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Seniors on the Fowlerville Varsity Football Team are, from left, first row, Nate Densmore, Kody Sweet, Douglas Braidwood, Laeton Kaiser, Zach Wallace, Ayden Goodwin; second row, Anthony Thompson, Nate Miller, Drake Dinning, Hunter Jobe, Justice Wojck; third row, Ethan Hall, Trever Szamlnski, Waylon Lamkin, Will Shrader, and Wyatt Soli.

Fowlerville High School sports teams start fall season

While classes resume at Fowlerville Community Schools this Monday, August 26th, the high school sports teams started holding practices earlier in the month and most of them have already begun their respective competitions.

The varsity football team is scheduled to play this Thursday in an away game against Corunna, while the varsity volleyball squad competed at Holt this past Thursday and gave games schedule for this week. The JV and freshman volleyball teams also began their seasons last Thursday, while the JV football team will host Corunna this Wednesday.

The boys tennis, boys & girls cross country, boys soccer, and girls golf teams have already seen action during the past week or will be starting play in the coming days, while the cheer teams will be promoting school spirit with their routines at the football games.



Seniors on the Fowlerville Varsity Volleyball Team are, from left, front row, Tommi Kleinschmidt, Payton McConnaughey, Morgan Thomas; back row, Evelyn Redinger, Meadow Browne, Ava Ludd, Clara Johnson, Valerie Curd, and Grace Nelson.

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Pair of local singers perform at last Tuesday’s ‘Music at the Park’ concert

A pair of local singers performed at last Tuesday’s concert held at the Fowlerville Community Park’s Glover Amphitheater. Bryce Engle, the IndieBoy’, and Chris Scarlett, who does Frank Sinatra hits and other classics from the Great American Songbook, were the featured performers.

Each of them spent just over a half-hour on the stage.

Bryce, a recent graduate of Fowlerville High, did covers, including a hit from the Back Street Boys, as well as three of his own songs that he’s composed. He’s recorded an album and has other musical videos which can be found on his BryceEngleMusic Youtube site.

Chris, meanwhile, started off with ‘Come Fly with Me’ and ended with ‘Fly Me to the Moon’. In between there were other favorites, including a version of Sinatra’s ‘New York, New York’ and Bobby Darin’s ‘Mack the Knife’. Along with being a singer, he is also a photographer.

The concert, dubbed ‘Fowlerville’s Got Talent’, was sponsored by the Fowlerville Rotary Club. It was the final concert of the Summer ‘Music at the Park’ Series held at the Community Park.

Another concert, though, is planned for Wednesday, Sept. 4, only this will be held at the Centennial Park (next to the former Fire Hall). The featured act is the Leaky Tikis—a Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band. The group had been scheduled



Bryce Engle gets ready to perform.

to perform in July at the Centennial Park, but the show was cancelled due to rain.

The concert will start at 6:30pm—an earlier time due to this being later in the season. There is a rain date set for the next day on Thursday, Sept. 5. The sponsor is Total Security Solutions.



Chris Scarlett performed several Frank Sinatra hits.

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Hartland Audubon Nature Club to hold program on ‘Bats’ Sept. 3rd

The Hartland Audubon Nature Club will launch the 2024-25 season with a program on “Bats”. The guest speaker, Laurel Zoet of Wild Birds Unlimited, in Green Oak Township, states that 25% of all mammal species on the planet are a type of bat yet these animals are regularly the most misunderstood and feared. This entertaining program will dispel myths and look at how these unique animals benefit humans from regenerating the rainforests as well as providing free, organic pest and insect control. Gather tips for attracting these beneficial mammals to your yard

Members and guests of all ages are invited to learn and appreciate how bats fit into the web of life. Join us Tuesday, Sept/ 3, 7 pm. Use the west entrance of the Hartland Educational Support Service Center, 9525 E. Highland Road, Howell, and look for the Hartland Audubon Nature Club sign in the hall. For more information <https://hartlandaudubon.weebly.com/>

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Marine Corps League seeking sponsors for Marine Corps Ball on Nov. 8th

The David Murningham Marine Corps League Detachment 161 announced they are hosting a Birthday Dinner celebrating the 249th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps. The event will be held at Crystal Gardens, Nov. 8, and is open to all Marines, all Veterans of Livingston County and the public.

