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Checking out the restoration work being done on the Kirkland House at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds were, from left. Janie Willsmore, Erin Voyle, Chris Easlick, Dan Gouscher, and Dustin Bunting. Janie and Erin are members of the Livingston Centre Historical Society which contracted for the installation of a new metal roof on the two-story portion of the building. The three men are involved in that effort.

### **Restoration project underway on** historical building at fairgrounds By Steve Horton

Dan Gouscher, a consultant working for Metal Roofs of Michigan—the Williamston-based company that is installing the A restoration project got underway last week on the Kirkland roof and facilitating the project-said he had been working for House, one of the buildings located in the Livingston Centre several months with the Livingston Centre Historical Society on Historical Village in the back of the Fowlerville Fairgrounds. the details and cost estimates.

The main goal is to install a new metal roof on the two-story "The committee members wanted the roof and interior wall portion of 19<sup>th</sup> century house, but before this work can be done and ceiling covering to look as authentic as possible," he said. a construction crew needed to reinforce the exterior walls and "The metal roof will have shingle look, similar in appearance to roof in the upstairs room. To that end, a chain was temporarily the existing covering, but of course won't have to be replaced for attached to the two outside walls to keep them in place and many years. Today's plaster isn't the same as what was done in support lumber added where needed. The roof rafters were also the late 1800s, so we'd probably install drywall and then have a pushed back in place and collar ties added.

To gain access to the roof rafters and exterior walls, the existing

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wall and ceiling plaster was removed. Part of the overall project will be to eventually replace it with new interior covering in this upstairs room, but this would be a separate phase.



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# **Fowlerville High School News**

**OFFICE HOURS** 

Administration Offices The building opens

7:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. 6:45 a.m.

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

Fowlerville High School Spring Testing Schedule 2025!

As we welcome spring to Michigan it is also time to look at our high school testing schedule. State law requires students to participate in The Michigan Merit Exam (MME) summative assessments. Summative assessments measure what students are expected to know and be able to do at specific grade levels and in specific content areas. It provides 9-10 grade students the chance to practice their skills for their 11th grade SAT and gives all students the chance to take these assessments free of charge in a familiar location. Attendance is very important on these days. Please get a good night's rest and start your day with something to eat.

As of 2023 testing has moved to a digital platform- they will take their test on their school provided chromebooks. Please make sure your student brings their FULLY CHARGED chromebook on their day of testing.

Please see below for a detailed schedule for your student/ test.

All testing will take place in the Competition Gym unless your student receives testing accommodations. Accommodated locations will be shared with those students individually.

#### Seniors:

No school on Wednesday, April 9th. Attend WTC or Liv/ CTE as normal. Return to normal schedule all other days. Juniors:

Excused from WTC or LivCTE during all testing days. - Wednesday, April 9th:

SAT - (7:30-12:30- NO LUNCH- Light snack during midmorning break. 11th grade students are dismissed from school after testing). Digital Test- bring fully charged chromebook. - Thursday, April 10th:

ACT WorkKeys- (7:30-11:30-"C" Lunch. Return to 5-6 hours as normal). Paper/pencil test- bring #2 pencils/

# Village of Fowlerville Residents Yard Waste Collection Guidelines

**Brown Yard Bag Collection:** 

Every Monday – April 7 through November 24, 2025.

- Use brown compost/yard bags only (NO plastic bags).
- Place bags by the curb, not on the road, by 7:00 a.m. on pick-up day.
- · Bags are not to be placed on the curb until the Sunday before pick-up
- · Limit: 5 bags per week per household.
- Bags must not exceed 40 lbs. overweight bags will not be collected.
- Bags will be available at the Village Offices starting March 31st.

#### **Brush Collection:**

Every Second Tuesday - April 8 through No-

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- Friday, April 11th:

M-Step- (7:30-9:30-Extra time for those that need it. Return to normal school day). Digital Test- bring fully charged chromebook.

#### **Sophomores:**

- Thursday, April 17th- PSAT/10- (7:30-10:30. Return to 4th-6th hours as normal). Digital Test- bring fully charged chromebook.

-Normal schedule all other days.

#### Freshman:

Tuesday, April 15th-PSAT/9- (7:30-10:30. Return to 4th-6th hours as normal). Digital Test- bring fully charged chromebook.

- Normal schedule all other days.

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

# **Fowlerville Elementary School News**

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

**IMPORTANT DATES:** 

March 31: SCHOOL RESUMES

- April 2: Wear Blue (Autism Awareness Day)
- April 15: Spring Pictures
- April 16: Parent Teacher Club Meeting (4pm)

April 18: NO SCHOOL, Good Friday

April 25: Popcorn Friday

April 28: Dress like a Superhero! (no masks or weapons please)

May 12: Mobile Dentist

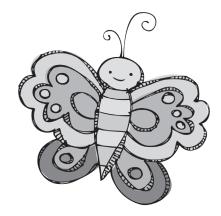
- May 26: NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day
- May 29: End of Year Party (5-7pm)

Spring Picture Day: Flyers have been sent home. Online registration is requested:

(<u>STORE.GESKUSPHOTO.COM/SEARCH/</u> FOWLERVILLESPRING25). Registration closes 48 hours before photo session. Bold background colors, multiple fun poses and packages starting at \$12.

What is the Next Step after Pre-Enrolling your Kindergartener Online? Please stop by our office anytime during school hours so we can make copies of the following documents:

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Parent/Guardian's Driver's License
- Current Immunization Record or Waiver
- 2 Proofs of Residency (mortgage/lease statement, utility bill, etc)
- Vision Screening Record
- Dental Exam
- Are you school of choice? If so, please fill out our school of choice paperwork online and bring that in as well, or we will have copies in the office if needed.





vember 12, 2025.

- · This service is for trimming brush, shrubs, trees, and branches that may fall during storms.
- Not Accepted: Tree trunks and root balls.
- · Brush must be stacked parallel to the curb, with branches no longer than 4 feet and between 1 to 6 inches in diameter.
- Twigs and smaller branches must be placed in the brown yard/compost bags for Monday's pick-up.
- · Brush should be placed by the curb no earlier than three (3) days before collection and must be out by 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled pick-up day.
- THE VILLAGE DOES NOT REMOVE BRUSH FROM LOT

CLEARING OR TREE REMOVAL PROJECTS. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community clean and ensuring a smooth collection process!

Jamie Hartman Village Deputy Clerk (3-23 & 3-30-25 FNV)

# **MARION TOWNSHIP CEMETERY CLEAN UP**

Cemetery clean up will begin April 7, 2025 in Marion Township. This will include Lakeside, Green and Harger Cemeteries. If you want to keep items such as grave blankets, winter flowers and other decorative seasonal items then they must be removed by April 7, 2025. After this date Marion Township will not be responsible for damaged or discarded items.

> Tammy L. Beal, MMC, MiPMC Marion Township Clerk (3-30-25 FNV)

# **Saginaw Valley State University** names students on Dean's List

More than 1,800 students from Saginaw Valley State University, including six from the Fowlerville area, earned a spot on the fall 2024 semester Deans' List.

To be eligible for the Deans' List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better.

Among those earning this academic achievement were: Emma Browne, Olivia Carpenter, Maggie Maisano, Trevor Maybee, Owen Wieas, and Cora Wightman.

Saginaw Valley State University is a comprehensive university with more than 90 programs of study for 7,000 students. Located on a suburban campus in Michigan's Great Lakes Bay Region, SVSU is committed to a supportive and empowering environment for students.

### Saginaw Valley State University names students on President's List

Nearly 700 students from Saginaw Valley State University, including two from the Fowlerville area, were recognized for their determination and commitment to academic excellence by being named to the fall 2024 semester President's List.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 4.0 grade point average.

Among those named to the list were: Kylie Arbenowske and Jenna Bailey of Fowlerville.

# **Kreeger Elementary School News**

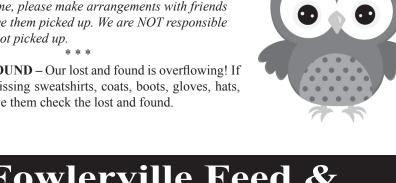
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3-31-25	School Resumes	
4-3-25	Student Council Meeting 3:40-4:40pm	
4-15-25	KPTN Meeting 3:45-4:45pm	
4-16-25	Kreeger Family Fun Night	
4-18-25	No School – Good Friday	
5-22-25	Spring Flower Delivery 11am-4pm	
5-26-25	No School – Memorial Day	
5-30-25	Kreeger Field Day	
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#### **SPRING FLOWER SALE:**

Thursday, May 22nd Your flowers arrive at Kreeger Elementary, pick up time is from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Please note: If you are unable to pick up your plants on this date and time, please make arrangements with friends or family to have them picked up. We are NOT responsible for any plants not picked up.

LOST AND FOUND - Our lost and found is overflowing! If your child is missing sweatshirts, coats, boots, gloves, hats, etc – please have them check the lost and found.





# -Area Deaths—

#### **Jerry Lee Bailey**

Jerry Lee Bailey, 89, of Fowlerville passed away peacefully on March 22, 2025. He was welcomed into this world on August 15, 1935, the second child born to Raymond and Mildred Bailey in Texarkana, AK. The Bailey's moved to Detroit when the kids were young. After graduating from High School, Jerry proudly served his country in the Army then returned to Detroit and had a 39-year career with The Detroit News. Also, upon his return he married the love of his life, Doris Elaine (Wall) Bailey on January 25, 1958. They welcomed six children into their lives: Debra, Kirk, Kathleen, Thomas, Fred and Dr. Jerry II.

In 1973 they moved to their home in Fowlerville and have remained there since. Jerry involved himself with Boy Scouts of America, Teamster Union Board Representative, Fowlerville Athletic Boosters just to name a few organizations. He enjoyed the game of golf for many years and had two Hole-in-Ones.

Jerry is survived by his wife Doris. Children and their Spouses: Debra, Cindy Bailey (Kirk), Kathleen (Byron), Thomas (Belinda), Fred (Mary) and Jerry (Pamela). Grandchildren: Michelle, Krista, Barbara, Michael, Thomas Jr., Richard, John, Sam, Maggie, Jerren and Keegan. There are ten great grandchildren and a great granddaughter on the way.

Son Kirk Bailey and all his siblings: Alfred Bailey, Martha (Benny) Gray and Johnny Bailey preceded him in death.

We are celebrating a Life Well Lived at Crossroads Church of God, 3940 Pinckney Rd, Howell, MI 48843 at 12 noon on April 5th with a luncheon to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his memory to the Capital Campaign Fund of The Crossroads Church of God.

### **Plainfield United Methodist Church** hosting chicken dinner on April 12th

Plainfield United Methodist Church is hosting a 'take out only' chicken supper on Saturday, April 12th from 5pm until sold out. The church is located on M-36 north of Gregory. Free will offering.









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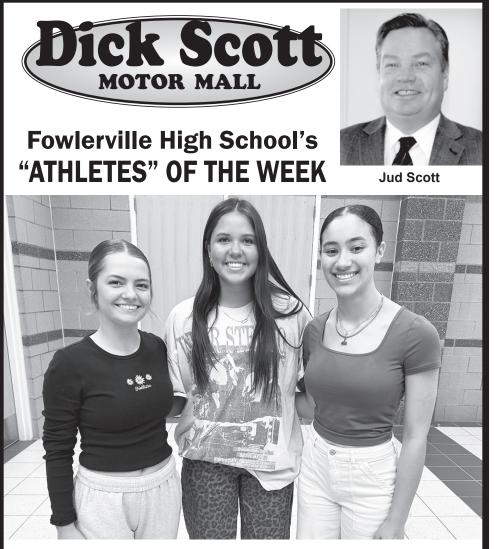
# **Michiganders deserve Freedom** of Information Act reforms

Commentary by State Sen. Jermey Moss (D-Southfield) & State Sean. Ed McBroom (R-Wauceda)

It feels like our politics are more divided than ever. But if you listen closely to what residents on both the left and right are saying, there is a common theme: A demand for a more transparent and accountable government.

Our legislation to strengthen the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) in Michigan achieves just that.

Through FOIA, the public can request the behind-the-scenes documents - emails, memos, agendas, schedules, and more from their city or township hall, their school district, county officials, and state departments to better understand how the government decisions that impact them are made.



### Varsity Girls Basketball

Ella Olrich was a two year member, first year starter, of the Fowlerville Varsity Girl's Basketball Team. Ella put in a lot of hard work during the 2024 offseason: including, participating in all Summer workouts despite having a broken finger. All of the hard work really paid off for Ella as she saw an increase in Minutes Per Game (MPG), Points Per Game (PPG), and Assists Per Game (APG). Pound-for-pound Ella is one of the toughest players for the Gladiators. She is not afraid to crash the boards and rebound against the "Bigs". Ella is an effective 3-point shooter and found a tremendous amount of confidence in her offensive game as the 2024-2025 season progressed. Ella earned CAAC Academic All-League honors. Ella is set to have a larger role on and off the court as a Senior in 2025-2026.

