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New area state representative began legislative duties last week

State Rep. Jason Woolford, the Republican candidate who was elected to the 50th District House seat in the November General Election, began his legislative duties last week.

In fact, the Howell lawmaker helped start off the first day of the 2025-2026 session which was held this past Wednesday, Jan. 8, by leading his fellow lawmakers and others in the House chamber in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. That opening ceremony included the invocation delivered by Paster Lorenzo Sewell of Detroit.

Republicans now have a 58 to 52 seat majority in the Michigan House of Representatives after flipping the chamber in the Nov. 5 election. The Democrats control the state Senate by slim majority and Gretchen Whitmer, the Democratic governor, has two years left in her term of office.

Woolford, along with being elected to the House, served as one of Michigan's two at-large electors for President Donald Trump in the Electoral College.

Woolford heads the Mission Cry ministry (formerly known as the Christian Salvage Mission) that is located on Free Street in Fowlerville. He is also a veteran, having served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

See Rep. Woolford's 'State House Report' on page 9.



State Rep. Jason Woolford, R-Howell, was officially sworn in for his first term in office by Michigan Supreme Court Justice Brian Zahra on Monday, Dec. 23, at the Capitol in Lansing. Looking on was his wife Marie Woolford.



State Rep. Jason Woolford, R-Howell, led lawmakers in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at the Capitol in Lansing on Wednesday, Jan. 8. It was the first day of session for the 2025-2026 term. Also pictured were Michigan Supreme Court Justice Kyra H. Bolden and House Clerk Rich Brown.

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Fowlerville Senior Center: A Year in Review

By Mark Thompson

Here at the Fowlerville Senior Center, 2024 was a particularly good year. We are grateful for our building repairs and upgrades, and our progress in enhancing our community participation to include all residents, which includes both the mature adults, age 55 and older and young adults, age 18 – 54.

Our notable building accomplishments were roof repairs, parking lot sealing and painting, a new garage door, renovating the men's restroom, new carpeting in one of our classrooms, new laminate flooring in another classroom, the replacement of our community room tables and chairs, and other minor building upgrades.

As for membership programs, we offer a daily morning coffee and conversation, along with various card games, several puzzle opportunities, weekly bingo games, daily chair exercise classes, weekly cardio drumming, free monthly blood pressure checks, monthly potluck lunches, monthly membership input meetings, a free medical equipment loan program to anyone in need, and participation in community events, including organizing a food drive and taking part in the Fowlerville Christmas Parade.

In 2025 we will continue our endeavors to provide members with meaningful opportunities for social and physical activities, continued community involvement and to continue to seek new opportunities for our members.

Our monthly blood pressure checks are provided by members of the Fowlerville Fire Department, and we are grateful



Bob Kunde having his blood pressure checked by firefighter Tyler Small and Assistant Fire Chief Mike Lemieux.



Fire Marshall Julie Daily checks Dave Smith's pulse.

for this community service. The firefighters are always friendly and professional and truly a credit to their department and our community.

Join us for our upcoming concert, on Thursday, January 23 from 11:00A

–12:00P, featuring The Piano Man – Matthew Ball, The Boogie Woogie Kid.

We also have a Medicare workshop on Thursday, January 16 from 11:00A – 12:00P presented by Medicare Planning Solutions of Michigan.

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

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New Year, New Pages, New Attitude

By Jace Arledge

Hello and Happy 2025!!! I know I am over a week late but spending time with family is more important in times like these.

With that being said... I trust that everyone had a joyous and stressless holiday full of great memories that will last a lifetime... I say that with complete sincerity, not sarcasm. There's too much of the latter happening these days.

I think I have written before that if we want to get back to a simpler time, we must get away, as much as possible, from the distractions. Be in the moment, the now, that's why it's called the PRESENT. I must admit, I long for the days when I was young, even though I am quite aware that struggles have always been present. When faced in the simplest of terms, it didn't seem so bad.

My parents used to tell us to face things with positivity. My grandmother used to say that one day her ship would come in and she would never forget, I would like to believe that. Without that strong of faith, it seems impossible.

There are friends and family who are now going through life-altering experiences: dementia, cancer, mental complexities, births and deaths and I believe that each is handled differently by those going through their given challenge. We all know that these things aren't cookie cutter.

As I slowly approach my sexagenarian status, realizing the things that are important and weeding out the nonsense is where I want to drive my passions, dreams, goals and sights. I decided that my ancestral roots are important, so I have embraced them and will be learning as much as I can about who and where I come from. This was a moving force in the creation of my Cottage Home Bakery "Big Dago's Rustic Hearth Bakeshop," sharing recipes and creations from family, inviting others to enjoy traditions which are important to me. As we all know, food brings peace!! Check us out on Facebook.

The title I chose for this piece says "New Year, New Pages, New Attitude." I hope that you take those words seriously, although it's not meant to be stressful, anxiety inducing or brain altering. It's meant to get one to move, go forward and pave new roads, kick fear in the butt and try new things, write YOUR story. Don't worry if it isn't anyone else's cup of tea, 'cause trust me, the minute you let others know what your desires and dreams are, they will find reasons why it won't work (at least to them). Also, surround yourself with those who believe in you, with those who—even though they don't understand, they love you enough to be there through all the ups and downs. That's who will carry you through the darkness, rain and doubts, the one who will lift you when you feel you can't go on. Grab on to them, treat them well, and remember to also support them on their journey. That's what makes us stronger.

Thank you to my rock, shoulder and solid, Sandy, my bride, my muse...

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Family Impact Centers offering new Bible studies

We're thrilled to announce a new season of Bible Studies at Family Impact Centers! Whether you're looking to deepen your faith, explore Scripture in a fresh way, or connect with others on their spiritual journey, we have something for everyone. These studies are designed to inspire, encourage, and equip you in your walk with God. Below, you'll find a list of studies to help you find the perfect fit. We can't wait to grow together in faith—join us!

The Bait Of Satan - Monday 6:30pm - 8:00pm Beginning January 27th - Men's Bible Study

Are you "OFFENDED"? Have you ever been offended by someone? a family member? a friend? a pastor? another Christian? or something or someone? If you haven't noticed, we are even being confronted culturally with an onslaught of OFFENSES.

We are starting a new biblically based LIFEAPPLICATION study for men called "The Bait of Satan" by John Bevere, author and pastor. This teaching will not only help us become "aware" of offenses, but will show us how our responses ARE OFTEN SINFUL!

How To Make Disciples - Thursday 7:00pm Beginning January 9th - For Men, Women & Couples

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus told those he had disciplined to make disciples of others. God's plan for building His Kingdom is disciples who make disciples, who make disciples. And yet so few of us have ever been personally disciplined by someone further along in their faith journey. Even fewer have ever disciplined another Christian. Would you like to discover how to personally help another person grow into a disciple of Jesus? If so, this group is for you.

Not A Fan - Saturday 7:30am-9:00am Beginning January 18th - Men's Bible Study

In the Gospels, Jesus never seemed too interested in fans. Is that how you define your relationship with Him? An "enthusiastic admirer"? Close enough to Jesus to get the benefits but not so close to require sacrifice?

He was looking for followers. Not just any follower though, but a...COMPLETELY. COMMITTED. FOLLOWER.

How would things change if you lived as Jesus lived, and loved the way He loved? Maybe you're ready to join the hundreds of people who have stepped across a line and said: **I am not a fan.**

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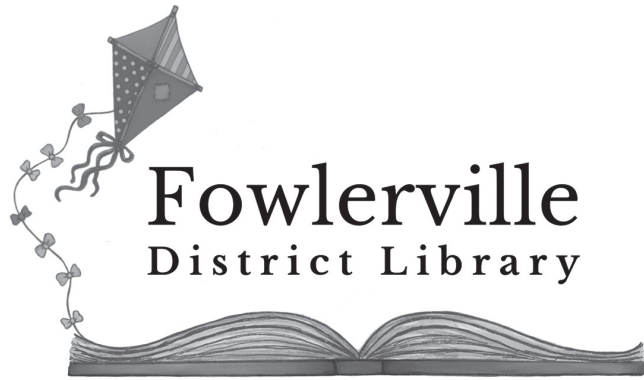
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KIDS & FAMILY

Family Storytime (Ages 1-5)

For families with “littles” to learn, play and grow through a variety of stories, songs, rhymes, movements, and activities. Playtime and crafts included! Begins on Jan 7, 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. Begins on Jan 8, Wed. • 10-11am

Kids Club (Ages 6-12)

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Graphic Novel Book Club

Read the book and then come to discuss it. Snacks provided. Books are available at the front desk and are yours to keep. Next meeting, we will discuss ANT STORY by Jay Hosler. Monday, Jan. 24 • 4-5 pm

Book Boxes (All ages)

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

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January Create! (Ages 13 and up)

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ADULTS

Find Your People at the Library

We are thrilled to continue this popular working group to explore the Ancestry Library Edition and other valuable genealogy resources. Bring your laptop

or use one of our computers. Registration Requested. Tues., Feb. 21 • 1-2:30pm

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., Jan. 21 • 5:30 – 7:00pm

Cardmaking (Adults)

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Scrapbooking (Adults)

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

Sat., Jan. 18 • 10:30 – 3:30

Shelf Indulgence Book Club (Adults)

We’re excited about the new format for our monthly afternoon book club. Members will take turns facilitating the discussions. Come and enjoy some literary camaraderie! Register to get a free copy of the book, while supplies last. Registration begins one month before each scheduled meeting. Next up we will discuss OTHER BIRDS by Sarah Addison. Thurs., Jan. 16 • 2pm

Sewing (Adults)

Bring your sewing machine and learn from a master seamstress. All levels of skill are welcome. Registration is required. Wed., Jan. 15 • 5:30-8pm & Friday Feb. 14 • 10-2pm

Valentine Sensory Bins (Adults)

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

Thurs., Feb. 6 • 6pm

Civil War Enthusiasts – Gettysburg Address


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

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Fowlerville High School’s “ATHLETES” OF THE WEEK



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Leila Holden, Junior - Leila has a true passion for cheer and puts in the work outside of cheer to be the best athlete she can be. Leila is always giving 100% and encourages her teammates to do the same.

Mahra Randolph, Junior - Mahra has a Lion Mentality and is constantly pushing herself not for praise, but to be the best possible athlete for her team. Mahra’s eye for detail helps her improve daily, along with her killer work ethic.

JUD’S FOOTBALL FORECAST





<p>SATURDAY, JAN. 11</p> <p>LA Chargers <u>27</u> vs Houston <u>24</u> Pittsburgh <u>24</u> vs Baltimore <u>31</u></p> <p>SUNDAY, JAN. 12</p> <p>Denver <u>27</u> vs Buffalo <u>31</u></p>	<p>Green Bay <u>24</u> vs Philadelphia <u>27</u> Washington <u>24</u> vs Tampa Bay <u>28</u></p> <p>MONDAY, JAN. 13</p> <p>Minnesota <u>24</u> vs LA Rams <u>27</u></p>
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All students must sign out of the HS in the Main Office when exiting the building.