The Detachment is seeking donations. One method is for a donation of \$300 for a Complete Table Sponsorship at the Birthday Dinner. Your name, business or group will be prominently displayed on the table and you will also receive 2 tickets to the dinner, if you choose. A second method of support is an individual financial donation. A third is to provide merchandise, gift certificates or service for door prizes and silent auctions. Your donation is tax deductible and you will be given an official receipt.

All funds raised allow the Detachment to continue the good works in the community such as: Purchasing flags to celebrate Flag Day in June, Supporting Veterans at the VA hospital, and supporting our community by participating in Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Armed Forces Day. In addition, our Honor Guard renders Military Honors at the Great Lakes National Cemetery, located in Holly and to local fallen veterans in Livingston County.

About David Murningham Detachment 161

The Marine Corps League is a Non-Profit, Federally recognized veteran's organization. The David Murningham Detachment was established June 26, 1984 and is



Donations are sought for the upcoming Marine Corps Birthday Dinner.

headquartered within the American Legion Hall at 3265 W. Grand River, Howell.

All donations will be appreciated. If making a financial donation, make checks payable to: Marine Corps League Detachment 161, and in the memo write: MCL Ball. Checks may be addressed to MCL and dropped off at the American Legion Hall in Howell, MI or mailed to that address. Donations of products, gift certificates may be dropped off or call to arrange a pick up.

Contact for more information:

Larry Gulick
(760) 819-1065
Lgulick586@yahoo.com

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

August 15

3:09 a.m. Medical response on Sargent Rd in Handy Township.

9:55 a.m. Medical response on Vogt Rd in Conway Township.

11:25 a.m. Medical response on Meadowview Ln in Handy Township.

11:46 a.m. Odor investigation on Summerbrooke Cir in Handy Township.

1:21 p.m. Medical response on Bull Run Rd in Iosco Township.

2:44 p.m. Medical response on Nicholson Rd in Handy Township.

August 16

2:30 a.m. Medical response on E Grand River in Handy Township.

8:49 a.m. Medical response on River Rock Dr in Handy Township.

7:22 p.m. Medical response on Hayner Rd in Conway Township.

11:21 p.m. Medical response on Hayner Rd in Conway Township.

August 17

NO CALLS

August 18

9:02 a.m. Medical response on Crofoot Rd in Iosco Township.

2:53 p.m. Medical response on Mason Rd in Iosco Township.

5:39 p.m. Medical response on Hickory St in the Village.

7:29 p.m. Medical response on E Van Riper Rd in the Village.

11:42 p.m. Medical response on E Frank St in the Village.

August 19

9:57 a.m. Medical response on S Gregory Rd in Iosco Township.

11:17 a.m. Medical response on Mason Rd in Iosco Township.

August 20

9:20 a.m. Medical response on E Van Riper Rd in the Village.

8:59 p.m. Medical response on Garden Ln in the Village.

August 21

5:26 a.m. Medical response on N Cedar Rd in Handy Township.

1:49 p.m. Medical response on Chestnut St in the Village.

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Fowlerville High School News

OFFICE HOURS

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

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES TO NOTE:

August 26, 2024: First Day of School (Full Day)
August 30, 2024: No School
September 2, 2024: No School (Labor Day)
September 4, 2024: Picture Day
September 6, 2024: First Home Football Game

Doors at FHS will be open at 6:45 a.m. on school days. After school hours if your student is not participating in a sport, math lab, credit recovery or meeting with a teacher they should make arrangements to leave the building by 2:30 p.m.

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

If your student did not receive their Chromebook during the designated times prior to school starting, they will be provided with one during the first week of school.

Parking passes If you are planning on purchasing a parking pass for the 2024/2025 school year, your fines must be paid in full. These fines can be paid in the Main Office of the High School. Parking passes can be purchased before school, during lunch and after school in the main office. When you come to buy your parking pass you must also bring in the vehicle registration. The cost is \$60 for the full year.

Fowlerville High School Fall PSAT/NMSQT Testing 2024!

Fowlerville High School is pleased to offer the optional PSAT/NMSQT to those 10-11 grade students interested in qualifying for National Merit Scholar opportunities and/or getting extra practice for the SAT. Testing will occur on October 23. This is NOT A MANDATORY TEST. *The cost of this optional test is \$20 (cash or check only, payable to Fowlerville Community Schools).