Izzy Cox was a third year member, two year starter, of the Fowlerville Varsity Girl's Basketball Team. Izzy showed a tremendous amount of growth from her Sophomore season, both on and off the court. Izzy was named a co-Captain mid-season by the coaching staff. Izzy has one of the most beautiful and consistent shots on the team, an above average fundamental skillset, and an extremely high Basketball IQ. Izzy was named Capital Area Activities Conference (CAAC) Red Division All-League Honorable Mention. Additionally, Izzy was named CAAC Academic All-League. Izzy is poised to have a phenomenal Senior season in 2025-2026.

Who did your mayor meet with? What did your school board members send to each other? Did the county follow through on the issue you brought up? Residents can find all of that out through FOIA.

But shockingly, Michigan's law does not subject our governor and state legislators to those same record requests, thereby blocking the public from seeing the inner workings of our State Capitol Building.

All 50 states have FOIA, but Michigan is nearly alone in the country with those outrageous and glaring exemptions for the executive and lawmakers. This contributes to why our state ranks worst in the country in government ethics. When state government officials operate in the dark, scandals in Lansing continue to persist.

Nearly a decade ago, as representatives in the Michigan House – a Democrat from metro-Detroit and a Republican from the Upper Peninsula – we joined together to introduce legislation that finally includes the governor's office and legislature in Michigan's FOIA to bring sunshine to state government.

Our bills passed in the House, but the Senate refused to take it up. Then we were both elected to the Senate, where we passed our legislation last year, but the House wouldn't move on it.

This year, we introduced our legislation as the very first bills of the new session: Senate Bills 1 and 2. They passed overwhelmingly in January and were swiftly sent over to the House, where they currently sit. The public should not have to

wait any longer. This article was reprinted

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# Michigan House Report

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

I recently introduced legislation that will rename a bridge in Fowlerville after Lance Corporal Michael W. Hanks, a Livingston County native and Marine Corps veteran who was killed in action during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Lance Corporal Hanks posthumously received the Silver Star Medal and was inducted into the Military Hall of Honor for his exemplary service. My bill will rename the bridge on South Grand Avenue over Highway I-96 to the "LCpl Michael W. Hanks Memorial Bridge" and have a sign installed there.

Lance Corporal Hanks displayed exemplary courage and devotion to duty in some of the most stressful and dangerous circumstances imaginable. As a fellow Marine Corps veteran, I have the utmost admiration for his embodiment of supreme heroism when it was needed most. It seemed more than appropriate for a native of Livingston County to be recognized in a highly inhabited part of Livingston County.

Lance Corporal Hanks was killed in action on November 17th, 2004 while charging into a heavily-fortified enemy position during combat in the Anbar province, Iraq. He was awarded the Silver Star Medal for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action, after on multiple occasions disregarding his own personal safety and saving fellow Marines while eliminating attacking insurgents.

His Silver Star Medal Citation states that "by his bold leadership, wise judgment, and complete dedication to duty, Lance Corporal Hanks reflected great credit upon himself and the Marine Corps and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service." Our nation owes the most profound debt of gratitude to those in uniform who gave the last full measure of devotion in defense of our freedoms. Lance Corporal Hanks is among the bravest and most admirable of those individuals, and I hope that my legislation will do some small part in helping recognize his incredible life and service here near his hometown.

Last week, within hours of President Trump signing an executive order to close the Department of Education, the Michigan House also passed a resolution calling on Congress to also do their part in closing the department. I proudly cast my vote in favor of this resolution because, in addition to overseeing the decline in educational performance amongst American students in every conceivable measure, the Education Department is the epitome of the faceless bureaucracy staining our federal government.

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Responsibly governing and representing the interests of the American people demands that we shift control away from this faceless bureaucracy and back to the teachers, local officials, and parents who best know the classroom needs in their own communities. This effort to restore authority over public education in the hands of those that are most intimately familiar with the needs and concerns of students will go a long way towards fixing our broken education system.

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

Michaela Gulledge was a two year member of the Fowlerville Varsity Girl's Basketball Team. Michaela is the ultimate teammate and has been recognized by her coaches and teammates by being voted the "Top Teammate" two years straight. Michaela was also recognized as this year's "Most Improved Player" by her coaches and teammates. Michaela was the ultimate "6th Man" and a real spark off the bench. She controlled the boards and was a rebounding machine for the Gladiators. Michaela also led the team in scoring during multiple games in 2024-2025. Michaela earned CAAC Academic All-League honors. Michaela is prepared to have another break-out season as a Senior in 2025-2026.

Every week through the season two Fowlerville H.S. athletes will be saluted for their efforts. Athletes will be selected by the coaching staff and Athletic Dept. For that "Winning Deal" on a new or used car or truck, see Dick Scott Motor Mall.



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VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL-From left, front row, Michaela Gulledge, Delaney Richardson, Mariah Kirby, Ella Olrich, Avery Borg, McKenna Maybee; back row, Coach Steven Quigley, Tommi Kleinschmidt, Ireland Curtis, Coach Levi Conley, Izzy Cox, Valerie Curd, and Coach Jackie Jarvis.

#### **Review of Fowlerville Varsity Girls Basketball Team's Season By Coach Levi Conley**

The 2024-2025 Fowlerville Varsity Girl's Basketball team made another step in the right direction. The Gladiators finished the season with a 12-10 regular season record. The 12 wins was the most during the regular season since 2021-2022.

The season presented many highlights, including: a gamewinning steal by Tommi Kleinschmidt and layup by Mariah

# **IOSCO TOWNSHIP** PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE for ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

The losco Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on May 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on proposed amendments to the 2019 losco Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, pursuant to the Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006. The Planning Commission may also consider a recommendation to the losco Township Board regarding such amendments as part of the meeting agenda. The public hearing will be held at the losco Township Hall at 2050 Bradley Road in Iosco Township. A copy of the proposed amendments and the 2019 losco Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, can be viewed at the losco Township Hall during the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays. Written comments should be received by 12:00 p.m. (noon), May 13, 2025, and addressed to the losco Township Planning Commission, 2050 Bradley Road, Webberville, MI 48892. The amendments can be summarized as follows: a) revisions to Sec. 13.19(E) (1) to require that action on an application for a Large Solar Energy System (SES) requires the simultaneous submittal of a rezoning petition to the Large SES Overlay District and the submittal of a special land use application including a proposed preliminary or final site plan, and refers the reader to subsection (H) for applications subject to PA 233 of 2023; and b) the insertion of subsection (H) into Sec. 13.19, presenting additional requirements for an application subject to PA 233 of 2023. Individuals needing to make an appointment outside of the above referenced business hours, or to request special services to fully participate at the public hearing, should contact township clerk Julie Dailey at least five (5) days prior to the hearing date at 517-223-9545.

Kirby against Pinckney on January 7, 2025, a late-second jump shot by Izzy Cox to secure a win against Lansing Eastern on January 31, 2025, to break a four-game losing streak, and a 43-33 victory over Williamston on February 21, 2025.

The Gladiators were recognized by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan as Team Academic All-State. To qualify for Team Academic All-State, a team must have a weighted Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.3 or higher. The Gladiators boasted a weighted GPA of 3.564. Additionally, 9 members of the Fowlerville Varsity Girl's Basketball team were named CAAC All Academic.

Three Gladiators earned individual recognition in 2024-2025. Kleinschmidt, Kirby, and Cox were all named CAAC Red Division All-League Honorable Mention. Kirby was also voted as the Livingston Daily 'Athlete of the Week' in December 2024.



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Julie Dailey, losco Township Clerk (3-30-25 FNV)

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Custom built 3 bedroom, 3 bath Ranch home with a split floor plan. Beautiful hardwood floors throughout the kitchen, dining & great room. Cozy gas fireplace in the great room, Andersen windows throughout and Corian counter tops in the large bright kitchen. Nice ceramic tile baths and 1st floor laundry. Addition- \$298,500. al space for living & entertaining in the partially finished basement. All with a great loca-

All brick Ranch home on a paved road close to shopping and schools. Features include 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, large fenced yard, deck and full partially finished basement. Two car attached garage and shed for all your storage needs. Natural gas for lower heat bills and central air.

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#### GOP lawmakers try to repeal law on siting of large solar projects By Victoria Witke Capital News Service

Michigan House Republicans are pushing to repeal a 2023 law that gives the state siting authority over large renewable energy projects.

The law, which went into effect last November, gives the Public Service Commission the ability to issue permits to developers for utility-scale solar, wind and battery storage projects when local governments are uncooperative.

The commission hasn't received any formal applications from developers yet, said public information officer Matt Helms. He declined to further comment.

Supporters of the law say it's a step forward in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, but critics say it takes away local control over land use.

Before the new law kicked in, the siting process – choosing where developers can build – was completely up to local units of government, said Judy Allen, the director of government relations at the Michigan Townships Association.

She said the association's members oppose the law.

Allen said under the law, local governments can make zoning decisions only if they have a compatible renewable energy ordinance.

That means zoning regulations can't be overly restrictive

towards renewable energy projects.

If a local government doesn't meet the standards set by the state, developers can bypass working with them and go to the commission for approval.

But some township governments have adopted "workable ordinances" instead – meaning they are more limiting than what the state recommends – but developers still have the opportunity to build.

Catherine Kaufman is a Portage-based attorney with expertise in zoning. Her law firm serves as general legal counsel to the Townships Association, and she favors repealing the law.

Kaufman said most of the time, developers want to work with townships and are willing to go through their zoning approval process – even if it's more restrictive than applying directly to the Public Service Commission.

Working with local governments is seen as cheaper and less time-consuming for developers than the state process, Kaufman said.

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# **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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

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, April 16, 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 certain mortgage made by Matthew Evans And Carolyn Evans, Husband And Wife, Joint Tenants to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Highlands Residential Mortgage, LTD, Mortgagee, dated July 23, 2020, and recorded on August 5, 2020, as Document Number: 2020R-026007, Livingston County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Fifth Third Bank N.A. by an Assignment of Mortgage dated April 10, 2024 and recorded April 11, 2024 by Document Number: 2024R-006179, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Seven and 04/100 (\$460,287.04) including interest at the rate of 3.37500% per annum.

Said premises are situated in the Township of GREEN OAK, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit No. 35, Huron Pines, according to the Master Deed recorded in Instrument No. 2006R-014697, as amended, and designated as Living County Condominium Subdivision Plan No.361, together with rights in the general common elements and the limited common elements as shown on the Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Commonly known as: 10025 ROLLING PINES DR, BRIGHTON, MI 48116 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: March 16, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank N.A. 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 24MI00418-2

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

A lien has been recorded on behalf of Lakeshore Pointe Homeowners Association. The lien was executed on October 23, 2024 and recorded on October 25, 2024, as Instrument 2024R-019487, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Three Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-Eight Dollars and Sixteen Cents (\$3,298.16).

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Under the power of sale contained in the recorded Condominium Documents and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212 that the lien will be foreclosed by a sale of the property described below, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, at the main entrance of the Judicial Center located in Howell, Michigan (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 10:00am, 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 John P. Parks, and is situated in the Township of Oceola, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 222, of Lakeshore Pointe Condominium, a Condominium according to the Amended and Restated Master Deed recorded in Instrument No. 2010R-002745, Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 75. Sidwell No. 4707-31-402-222

Commonly known as: 2568 Hilltop Lane, 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: March 6, 2025 Lakeshore Pointe Homeowners Association c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC Evan M. Alexander 30140 Orchard Lake Road Farmington Hills, MI 48334 248 671 0140

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

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on APRIL 23, 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 Rachel A. Hesselgrave, a married woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Top Flite Financial Inc. A Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 18, 2015 and recorded October 5, 2015 in Instrument Number 2015R-031139 and Loan Modification Agreement recorded on January 3, 2022, in Instrument Number 2022R-000148, Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Seventy and 57/100 Dollars (\$115,470.57).

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 APRIL 23, 2025.

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

Unit 108, Red Cedar Crossing Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 4533, Page 924, Livingston County Records, and any amendments thereto, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 311, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978 as amended 8553 Shiawassee River Drive, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836 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: March 23, 2025 File No. 24-012982 Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084

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# Solar projects, continued

"We represent several municipalities and rural townships that have worked cooperatively with developers and approved projects," Kaufman said. "In our experience, we really didn't see the need for the law."

Before the law passed, over 30 counties adopted resolutions opposing state siting of solar and wind projects, according to a 2024 USA Today database.

A significant number of townships had restrictive zoning regulations.

For example, 14 of 20 Montcalm County townships banned wind turbines. Clinton County passed a year-long moratorium -a ban - on wind and solar power plants in 2023, according to the database.

Environmental groups want the law left unchanged.