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



Student of the Week—Alyssa Hubble

Alyssa Hubble is an outstanding senior at Fowlerville High School who excels as both a student and a leader. As Co-President of the National Honor Society and Vice President of Class Council, Alyssa demonstrates exceptional leadership and a commitment to serving her school community.

Despite a busy schedule that includes working part-time after school and taking multiple AP classes, she consistently goes above and beyond, willingly taking on extra responsibilities. Her dedication, strong work ethic, and ability to lead both in and out of the classroom make her a role model for her peers and an excellent example of what it means to be a Gladiator.

Fowlerville Varsity Girls Basketball Team beats Pinckney in final seconds

The Fowlerville Varsity Girls Basketball Team picked up a 31-30 road win at Pinckney last Tuesday, Jan. 7, beating the Pirates in the final seconds. Mariah Kirby led the Gladiators with 12 points and scored the game-winning layup with under 30 seconds on the clock. Ireland Curtis added 7 points and McKenna Maybee had 6 points.

The Gladiators move to 5-2 on the season and hosted Mason this past Thursday, Jan. 9th.

Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team loses to Pinckney, 64-55

The Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team lost to Pinckney Tuesday night (Jan. 7) a score of 64-55. Wyatt Soli led the Gladiators with 23 points, Sam Shrader added 18, Landon Aeschliman chipped in with 7, and Dylan Soli had 6. The non-league loss put the Glads at 1-8 for the season. They are 0-3 in the CAAC Red Division and traveled to Mason this past Friday for a league match-up.

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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

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

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

Date of Mortgage: June 24, 2004

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 8, 2004

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

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

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

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: January 5, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.

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Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on February 12, 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): Donald F Gyde, aka Donald F Gyde, Jr., a single man

Original Mortgagee: The Construction Loan Company, Inc.

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

Date of Mortgage: May 13, 2003

Date of Mortgage Recording: May 27, 2003

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$82,965.73

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Handy, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: A parcel of land in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 3 North, Range 3 East, Handy Township, Livingston County, Michigan, more particularly described by Darrell Hughes, Michigan Registered Land Surveyor No. 19834, as beginning at a point, said point being distant the following two courses from the Southwest corner of Section 23: Due North 1373.12 feet (recorded as 1372.82 feet) and South 89 degrees 15 minutes 34 seconds East 699.63 feet (recorded as South 89 degrees 15 minutes 15 seconds East 700.00 feet); proceeding thence, from said point of beginning North 00 degrees 04 minutes 21 seconds East 320.18 feet (recorded as due North 320.00 feet); thence South 89 degrees 15 minutes 19 seconds East 306.10 feet (recorded as South 89 degrees 15 minutes 15 seconds East); thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 11 seconds East 320.17 feet; thence North 89 degrees 15 minutes 34 seconds West, 306.98 feet to the point of beginning. Including the use of a 33 foot wide private road easement of ingress, egress and public utilities described as part of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 23, the centerline of which is described as follows: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 23 and the centerline of Fowlerville Road which is distant due North, 1248.12 feet along the West line of said Section 23 and the centerline of Fowlerville Road from the Southwest corner of said Section 23; thence South 89 degrees 15 minutes 34 seconds East 234.51 feet to a point of curve; thence 118.59 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 119.30 feet, a central angle of 56 degrees 57 minutes 20 seconds and a chord which bears North 62 degrees 15 minutes 47 seconds East, 113.76 feet to a point of reverse curve; thence 118.59 feet along the arc of a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 119.30 feet, a central angle of 56 degrees 57 minutes 20 seconds and a chord which bears North 62 degrees 15 minutes 47 seconds East, 113.76 feet to a point of tangency; thence South 89 degrees 15 minutes 34 seconds East, 636.49 feet to the point of ending of said centerline.

Common street address (if any): 7888 Adas Way, Fowlerville, MI 48836-7937

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: January 12, 2025

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Farmington Hills, MI 48334
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NOTICE OF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

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

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

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

Owner(s) of Record: Toni Denise Popa

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

Parcel ID No. 4717-26-201-175

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

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

Dated: January 6, 2025

By: Town Commons Master Association, a Michigan Nonprofit Corporation

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

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

Phone: (248) 478-1800

Hirzel Law, PLC

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

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

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

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

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

County Human Services Collaborative Body.

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

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

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

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

Fowlerville JV Girls Basketball Team falls to Pinckney, 33-17

The Fowlerville Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Team battled hard but fell short in their first game of 2025, losing 33-17 to Pinckney in a game played last Monday, Jan. 6th. Ella Shaw scored 10 points to lead the Glads, while Anja Ott added 3 and Kendra Peterson had 2 points. Peyton Brooks and Brynn Goulding also chipped in 1 point each.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

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

Original Mortgagee: KeyBank National Association

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: January 8, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: February 1, 2005

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

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

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

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: December 29, 2024

Trott Law, P.C.

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Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(12-29)(01-19)

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

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

MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Glenn Munger, married man, and Maria Fragale, whose address is 720 Brower Road, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, being a mortgage dated June 11, 2020, and recorded on July 27, 2020 with Document Number 2020R-024503, Livingston County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated November 21, 2023 and recorded on November 27, 2023 and given document number 2023R-021672 in Livingston County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO AND 56/100 DOLLARS (\$244,672.56).

Said premises are situated in the Township of Handy, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and are described as: Unit 39, of Solitude Meadows Condominium, according to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 2953, pages 133 through 186, inclusive, Livingston County Records, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Plan No. 217, 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. Street Address: 720 Brower Road, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: January 12, 2025

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

Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 509, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710.

File No.: MI 23 5415

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT LIVINGSTON COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

CASE NO. and JUDGE
24-23103-DE

Court address and telephone no.
204 S Highlander Way # 2, Howell, MI 48843
(517) 546-3750

Estate of Cassandra Constance Knight, deceased
Date of Birth: 06/04/1943

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Cassandra Constance Knight, died 08/30/2022.

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

Date: 12/27/2024

Attorney:

Nicole M. Laruwe P75562
7 West Square Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
248-648-1148

Personal Representative:

Shawna Harding Winchester
4951 Peachtree Circle
Granbury, TX 76048
817-902-8418

(1-12-25 FNV)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT LIVINGSTON COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

CASE NO. and JUDGE
24-22961-DE
Court address

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

Estate of Julie Lisa Linahan

Date of Birth: 01/21/1974

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Julie Lisa Linahan, died 09/18/2024.

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

Date: 01/02/2025

Attorney:

Caroline Bielas P68779
2850 S. Milford Rd.
Highland, MI 48357
248-685-8743

Personal Representative:

Linda M. Hawken
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Fowlerville High School mid-season wrestling results

Boys Dual results 2024-25

Fowlerville score	Team	Opponent's score	Record
34	St. Louis	35	0-1
40	Chippewa Hills	34	1-1
66	Mt. Morris	17	2-1
27	North Branch	48	2-2
78	Bridgeport	0	3-2
66	Imlay City	12	4-2
78	Carman Ainsworth	6	5-2
54	Holt	18	6-2
49	Williamston	25	7-2
40	Eaton Rapids	34	8-2
58	Livonia Stevenson	17	9-2
72	Reading	0	10-2
46	Lowell B	24	11-2
60	Tecumseh	12	12-2
66	Crestwood	16	13-2

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Tournament results 2024-25

12/7	15th of 22	Howell	8 wrestlers
12/7	3rd of 12	Deutschland duals	
12/14	1st of 17	Fowlerville scramble	2nd place 185 3rd place 129

Champs: Jeffrey, Gavinn & Connor Stankov, Hodge
12/28 1st of 12 Livonia Stevenson, 2nd place Lowell
1/4/25 4th of 8 Temperance Bedford 154 pts
Brighton 1st, Bedford 2nd,
Grand Ledge 3rd, Ida 5th

Champs: Hodge, Layne O'Neil
* * *

Team leaders as of 1/7: Jacob Hodge, Waylon Lamkin, Matt Jeffrey, Gavinn Stankov, Justin Guterrez, and Liam O'Neil.

18 of our 27 Varsity Wrestlers are at 500 or above.
* * *

Girls Dual Results 2024-25

Fowlerville Score	Team	Opponent's Score
30	Holt	36
33	Eaton Rapids	30

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Tournament results 2024-25

12/7	7th of 32	Howell	8 wrestlers
12/14	1st of 18	Fowlerville Scramble	129pts 2nd place 81.5

Champs: A. Buurma, Blyveis, Murphy, M. Buurma
12/20 &

12/21 12th of 79 Findlay Ohio 100.5 pts
9 wrestlers, 1st place was 245

Champs: M. Buurma
1/03 1st of 35 Kestrel Invite 138.5pts
2nd place 80, 11 wrestlers

Champs: A. Buurma, Blyveis
* * *

Team leaders as of 1/7 Maggie Buurma, Hannah Blyveis, Anna Buurma, Kaley Murphy and Chloe Herrell.

7 of our 11 girls that have wrestled so far are at 500 or above.

Next dual away is at Lansing Eastern Jan 8. Next home dual (and last home dual) is Jan 15

Next Tournament is HOME Girls Friday night Jan. 10 and Boys on Jan. 11 both Varsity and JV.

Trinity Health Hospitals announce 2025 grant program to support community organizations

Trinity Health Ann Arbor and Trinity Health Livingston hospitals are proud to announce the opening of the 2025 Investing in Our Communities grant program, designed to support community organizations tackling critical health and social challenges. Beginning January 6, 2025, eligible organizations can apply for grants of up to \$50,000 per year for two years in Washtenaw and Livingston Counties.

Aligned with the hospitals' Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) priorities, the grant program focuses on meaningful improvements of health outcomes for vulnerable populations. Priority areas for Trinity Health Ann Arbor include mental health, food access, maternal/infant health access, and housing. For Trinity Health Livingston, key areas of focus include mental health, food and nutrition security, and transportation.

The CHNA is conducted every three years to identify and address the most pressing health issues in the hospitals' service areas based on the voices of the community. These assessments guide the allocation of resources to programs that directly benefit community health.

"Trinity Health Ann Arbor and Livingston hospitals feel honored to support organizations that share our sacred mission of being a compassionate and transformative healing presence within our communities," said Shekinah Singletery, director of Community Health and Well-Being for Trinity Health Ann Arbor and Livingston. "We invite all eligible organizations to apply for the grant and partner with us in supporting our community."

To qualify, grant funding must be used for community benefit purposes that meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Improve access to health care services
- Enhance the overall health of the community
- Advance medical or health knowledge

Organizations must operate within or primarily serve Washtenaw County ZIP codes 48197 or 48198, or anywhere in Livingston County. Programs serving populations outside these areas will receive lower priority.

