foster lasting client relationships make him the ideal candidate to lead our Direct Markets division as we continue to grow and expand our footprint.”





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