"Some local governments, instead of doing an outright moratorium, have put into place overly restrictive guidelines that no reasonable project would be able to meet. In essence, they are banning it," Carlee Knott said.

Knott is the energy and climate policy manager at the

Michigan Environmental Council, which helped write the law.

"Local governments still get first pass at approving these projects," she said.

She said her organization wanted to make sure there were community benefits in the legislation.

In most cases, developers going through the Public Service Commission must give a grant to the local government to cover the costs of participating in the project proposal.

Local governments also receive \$2,000 per megawatt of the project that they can reinvest into the community, Knott said. For solar projects, the minimum megawatt to be regulated by the law is 50 MW, while wind is 100 MW.

One megawatt is enough electricity to power roughly 400 to 900 homes in a year, according to the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Knott said the law puts renewable energy "on the same playing field" as other energy facilities – like nuclear, coal and gas – which are sited by the state.

She also said large renewable projects are the most costeffective way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from utilities.

"A lot of work went into passing that law, and it's a step

forward," Knott said. "I don't think we should be taking steps back with this law to repeal it after it has already passed and the process is set up."

Rep. Jennifer Wortz, R–Quincy, cosponsored the repeal bill.

She said the law was passed to enforce Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's MI Healthy Climate Plan - a plan to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

Wortz said she thinks developers are pushing renewable energy projects only because of the law.

"If we get rid of that mandate, I think you'll see solar panels virtually stop being put in Michigan," Wortz said.

She said solar and wind projects take up too much land compared to other energy sources.

In Branch County, about 5,000 acres of farmland are now used for solar panels because of a high power line infrastructure project, Wortz said.

"None of us are benefitting from the power being rerouted to other locations," she said.

Wortz said she and other Republicans are critical of the law for stripping local zoning control.

Passing the bill is "the first step in giving local control back to communities and giving them a voice again," she said.

# **LEGAL NOTICES**

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Warren Niblock Jr and Kimberly M Niblock, Husband and Wife

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): MCLP Asset Company, Inc.

Date of Mortgage: November 26, 2007

Date of Mortgage Recording: December 3, 2007

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$78,582.81

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Oceola, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: All that part of Lot 20 of Howell Lake Manor, a part of the West part of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of Section 31, Town 3 North, Range 5 East, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, Page 33, Livingston County Records, more particularly described as; Beginning at a point on North line of Lot 20, South 87 degrees 12 minutes East 160.0 feet from the Northwest corner of said lot; running thence South 0 degrees 10 minutes West, 80.0 feet; thence South 75 degrees 43 minutes East 215.93 feet to the Easterly line of said Lot; thence North 21 degrees 14 minutes East, 20.5 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot; thence North 51 degrees 5 minutes West 175.5 feet; thence North 87 degrees 12 minutes West 80.0 feet to the point of beginning. Common street address (if any): 281 Harvard Dr, Howell, MI 48843-1739

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: March 23, 2025 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515

#### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Christine Schoendorff and Paul Schoendorff, wife and husband

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): SELENE FINANCE, LP Date of Mortgage: November 12, 2021

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 30, 2021 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$232,046.74 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Marion, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Unit 7, Turtle Creek of Marion Condomini-

um, according to the Master Deed, recorded in Liber 2861, Page

782, including any and all amendments thereto, and designated as Livingston County Condominium

Subdivision Plan No. 207, together with rights in general common elements and limited general common

elements, as set forth In the above Master Deed, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Common street address (if any): 3125 Ridley Way, Howell, MI 48843-1268

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

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Michael Klamo and Laura L. Klamo, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Oxford Bank Mortgage Services, LLC

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for Freddie Mac SLST 2024-2 Participation Interest Trust

Date of Mortgage: November 30, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: December 13, 2005

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$304,380.10

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Hartland, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Unit 4, San Marino Woods Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2462, Page 165, Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 159, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in the above described Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Common street address (if any): 1922 Woodmar Ct, Howell, MI 48843-8146

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

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Date of notice: March 23, 2025

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# SYNOPSIS FROM THE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES **OF THE CONWAY TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD OF** TRUSTEES MEETING **HELD ON** MARCH 18TH, 2025 AT THE **CONWAY TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

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

- The Following Motions were made:
- · Motion to approve amended consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0
- Motion to approve recreation agreement in the amount of \$25,000. Motion carried 5-0 in roll call vote.
- Motion to approve personnel policy. Motion carried 4-1.
- Motion to approve and start with the lowest bid for Lawn Maintenance if they can supply proper documentation for the company 42 N Outdoors. Motion carries 5-0 in roll call vote.
- Motion to approve and record a transfer of funds between the General Fund and the Secluded Acres SAD Special Revenue Fund in the amount of \$162,812 representing the road paving costs for the Secluded Acres Road Improvement project paid out of the General Fund. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion to create the Secluded Acres SAD Special Revenue Fund, Fund #811, to account for all activity of the Secluded Acres Special Assessment District. This will include an initial transfer of funds from the General Fund, road paving expenditure and collection of future Special Assessment principal and interest payments. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion to approve the amended budget for Fiscal



Sheriff Mike Murphy.

# Sheriff Mike Murphy announces candidacy for Michigan Senate

Livingston County Sheriff to Run for 22nd State Senate District Seat in 2026

Sheriff Mike Murphy has officially announced his candidacy for the Michigan Senate, seeking to represent the 22nd State Senate District, a seat that will be vacated by Senator Lana Theis at the end of 2026 due to term limits.

"It is with great humility that I announce my intention to run for the Michigan Senate seat that will be vacated by Senator Lana Theis at the end of her term," said Sheriff Murphy. "I would like to first thank Senator Theis for her years of dedicated service in Lansing. She has represented our district extremely well, and I intend to do the same."

Sheriff Murphy has served Livingston County since 1990, starting as a deputy and holding the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Undersheriff and Sheriff. Throughout his tenure, he has worked on numerous committees and boards, gaining firsthand experience with state government and its impact on local communities.

"In my years of service, I have had the opportunity to see how state government functions—both at its best and at its worst," said Murphy. "Through daily conversations with constituents, I hear the same concerns repeated: There is too much government overreach, a lack of common sense in decision-making, and too much political extremism on

both sides. Many feel their representatives have forgotten who they serve and are more focused on party politics and personal career advancement than on the people."

Murphy pledges to bring the same leadership style to Lansing that he has demonstrated as Sheriff-principled, direct, and willing to work with anyone for the betterment of the district.

"What you have seen from me as Sheriff is what you will see in Lansing," he said. "I am not politically correct, and I am not afraid to take a stand or speak my mind. However, I am also committed to working with anyone, regardless of their political affiliation, if it benefits the people of our district. I will listen, engage in meaningful conversations, and thoroughly research all sides of proposed legislation. Most importantly, I will ensure that the voices of my constituents are heard."

Murphy emphasized his commitment to protecting crime victims and ensuring their interests are prioritized in legislative decision-making.

"I promise not to support any legislation that further victimizes victims of crime," he said "Too often, proposed policies focus solely on easing consequences for criminals while failing to consider the impact on victims. I will be the voice for those who have been overlooked in the legislative process."

As his campaign gets underway, Sheriff Murphy looks forward to meeting with residents across the district and gaining a deeper understanding of the issues that matter most to them.

"I am excited to hit the campaign trail, connect with old friends, and make new ones. This campaign is about ensuring that our community has a strong, independent voice in Lansing."

For more information on Sheriff Mike Murphy and his campaign, visit his campaign website at www. mikemurphyforsenate.com.

The 22nd Senate District includes all of Livingston County and portions of Genesee, Ingham, Oakland, and Shiawassee counties.

#### About Sheriff Mike Murphy

Sheriff Mike Murphy has served Livingston County for over 34 years in law enforcement, including his current role as Sheriff. A dedicated public servant, Murphy has been a strong advocate for public safety, responsible government, and community involvement. He and his wife, Penny, are residents of Howell and both are active members of the community.



# **Chiropractic Health Center of Fowlerville** Now Offering: Deep-Tissue Laser Therapy What is Deep-Tissue Laser Therapy?

Laser Therapy is the use of laser energy to create therapeutic results, including, improved healing time, pain reduction, increased circulation, decreased swelling, and faster bone repair.

Year 2024-2025 for the Road Fund #204 as presented. Motion carried 4-1 in a roll call vote.

- Motion to approve the amended budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the General Fund #101 as presented. Motion carried 4-1 in roll call vote.
- Motion to approve the new Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Motion failed 2-3 in roll call vote.
- Motion to have a special meeting in regard to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget on March 21st, 2025 at 6pm. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion to accept amended Consumers Energy Agreement upon attorney review. Motion carried 5-0
- Motion to send D. Grubb to MMTA 2025 Advanced Institute for 3 nights plus cost of training. Motion carried 5-0.
- Motion to adjourn made by M. Brown. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:44pm.

Tara Foote, Clerk **Conway Township** 517-223-0358 (3-30-25 FNV)



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The shared property line with Fowlerville Community Park along with the paved walkway joining the park's paved walking trail.

### 'Keep Calm and Go for a Walk' or otherwise stay active By Mark Thompson

Chronologically spring is here, although the warmer weather seems to be taking the slow route to arrive. That being said, many of us are heading outside to start our spring projects or just to get out of the house and enjoy some fresh air without having to put on a parka.

As we get older one of the many things we can do to stay healthy, both physically and mentally, is to remain active. At the Fowlerville Senior Center we have daily low impact exercise classes from 10:00 - 11:00A and an exercise room available to any member during our open hours. We have a weight machine, treadmill, stationary bike and a few other odds and ends members can use to help them remain active, keep the joints loose and muscles firm. That's what we offer on the inside.

The Fowlerville Senior Center shares a property line with the Fowlerville Community Park. We even have our own paved walkway which joins the park's paved walking trail. For those who would like to get a little outside exercise you can park at the Senior Center and enjoy a walk in the park and check out the Story Walk section in the park. As an added bonus, the Senior Center usually has coffee and maybe cookies to either fortify your walk or assist in your recovery. We also have members who like to chat, play a game of dice, cards, or bingo as a warm up or down.

For those who may need a little more sustenance, the Torch 180 restaurant also borders the park and has a great deck overlooking the park. They have good food, beverages, great service and comfortable facilities. If you have not been to Torch 180, we would recommend you check it out.

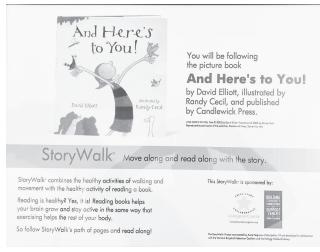
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We still have some openings for our Starry Starry Night planetarium trip to MSU's Abrams Planetarium. Cost is \$45 for Senior Center members and includes transportation, lunch and planetarium access. Remember Fowlerville Senior Center membership only costs \$25 per year and you can join at age 18. Those who are 90 and over are free. The

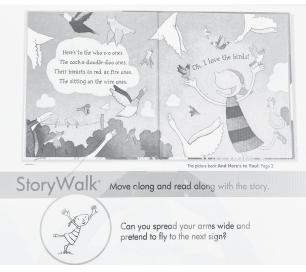
Fowlerville Senior Center is going to participate in the Fowlerville 4th of July Parade. Come join us If you have a desire to participate in designing or building a float. We are also looking for people who can wave a lot to ride on the float.

"An early-morning walk is a blessing for the whole day." - Henry David Thoreau

# SYNOPSIS FROM THE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES OF THE CONWAY TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON MARCH 21ST, 2025 AT THE CONWAY TOWNSHIP HALL



Fowlerville Community Park's Story Walk book.



A page from the Fowlerville Community Park's Story Walk book.



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

The Following Motions were made:

- Motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. Motion carried 4-1.
- Motion to adjourn made by S. Porter. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Tara Foote, Clerk Conway Township 517-223-0358 (3-30-25 FNV)

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According to FHS Alumni president, Judy Epley Recker, usually the donations are in memory of loved ones and classmates who were graduates of FHS. However, many donations have been made in the name of individuals who, in some manner, had a connection to the Fowlerville Schools or the Fowlerville community, such as a custodian, a coach, a faculty or Board of Education member, or a community supporter.

Donations received are recognized in both the alumni program and a published list in the News & Views. The FHS Alumni Association is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. Donations can be sent to the FHS Alumni Association, Box 446, Fowlerville, MI 48836. Donations are accepted year around an in any amount; to be included in the 2025 program, donations should be received by May 15. If questions, please contact the Alumni association treasurer, Meghan Swain-Kuch at 517-672-1747 or meghanmswain@gmail.com

You may also recognize family and friends by submitting a business card for advertising purposes. An advertising entry may replace the traditional listing. Your generosity not only helps maintain the scholarship program but will help a graduating senior with college/trade school expenses.