Applications opened on January 6, 2025. For a full list of eligibility requirements or additional information, contact Danielle Smith, administrative services coordinator for Community Health & Well-Being, at Danielle.Smith@trinity-health.org.

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Michigan House Report

By Jason Woolford,
50th District

Hello ‘Fowlerville News & Views’ readers! I’m the new state representative for the 50th House district. That means I’m your voice in Lansing, so I want to hear from you if you have any thoughts or concerns.

It’s also my job to help if you ever have any problems dealing with state government. You can reach me by calling 517-373-3906 or sending an email to JasonWoolford@house.mi.gov.

This is my first time serving as an elected official, but I did recently have the honor of serving as one of Michigan’s two at-large electors for President Donald Trump in the Electoral College.

Issues around veterans and their families also hit home for me after serving as a Marine; I enlisted in 1991 after graduating from Howell High School and made the rank of E4 while serving on the Camp Pendleton Marine burial team.

I most recently worked as president of a non-profit group called Mission Cry, which has provided \$480M worth of bibles to people in 178 nations. (I’m staying on with the organization, but in a different capacity). I’m also currently a chaplain with the American Legion.

I previously worked as vice president for two different companies: a marble and granite company that, among other projects, did the entrance to the Luxor Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, and a dough company that provides pizza dough to Costco stores worldwide. I intend to bring some of that



State Rep. Jason Woolford is shown here seated next to Pastor Lorenzo Sewell of Detroit, who delivered the invocation for the opening session on Wednesday, January 8th. Sewell hosted President Trump at his church in 2024.

business experience to Lansing.

Livingston County has more veterans than any other county in Michigan, so one of the things I’m most looking forward to working on is veterans’ issues.

Even though I’m still learning my way around the Capitol, I’ve been working since the election. I’ve been meeting with

a lot of people to get my feet under me, and I’ve attended four different legislative forums around the country. And I’ve got staff in place, so my office is ready to help if you have any issues with state government and need assistance.

Thank you for your support, and please say “hello” when you see me around the district.

LACASA celebrates a Year of Impact and looks ahead to the future

After a milestone year that brought a move to a new, state-of-the-art facility as well as the relocation of its charity resale boutique, LACASA is poised to continue expanding its programs and services to better serve the needs of survivors of interpersonal violence in 2025.

In January 2024, LACASA moved all operations including its Crisis Shelter to its “Home for Good” on Tooley Road in Howell, providing evidence-based support to survivors of child abuse, domestic violence, and sexual violence in a space intentionally designed to meet their needs. Six months later, LACASA Collection relocated from the Kroger/Crossroads Plaza to Tanger Outlets Howell, where it currently occupies three storefronts.

Over the course of this monumental year for the agency, LACASA provided critical support to countless individuals in need, including:

- 10,765 nights of safety in our Crisis Shelter, a 54% increase from 2023.
- 2,766 nights of safety for clients’ animals in the dedicated Safe Pet Place and pet-friendly shelter rooms.
- Fielded more than 2,200 calls to our 24/7 Helpline, including more than 1,600 crisis calls.
- Assisted more than 600 survivors of interpersonal violence with the criminal justice system.
- Educated more than 6,000 Livingston County students, teachers, parents, and community members through programs like Body Safety Training, Stewards of Children, and Nurturing Parenting.
- Provided more than 300 gently used, low-cost dresses/formal wear through Cinderella’s Closet, including 45 via scholarship.

- 240 volunteers provided more than 19,000 hours of service to the agency.

“These statistics represent the tireless efforts of our dedicated staff, volunteers, and community partners, and the impact we have made in the lives of countless survivors,” said LACASA President and CEO Bobette Schrandt. “We are incredibly grateful for the unwavering support of our community that has brought us to this point.”

Looking ahead to 2025, LACASA remains committed to:

- Expanding outreach and prevention programs, including education on healthy relationships and consent.
- Enhancing services to better meet the diverse needs of survivors, including increased access to culturally competent support.

- Advocating for policy changes that create a safer and more just community for all. “Every donation, every volunteer hour, and every act of community support makes a tangible difference in the lives of survivors,” Schrandt said.

To learn more about LACASA, to donate, or to volunteer, please visit www.lacasacenter.org.



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IOSCO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE for ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

The Iosco Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on January 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on proposed amendments to the 2019 Iosco 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 Iosco Township Board regarding such amendments. The amendments are being initiated by the Detroit Edison Company (DTE) and can be summarized as follows:

1) DTE seeks to amend the Official Zoning Map to place the Large Solar Energy System Overlay District upon all or portions of the following AR-zoned parcels located principally in the southeast quarter of the township as identified by their respective tax parcel numbers — 4709-22-400-005, 4709-22-300-003, 4709-27-100-002, 4709-27-100-001, 4709-27-200-003, 4709-27-300-001, 4709-27-300-002, 4709-27-400-007, 4709-26-300-030, 4709-26-300-031, 4709-26-300-023, 4709-26-300-032, 4709-26-300-033, 4709-26-300-034, and 4709-26-400-001. DTE is requesting certain conditions be placed on the rezoning of these parcels or portions of the parcels, being that solar panels and inverters will be prohibited on certain designated parcels (or portions thereof) for a 3-year period and that such designated parcels (or portions thereof) will be used only for landscaping, screening, open space, drainage, fences, access roads, and underground collection system wiring.

2) DTE seeks to amend the Official Zoning Map to place the Large Solar Energy System Overlay District upon all or portions of the following additional AR-zoned parcels located principally in the southeast quarter of the township as identified by their tax parcel numbers — 4709-26-400-001, 4709-25-300-001, 4709-35-200-001, 4709-36-100-004, 4709-36-100-005, 4709-36-100-006, 4709-36-200-010, 4709-25-400-020, 4709-36-200-037, 4709-35-400-002, 4709-36-300-001, 4709-36-300-002, 4709-36-400-001, 4709-35-200-004, 4709-35-200-005, and 4709-35-400-005. DTE is requesting certain conditions be placed on the rezoning of these parcels or portions of the parcels, being that solar panels and inverters will be prohibited in certain designated Overlay District parcels (or portions thereof) for a 3-year period, such designated parcels (or portions thereof) will be used only for landscaping, screening, open space, drainage, fences, access roads, and underground collection system wiring, and certain parcels or portions of parcels will be restricted in use to substation equipment.

The public hearing will be held at the Iosco Township Hall at 2050 Bradley Road in Iosco Township. A copy of the proposed amendments and the 2019 Iosco Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, can be viewed at the Iosco 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), January 14, 2025, and addressed to the Iosco Township Planning Commission, 2050 Bradley Road, Webberville, MI 48892. 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.

Julie Dailey, Iosco Township Clerk

**COME TO THIS MEETING!
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**Host:
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**DTE Rezoning Public Hearing
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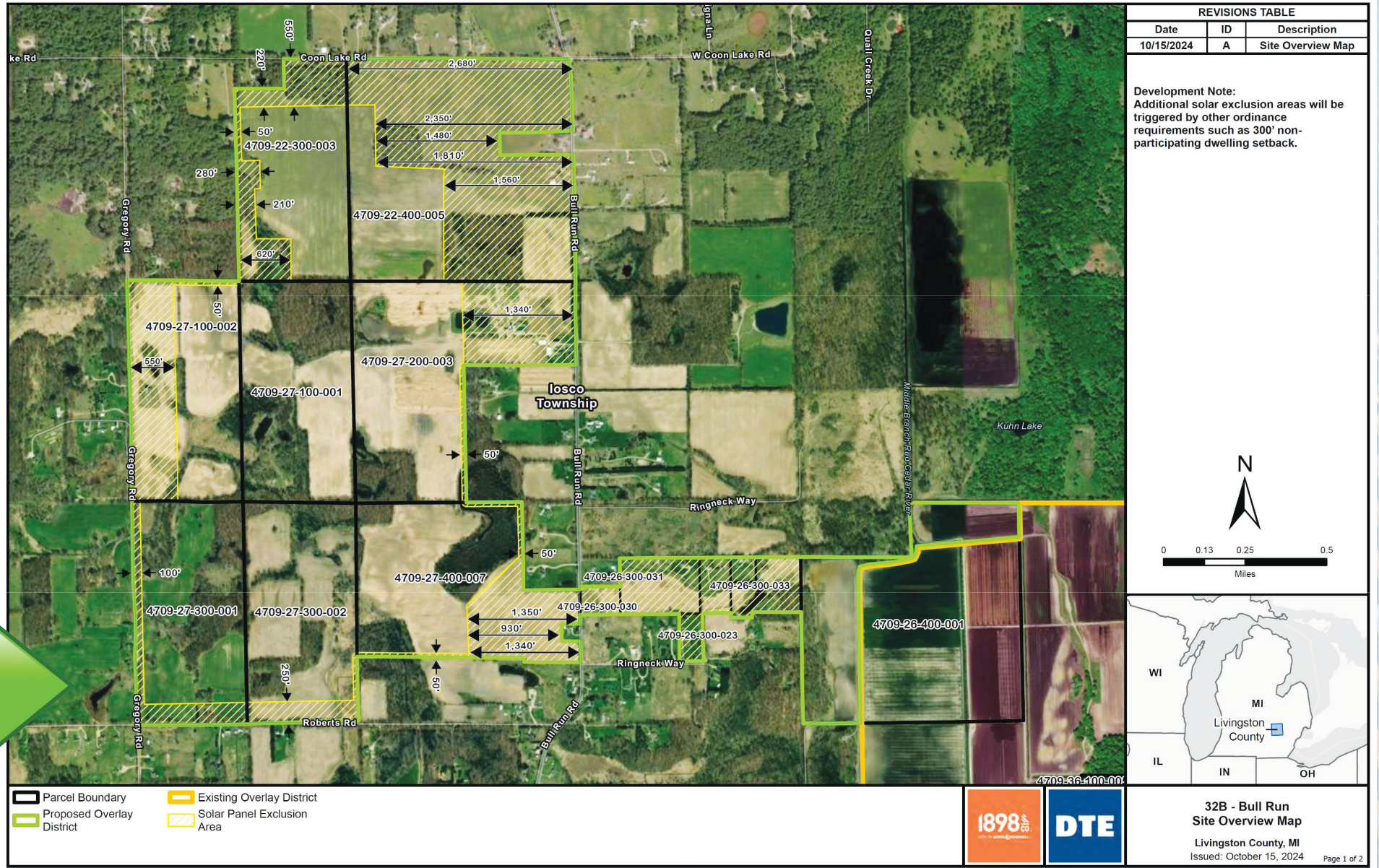
LINK TO IOSCO TOWNSHIP WEBSITE FOR BOTH DTE REZONING APPLICATIONS INCLUDING MAPS:

- Application #1 presented at the October 2024 Iosco Twp Planning Commission Meeting: West of Bull Run Rd. (Roberts Rd/Coon Lake Rd.)
- Application #2 presented November 2024 Iosco Twp Planning Commission Meeting: East of Bull Run Rd. (Weller Rd./Dutcher Rd.)

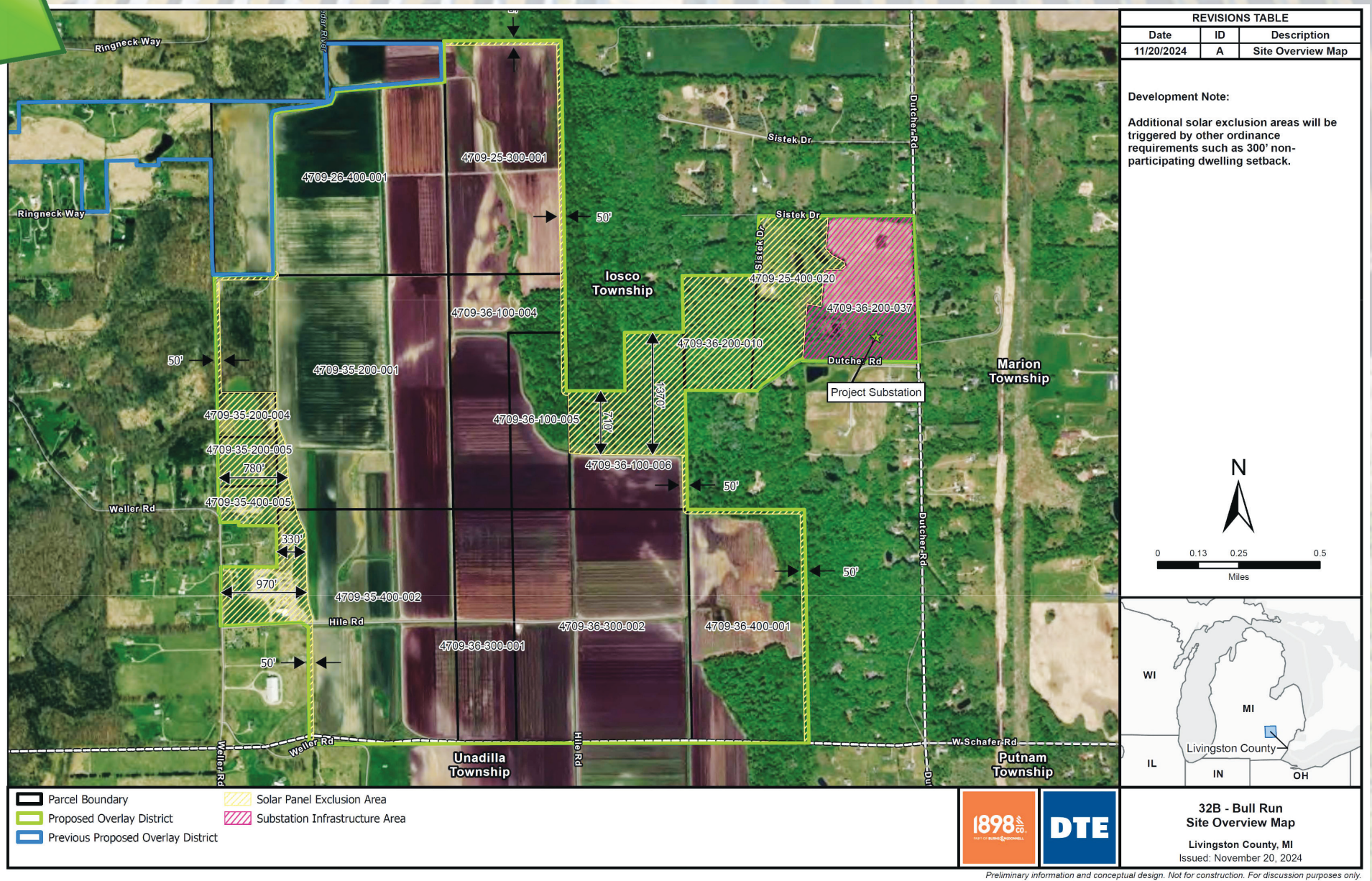


SCAN ME

Map 1 Power Plant Zone (~900 ac): WEST OF BULL RUN RD (COON LAKE RD/ROBERTS RD)



MAP 2 POWER PLANT ZONE (~990 ac): EAST OF BULL RUN RD (WELLER RD/DUTCHER RD)





Fowlerville Community School Board Members taking the Oath of Office, Mr. Robert Hinton, Mrs. Susan Charron, Mrs. Amy Sova, Mrs. Lindsey Redinger and Mr. Matt Stuard administering the oath in the foreground.

Fowlerville Community School News

Fowlerville Elementary School to Open January 21

On Tuesday, January 21, our current H. T. Smith Elementary students will have their first day at the new Fowlerville Elementary School (FES)! We are very excited for our students and staff to experience this beautiful new school. As a reminder, with this change, we also have a change to drop-off and pick-up procedures for both families of the new building as well as Natalie Kreeger Elementary School. Fowlerville Elementary School students will enter from Sharpe Road via the East Access and can exit back onto Sharpe Road as one traffic route option. Fowlerville Elementary students, Natalie Kreeger Elementary students and/or Little Glads' students will enter from Sharpe Road via the East Access and exit onto Hibbard Road.

Drop-off procedures for Fowlerville Elementary School include:

- **Lightning Line:**
 - Have your child(ren) ready to exit the vehicle as you approach the beginning of the pull-in area.
 - A staff member will assist by opening car doors to help students exit quickly and safely.
 - Pull all the way to the front of the line to keep traffic moving efficiently.
- **Walking to the Door:**
 - If you prefer to walk your child to the door, park in the North Parking Lot.
 - Ensure your child reaches the sidewalk before letting them walk independently.

Pick-up procedures for Fowlerville Elementary School include:

- **Pick-Up Line:**
 - We strongly encourage parents to use the Pick-Up Line for collecting their children at the end of the day.
 - All pick-up students will be brought to the front of the office area, where they will wait to be called as cars pull up.

- Parents will receive Tags to hang in their car windows for easy identification.
- **Walking to the Door for Pick-Up:**
 - If you prefer to walk up to pick up your child, park in the North Parking Lot, and meet them in the designated waiting area near the office.

We appreciate your cooperation in following these new procedures so we can keep all of our students and staff safe as they enter and exit their buildings daily.



Welcome Lindsey Redinger to our Board of Education

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Ms. Lindsey Redinger, who recently joined our Board of Education. Elected in November of 2024, Ms. Redinger participated in her first Board of Education meeting last night and will continue her term through December 31, 2028.

As a 31-year resident of the Fowlerville community, Redinger hopes to bring a fresh perspective to the board, especially in the area of special education. She is the mother of three current students in the district and looks forward to focusing on student retention and improving support for students, educators and staff. Welcome, Lindsey!



Superintendent Stuard Receives "Effective" Rating from Board of Education

At the November 19, 2024, Board of Education meeting, the board unanimously rated Superintendent Matt Stuard as "Effective" during his annual evaluation. The "Effective" rating represents the highest overall level on the scale. The evaluation itself covers five key areas including: Student Growth and Academic Achievement; Instructional Programs; Safe, Effective and Efficient Programs and Services; Community Building and Evidence-Based Improvement. Each of the areas included ten sub areas, assessed using performance descriptors of Needs Support, Developing and Effective.

Throughout the past year, Mr. Stuard has provided the Board of Education with updates and supplied evidence to support his progress and decisions.

January is School Board Recognition Month

January is School Board Recognition Month in the state of Michigan, and we want to take a moment to thank our board for their commitment to our students' education. Sponsored by the Michigan Association of School Boards, and launched in 1989, the goal of recognizing school boards is to build a public understanding and support for the concept of local control of public schools.

Our Board of Education members include: Amy Sova, President; Robert Hinton, Vice-President; Susan Charron, Secretary; John Belcher, Treasurer; Danielle DeVries, Trustee; Diana Dombrowski, Trustee and Lindsey Redinger, Trustee.

All of us at Fowlerville Community Schools appreciate the countless hours our Board of Education members devote to understanding complex educational issues, collaborating with stakeholders and making tough decisions when necessary. Your guidance and decision making are crucial to shaping the future of our students and providing them with the best opportunities to learn and grow.

FCS 2025-26 Academic Calendar Now Available

Fowlerville Community Schools is pleased to share that the approved 2025-26 Academic Calendar is now available on the district's website. This calendar includes dates for the start and end of the school year, Winter and Spring breaks, professional development days for staff and more.

We hope this will help families in making any plans for the next school year.

Forgiveness Days in the State of Michigan

Michigan law allows school districts to cancel up to six school days per year due to extenuating circumstances beyond their control. These are also known as "forgiveness days." Additionally, the State Superintendent of Instruction may approve up to three extra forgiveness days beyond the initial six; however, districts must first attempt to reschedule missed days to meet the state's requirements before applying for the additional days of forgiveness. Approval of these extra days is not guaranteed.

A day of instruction is defined as follows: "A day is not defined by length, but by whether instruction was scheduled and occurred." In addition to providing at least 180 days of instruction, districts must also meet other requirements including:

- Seventy-five Percent Rule: At least 75% of enrolled students must be present on instructional days. Failing to meet this threshold results in a proration of the district's state aid.
- One Thousand Ninety-Eight Instructional Hours: District must ensure that students receive at least 1,098 hours of instruction annually.

Below is a list of lost instruction dates this year due to extenuating circumstances:

- 8/27/24: Excessive Heat (K-12, afternoon early release)
- 8/28/24: Power Outage (K-5, no school)
- 8/29/24: Power Outage (K-12, no school)
- 11/5/24: Broken Water Pipe (3-5, early release)
- 12/5/24: Snow Day (K-12, no school)
- 12/12/24: Snow Day (K-12, no school)

As the 2024-25 school year continues, we will keep everyone updated on the district's use of forgiveness days and compliance with state requirements.

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When life gets derailed

By Susan Kretchman

Here we are, in the first days of January, when many of us choose to make a concerted effort establishing resolutions for the new year. If you're like me, doing that—writing down a list of goals—is refreshing and exciting. Furthermore, like me, I'm willing to guess many of you start off strong and as each new day dawns, resolve and dedication to the items on the list have begun to fade into hours filled with nothingness which may welcome back old habits. When this happens my mood shifts from elation to disappointment. Frustration with myself begins to build and influence my emotions. Yet, I know that success is possible if I keep "showing up" with my goals in hand. Even in the midst of feeling defeated, I know God will help me.