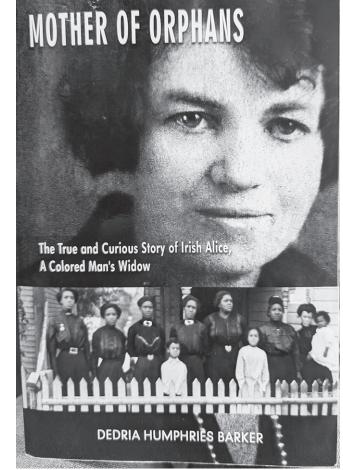
#### St. Agnes Church planning Firekeepers Casino Trip & Breakfast on April 23rd

St. Agnes Church's next scheduled bus trip to Firekeepers Casino is Wednesday, April 23. We will be hosting breakfast at 9am at St. Agnes Church, 855 E Grand River Avenue, Fowlerville, in the Lothamer Parish Center prior to our bus leaving.

We will be going to Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek. The cost is \$50 and includes round trip bus transportation, \$20 in free slot and \$5 to use toward 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 casino.

A Blue Lake Charter bus will leave the St. Agnes Church parking lot at 10am. Anticipated arrival time back in Fowlerville is 5pm. Please call the office at 517-223-8684 to pre-register or email Lisa at stagnesfowlerville@sbcglobal. net. First come first served. All are welcome to join us for a fun day out!





MOTHER OF ORPHANS, a book written by Dedria Humphries Barker, will be the topic of a conversation between the Lansing author and Steve Horton of the 'Fowlerville News & Views' on April 8th at the Fowlerville District Library.

### **'Fowlerville News & Views' sponsoring Book Conversation with Lansing author**

The Fowlerville News & Views is sponsoring a 'Book Conversation' with author Dedria Humphries Barker on her book Mother of Orphans: The True & Curious Story of Irish Alice, a Colored Man's Widow.

The event will be held at the Fowlerville District Library on Tuesday, April 8, starting at 3p.m.

Steve Horton, editor-publisher of the local newspaper, will talk with the Lansing author about her extensive research into the story of her great-grandmother Alice, who married a Black man in 1899, and then upon his death in 1912 put their three black children in an orphanage.

The book looks at the impact on that decision on four generations of women in her family. The discussion will also touch on the child care, racial identity, and social and economic barriers faced by Black men and women in 19th century northern Kentucky, 20th century southern Ohio, and Detroit.

"I became acquainted with Dedria when I started a magazine in 2002 aimed at the mid-Michigan-Lansing area market and invited her to submit articles," said Horton. "She had been recommended as a possible contributor by a mutual writing friend. In talking with her, I learned that she had worked for the Lansing State Journal as a reporter, had previously published a health magazine, and was at that time teaching writing courses at Lansing Community College as well as submitting articles to various publications. The columns and profiles she contributed to my magazine were very informative and enjoyable to read."

"After I saw that she had started writing once-a-month in the Lansing City Pulse a couple of years ago, I got around to emailing my compliments and then, learning of her book, contacted her to order a copy. I found it to be a very interesting and well-written narrative of her family history, starting with Irish Alice and her great-grandfather John Henry who were living in southern Ohio, and continuing with chapters about a great aunt (John Henry's sister), her grandmother who eventually ended up in Detroit, her mother, and finally her own story." Horton noted that, in follow-up communications, he invited her to be the featured guest at a program, sponsored by the newspaper, and arranged for it to be held at the Fowlerville District Library. "Since I have read the book, I thought my asking questions and her answering them-done as a conversation-would be a nice format to try," Horton said. "She agreed and we're looking forward to the event."

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# Restoration project underway on historical building at fairgrounds, continued



From left were Mike Dunn who has been building and installing wooden shudders at the Kirkland House, Erin Voyle, and Janie Willsmore. The three of them are members of the Livingston Centre Historical Society.

#### coating that resembles plaster."

Because of the structural work that needed to be done, C.L.E. Construction, a Corunna company owned by Chris Easlick, was hired. Gouscher noted that C.L.E is used by Metal Roofs of Michigan to do work on older homes when structural work is necessary.

Gouscher added that he has a background in historical restoration projects and was brought onto the project to work with the committee.

Erin Voyle, the chair of the Historical Society, said the current Kirkland House project is being done with funds that were raised by the group's last two Fall Fests.

"Right now our committee has a contract for this restoration work," she said. "Afterwards, the plan is to have a phasetwo project with a new metal roof installed on the singlestory portion of the house. After that we'll need to raise more money to complete the interior work."

She noted that the single-story addition to the house was

done at a later date, using different rafters, so it won't require any reinforcement of the walls and would be less expensive.

"We're excited about the current project because people who have supported our fundraising events will see a tangible result," Voyle added.

The money for projects like this one, plus any other maintenance and restoration work that's done, comes primarily from the group's Grandma's Attic Sale that's held in May and the Fall Fest which takes place in the Village in September.

The committee has been seeking corporate and individual sponsors to assist in paying for the phase two roofing project. Donated time and materials by committee members and others in the community also aid in the effort.

One of those volunteers is Mike Dunn who has been building and installing new wooden shudders to cover the windows in the Kirkland House. Although a much smaller project than installing a new roof, it adds to the overall goal of keeping the home in good shape.









Remembering a Trip to Amish Country

By Karen Grab

*Here are a few highlights of our visit to Shipshewana in the summer of 2013* 

The four of us (Mom, brother John, and my husband Ed and I) had always wanted to see how the Amish people lived, so a trip to Shipshewana, Indiana was made. This was 12 years ago, but I've made some updates for this article.

With John driving us in his van, we left Haslett and headed in a southernly direction. The GPS got us there by taking the 80/90 toll road route. The distance was 128 miles and our trip lasted around two-and-a-half hours.

Our rooms were ready for us at the Blue Gate Inn, located at 800 S. Van Buren Street when we arrived. It is close to the events and shops.

The town of Shipshewana is named after Chief Shipshewana, a Potawatomi Indian chief who resided in the area with his tribe. He passed away in 1841.

Of more current significance, the place is well known for being in the heart of Amish country, with a noticeable presence of Amish and Mennonite residents. Shipshewana is equally renowned for being the hub for many businesses where many locals work and socialize and visitors shop.

La Grange County, where Shipshewana is located, has an Amish population of over 15,000, making it the third largest concentration in the US after Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and Holmes County, Ohio.

On our first day there, with a desire to enjoy the Amish experience, we visited the Menno-Hof Amish and Mennonite Museum which showcases the history of both the Amish and Mennonite people. We learned that the Amish enjoy the secluded life and avoid the use of more current technology, including cars and tractors, while the Mennonites utilize the modern conveniences and are open to driving cars. We then enjoyed home-style dining at the Blue Gate Restaurant and Bakery. The fried chicken and homemade rolls were so good. There is a theatre upstairs where patrons can see many celebrities sing. It holds up to 1,500 people.

The second day we took a horse and buggy ride around the town with Jacob. It is a pleasant and convenient way to see more businesses and shops, and we enjoyed the experience of riding around like the Amish do.

We saw Clint Black, the country western singer, perform at the Blue Gate Theater later that night. It is a big theatre and many fans were on hand to enjoy his music.

The third day was a stop at the Flea Market with 700 booths located on 40 acres. It is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from May through October. Hours are 8-4pm. There were many items to see, ranging from homemade quilts, baked goods, art, fresh produce, crafts and so much more. Best to bring cash. Admission is free, but it costs \$5 to park your vehicle.

There is also an auction for livestock and antiques on Wednesdays, while horses are sold on Fridays. Live bidding and many people attend.

We wanted to see Davis Mercantile. It is a five-story mall filled with Amish shops featuring home accents, apparel and food. There is also a 1906 carousel with hand-carved farm animals on the third floor. A Weaver Furniture store is located on the lower floor and we saw handmade table chairs made from cherry wood.

John drove us to Middlebury afterwards, and we ate at Aunt Karen's Cafe. This is six miles from Shipshewana. Homemade bread and turkey sandwiches with potato salad and chicken noodle soup. Nice to know there is another Aunt Karen around!



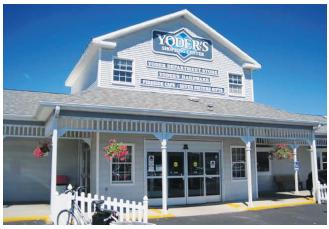
An Amish couple on a bicycle after doing some shopping.

On our last day, we stopped at Yoder Department Store where Ed and John both found Amish straw hats. We then ate at the Fireside Cafe and drove around Lake Shipshewana. Then it was back home to Michigan.

For more information go to visitshipshewana.org.

*Note: Many businesses in Shipshewana reflect the Amish and Mennonite religious culture and are closed on Sunday.* 

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Yoder Department Store



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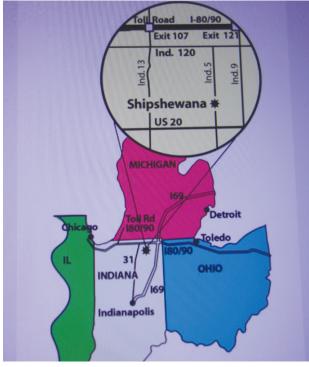
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# Remembering a Trip to Amish Country, continued



Map of Shipshewana.



Blue Gate Restaurant.



Tickets for the theatre and carriage ride.





Flowers grown by the Amish in front of the Blue Gate Restaurant.



This is taken from a post card. Hundreds of horses and buggies are parked in a field while the Amish community participates in an auction sale.



Amish straw hat that was purchased by John and Ed.



We saw Clint Black perform at the Blue Gate Theater.



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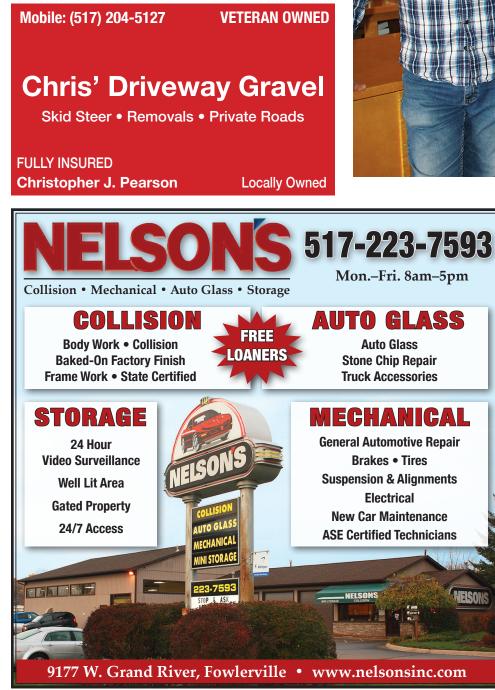
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#### Livingston County Genealogical Society to meet April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Howell church

The Livingston County Genealogical Society will hold an in-person meeting, Thursday, April 3rd 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. 3 April 2025: "Family Plot".

Author and Society member, Deborah Kellogg Lewis wrote "Family Plot" which is a historical fictional narrative of her family history, the Kellogg Family who were early settlers of Livingston County. She will discuss her processes of transforming family history into written stories, something most genealogists struggle to do. We look forward to hearing about her writing journey and learning any tips she may offer.



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From left, Les & Sherry Pardee, the former owners of Sweet Sensations, and Jennifer & Mike Meloche, the new owners.

Sweet Sensations: Fowlerville candy store welcomes

#### **New owners** By Steve Horton

Sweet Sensations, the candy store located on Downtown Fowlerville, has new owners.

Sherry and Les Pardee, who have operated the business for the past 25 years and purchased the building 30 years ago, handed over the keys to Jennifer and Mike Meloche earlier in March.

The Meloches, who live in Fowlerville, said that they plan to operate the store with its assorted homemade chocolates and other candies in much the same manner, focusing mainly on retail sales.

Mike described the new venture as the next chapter for the couple.

"I've been in sales for many years, working for a number of different food companies over the years, and we felt it was just time for us to do something for ourselves," he said. "I'd been looking at a number of different types of businesses and Jen wasn't too excited about any of my ideas."

That changed just before Christmas when the couple's oldest son—they have five ranging from 33 to 14—told them the chocolate shop in town was for sale.

"I met with Pardees and then went home and we discussed it," said Mike. "After hearing the details, she said 'Well, I could get behind an idea like this.'"

In explaining her reaction, Jennifer said that, first of all, "I love chocolate, and I've made candy and different sweets at Christmas, although nothing like this. Also, I figured 'Who doesn't love chocolate?"

"I had stayed at home with our kids and now that my youngest is in high school, I was ready to try something new," she added.

Jennifer does sell books online and agreed this background might be utilized in the future as another way of selling the candy.

While the Meloches said this option is a possibility down

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# Sweet Sensations, continued

the road and there are other add-ons they might try, for the time being their plan is to follow the example of their predecessors.