To prepare for this week's article I simply typed in my search engine: what does the Bible say about getting back on track? Without fail, numerous sites with appropriate verses appeared on my screen. With many to choose from I selected Lamentations 3:40 "Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord".

Fortunately for me, there was only one lengthy stretch of time where I was not walking with God. That was over 40 years ago and is another topic for another time. Instead of returning to that time, I'm focusing on an ability to get back on track with God or our personal goals. Using scripture again, I found Psalm 32: 8 which says "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you". How wonderful to read that God is a teacher, a counselor and a loving watchful eye over us!

Additionally, God doesn't expect perfection from us. Therefore, don't heap that expectation on yourself either when working through some goals. In fact, from a secular viewpoint I found numerous articles online that teach how to build healthy habits. In a list of 7 that I found, I chose my favorite top 3: One thing at a time *know your why *start small (source: intentionalview.com)

Recently, I wrote about our own health journey for me and my husband. After his heart attack three years ago we made immediate changes to meal plans. Even though we hadn't been consuming a lot of over processed foods, I concentrated more on "clean eating". Last summer I found recipes to make my own dressings, condiments, breads... even desserts with less refined sugars. Red meats became less frequent, making room for venison generously supplied by a hunting friend. Eating out lessened. More physical movement was added.

I certainly "know my why" with changes in our diet. It's for heart health. Doing one thing at a time became fun as I made weekly meal plans by pursuing several new recipe resources, creating a weekly shopping list. By "starting small" I was able to build on a good foundation which brought me satisfaction, a sense of accomplishment.

I think when January 1st rolls around, it gives us an ability to reflect on the previous year and examine the highs and lows of our lives, our choices, and the experiences that shape us. For any one of us who felt like life in 2024 went "off the rails" and left us under a pile of twisted and torn debris, there is hope! Did you know that the word "hope" appears in the Bible 129-182 times depending on the translation? That's encouraging. A favorite I pulled from the list is Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit".

There you have it. Surrounded in damages created by being derailed, God provides a way to fill you with joy, peace. Your only obligation is to "trust in Him". And the result? You'll overflow with hope!

Join me this year by coming back to doing "one small thing" every day to grow closer to God as you build healthy habits emotionally, physically and spiritually! There's nothing better than a buddy system and I can't think of a better life coach than our wonderful God!

Slotkin to join Senate Armed Services, Agriculture Committees

Newly-elected Senator Elissa Slotkin will serve on the Armed Services; Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; Homeland Security and Government Affairs; and Veterans' Affairs committees in the 119th Congress.

"Service on these committees is an opportunity to do good things for the people of Michigan," Slotkin said. "These committee assignments will enable me to fulfill the ironclad commitments I made to Michigan during the campaign. I'm excited about the chance to serve under ranking member Sen. Gary Peters' leadership on the Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee, and to continue representing Michigan's diverse agriculture interests as Sen. Debbie Stabenow has done so ably on the Agriculture Committee. And it's impossible to join the Senate Armed Services Committee without thinking of its longtime Chairman, Carl Levin.

"In the House, I've been able to use legislative opportunities like the annual Defense Authorization Act to strengthen Michigan's contributions to national security, as a former CIA officer who served alongside the military my entire career. And I've been able to advocate for Michigan specialty crop growers on the House Agriculture Committee. And there is no more important responsibility than caring for our veterans and their families. I am grateful to Senator Schumer for the chance to continue that critical work in the Senate."

Slotkin, a former CIA analyst and senior Pentagon official, served on the House Armed Services Committee in her three terms in the House. She was able to secure more than 30 legislative provisions in the Fiscal Year 2025 National Defense Authorization Act signed into law last month, including provisions to strengthen the Michigan National Guard and to reduce the Defense Department's use of harmful PFAS "forever chemicals, adding to scores of her provisions added to defense bills over her time in the House.

She served on the House Homeland Security Committee during her first two terms in the House before becoming the only Michigan member of the House Agriculture Committee for the 118th Congress.

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

- January 2**
 3:59 a.m.-- Medical response on E Grand River Ave in the Village.
 6:21 a.m.-- Smoke alarm investigation on W Grand River in Handy Township.
 8:46 a.m.-- Smoke alarm investigation on W Grand River in Handy Township.
 10:52 p.m.-- Medical response on Eagle Ridge Ln in Handy Township.
- January 3**
 10:27 a.m.-- Medical response on N Grand Ave in the Village.
 11:44 a.m.-- Smoke alarm investigation on Crofoot Rd in Iosco Township.
- January 4**
 1:31 a.m.-- Medical response on N Herrington Rd in Conway Township.
 6:33 p.m.-- Outdoor burn on W I-96 in Handy Township.
- January 5**
 4:37 p.m.-- Medical response on Hickory St in the Village.
- January 6**
 1:39 a.m.-- Outdoor burn on W I-96 in Handy Township.
 7:56 p.m.-- Medical response on Spruceview Ln in Handy Township.
 11:58 p.m.-- Medical response on Chippewa River Dr in Handy Township.
- January 7**
 7:26 a.m.-- Medical response on Nicholson Rd in Handy Township.
 8:40 a.m.-- Medical response on Brimley Rd in Conway Township.
 10:55 a.m.-- Medical response on W Grand River in Handy Township.
 12:23 p.m.-- Medical response on W I-96 in Handy Township.
- January 8**
 7:03 a.m.-- Medical response on Dailey Ct in the Village.
 12:57 p.m.-- Gas leak on W Van Riper Rd in the Village.
 5:37 p.m.-- Explosion on Judd Rd in Handy Township.

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MARION TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

Marion Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 3, 2025 at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Marion Township Hall, 2877 W. Coon Lake Road, Howell, MI 48843, (517) 546-1588. The purpose of the meeting is for regular business and to hear a request for the following appeal, interpretation and/or variance.

ZBA Case #01-25 – Tax Code 4710-25-201-028

Applicant: Randall K. Metz
 4124 Rurik
 Howell, MI 48843

Request: The applicant is seeking a variance to Section 6.07.3 accessory structure in front yard and 6.04E swimming pool in front yard.

Submittals can be viewed online at www.mariontownship.com under agendas/minutes, click on link to Zoning Board of Appeals.

Interested parties may review the above-mentioned proposal at the Marion Township Hall during regular business hours, Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Zoning Board of Appeals Chair, Marion Township Hall, 2877 W. Coon Lake Road, Howell, MI 48843 by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday January 29, 2025.

Marion Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities. Anyone requiring auxiliary aids and services should contact the Marion Township Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 27, 2025.

Diane Bockhausen SECRETARY
 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
 (1-12-25 FNV)



Webberville Cribbage Report

Darlene - Twin 24s, Mary- 22

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.

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Webberville Report

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Senior Spotlight—Alex Klempner

By Symon Crandall

Alex Klempner is the son of Trevor and Sandi Klempner, the older brother of Spencer Klempner who is in 9th grade at Webberville, and the younger brother of Haylee Klempner who graduated in 2015.

Alex has participated in both basketball and baseball during his freshman and sophomore years. He is a member of the National Honor Society (NHS) this year.

Alex’s dedication to music and leadership has truly set him apart as a senior drum major and an outstanding band student. His favorite class is Band, where he plays the clarinet, but he also excels in the role of drum major, leading the marching band with confidence and enthusiasm. Alex particularly enjoyed conducting during the Friday night football games, where his energy and passion for music shined through.

Fellow senior and close friend, Garrett, shared that “Alex is a very fun and pleasant person. He is also extremely energetic and hardworking. Alex is always a hoot to be around, and I enjoy spending time with him in and out of school. I know he will do great things in his future!”

Band instructor, Mr. Franks, also praised Alex’s contributions, stating that “Alex has been a great music student and leader. He has always been curious about how he could improve, especially when it came to being a drum major.”

This drive to improve and learn is part of what makes Alex such a great asset to the band.

Outside of school, Alex enjoys working at Chick-Fil-A and exercising. In fact, his favorite high school memory is strength class in the weight room. He takes great pride in working out and does not plan to stop anytime soon.

Currently Alex is enrolled in the welding program at Wilson Talent Center and enjoys learning a skill he did not know how to do before. After high school, Alex plans to attend Lansing Community College and then transfer to Michigan State University to pursue a degree in Kinesiology.

Euchre Fun Night planned Jan. 25th at the Webberville Library

Friends of the Webberville Library is sponsoring a Euchre Fun Night fundraiser on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Registration starts at 5:30pm and playing begins 6:00pm at the Webberville Cultural Center. The entry fee is \$10 per person to play. Prizes will be awarded and there will be a 50/50 drawing. Snacks and beverages will be provided. You are welcome to bring your own snacks and non-alcoholic beverages.

Williamston Eagles Club to host euchre tournament on Friday, Jan. 17th

Williamston Eagles Club will host a euchre tournament on Friday, January 17th. Registration begins at 6:30pm and play starts at 7pm. Cost is \$10 per person and you don’t need a partner to join the fun. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, along with last place booby prize! Kitchen is open from 5-7pm.

The club is at 835 High Street in Williamston. Call the club at 517-655-6510 after 3pm for more information.



Williamston’s Farmers Market holding bottle-can collection on Jan. 19th

Support the Eastern Ingham Farmer’s Market by donating your Michigan-returnable bottles and cans on Sunday, Jan. 19th. Pick-up dates are scheduled twice a month during the off-season, anytime between 11am and 1pm, in the large parking lot of McCormick Park, at 123 High Street over the next few months.

Just drop them off any of these upcoming Sundays: January 19th; February 2nd and 16th; March 2nd and 16th; April 6th and 20th; and May 4th and 18th.

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

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

Williamston Area Senior Center

500 Williamston Center Road - 517-655-5173

January 2025 Events

Monday, Jan. 13th: Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 10:30am, Williamston Police Officer, Eric, presents ‘Scams Around Us’ at 12:30pm.

Tuesday, Jan. 14th: Cards 9am - 11:45am, Mind Benders with Jackie at 12:30pm, and WASC Board Meeting at 12:30pm.

Wednesday, Jan. 15th: Cards 9am - 11:45am, NATIONAL HAT DAY, Chair Exercise at 10:30am, Nila from Independence Village visits and facilitates a craft with us at 12:30pm.

Thursday, Jan. 16th: Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 10:30am, and Heather Sawdon, Williamston Author, shares ‘Her Last Voyage: California’s Worst Maritime Disaster’ at 12:30pm (\$20 books available).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IOSCO TOWNSHIP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING DATES: 2025-2026

The Township Board meets at **7:00 p.m.** on the 3rd Thursday of every month: at the Township Hall. The Township Hall is located at 2050 Bradley Rd., Webberville, Michigan.