"Right now we're going to concentrate on the retail and making the types of candy that customers are familiar with,' Mike said. "What Les and Sherry have been doing all these years has worked really well, so, we're not going change any of that. We may bring in a few other items, and we are willing to do special orders like weddings."

Part of the Pardees' business model has been making the different types of chocolates and other candies on the premises and then putting them on display in the retail store in the front of the building.

While retail sales will remain a primary focus for the new owners, with certain holidays like Valentine's Day and Christmas continuing to be a big part of any success, the couple do plan to use social media to market the store and its products.

"We expect to have our website up shortly, and we're now on Facebook and Instagram," said Jennifer.

She added that customers can now pay for a purchase with a credit or debit card, which is a new option.

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For Les and Sherry, both Fowlerville natives, the next chapter is retirement, but with no definite plans.

"We'll see what happens," said Les.

Sweet Sensations began in 1994 when they purchased the building and candy-making equipment from the family of George and Ellen Spagnuolo-the couple who had operated a confectionary in Fowlerville for many years.

After spending some time remodeling the interior and exterior, they opened the store in 2000.

Sherry said that the impetus for getting into this type of business began with their making candy at home.

"My grandmother brought us some maple creams and we started making them," Sherry explained.

Their division of labor for many years was Sherry working at the store, Les continuing his job at General Motors Proving Grounds, and the two of them making the various products.

"Once I retired a few years ago it became a whole lot easier," Les said. "I didn't have to take vacation days off to get ready for one of the big holidays or spend my evenings or weekends making candy.'

The couple said the business has been pretty similar from start to finish.

"Not that much has changed over the years," they said. "There are slow times between the big holidays-Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, and Christmas are the peaks, while you have Sweetest Day and Thanksgiving where we sold some extra product."

Part of preparing for a holiday has been making certain specialty items, with chocolate Easter bunnies and Thanksgiving turkeys being examples.

Sherry said that turtle candy and caramel pecan clusters have been the most popular items over the years, but added "anything with butter in it is popular." And, of course, chocolate.

She didn't have any specific number for the amount of chocolate they purchased on average in a year, but noted "We did go through about 1,800 pounds at Christmas."

With this business adventure now over, Les and Sherry expressed their appreciation for the support they've received from the community during the past 25 years.

"We're grateful for that," they said, "and we hope they support the new owners."

#### **Fowlerville Fire Department Report**

March 20

8:50 p.m.- Medical response on Garden Lane in the Village. March 21

8:26 a.m.- Medical response on West Grand River in Handy Township.

8:30 p.m.- Car fire in a structure on Stow Rd in Conway Township. Assisted by NIESA Fire.

11:57 p.m.- Structure fire on Coon Lake Rd in Iosco Township. Assisted at the scene by NIESA Fire, Unadilla Fire, and Putnam Fire. Howell Fire was on station coverage for Station 41.

#### March 22

12:52 a.m.- Grass fire on Nicholson Rd in Handy Township. Mutual aid by Howell Fire and NIESA Fire.

2:59 p.m.- Trash fire on Coon Lake Road in Iosco Township.

4:01 p.m.- Grass fire on Hanna Jane Lane in Handy Township.

#### March 23

8:23 a.m.- Medical response on Gehringer Drive in the Village.

12:01 p.m.- Medical response on Iosco Rd in Iosco Township.

6:28 p.m.- Medical response on North Grand Ave in the Village.

#### March 24

2:33 a.m.- Medical response on East Grand River in the Village.

6:56 p.m.- Medical response on South Grand Ave in the Village.

9:15 p.m.- Motor vehicle accident on N. Fowlerville Rd in Conway Township.

10:44 p.m.- Medical response on Dailey St in the Village. March 25

11:31 a.m.- Medical response on S Gregory Rd in Iosco Township.

1:13 p.m.- Medical response on Grandshire Blvd in the Village.

4:25 p.m.- Traumatic injury response on Chase Lake Rd in Conway Township.

#### March 26

12:50 a.m.- Medical response on W Lovejoy Rd in Conway Township.

11:06 a.m.- Grass fire on Bullrun Rd in Iosco Township. Assisted by Howell Fire and

Unadilla Fire.

10:16 p.m.- Illegal outdoor fire on Smith Rd in Handy Township.

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There's Power in the Blood

#### By Susan Kretchman

Perhaps one of the greatest mysteries I ponder about God is the words of His prophets, those ancient men we read about in the books of the Old Testament, who often gave the Jewish nation a foreshadowing of what was to come. Of particular importance, were the numerous messages–foretellings–of the promised Messiah, the One who would come to save God's people. Since we are in the season of Lent with Easter Sunday soon approaching, I'm turning to one of my favorite prophets, Isaiah, who ministered to the people of Judah from 740 to 680 BC.

In Chapter 53 of Isaiah's book we get a very good description of God's Son and what He would endure at the

### PUBLIC NOTICE HANDY TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS IN WEBBERVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY ABSENTEE BALLOTS For a SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 6, 2025

The Handy Township Clerk will be available for issuing absentee ballots for the May 6, 2025 Webberville Schools Special Election. Ballots will be issued at the HANDY TOWNSHIP VOTING CENTER, 6520 Grand River (corner of Hogback Rd. and Grand River) on the following dates and times:

Saturday, May 3, 2025 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Absentee Ballots will also be available for issuance during the month of April on Thursdays (by appointment), at the Handy Township Offices, 135 N. Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, MI.

Emergency Ballots will be available on Monday, May 5, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Handy Township Offices, located at 135 N. Grand Avenue.

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end of His earthly life in ministry. Verse 3 says "He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him now." If we compare the written gospel account of Jesus' last days before being nailed to a cross, this is a good description assuring us that indeed He suffered a lot, therefore, we can rest as our own assurance that He understands our own sorrows and hardships.

Further along in verse 5 we read: *But he was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.*" In the course of Jesus' arrest and unlawful trial, He was brutally tortured. Stripped naked He was flogged with a whip that literally tore the flesh from His back with every strike. A crown of thorns was placed on His head, the sharp edges breaking open the skin on his scalp, blood dripping down His face. With that level of punishment we are told it brings us peace? How is that possible? Only because HE took the punishment you and I deserve as a penalty for sin.

Under the open gaping wounds of 39 lashes to His back, Jesus' "stripes" are credited to give us healing. With His body now beaten, torn, dripping with blood, experiencing pain and exhaustion beyond human comprehension, He is facing the final moments of humiliation, pain, and suffering. He will be forced to carry His own cross, parading through public roads, mockers standing along the way, a mob reveling in His death sentence. How dare this "man" claim to be the Son of God and proclaim that He could forgive sins.... that man could put Him to death... and declare He'd rise again.

Another prophetic glimpse we get about Jesus's crucifixion is a very short sentence in Psalm 34: 19-20 "A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all; he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken".

It was standard practice by the Romans to break the legs of their victim in order to hasten death. In the case of Jesus, when the soldiers approached Him to do so, He was already deceased, thus fulfilling the prophecy that this common practice would not be necessary. (John 19:33)

The matters of God–especially the lessons we study in the season of Lent leading us to Palm Sunday and Easter–need not be intimidating. Answers to our questions can be found in the entirety of the Bible, all 66 books. 2 Timothy 3: 16 is a clear directive that "all scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness...so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Let us be thankful that God saw it quite fitting to give us numerous Old Testament writings describing His ultimate plan of salvation for all of mankind, the death and resurrection of His one and only son. Yet, as you read, don't miss those passages that warn about rejecting Christ and the gift of pardon from all sins. Not all who "see and hear" the gospel message will be saved. Salvation requires believing in the One who came to save.

A note to my readers: This week's article will be my last for a while. On April 1 until mid-May I will be enjoying a sabbatical where I am pulling away from all ministry duties. I've had some busy months which have caused me to realize I need to retreat, unplug, so that I may rest, find renewal along with what I lovingly call a "fresh fire and a fresh wind". I look forward to time alone and with loved ones. Hopefully, with God's inspiration, I'll have a lot to write about when I return.



#### The Fourth Word of Lent: Poverty By Jace Arledge

On Ash Wednesday, I purchased an app for my phone to accompany me during Lent. I'm Catholic, so this particular app is called Hallow and it has daily readings, men/women devotions, daily reflections, all read or presented by priests, nuns, celebrities, writers—you name it.

I am writing this on Thursday, March 20<sup>a</sup> and the daily reading and this beatitude we will talk about could be siblings! That's a crazy coincidence. See, the reading for this day came from the Gospel of Luke 16:19-31 and talks about two men, one who is wealthy (we are never told his name) and a man named Lazurus (not the one Jesus raised from the dead).

It spoke how the nameless man was very rich and cared about nothing but himself and what he had, while Lazurus the poor, crippled man-was begging for the SCRAPS that the rich man dropped. It would look as if those men had nothing in common, but they did, as they both were going to die. This is where it gets deep. Lazurus dies and is carried by the angels to heaven and the nameless wealthy man is sent to Hades.

It wasn't until he was in the "HOT PLACE" that suddenly other people mattered to him—his family and friends—yet it was all selfish. See the rich man received all the good things while living and made poor choices and treated others poorly, so that when he died, he didn't deserve the good things. He had already partaken in them and cared about no other human but himself.

On the other hand, Lazurus was given the things he didn't have in life, the beautiful food and love and friendship. It was an eye opener for me. It's like they say, what you sow on earth you shall reap in the afterlife.

Which brings me to the FOURTH word... POVERTY

Actually the Beatitude and the words on the cross speak of a different kind of poverty than lack material possessions.

Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven

My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?

Both of these concepts of poverty (as I'll explain them) are not very common to modern society; in fact they would be considered foreign. These words are concerned with owning, possession, an aristocracy that is not one of blood or virtue but of money and it judges one's worth not by the acts of the person but in the terms of their possessions.

I mean let's all be honest, Jesus told everyone to leave their belongings and follow him... bring nothing. But make no mistake, "poor in Spirit" isn't speaking of wealthy in terms of gold and possessions, it means interior detachment. Some who are rich can represent this. Because their wealth can easily be given up for the goodness of salvation. So this Beatitude means: Blessed are those who are not possessed by their possessions, just look at how Christ lived, a homeless, poor, vagabond.

He conquered the pride of what one has (economic pride), the pride of what one is (social pride), and the pride of what one knows (intellectual pride) for a society of people he didn't know! He became poor so to be like us, even though he was rich. His own people didn't receive him, he gave up everything, cities abandon him, Bethlehem refused the inn, Nazareth drove him from the gates, and Jerusalem killed him. People left him all because of who he "hung out with"—the drunkard, the prostitute, the tax collector, the immigrant, the sinners.

He lived the "poor in Spirit" and on the cross is where the greatest poverty of all with the words "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" I mean to look at how the sky became dark and the sun hide, the winds blew and though the Father didn't abandon him, he did nothing to help him not be crucified.

Yet the greater picture and word here is abandonment. You see, being economically/socially poor is not so difficult, but to lose faith and hope and any spiritual (divine) consolation in a moment of agony is terrible. This is what church, and religion has done to so many out there. People walk away because those with the power and wealth make the rules and decide who is in or out.

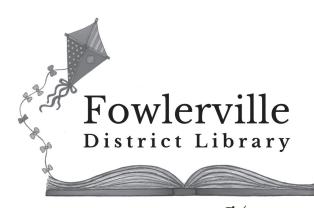
If anything, my hope is that this article will bring some peace to those who have been hurt by organized religion, and to understand that Jesus went through it just like us, but don't worry about others and the judgement that they pass, just know that YOU MATTER, and your life is important.

Let's continue this Lenten journey with hope, faith and love in our hearts. Know that I love you.