March 20th, 2025	April 17th, 2025
May 15th, 2025	June 19th, 2025
July 17th, 2025	August 21st, 2025
September 18th, 2025	October 16th, 2025
November 20th, 2025	December 18th, 2025
January 15th, 2026	February 19th, 2026
March 19th, 2026	April 16th, 2026

IOSCO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATES: 2025-2026

The Planning Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of every month: at the Township Hall. The Township Hall is located at 2050 Bradley Rd., Webberville, Michigan.

March 4th, 2025*	April 8th, 2025
May 13th, 2025	June 10th, 2025
July 8th, 2025	August 12th, 2025
September 9th, 2025	October 14th, 2025
November 11th, 2025	December 9th, 2025
January 13th, 2026	February 10th, 2026
March 3rd, 2026*	April 14th, 2026

*Due to a scheduling conflict the March Planning Commission meetings will be the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Julie Dailey
Iosco Township Clerk
(1-12-25 FNV)

Social Security Questions & Answers

Question: I have medical coverage through my employer. Do I have to take Medicare Part B?

Answer: You are not required to take Medicare Part B if you are covered by a group healthcare plan based on either your employment or the employment of a spouse. When your coverage ends, you may contact Social Security to request a special enrollment for Medicare Part B. We will need to verify your coverage through your employer for you to be eligible for a special enrollment. For more information, visit www.medicare.gov.

Question: Is it true that if you have low income, you can get help paying your Medicare premiums?

Answer: Yes. If your income and resources are limited, your state may be able to help with your Medicare Part B premium, deductibles, and coinsurance amounts. State rules vary on the income and resources that apply. Contact your state or local medical assistance, social services, or welfare office, or call the Medicare customer service number, 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), and ask about the Medicare Savings Programs. If you have limited income and resources, you also may be able to get help paying for prescription drug coverage under Medicare Part D. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) or visit any Social Security office. Also, see our publication, *Medicare*, at www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10043.pdf.

Question: My child has a disability, but when I applied for SSI, I was told that my child was ineligible because my spouse and I earned too much money. Why does our income make my child ineligible?

Answer: If a child is living with either their natural or adopted parents, then some of the income that the parents earn deems to the child. We use these amounts to determine if your child meets the non-medical requirements for SSI. For more information, visit www.ssa.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot-deeming.htm.

Question: My child receives SSI. He will be 18 in a few months. Will his SSI payments continue after he turns 18?

Answer: When a child who gets SSI turns 18, we conduct both a medical and a non-medical review to see if they are still eligible for SSI payments. If the child continues to meet the income and resource requirements and is still considered to have a disability under the adult disability rules, then payment continues. For more information, read *What You Need to Know About Your Supplemental Security Income (SSI) When You Turn 18* at www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-11005.pdf.

Question: Are Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments subject to federal income tax?

Answer: No. SSI payments are not subject to federal taxes. If you get SSI, you will not receive an annual Form SSA-1099. However, your Social Security benefits may be subject to income tax. Learn more at www.ssa.gov.

Question: I'm gathering everything I'll need to file my taxes this month. Do I have to pay taxes on Social Security benefits? Also, where can I get a replacement 1099?

Answer: Some people who get Social Security must pay federal income taxes on their benefits, but no one pays taxes on more than 85% of their Social Security benefits.

You must pay taxes on some portion of your benefits if you file a single federal tax return, and your income exceeds \$25,000. If you file a joint return, you must pay taxes if you and your spouse have combined income of more than \$32,000. If you are married and file a separate return, you probably will have to pay taxes on your benefits. You can read more about tax preparation in relation to Social Security at www.ssa.gov/planners/taxes.htm. Social Security benefits include monthly retirement, survivors, and disability benefits. They don't include Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments, which are not taxable. You can get a replacement 1099 or 1042S with a personal *my* Social Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount.

Question: I applied for a replacement Social Security card last week but haven't received it yet. When should I expect to receive my new card?

Answer: You'll usually receive your replacement card in about 7 to 14 days. If you waited the appropriate length of time and still have not received your Social Security card, contact your local Social Security office or Card Center. You also can call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778), 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information about your Social Security card and number, visit www.ssa.gov/number-card.

Question: I own a small business. How can I verify employees' Social Security numbers?

Answer: Employers can use our Social Security Number Verification Service to verify the names and Social Security numbers of current and former employees for wage reporting purposes. For more information, go to www.ssa.gov/employer/ssnv.htm.



Michigan Governor's Report

By Gretchen Whitmer

New Legislature, Same Goal, Get Stuff Done

This past Wednesday, the 103rd Michigan State Legislature convened at the State Capitol. I am honored to welcome new and returning members to Lansing and excited to keep working together to move Michigan forward.

Over the last few years, we got a lot done to make a real difference in people's lives. We cut taxes by \$1 billion for working families and seniors, secured tens of thousands of good-paying auto jobs, and saw record-low unemployment rates. We lowered costs for families by making record investments in education, including free school breakfast and lunch for every public-school student, expanded access to free preschool, and built more housing so more people have an affordable, safe place to call home.

In 2025, I look forward to collaborating with the new majority in the Michigan State House and will always be ready to work with anyone who is serious about solving problems.

As governor, I've signed more than 1,400 bipartisan bills and enacted six balanced budgets. Let's continue working across the aisle to deliver on the issues that matter most to Michiganders.

Together, let's make Michigan a better state to live, work, and invest.

NIESA Fire Report (Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority)

On Wednesday January 1, 2025 NIESA responded to six calls. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a medical response. Four calls were in the City of Williamston with three being medical responses and one a vehicle accident on the I-96 exit ramp. One call was in Williamstown Township for a medical response.

On Thursday January 2, 2025 NIESA responded to four calls. Two calls were in the City of Williamston with both being medical responses. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a fire response. One call was a mutual aid to Shiawassee County on a structure fire.

On Friday January 3, 2025 NIESA responded to four calls. One call was in Williamstown Township for a medical response. One call was in the City of Williamston for a medical response. One call was in Leroy Township for a medical response. One call was in Locke Township for a medical response.

On Saturday January 4, 2025 NIESA responded to four calls. One call was in the City of Williamston for a medical response. Two calls were in the Village of Webberville with one a medical response and one a utility response. One call was in Leroy Township for a medical response.

On Sunday January 5, 2025 NIESA responded to five calls. One call was in Williamstown Township for a medical response. Three calls were in Locke Township with all being medical responses. One call was in the City of Williamston for a utility response.

On Monday January 6, 2025 NIESA responded to three calls in Williamstown Township with two being medical responses and one a fire response.

On Tuesday January 7, 2025 NIESA responded to four calls. Two calls were in the City of Williamston with both being medical responses. One call was in Williamstown Township for a medical response. One call was in Locke Township for a medical response.



Michiganders encouraged to start year with Smart Food Safety Resolutions

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is encouraging food safety be prioritized as part of New Year's resolutions. Proper food handling and preparation can prevent foodborne illnesses and keep families safe.

"New Year's resolutions are often about fresh starts and new opportunities for healthy choices," said MDARD Director Tim Boring. "Improving food safety practices is a great place to kick-off a happy, healthy 2025 for you and your loved ones."

Here are five simple food safety practices to utilize as part of healthy habits in 2025:

Wash Your Hands Regularly Handwashing is the first line of defense against food borne illnesses. Always wash your hands with soap and water before and after handling food, especially raw meat, poultry, and seafood.

Avoid Cross-Contamination Keep raw meats separate from ready-to-eat foods. Use separate cutting boards for raw proteins and other ingredients such as fruits and vegetables. Make sure to always clean utensils and surfaces after use.

Use a Food Thermometer to Cook Foods to Safe Temperatures Use a food thermometer to ensure foods are cooked to the proper internal temperature. Just because it "looks done" doesn't mean it's cooked properly. For example, poultry should reach 165°F, while ground beef requires 160°F.

Refrigerate Promptly Keep perishable foods safe by storing them in the refrigerator within two hours. Ensure your refrigerator is set to 40°F or below.

Teach Food Safety to Others Share these tips with family and friends to promote safe food handling practices. Food safety is a shared responsibility, and knowledge is a powerful tool in preventing illness.

By adopting these resolutions, Michiganders can take meaningful steps to protect themselves and their families from foodborne illness.

For more tips and resources regarding food safety, go to www.foodsafety.gov/ or www.Michigan.gov/foodsafety.

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Community Theatre of Howell announces auditions for musical

Community Theatre of Howell has announced auditions for the Pulitzer Prize-winning musical, *Next to Normal*. This contemporary and emotional production will take the stage May 8-10 and May 16-18, 2025. Auditions will be held on February 10 and 11 at Community Theatre of Howell, located inside Howell High School Freshman Campus, 1400 W. Grand River Avenue, Howell, Michigan.

About the Show

Next to Normal is a powerful rock musical that delves into the complexities of mental health, family dynamics, and resilience. With music by Tom Kitt and book and lyrics by Brian Yorkey, the show features an electrifying score and a heart-wrenching story that has captivated audiences worldwide.

Audition Details

When: Monday, February 10, 2025, at 6:00 pm Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Where: Community Theatre of Howell (inside Howell High School Freshman Campus, 1400 W. Grand River Avenue, Howell, Michigan)

Who: Actors 16 years and older are invited to audition.

Audition Preparation

Sign up for an audition time slot for either Monday or Tuesday night. Be prepared to sing all vocal selections for the character you are auditioning for and to read for your roles. Audition materials and the audition sign up link can be found on our website: www.cththeatre.org/next-to-normal

Roles Available

The production requires a small but dynamic cast of six performers. For detailed character descriptions, please visit: www.cththeatre.org/next-to-normal

Why Audition?

This is a unique opportunity to be part of a groundbreaking musical that challenges actors both emotionally and vocally. Directed by Casey Irey, CTH's production of *Next to Normal* promises to be an unforgettable experience for cast and audiences alike.

NEXT TO NORMAL is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

About Community Theatre of Howell:

Community Theatre of Howell's mission is to foster and encourage the study of and public appreciation for

the performing arts. We offer quality productions to the community each year and educational opportunities for adults and youth. We pride ourselves on family entertainment and provide a structured cultural experience for everyone involved.

For further information and updates, please visit Community Theatre of Howell's website at www.cththeatre.org or follow CTH on Facebook and/or Instagram.

Join us for this powerful journey through love, loss, and the light that keeps us going. We can't wait to see you on stage!

Knights of Columbus hosting Italian dinner at St. Agnes Church on Jan. 25th

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

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

LEGAL NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE TO ALL PURCHASERS -

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

Under the power of sale contained in the recorded Condominium Documents and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212 that the lien will be foreclosed by a sale of the property described below, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, at the main entrance of the Judicial Center located in Howell, Michigan (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 10:00 AM, Eastern Standard Time. The amount due on the lien may increase between the date of this notice and the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

The name of the record property owner is Ramenpreet K. Singh, and is situated in the Township of Green Oak, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 190, of Hidden Lake Estates, a Condominium according to the Restated and Amended Master Deed recorded in Liber 2709, Page 0002 et seq., Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 74. Sidwell No. 16-16-406-190

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

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

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

Dated: December 16, 2024

Hidden Lakes Estates Association
c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC
Sarah R. Karl
30140 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
248 671 0140

(12-22)(01-19)

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

Attention homeowner:

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

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

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

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

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

Lot(s) 8 and 9 of FONDA LAKE SUBN. according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 55 of Livingston County Records.