Most of the luxuries, and many of the so-called comforts of life, are not only not indispensable, but positive hindrances to the elevation of mankind. With the respect to luxuries and comforts, the wisest have ever lived a more simple and meager life than the poor Thoreau, Walden Til Next Time

Stay kind and LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY

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### **Upcoming Events**

Monday – Wednesday: 9:30 am to 7:00 pm Thursday: 9:30 am to 8:00 pm Friday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm Saturday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday: Closed

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

#### **KIDS & FAMILY**

#### Family Storytime (Ages 1-5)

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

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

A storytime for the "littlest littles" to learn, play, and grow through a variety of stories, songs, rhymes and movements that appeal to short attention spans. Wed  $\bullet$  10-11am \* \* \*

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

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

#### **Graphic Novel Book Club**

Read the book and then come to discuss it. Snacks provided. Books are available at the front desk and are yours to keep. Next meeting, we will discuss PAWS GABBY GETS IT TOGETHER by Michele Assarasakorn and Nathan Fairbairn. Mon, April 21 • 4pm

#### Easter Egg Hunt

Eggs have been hidden all around the library. Help us find them all for a sweet treat or fun prize! Sat, Apr 12 • 1-3pm \* \* \*

#### **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.

#### **Reading Dragons (All Ages)**

Game on! Read to earn creature cards to collect and play games! Can you collect them all? Stop by the library to grab a reading log and a starter set to begin your adventure. \* \* \*

#### Live Homework Help

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#### **ADULTS**

#### JANE AUSTEN NIGHT

2025 marks the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth. Join the celebration here at the library. We will have tea tasting, crafting and a fun game, MARRY MR. DARCY; with a chance to win a prize. Thurs, April 3 • 6pm

#### AUTHOR CONVERSATION-PRESENTED BY THE **FOWERVILLE NEWS & VIEWS**

Dedria Humphries Barker will be here to be interviewed by Steve Horton to discuss her book MOTHER OF ORPHANS: THE TRUE AND CURIOUS STORY OF IRISH ALICE, A COLORED MAN'S WIDOW. It will be informative, educational and historical. Tues, April 8 • 3pm

#### FREE FOR ALL: THE PUBLIC LIBRARY-HISTORIC **HOWELL THEATER**

You are invited to join us for a free advance, special edition screening of a new documentary to be shown on the PBS show Independence Lens that tells the story of the U.S. public library system. Admission is free and you can get reduced price concessions by showing your library card. Wed, April 9 • 7pm

#### SO YOU THINK YOU CAN PUZZLE! PUZZLE CHALLENGE

Calling all puzzlers for our second puzzle challenge. Register your team of up to 4 people to compete to complete an identical 400-piece puzzle in the fastest time. Single registrants will be paired with other singles. Prizes will be awarded, and refreshments will be served. The puzzle in this challenge features fun children's book covers in honor of National Library Week. Ready, set puzzle! Registration required. Space is limited. Thurs, April 10 • 6pm

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#### Find Your People at the Library (Please note this change in date and time)

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, April 10 • 2-3pm

#### 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, Apr  $15 \bullet 5:30 - 6:45$ pm

#### **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, Apr 24 • 6:30pm & Fri, Apr 25 • 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., Apr 26 • 10:30am – 3:30pm \* \* \*

#### Shelf Indulgence Book Club (Adults)

Members take turns facilitating the discussions. Come and enjoy some literary camaraderie! Register to get a free copy of the book, while supplies last. Registration begins one month before each scheduled meeting. Next up we will discuss BEAR by Julia Phillips. Apr 17 • 2pm

#### Sewing (Adults)

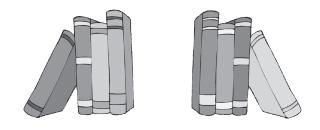
Bring your sewing machine and learn from a master seamstress. All levels of skill are welcome. Registration is required. Friday, April 11 • 10-2pm & Wed, April 16 • 5:30pm

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#### **A Friendly Reminder**

We are happy to be fine-free, however after 3 months the item will be withdrawn from our system and can no longer be returned. A library lost/replacement fee will be applied to the account. Please return your items on time so that others can enjoy them too.







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#### March Create (Ages 13 and up)

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

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#### **April Fools Around the World**

Join us and learn more about how people around the world celebrate this and similar holidays. Tues, April 1 • 3-5pm \* \* \*

#### **International Snack Tasting**

Try some unusual snack items from around the world. Monday, April 7 • 3-5pm

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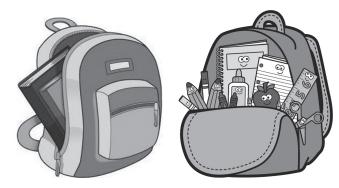
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### Webberville Community Schools to hold 'Round up on the Ranch' on April 24th

Webberville Community Schools will hold preschool and kindergarten "Round up on the Ranch" on April 24<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. Families are invited to explore a mini petting zoo and enjoy fun farm activities, while meeting teachers and touring classrooms. Ingham County Health Department will also be on hand to provide health screenings. Please call 517-521-3071 to register for round up. See you on the ranch!



# Webberville Cribbage Report Jim- 24 All are invited to join the fun! We meet Mondays, 6:30-9pm at the Webberville United Methodist Church, located at South M-52 & Holt Road. For more information, call Fred Moon 517-521-5622. Leave message.



# IOSCO TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED MINUTES March 20th, 2025

The regular meeting of the losco Township Board was held on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. Members Present: Bonnville, Dailey, Harman, & Parker. Miller was absent. 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 2/20/2025. 5) Clerk's report. 6) Treasurer's report. 7) Motion to pay \$64,627.66 in Township bills. 8) Fire Board and Recreation updates were heard. 9) Motion to accept the Fowlerville Community Recreation Agreement with losco Township agreeing to pay roughly 18% which equates to \$22,000 for 2025/2026. 10) Planning Commission update was heard. 11) Assessor & Zoning Administrator's report was heard 12) Motion to accept Gorski Hauling's Spring Clean Up proposal estimated at \$3,800. 13) Motion to accept the 2025 lawn maintenance bid from CJs Lawn Care at \$12,000. 14) The Board tabled the discussion on the Livingston County Road Commission projects until April. 15) 2nd Call to the Public: The public was heard from. 16) Motion to adjourn at 8:41 P.M.

# Webberville Report

Webberville Middle School Choir earns high rating at choral festival

The Webberville Middle School Choir performed like champions at Haslett High School on March 13th at the District 8 MSVMA Festival. Choral Thev sang "Ut Vitam Habeant" by Ruth Elaine Schram "Firefly" by Andy and Beck. The choir received Determination а Final of Division I- Excellent, for their performance! Congratulations to these talented choir members and to Ms. Kara Tredway for all her dedication with this group of students. Excellent work!





Choir members are: front row I-r: Ms. Kara Tredway, Nevaeh Welsh, Makayla Garcia, Elodie Landry, Claire Bowen, Madilyn Conley. Back row: Abigail VanNortwick, Alanah West, Dani Harrison, James Hickok, Lorena Rodriguez Fuentes, Christian Hornback, Lucas Carpenter, David Medina Cutie, Amy Hickok, and Weston Fraley.



Webberville MS Choir performs during Festival.



#### Senior Spotlight—Riley Cyr By Trevor Bedwell

Riley Shane Cyr is the son of Adam Lee Cyr (Teresa Marrow) and Theresa Cyr (Sean Ahner). He has siblings, including Adam Lee Cyr Jr. (WHS '24) and Blair Barron, along with step-siblings Zach Ahner, Adam Ahner, and Jack Ahner. Riley has spent eleven years attending Webberville Schools.

Riley's favorite class was Robotics. He loved the creativity the class encouraged and enjoyed being with his friends. Riley also participated in Track and Field, with his proudest achievement being a third-place finish in the 100-meter dash.

Mr. Wilson, WHS Art Teacher, has highlighted Riley's energy and enthusiasm as his greatest strengths, along with a curiosity he shares with those around him.

"If Riley can stay focused on his goals, I am confident he will succeed in whatever path he chooses," Mr. Wilson said. One of Riley's fondest memories is taking a picture with a

cardboard box camera in photography class.

His friend Ayden pointed out that Riley is very considerate outside of school. "One time, he helped fix broken bikes at a club party," Ayden noted. Ayden also emphasized their ability to remain friends, regardless of any disagreements that may come up.

In Riley's free time, he enjoys playing video games and

Respectfully submitted, Julie Dailey Iosco Township Clerk (3-30-25 FNV) working on his dirt bike. After graduation, he plans to pursue a career in the trades as a plumber.

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

On Wednesday March 19, 2025 NIESA responded to 13 calls. Three calls were in Leroy Township with one a citizen assist, one a vehicle accident on I-96, and one a medical response. Three calls were in the Village of Webberville with two calls being medical responses and one a vehicle accident. Four calls were in the City of Williamston with one a citizen assist, two being medical responses, and one a fire response. Two calls were in Wheatfield Township with one a medical response, and one a fire response. NIESA also helped Webberville Schools with their annual tornado drill.

On Thursday March 20, 2025 NIESA responded to two calls. One call was in Locke Township for a medical response. One call was in Leroy Township for a citizen assist.

On Friday March 21, 2025 NIESA responded to eight calls. Two calls were in Leroy Township, one was a citizen assist and one a vehicle accident on I-96. Three calls were

in the City of Williamston with one a citizen assist and two being medical responses. Two calls were in the Village of Webberville with both being medical responses. One call was a mutual aid to Fowlerville for a fire response.

On Saturday March 22, 2025 NIESA responded to five calls. Two calls were in Leroy Township with one a vehicle accident on I-96 and one a medical response. Two calls were in Wheatfield Township with one a medical response and one a vehicle accident on I-96. One call was a mutual aid fire response in Livingston County.

On Sunday March 23, 2025 NIESA responded to a medical response call in the Village of Webberville.

On Monday March 24, 2025 NIESA responded to five calls. One call was in Leroy Township for a citizen assist. Three calls were in the City of Williamston with all being medical responses. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a vehicle accident on I-96.

On Tuesday March 25, 2025 NIESA responded to one call in the City of Williamston for a medical response.



# Livingston County Comments

By: Doug Helzerman, District 1 Commissioner

Sue Bostwick has notified Livingston County of her resignation as Equalization Department Director. She has given the residents of our county 26 years of dedicated service. This department is responsible to keep all tax assessments up-to-date and insure that they are neither too high or too low. She did a superior job of keeping up with the demands made by Lansing that are often subject to change without notice and sometimes very close to important deadlines. Just this year she helped both Conway and Handy Townships to secure the personnel needed to prepare their assessment rolls in a timely manner.

Two candidates applied to fill this vacancy and were interviewed. Brendan Scheitz was recommended by the personnel committee and then appointed by the full board. Brendan had been hired more than a year ago to be trained to succeed Sue. He has the education, experience, and a proven track record of accomplishment within the department, as well as insight to oversee this important function of government.

I was happy to vote for the reappointment of our own resident of Handy Township, Chuck Wright, to the Livingston County Tax Allocation Board. Each year a citizen is chosen for the General Public Seat on this board. Congratulations, Chuck. \* \* \*

Our new Prosecutor, Carolyn Henry, applied for and was granted an amount of money that will be used to celebrate National Crime Victim's Rights Week, April 6th - 12th. It is her hope and ours to have a recognition ceremony honoring survivors of some of the most heinous crimes that have occurred in Livingston County. Victims will be recognized by members of our community such as police, judges, and the public. I hope you will be able to be part of this event on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is a luncheon at Cleary's in Howell followed by a mile walk downtown beginning at the courthouse. If interested, respond at victims@livgov.com.

Livingston County EMS, in analyzing response times, has determined the need for additional EMS bases for rural areas of the county that have been historically underserved. Last year our Fowlerville substation was added, and Monday night we authorized the building of two more substations. These will be located in Cohoctah Township and Putnam Township (by Pinckney). This will help us reach our self-imposed goal of having an ambulance on scene in 15 minutes or less 90% of the time.

Schafer Construction Inc. was chosen for both projects. Cohoctah Township's cost will not exceed \$1,656,042 and is to be finished by early August this year, while Putnam's came in slightly less (not to exceed \$1,488,476) and should be completed a month later. Each of these additions makes the whole safety net stronger. Even so, however, we will have

## **IOSCO TOWNSHIP** SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED **BUDGET MINUTES MARCH 25th, 2025**

may still have some response time challenges.

Livingston County is blessed with many lakes. Many of them have been created by a system of dams that help control flooding due to above average snow melts and rainfall in the spring of the year. These dams need regular maintenance by our Drain Commissioner's office. We authorized such actions on three dams this past Monday. Faucet Lake was created on private property and is an earthen dam which is now failing. Howell (Thompson) Lake dam needs attention, as well as Portage Dam which services people of both Livingston and Washtenaw Counties. The costs associated with these projects are borne by those who live on the lakes or those who have lake access. The Circuit Court is responsible to authorize the list of property owners whose taxes will be rightly assessed and to set the Lake Level so that no one will be flooded and all can have a lake deep enough to enjoy.

The Portage Lake Dam costs are divided 45% for Washtenaw



#### Hartland Audubon Nature Club to learn about Kirtland's warbler on April 1st

Michigan's expert on the Kirtland's warbler, Bill Rapai, will visit the Hartland Audubon Nature Club on April 1, at 7pm to speak about this iconic bird.

The Kirtland's warbler is the rarest warbler species in North America and 98% spend spring and summer in Michigan. The total population fell below 400 birds in the 1970's and 1980's, driven largely by a loss of habitat and the introduction of a parasite.

A small group of dedicated biologists, researchers and volunteers vowed to save Kirtland's warbler despite long odds. Come hear Bill's story of the warbler's survival and gradual recovery, the people and policies that kept it from extinction and the ongoing challenges that may again jeopardize the bird's future.

Our guest speaker authored The Kirtland's Warbler: The story of a bird's fight against extinction and the people who saved it. He currently serves as Executive Director of Michigan's Kirtland's Warbler Alliance and was past president of Grosse Pointe Audubon Society. He has traveled world-wide to view and research birds and was an awardwinning reporter and editor for the Grand Forks Herald, the Detroit Free Press, and the Boston Globe.

Join us at the Hartland Education Support Service Center, 9525 E. Highland Road, Howell. Use the west entrance and look for our sign in the hall. Meetings are free and open to the public. For more information go to www.hartlandaudubon. weebly.com or visit us on Facebook.

losco Township **Notice of Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting** April 16th, 2025, 7:00 P.M. **losco Township Hall** 

occasional times when calls spike in certain areas and we and 55% for Livingston residents. Because the whole cost is in the three million dollar range, the bonds being paid by the residents must be backed by the "full faith and credit" of both counties. Washtenaw is one of the few counties that also has the AAA bond rating which will save residents of our two counties a considerable amount of interest.

> This has been a busy month at the county. If you have any questions or input, I would be happy to hear from you. dhelzerman@livgov.com.

# NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE SPECIAL **ELECTION ON TUESDAY MAY 6, 2025** WEBBERVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF WEBBERVILLE SCHOOLS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of their Township Clerk, the office of the County Clerk, a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to their Township Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com,

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is Tuesday April 22, 2025.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the elector's Township Clerk's office at the following times:

LEROY TOWNSHIP, 1685 N M-52, Webberville-Regular business hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10-4, Saturday May 3rd from 9 am to 5:00 pm, Election Day Tuesday May 6th from 7am to 8 pm.

LOCKE TOWNSHIP, 3805 Bell Oak Rd., Williamston- Regular business hours: Tuesday and Thursday 12-4, Saturday May 3rd from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Election Day Tuesday May 6th from 7am to 8 pm.

WHITE OAK TOWNSHIP, 1002 M-52, Webberville- Regular business hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9-12, Friday 2-5 and Saturday 9-12, Saturday May 3rd from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Election Day Tuesday May 6th from 7am to 8 pm.

Residents of Webberville Schools who live in Leroy Township and White Oak Township will vote at the Leroy Township Hall, 1685 N M-52, Webberville.

Residents of Webberville Schools who live in Locke Township will vote at the Locke Township Hall, 3805 Bell Oak Road, Williamston,

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the qualified electors will be voting on the millage proposal as presented and listed below:

Webberville Community Schools **Operating Millage Renewal Proposal** This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2025 tax levy. Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 20 mills (\$20.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Webberville Community Schools, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 10 years, 2026 to 2035, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2026 is approximately \$1,149,170 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2025 tax levy)?

The Annual Budget meeting of the losco Township Board was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 7:00pm. Members Present: Bonnville, Dailey, Harman, Miller, & Parker. The following action was taken: 1) Motion to approve the agenda. 2) Call to the Public: The public was heard from. 3) Motion to approve the amended 2024-2025 Budget. 4) Motion to approve the proposed budget for losco Township 2025-2026 fiscal year as amended, which adds election reimbursements as income under the subcategory refunds and rebates 5) 2nd Call to the Public: The public was heard from. 6) Motion to adjourn at 7:48pm.

> Respectfully submitted, Julie Dailey losco Township Clerk (3-30-25 FNV)

# 2050 Bradley Rd., Webberville, MI 48892

The losco Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday April 16th, 2025, to review a petition for a zoning variance for the following:

A petition has been filed by Bradley Sapikowski, 10790 W. Coon Lake Rd., Webberville, MI 48892, Property ID # 4709-20-300-015, for a variance of the losco Township Zoning Ordinance at the property referenced above that would allow for a reduction in the side yard setback for an accessory structure.

The Public has the right to appear before the Zoning Board to express their views and opinions on the request. Written comments should be sent to the Township at the mailing address above, Attention: Harold Browning, ZBA Chair.

> Julie Dailey losco Township Clerk (3-30-25 FNV)

(3-30 & 4-6-25 FNV)

#### Letter to the Editor

I've been asked: "Are you better off now, than you were two months ago?"

My answer is a resounding **NO**!

Almost immediately upon Biden's departure and Trump's unexpected return, there has been a whirlwind of changes in the Government workforce—proposed, implemented and/ or rescinded. More critically, these attempts at change are driven not by coherent policy but seemingly by personal Trump vendettas.

To make matters worse, these vendettas carry the standard of

'DOGE' (Department of Government Efficiency), directed by the CEO of Tesla, presumed under the authority of President Trump. Reports to date indicate that the government's focus has shifted from intangible 'strengthening our nation' to pursuing Trump's promised retributions.

In my judgement, this isn't a path to a prosperous future. We must unite, focusing on rebuilding with clear objectives rather than erratic shifts in direction.

Our economy's strength depends on it.

William Swartz Howell

# Oak Grove United Women in Faith to take beef pastie orders

Oak Grove United Women in Faith are taking orders for their delicious beef pasties. Place your order beginning Monday, March 31 by calling 810-599-4632. Please leave your name, phone # & quantity you would like. Cost: \$8 each. Proceeds go to support the mission work of the United Women in Faith.

One day pick up date is Thursday, April 10, noon -7 p.m. at the Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 6686 Oak Grove Road, Howell (5 miles north of M-59). If you can't come that day, please make arrangements for someone to pick up your order.

# **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### Short Foreclosure Notice (Livingston County)

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jean R. Simpson, survivor of herself and her deceased husband Colin D. Simpson to Comerica Bank, Mortgagee, dated January 26, 2007, and recorded on February 14, 2007, in Instrument Number 2007R-005888, Livingston County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ninety five thousand six hundred seventy five Dollars and zero Cents (\$95,675.00), including interest through August 20, 2024 at 12.5% per annum. 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 main entrance to the Livingston County Circuit Court, 204 S. Highlander Way, in the city of Howell, Livingston County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Cohoctah, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 4 North, Range 4 East, Cohoctah Township, Livingston County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 11, thence along the centerline of Cohoctah Road (66 foot wide Right of Way) and the North line of said Section 11, South 89 degrees 39 minutes 55 seconds East (previously described as East), 360.00 feet to the point of beginning of the Parcel to be described; thence continuing along the centerline of Cohoctah Road (66 foot wide Right of Way) and the North line of said Section 11, South 89 degrees 39 minutes 55 seconds (previously described as East), 578.02 feet; thence South 00 degrees 23 minutes 40 seconds East (previously described as South 00 degrees 43 minutes 45 seconds East), 1,508.24 feet; thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 45 seconds West, 578.02 feet; thence North 00 degrees 23 minutes 39 seconds West (previously described as North 00 degrees 48 minutes 44 seconds West), 1,508.72 feet to the point of beginning, and subject to the rights of the public over the existing said Cohoctah Road. Also subject to and including use of a 66 foot wide Easement for Ingress, Egress, And Public Utilities, as described below. 66 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, AND PUBLIC UTILITIES: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 4 North, Range 4 East, Cohoctah Township, Livingston County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 11, thence along the centerline of Cohoctah Road (66 foot wide Right of Way) and the North line of said Section 11, South 89 degrees 39 minutes 55 seconds East (previously described as East) 538.91 feet to the point of beginning of the Easement to be described; thence continuing along the centerline of Cohoctah Road (66 foot wide Right of Way) and the North line of said Section 11, South 89 degrees 39 minutes 55 seconds East, (previously described as East) 66.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 20 minutes 05 seconds West, 416.30 feet; thence South 85 degrees 58 minutes 44 seconds East, 111.36 feet; thence South 02 degrees 27 minutes 13 seconds West 272.64 feet; thence due South, 812.07 feet; thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 45 seconds West, 66.00 feet; thence due North, 813.49 feet; thence North 02 degrees 27 minutes 13 seconds East, 210.03 feet; thence North 85 degrees 58 minutes 44 seconds West, 109.02 feet; thence North 00 degrees 20 minutes 05 seconds East, 478.19 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly Known As: 1827 W Cohoctah Rd., Cohoctah, MI 48816 The redemption period shall be \_\_6\_\_ months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such 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 April 23, 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): Ryan Ries, a married man, as sole owner

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Onslow Bay Financial LLC Date of Mortgage: June 28, 2024

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 2, 2024

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$191,466.32 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Handy, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: A part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 3 North, Range 3 East, Handy Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point due South along the East line of said Section, said line also being the centerline of Cemetery Road, 948.62 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section; thence continuing due South, along said East line and said centerline, 140.00 feet; thence due West 233.00 feet; thence due North 140.00 feet; thence due East 233.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 4801 Cemetery Rd, Fowlerville, MI 48836-8747

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

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

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

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on MAY 7, 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 Kenneth L Jones Jr. and Erin Jones, Husband and Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for, Summit Funding, Inc., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 24, 2019 and recorded July 3, 2019 in Instrument Number 2019R-016730 Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Freedom Mortgage Corporation, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Seven and 10/100 Dollars (\$179,907.10).

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 MAY 7, 2025.

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

Lot(s) 4, 5 and the South 1/2 of Lot 6 of HERNDON'S RUSH LAKE ESTATES according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 87 of Livingston County Records.

8960 Pettysville Rd, Pinckney, Michigan 48169

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: March 30, 2025

File No. 25-004292

Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC

Dated: March 25, 2025 Comerica Bank, Mortgagee\_\_\_\_\_ c/o Kenneth A. Tardie, Attorney for Mortgagee Kenneth A. Tardie (P-25044), Attorney 18 First Street Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

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(3-30, 4-6, 4-13 & 4-20-25 FNV)

This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: March 23, 2025 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515

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Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084 Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(03-30)(04-20)

(3-30, 4-6, 4-13 & 4-20-25 FNV)



#### Letter to the Editor Veteran Services

Recently, I received a mailing from Congressman Tom Barrett, sent at government expense, which touted his military background and support for veterans. His mailing asserted that as a "Chair of (a) (House Veterans Affairs) Subcommittee" he was "(l)eading the (proposed) ACCESS Act to expand access to care for disabled veterans in our community."

Much of his recent campaign was based on a platform that he would protect and serve veterans. However, he has failed to deliver. The stand-up guy for veterans is sitting down on the job.

For years, veterans were disrespected by the federal government's failure to adequately fund, and staff, medical and psychological services. This failure was finally addressed by the bipartisan passage of the PACT Act in 2022 which mandated improved benefit determination and service delivery for over 20 conditions arising from exposure to toxins such as Agent Orange.

Added to this are improved psychological services, including those for suicide prevention, to mitigate a suicide

rate among veterans more than twice that of the non-veteran population.

To implement the PACT Act, and to properly administer already existing laws, Congress authorized additional funds to the Veterans Administration for increased staffing and other expenses. Now Trump is asserting that the 20% increase in staffing needed to implement the VA's increased responsibilities was unnecessary. The VA has announced that it is laying off more than 80,000 (more than 17%) of the VA's staff, and that it has already laid off several thousand probationary employees.

These layoffs are conducted under a blanket assertion of waste, indolence and incompetence, without any objective evidence that the VA's newly expanded mission can be accomplished without the staff in question. No effort is being made to determine the importance or productivity of each intended layoff or the effect of a particular layoff on the VA's expanded mission.

Despite these omissions, Tom Barrett has made no objection, aside from sending a wimpy letter to the Administrator of the Department of Veterans Affairs, lamenting past shortcomings, contritely asking that "mission critical personnel" be retained and suggesting that any of the laid off who are veterans should be "treated with dignity and respect."

What is his definition of "mission critical"? Is his letter suggesting that he knows that any of the positions are unnecessary? Effectively, through his tacit acquiescence, he is supporting a layoff strategy which eliminates staff without first determining whether the positions are "mission critical."

My own military service was honorable, but nothing compared to that of others. For years, when veterans were thanked for their service, those expressions were hollow, because little effort was made to ensure the effective delivery of promised and needed, benefits.

In recent years, the VA has improved. Walk through the lobby of the Detroit or Ann Arbor VA hospitals or talk to a veteran who has recently used VA services. While cost savings are desirable, they should not be at the expense of broken promises but should come through good old-fashioned management analysis, not mindless layoffs.

> Tim Schnelle Howell

# **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Please take Notice that pursuant to MCL § 600.3220 the foreclosure sale of the real property as described in the Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale appended hereto has been adjourned to Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., local time, or any adjourned date thereafter. A default has been made under the terms and conditions of the Mortgage dated April 15, 2022 ("Mortgage") made by Ramenpreet Singh, as mortgagor, to First Internet Bank of Indiana, N.A., as mortgagee ("Mortgagee"), which Mortgage was recorded April 27, 2022, Document ID 2022R-012559, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The amount due on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$1,488,809.87 plus accruing interest on the amount due at the variable interest rate of the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus 2.25 percent, adjusted quarterly, plus certain costs, expenses, and attorney fees paid by Mortgagee to collect the debt and to protect its interest in the property, and any amount paid by Mortgagee to protect its interest in the property, all of which is due under the terms of the Mortgage ("Indebtedness").