6298 Fonda Lake Drive, Brighton, Michigan 48116
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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

Dated: January 5, 2025

File No. 24-014910
Firm Name: Orlans PC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(01-05)(01-26)

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

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO.
2024-23115-DE

Estate of MARY KATHERINE SMITH, Decedent
Date of Birth: 07/04/1943

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, MARY KATHERINE SMITH, died 06/13/2024.

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

Date: 1-3-2025

Attorney:

Shannon L. Wirth P58822
35330 Nankin Blvd., Suite 702
Westland, MI 48185
(734) 326-2101

Personal Representative:

Michael Parduhn
25 Alexander Road
Hopkinton, MA 01748

(1-12-25 FNV)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Philip G. Hugly
Date of Birth: December 5, 1936

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Philip G. Hugly, died December 14, 2024.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Margaret B. Hugly and Suzanne H. Thomashow, Co-Trustees of the Hugly Family LivingTrust, 06/03/2024, c/o 1301 West Long Lake Road, Suite 250, Troy, Michigan 48098 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: January 2, 2025

Attorney:

Roy A. Luttmann P41492
1301 West Long Lake Road, Suite 250
Troy, Michigan 48098
248-334-6767

Trustee:

Margaret B. Hugly and Suzanne H. Thomashow
c/o 1301 West Long Lake Road, Suite 250
Troy, Michigan 48098
248-334-6767

(1-12-25 FNV)

—Area Deaths—



Janet Faye Martindale

October 30, 1950 – January 6, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Janet Faye Martindale, who peacefully left us on January 6, 2025. Born on October 30, 1950, in Harbor Beach, MI, Janet was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend whose love and kindness left an indelible mark on everyone she met.

Janet was known for her boundless compassion, unwavering generosity, and deep love for her family and friends. Her gentle spirit and warm smile touched countless lives, and her strength and selflessness will forever inspire those who knew her.

A dedicated caregiver and educator, Janet made a lasting impact on her community through her work in the school system, where she nurtured and guided generations of children. She was a true beacon of light, always ready to lend a helping hand, offer a kind word, or brighten someone's day with her genuine warmth.

Janet is survived by her beloved husband, Michael Martindale; her loving children, Daniel (Domineque), Chris, and Chad (Emily); and her cherished grandchildren, Charlotte and Ophelia. She is also deeply mourned by her siblings, Diane Creighton, Artie Artman (Sherry), and Karen Kraus (Ray), along with her extended family and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Norman and Faye Artman.

Janet's love, strength, and unwavering kindness will live on in our hearts forever. She will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

A Celebration of Life will be held on January 25, 2025, at Herrmann Funeral Home (1005 E. Grand River Ave, Fowlerville, MI 48836) at 1pm-3pm.

To honor her lifelong commitment to helping others, the family kindly requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in her memory to Fowlerville Community Schools or Fowlerville District Library, with the memo: *Janet Martindale Memorial*.

Arrangements entrusted to Herrmann Funeral Home. Online condolences may be expressed at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com.



Sylvia Constance (Connie) Phibbs

Sylvia Constance (Connie) Donkerbrook Phibbs passed peacefully in her sleep on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She was born April 21, 1930 in Detroit to Hilda Jones Donkerbrook and Jack Donkerbrook. Connie married Lee Phibbs in 1949 and together they moved to Fowlerville with their young family in 1964.

There was never a dull moment with Connie. She loved her family, her many close friends, her baby pigs on their hobby farm and traveling to new places. She particularly enjoyed helping her son with farm chores and was always up for a ride in his truck. Her children fondly recall her famously bad cooking, a task she considered too boring to master.

Connie hated to be left out of the fun, happily participating in most any activity suggested. In her 80s she completed a 5K and zip-lined through the Amazon rain forest. In her 90s she attended the Kentucky Derby, getting up close with the horses, and was part of a family pub crawl through cities in Germany. On a whim Connie was known to ride the penny horse at the grocery store.

Her grandchildren's favorite story from Connie's youth is one where she entertained one young man on the front porch while simultaneously entertaining a second on the back porch, running through the house to make sure neither met the other and both received her time.

Connie enjoyed working with young people as a Girl Scout and 4-H leader and at Fowlerville High School, filling in where needed, usually in the lunch room, library and study hall. She held several part-time jobs in Fowlerville including at Utter's Clothing Store and Lockwood Insurance.

Connie was a 50+ year member of the local ladies group, Families In Focus. She looked forward to her weekly friends' breakfasts at Olden Days Café and monthly club meetings. Connie was dedicated to walking outside in nature and made sure to walk a mile every day around the community park and the village. You may have seen her walking these last few years with the assistance of her upright walker. Up until the end, her sense of humor and love of life remained with her through her adventures shared, funny stories told and the love she showed everyone.

Connie was preceded in death by her husband Lee Phibbs, brothers Jim, Donald and Jack Donkerbrook, and sister Charlotte Stevenson. She is survived by her sister Joyce Means, several nieces and nephews, daughters Candy (Pete) Decker, Sandy (Bob) Lemon, and Cindy (Tom) Englehart and son Kevin (Bonnie) Phibbs, 12 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Visitation was being held at Herrmann Funeral Home on Saturday, January 18th 10 AM until 12 PM, with service at 12 PM. A luncheon at the Fowlerville VFW Hall was to follow. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the "Phibbs Family Good Kid Scholarship Fund" in Connie's name.

Arrangements entrusted to Herrmann Funeral Home. Online condolences may be expressed at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com.

Does your child know what to do at dismissal time?

- *Will your child be riding the bus home?
- *Will your child be going to Little Glads?
- *Will your child be getting picked up?

If you need to call the office for a "reminder note" for your student, please call before 3:00.



Cynthia Marie Casemore

Cynthia Marie Casemore, 61, of Battle Creek, Michigan, passed away at home with hospice surrounded by her loved ones on Tuesday, January 7, 2025. She was born on May 28, 1963, the daughter of Joseph P. Wagner and Norma F. (Treece) Wagner.

Cindy was an active participant in many mutual support cancer groups. She prided herself on supporting others going through similar hard times as she had. Cindy was a longtime, valued staff member at Brighton Hospital. She married her forever soulmate, Bradley Casemore in 2002, and for the following years the two shared many laughs and smiles. Cynthia is survived by her husband, Bradley Casemore; children, Jeremi (Corinne) Soli, Michelle (Chris) Johnson, Clifford Soli, Tanya (Christopher) Baker, Ali (Tim) Casemore Buck; grandchildren, Wyatt, Dylan, Adyson, Rhyann, Hanley, Caysen, Hunter; brothers, Vaughn, Joe, Mike, John; lifelong friends and chosen sisters, Kris Snow, Stella Peruski; and many cherished nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Norma Wagner.

Cindy was an amazing woman and one hell of a fighter who loved to spend her days boating and dipping her toes in the sand. She also loved traveling, sitting by the fire reading, listening to music and enjoying time in nature. Through her many enjoyments in life however, her deep love and devotion remained with her children and grandchildren. They truly were the light of her life and she made sure to spend as much time with them as she could.

A private celebration of life will take place at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in honor of Cindy.

Kreeger Elementary School News

Calendar of Kreeger Events

1-15-25	½ day of school, dismissal 12:02
1-16-25	½ day of school, dismissal 12:02
1-17-25	½ day of school, dismissal 12:02
1-17-25	Semester ends
1-20-25	NO SCHOOL
1-21-25	KPTN Meeting 3:45pm
1-27-25	OK2Say Presentation
1-30-25	Student Council Meeting 3:40-4:40pm
2-13-25	Student Council Meeting 3:40-4:40pm
2-17-25	NO SCHOOL
2-18-25	NO SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE LINE: If your child will not be at school, please call the attendance line to excuse their absence. The attendance line number is 517-223-6333.

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.

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A successful fall fish stocking season means future fishing opportunities

The Department of Natural Resources worked hard this past fall to stock fish in waters across Michigan — fish that will provide anglers with more opportunities in seasons to come. The fall 2024 effort saw DNR crews stock seven different species at 78 locations throughout the state; in all, 590,504 fish, weighing in at 10.7 tons, were added to Michigan waters.

“It was another exceptional fall fish stocking season, enhancing fishing opportunities throughout Michigan,” said DNR Fish Production Program manager Aaron Switzer. “Combined with our successful spring and summer stocking efforts, that brings the total for 2024 to more than 9.7 million fish stocked in Michigan’s waters.”

The number and type of fish stocked vary by hatchery, as each facility’s ability to rear fish differs due to water supply and temperature. In Michigan, there are six state and three cooperative hatcheries that work together to produce the species, strain and size of fish needed by fisheries managers. These fish must then be delivered at a specific time and location for stocking to ensure their success.

In general, fish are reared in Michigan’s state fish hatcheries anywhere from one month to 1-1/2 years before they are stocked. Most fish in Michigan are stocked in the spring, but some fish are stocked in the fall because they require less time and fewer resources to rear in hatcheries, and may adjust

better to new environments as they are younger and more adaptable to change.

Seven species were stocked this fall: Atlantic salmon, brook trout, brown trout, lake trout, rainbow trout (Eagle Lake and steelhead strains), walleye and muskellunge.

Marquette State Fish Hatchery (near Marquette) stocked 28,403 fall fingerling and 606 adult brook trout that weighed a combined 1,835 pounds. These fish were stocked at a total of 30 locations in the Upper Peninsula. Marquette also stocked 425 adult lake trout that weighed 1,169 pounds at two locations in the Upper Peninsula.

Platte River State Fish Hatchery (near Traverse City) stocked one location in Lake Huron with 30,000 Atlantic salmon weighing 991 pounds.

Oden State Fish Hatchery (near Petoskey) stocked 82,000 fall fingerling brown trout that weighed 4,494 pounds and 82,919 rainbow trout that weighed 2,681 pounds. These fish were stocked at four locations in the Upper and Lower peninsulas.

Thompson State Fish Hatchery (near Manistique) stocked 47,014 Great Lakes strain muskellunge that weighed 5,410 pounds at 20 locations in the Upper and Lower peninsulas.

Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery (west of Kalamazoo) stocked 1,578 Great Lakes strain muskellunge fall fingerlings that weighed 198 pounds at five locations. Wolf Lake also stocked 300,891 fall fingerling steelhead weighing 3,379 pounds in three locations.



Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

What You’ll Pay for Medicare in 2025

Dear Savvy Senior,

I know there will be a small 2.5 percent cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits next year, but what about Medicare? What will the Medicare Part B monthly premiums be in 2025, and when do the surcharges kick in for higher income beneficiaries?

Medicare Beneficiary

Dear Beneficiary,

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently announced their cost adjustments for 2025 and the increases for premiums and out-of-pocket costs for most beneficiaries will be moderate. But if you’re a high earner, you’ll pay significantly more. Here’s what you can expect to pay in 2025.

Part B Premium

While Medicare Part A, which pays for hospital care, is premium-free for most beneficiaries, Part B, which covers doctor visits and outpatient services does have a monthly premium.

Starting in January, the standard monthly Part B premium will be \$185, up from \$174.70 in 2024. That \$10.30 bump represents a 5.9 percent increase, which is more than double the most recent Social Security cost-of-living adjustment which was 2.5 percent.

But if you’re a high earning beneficiary, which makes up about 8 percent of all Medicare recipients, you’ll have to pay more. Medicare surcharges for high earners, known as the income-related monthly adjustment amount (or IRMAA), are based on adjusted gross income (AGI) from two years earlier, which means that your 2025 Part B premiums are determined by your 2023 AGI, which is on line 11 of the IRS tax form 1040.

Here’s how it breaks down. If your 2023 income was above \$106,000 up to \$133,000 (\$212,000 up to \$266,000 for married couples filing jointly), your 2025 Part B monthly premium will be \$259.

Monthly Part B premiums for singles with an income between \$133,000 and \$167,000 (\$266,000 and \$334,000 for joint filers) will rise to \$370.

Individuals earning above \$167,000 up to \$200,000 (\$334,000 to \$400,000 for joint filers) will see their monthly Part B premium increase to \$480.90.

Those with incomes above \$200,000 up to \$500,000 (\$400,000 to \$750,000 for joint filers), will pay \$591.90 per month in 2025. And single filers with income of \$500,000 or more (\$750,000 or more for joint filers) will pay \$628.90 per month.

Part D Premium

If you have a stand-alone Medicare (Part D) prescription drug plan, the average premium in 2025 will be \$46.50 per month for most beneficiaries, down from \$53.95 in 2024.

But again, for high earners with annual incomes above \$106,000 (\$212,000 for joint filers) you’ll pay a monthly surcharge of \$13.70 to \$85.80 (based on your income level) on top of your regular Part D premiums.

How to Contest Income

Beneficiaries that fall into any of the high-income categories and have experienced certain life-changing events that have reduced their income since 2023, such as retirement, divorce or the death of a spouse, can contest the surcharge. For more information on how to do this, see “Medicare Premiums: Rules for Higher-Income Beneficiaries” at SSA.gov/benefits/medicare/medicare-premiums.html.

Other Medicare Increases

In addition to the Part B and Part D premium increases, there are other cost increases you should be aware of. For example, the annual deductible for Medicare Part B will be \$257 in 2025, which is \$17 more than the 2024 deductible of \$240. And the deductible for Medicare Part A, which covers hospital services, will increase to \$1,676 in 2025. That’s \$44 more than the 2024 deductible of \$1,632. There are no surcharges on Medicare deductibles for high earners.

For more information on all the Medicare costs for 2025 visit Medicare.gov/basics/costs or call 800-633-4227.

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



U.S. Congress Report

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

Casts First Vote in Congress to Protect Michigan Families

Congressman Tom Barrett (MI-07) reaffirmed his commitment to public safety and protecting Michigan families by helping pass H.R. 29, *the Laken Riley Act*, with one of his first votes in the U.S. House of Representatives last week.

In a video statement following his vote, Barrett emphasized the importance of the legislation and his dedication to ensuring those who commit crimes while in the country illegally are held accountable and turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

“I ran for Congress to protect Michigan families, and that’s exactly what the Laken Riley Act does,” said Barrett. “Public safety isn’t partisan. This bill ensures that individuals who break our laws face real consequences, and I proudly voted ‘yes’ because protecting Michigan families is my top priority. I’m honored to serve the people of Michigan in this critical role.”

The Laken Riley Act is named in memory of Laken Riley, a young woman whose life was tragically cut short. Her story serves as a painful reminder of the need to enforce immigration laws and protect innocent lives from preventable crimes. If passed by the Senate and enacted into law, *the Laken Riley Act* would mandate ICE detention for individuals in the country illegally who are charged with, convicted of, arrested for, admit having committed, or admit to committing acts of theft or larceny. It would also require the Department of Homeland Security to issue a detainer and take them into custody “effectively and expeditiously.”

Bank of Ann Arbor announces 2025 Community Scholarship Program

Bank of Ann Arbor is pleased to announce that the submission period for the 2025 Community Scholarship Program is now open. Up to five scholarships, each valued at \$2,000, will be awarded to students in Livingston County this

spring. High school seniors throughout Livingston County, regardless of whether they attend public, private, charter or are home schooled, are eligible to apply for the scholarships to continue their academic or vocational education.

The selection criteria are based on academic achievement with a minimum 3.0 GPA, as well as community service, after-school employment, and/or participation in extracurricular activities. Additional factors include recommendation letters, and any challenges the applicant has overcome in the pursuit of high school graduation. Scholarship applications are available from high school counselors or at any Bank of Ann Arbor branch located in Livingston County. Completed applications are due by February 28, 2025, and the recipients will be announced at their school’s scholarship event and at an event hosted by Bank of Ann Arbor for the recipients, their family, and invited guests.

“Each year, we are inspired by the dedication, hard work, and passion our Livingston County seniors display in both their applications and the stories they share during our interviews” says Marty Smith, Senior Vice President and Livingston County Market Manager. “It’s an honor to support these bright, driven individuals as they pursue their educational goals, and we look forward to continuing to help empower the next generation of leaders.”

For an application and more details about the scholarship program, visit a high school counselor or visit any of the eight Bank of Ann Arbor offices throughout Livingston County.



String Cheese Snowman Appetizer

Supplies

- Toothpicks (slightly longer appetizer toothpicks work well, but regular size can work)
- Mozzarella string cheese
- Fresh basil leaves
- Grape tomatoes (try using the multi-color packs of tomatoes!)
- Black and orange edible ink markers

Directions

1. Slice the string cheese into pieces—each stick will make about three string cheese snowmen. Make a head and a body, a head and a body, a head and a body, then cut the extra piece into four and use these later for the hat.
2. Begin assembling the string cheese snowman appetizers. Start with the larger piece of string cheese. Stick the toothpick slightly into the string cheese. Do not push it in too far or you will not have enough space at the top for the toothpick to stick out for guests to grab.
3. Add a basil leaf scarf. For the smaller leaves, tear a slit then fold the other end a bit and slid it on the toothpick. Tear the larger leaves in half first so the pieces are closer to the size of the smaller leaves and fit better on our snowmen.
4. Slide the smaller string cheese pieces onto the toothpick as the head. Get it close to the basil and the base piece so there isn’t a big gap and make sure to leave room for the hat at the top.
5. Cut the grape tomatoes in half the short way. Dab the open end to remove extra juices then slide one piece onto the toothpick, wide end down, to make a hat.
6. Carefully slide on one of the small wedges of string cheese to give the hat a cute puff ball at the top.
7. Add the face now. Using the black edible ink marker, draw on two eyes, a mouth, and add a few buttons. Use the orange edible ink marker to draw on a nose.



Snowman Pizza Bombs

Ingredients

- 1 tube (11.8 ounces) pizza dough
- 1 jar (24 ounces) pizza sauce
- 1 package (6 ounces) pepperoni slices
- 1 package (6 ounces) Canadian bacon slices
- 1 package (8 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
- 4 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 1 package (8 ounces) mozzarella cheese slices

Optional decorative vegetables:

- multicolored sweet peppers
- olives
- spinach
- mushrooms
- cherry tomatoes

Directions

- Preheat oven to 400 F.
- Cut pizza dough into 12 squares.
- On each square, place 1/2 teaspoon sauce and evenly top with pepperoni, Canadian bacon and cheddar cheese.
- Pinch corners of dough together to round into balls then place in muffin tins.
- In small bowl, mix melted butter, garlic powder and Italian seasoning; brush generously over dough balls.
- Bake 15-20 minutes until golden brown.
- Remove from muffin tin and carefully shape dough balls into a circle; place on baking sheet.
- Cover with mozzarella slices and bake until melted.
- Create snowman faces by decorating each with peppers, olives, spinach, mushrooms and cherry tomatoes, if desired. Use remaining sauce for dipping.



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Howell Chapter of the Eastern Star makes donation to LACASA

The Howell Chapter #372 Order of the Eastern Star did an end-of-the-year extra donation to LACASA. Over the years the chapter has made regular donations to this local organization and supports their mission.

Presenting the donation were Past Matrons Beverly New, Janet Searle and Dale Dapprich. Bobette A. Schradt and Rich Saltzmann accepted the \$1,900 donation on behalf of LACASA.

If you would like more information about joining the Order of the Eastern Star and being a part of our organization and make a difference in our community, please contact Dale Dapprich by text message at 517-546-9479.

From left, Dale Dapprich, Bobette Schradt, Jan Searle, Rich Saltzmann and in the front row Beverly New.



From left are Beverly New, Jan Searle, Tina Bruce and Dale Dapprich.

Local Chapter of the Eastern Star donates to Howell Nature Center

Howell Chapter #372 Order of the Eastern Star did an end of the year extra donation to Howell Nature Center. The chapter members felt that the Nature Center provides a unique service and education to our local community and could use the assistance.

Presenting the donation were Past Matrons Beverly New, Janet Searle and Dale Dapprich. Tina Bruce of Howell Nature Center accepted the \$5,000 donation.

If you would like more information about joining the Order of the Eastern Star and being a part of our organization and make a difference in our community, please contact Dale Dapprich by text message at 517-546-9479.



From left are Jared Schemanski WM, Alan Kilbourne WM, and Aaron Adams WM and in the front row Judy VanSickle PM and Jan Searle PM.

Order of the Eastern Star awards pins to 3 area Masonic Lodges

At a joint Installation of three Masonic Lodges, the new Worshipful Masters of the Lodges were each presented with a special pin from The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Michigan.

Receiving pins were Worshipful Masters Jared Schemanski of Brighton Masonic Lodge #247, Alan Kilbourne of Fowlerville Masonic Lodge #164, and Aaron Adams of Howell Masonic Lodge #38. Pins were presented by Past Matrons Judy Van Sickle and Jan Searle of Howell Chapter #372 Order of the Eastern Star.

The Order of the Eastern Star members look forward to supporting these lodges in the upcoming year in their community service. If you would like more information about joining the Order of the Eastern Star and being a part of any of these organizations and make a difference in our community, please contact Susan Baumgartner by text message at 517 404 6511.



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