The Mortgage contains a power of sale and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part of the Mortgage. Take notice that on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., local time, or any adjourned date thereafter, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public auction to the highest bidder at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Livingston County, Michigan, or such other place of holding the circuit court within the county where the property to be sold at foreclosure is located as may be designated by the sheriff or deputy sheriff conducting the sale. Mortgagee will apply the sale as necessary to pay the Indebtedness together with interest and default interest, fees, all charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by Mortgagee necessary to protect its interest in 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.

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. The following described real property to be sold at foreclosure sale is located in the Township of Green Oak, Livingston County, Michigan, described more particularly as follows: Unit 190, of "HIDDEN LAKE ESTATES", a condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 1918 Page 814, as Amended and Restated in Liber 2709, Page 2, Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 74, together with rights in common elements and limited common elements as shown on the Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

First Internet Bank of Indiana, N.A., Mortgagee By: Wolfson Bolton Kochis PLLC By: Logan T. Grizzell Attorneys for Mortgagee 880 W. Long Lake Road, Suite 420 Troy, MI 48098 Telephone: (248) 247-7098

#### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

A default has been made under the terms and conditions of the Mortgage dated April 15, 2022 ("Mortgage") made by Ramenpreet Singh, as mortgagor, to First Internet Bank of Indiana, N.A., as mortgagee ("Mortgagee"), which Mortgage was recorded April 27, 2022, Document ID 2022R-012559, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The amount due on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$1,475,996.19 plus accruing interest on the amount due at the variable interest rate of the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus 2.25 percent, adjusted quarterly, plus certain costs, expenses, and attorney fees paid by Mortgagee to collect the debt and to protect its interest in the property, and any amount paid by Mortgagee to protect its interest in the property, all of which is due under the terms of the Mortgage ("Indebtedness"). The Mortgage contains a power of sale and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part of the Mortgage. Take notice that on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., local time, or any adjourned date thereafter, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public auction to the highest bidder at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Livingston County, Michigan, or such other place of holding the circuit court within the county where the property to be sold at foreclosure is located as may be designated by the sheriff or deputy sheriff conducting the sale. Mortgagee will apply the sale as necessary to pay the Indebtedness together with interest and default interest, fees, all charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by Mortgagee necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The following described real property to be sold at foreclosure sale is located in the Township of Green Oak, Livingston County, Michigan, described more particularly as follows: Unit 190, of "HIDDEN LAKE ESTATES", a condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 1918 Page 814, as Amended and Restated in Liber 2709, Page 2, Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 74, together with rights in common elements and limited common elements as shown on the Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Commonly known as: 10424 Sandpiper CT., South Lyon, MI 48178. Tax Parcel No.: 16-16-406-190 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of sale pursuant to MCL § 600.3240(8). Pursuant to MCL § 600.3278, if the premises is sold at foreclosure, Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the premises at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to Mortgagee for damaging the premises during the redemption period. Dated: February 19, 2025 First Internet Bank of Indiana, N.A., Mortgagee By: Wolfson Bolton Kochis PLLC By: Logan T. Grizzell Attorneys for Mortgagee 3150 Livernois Road, Suite 275 Troy, MI 48083 Telephone: (248) 247-7098

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Emily Elizabeth Stevens, a Single Woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Highlands Residential Mortgage Limited Partnership, its successors and assigns

Foreclosing Assignee: PHH Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: October 23, 2020

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 18, 2020 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$218,028.68

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Handy, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 54, Red Cedar Crossing West, according to the Master Deed recorded in Document No. 2019R-004371, Livingston County Records, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 427, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above described Master Deed and amendments thereto and as disclosed by Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Commonly Known as: 2744 Sycamore River Dr., Fowlerville, MI 48836

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: 03/30/2025 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street, Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 316093

Commonly known as: 10424 Sandpiper CT., South Lyon, MI 48178.

Tax Parcel No.: 16-16-406-190

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of sale pursuant to MCL § 600.3240(8). Pursuant to MCL § 600.3278, if the premises is sold at foreclosure, Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the premises at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to Mortgagee for damaging the premises during the redemption period.

Dated: March 21, 2025

#### (03-30)(04-27)

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# U.S. Congress Report

By Tom Barrett, 7<sup>th</sup> District, U.S. House of Representatives

#### Visits Ann Arbor VA To Discuss Challenges for Veterans and Providers

Congressman Tom Barrett (MI-07) recently visited the Lieutenant Colonel Charles S. Kettles VA Medical Center in Ann Arbor, to hear directly from veterans, frontline staff, and medical center leadership about the challenges they are facing. Barrett also brought with him staff from the House Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, which he leads in Congress and has oversight of the Electronic Health Records (EHR) system to be rolled out in Michigan in 2026.

"Like many veterans, I have concerns about how changes in workforce at the VA could impact the quality of care, access to benefits, and success of the upcoming EHR rollout at VA medical centers in Michigan and across the country," said Barrett. "These are issues I take seriously and am committed to solving in Congress. Today's visit allowed me to listen to those directly providing care to our veterans. It also served as an important step in the process to gather critical information that will inform our work on the EHR rollout. Ultimately, I am striving to ensure those caring for our nation's heroes have every resource they need while providing oversight and accountability to keep the promises we made to the veteran community."

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In February, the VA announced the dismissal of more than 2,400 employees in probationary or non-mission critical positions, which included dozens of Michigan veterans working at care centers across the state. In response, Barrett sent a letter to VA Secretary Doug Collins requesting a review of the agency's process to guarantee only those who have truly underperformed and not met the expectations of their assignment are relieved of duty.

Days later, a leaked memo revealed plans for the Department of Veterans Affairs to potentially reduce the workforce by as many as 80,000 employees. This comes at a time when the agency announced it will complete deployment of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) system at nine additional medical facilities, bringing the total to go live in 2026 to 13, with complete deployment of the EHR at all VA medical facilities as early as 2031. This includes the medical centers in Battle Creek, Saginaw, Detroit, and Ann Arbor.

Barrett's visit and discussion was centered around how Congress can best help VA medical centers in Michigan prepare and mitigate any consequences of potential operational changes in the coming months. Barrett reinforced his commitment to working with Secretary Collins and Chairman Bost to ensure any changes do not interfere with our obligation to deliver the highest level of care and attention to our veterans.

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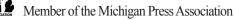
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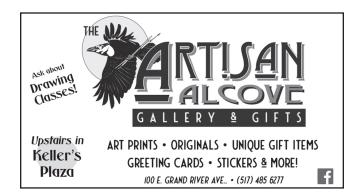
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# Williamston Area **Senior Center**

500 Williamston Center Road - 517-655-5173 March-April 2025 Events

March 31 Cards 9 - 11:45- Exercise 10:30- Craft with Pat at 12.30

April 1 April Fool's Day- Cards 9-11:45am- Fact or Fiction game at 12:30pm

April 2 Cards 9-11:45am- Exercise 10:30am- Chair Volleyball 12:30pm- Needle Work Group 1-3pm

April 3 BIRTHDAY BASH- Cards 9-11:45- Exercise 10:30am- Hearing Life screenings and presentation 12:30pm

April 7 Cards 9-11:45am- Brighton High School students visit at 9am- BP Screenings 10:00am- Exercise 10:30am-Nancy from 'The Ridge' of Lansing Memory Care presents at 12:30pm

April 8 Cards 9-11:45am- Lunch w/ a board member-Craft with Nila from Independence Village at 12:30pm

April 9 Cards 9-11:45am- Exercise 10:30am- 'Aging Driver Safety' presentation at 12:30pm- Needle Work Group 1-3pm

April 10 Cards 9-11:45am- Exercise 10:30am- Drum Circle at 12:30pm

April 14 Cards 9-11:45am- Exercise 10:30am- Billy McAllister (as Frank Sinatra) performs at 12:30pm

April 15 Cards 9-11:45am- WHS and WMS PALS visit and craft with us at 12:30pm

April 16 Cards 9-11:45am- Exercise 10:30am- Yoga for All 12:30pm- Needle Work Group 1-3pm

April 17 Cards 9-11:45am- Exercise 10:30am- Tracey from Premier Travel presents 2025/2026 trips 12:30pm

April 21 Cards 9-11:45am- Chair Massage 10:00am-Exercise 10:30am- 'A Spring Thing' with Karen Spak 12:30pm

April 22 Cards 9-11:45am- Mind Benders at 12:30pm

April 23 Cards 9-11:45am- Exercise 10:30am- WMS students poetry day & lunch 12:30pm- Needle Work Group 1-3pm

April 24 Cards 9-11:45am- Exercise 10:30am- Book Club at 12:30pm (*Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate)

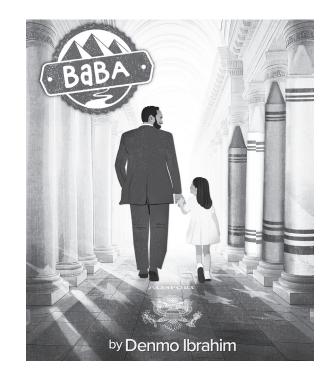
April 28 Cards 9 - 11:45am- Exercise 10:30am- CADL Tech Support 10:45am- Craft with Pat 12:30pm

April 29 Cards 9 - 11:45am- Quarter Bingo at 12:30pm April 30 Cards 9 - 11:45am- Exercise 10:30am- Yahtzee Game 12:30pm- Needle Work Group 1-3

#### Williamston's Farmers Market holding bottle-can collection on Sunday, April 6

Support the Eastern Ingham Farmer's Market by donating your Michigan-returnable bottles and cans on Sunday, April 6th. Pick-up dates are scheduled twice a month during the offseason, 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: April 6th and 20th; and May 4th and 18th.



### Williamston Theatre welcomes back an audience favorite in a one-woman show

#### Tickets for 'Baba' are now on sale

Williamston Theatre is presenting the Michigan premiere of Baba, by Denmo Ibrahim. Tickets are now on sale.

Audience favorite Sarab Kamoo (Be Here Now, 9 Parts of Desire) portrays both characters in a tender and touching father-daughter tale that begins in 1980's Manhattan. Trapped in the absurd circus of the office of US Passport & Immigration, Mohammed, an Egyptian immigrant, pleads his case – a passport for his little girl.

Forward to 2010's and JFK Int'l Airport. His daughter Layla embarks on a journey halfway across the world in hopes of reclaiming the lost pieces of her culture, her father, and herself. A heartwarming family reunion thirty years in the making.

Performances for Baba will run from April 24 through May 25. 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 Baba 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, May 2 at 7:30PM. The Conversation Sunday is May 18 immediately following the 2:00PM performance.

Tickets are Pay-What-You-Wish for the Preview on Thursday, April 24. Remaining Preview tickets are \$22. Starting Thursday, May 1 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 online 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 polices which are available on our website (www.williamstontheatre.org/general-ticketinformation). The Williamston Theatre is a not-for-profit, professional live theatre company, dedicated to producing plays that excite, engage, and entertain our audiences. The theatre opened its doors in 2006, is the winner of a 2014 National Theatre Company Grant from The American Theatre Wing and has received many regional awards including the 2008 Robert Busby Award for extraordinary overall contribution to theatre in the Greater Lansing Area. Additional information about the company and the 2025-2026 Season is available online at www.williamstontheatre. org or by calling (517) 655-SHOW (7469). The theatre is located at 122 S. Putnam Street in downtown Williamston.



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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.

It's not too early to think about becoming a 2025 Market vendor, volunteer or musician. Volunteers and musicians are always welcome and needed to work/ perform for two-hour shifts during the 2025 season which will open on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11.

The Market operates in the large parking lot of McCormick Park at 123 High Street in Williamston on Sundays from 10am to 2pm. Students may earn Community Service hours by volunteering. Musicians are not paid, but visitors, volunteers and vendors are encouraged to tip the performers generously.

Vendor information is now available for those interested in applying for the 2025 season.

For more information about Sowing Growth, the nonprofit 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.

# Livingston County Concert Band to perform in Howell on April 27th

The Livingston County Concert Band, under the direction of Dale Marzewski, will be performing their upcoming concert 'Dance the Night Away' at 3pm on Sunday, April 27th. The

concert will be presented at the Rod Bushey Performing Arts Center, Howell High School, 1200 West Grand River Ave., Howell.

This concert features music for all ages, including selections from Albanian Dance, Celtic Wedding, Italian Polka, and J.S. Jig among others.

You are invited to a

Admission is \$10. Children and students are free. Refreshments served following the concert.

Please visit the band's website (<u>www.lccbmusic.org</u>) or check out the Livingston County Concert Band Facebook page for more information.

# Taco Tuesday fundraiser in support of MIKE MURPHY FOR STATE SENATE

*Tuesday, May 6, 2025* 6:00 - 8:00 pm

**Crystal Gardens Event Center** 5768 E. Grand River Ave, Howell

Individual Ticket - \$100

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