Taken as 10th Grade- Extra Practice for SAT

Taken as 11th Grade- Qualifying scores for National Merit Recognition

*As always, all FHS freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will take the standard PSAT or SAT in the spring of 2025 at no charge.

All 10-11 grade students received an email with directions on how to complete the registration process for the PSAT/NMSQT test in their school email. Parents also received directions for their students to complete the process.

The registration form is available in the students graduation year Google Classroom.

Class of 2027 (10th) Code: 7dyj3md

Class of 2026 (11th) Code: km27ypj

Process:

1. Cost: \$20 due Friday September 6th.
2. Cash or check payable to Fowlerville Community Schools.
3. Submit to the high school counseling office.
4. Students must complete the registration form below by Friday, September 8th.

Space is Limited:

Testing will occur on October 23rd in The Alverson Center for Performing Arts Lobby during a normal school day (testing hours 1-3 and returning to regular 4th hour and lunch). Students will be excused from the necessary classes. Students who have registered and paid by the September 6th deadline will receive more information in their student email.

Please email Jamey Hardenbrook @ hardbrookj@fowlervilleschools.org for questions.

Juniors and Seniors interested in the Co-op Program for 2024-2025 School Year:

Are you currently working? Are you interested in finding out if you could earn high school elective credit while you work? You may be eligible for the high school co-op program. For more details, requirements, answers to most questions, and the application paperwork for the 2024-2025 school year, please see the Fowlerville High School website- click on "Co-op information" in the menu on the right side of the page.

Students must complete the Eligibility Form found in their graduating year Google Classroom before completing the application. Applications can be printed from the FHS webpage or picked up in the counseling office. Please follow the procedure flowchart under the link "How to get into the Co-op Program". Completed applications should be returned to the counseling office throughout August. Additional questions should be directed to Mr. Hardenbrook at hardbrookj@fowlervilleschools.org

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.

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HANDY TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024 HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO A SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024

The Handy Township Board of Trustees has rescheduled the regular Board meeting of Monday, August 19, 2024 to a Special Meeting on Monday, August 26, 2024. The start time for the meeting will still be at 7 p.m. and the Board will still meet in the Handy Township Board Room, 135 N. Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, MI (Please use the rear entrance of bldg. to the board room) All regular business for the Board will be addressed at this special meeting. A quorum of the Handy Township Board of Trustees will be present at this meeting. The Public is welcome to attend.

Laura A. Eisele,
Handy Township Clerk
(8-11, 8-18 & 8-25-24 FNV)

—Area Deaths—



Gregory William Stage

Gregory William Stage, 53 of Fowlerville, MI passed away unexpectedly at home on August 16, 2024.

While Greg tended to be a homebody type, he would also be known for taking long drives and exploring. This would lead to many culinary adventures and he became proficient for critiquing pizza across the State of Michigan. You would likely find him following football, the University of Michigan and the sport of golf. A trip to the casino was always a great getaway and spending time with family and close friends meant more to him than most realized.

After graduating from High School in Fowlerville, Greg enjoyed working at a variety of jobs over the years, the food service industry landed him in Wyoming, Ohio as well as local positions. He traveled the country delivering RV's. Worked as a general laborer. Anything to keep busy and contribute.

He will be missed by loving parents Floyd and Carol (Petseys) Stage, sister Amy (Richard) Kirchen, aunts Rachel Dickie and Jenell Stage, cousins Kay (Ed) Latson, Lori Stage, Tim (Patty) Stage, Lindsay Dickie, Katie (Micah) Wilson, all their children, and many friends.

Services to remember Greg were being held Saturday August 24th, 12:00 pm at the Fowlerville First United Methodist Church. Visitation was scheduled from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. A luncheon followed. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Family Impact Center in Fowlerville.

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



Peggy JoAnn Hall

Peggy JoAnn Hall, aged 71, passed away on August 18th, 2024, following a brief illness. Born on July 5th, 1953, Peggy was the cherished daughter of the late Robert D. and Gloria E. (Dieterle) Hall and the beloved granddaughter of Julia E. Dieterle.

Peggy graduated from Fowlerville High School, after which she began working for (and retired from) the State of Michigan. Starting in the mental health field, then moving on to the MDHHS distribution department. Her commitment to her work was just a small example of her strength and dedication.

Beyond her commitment to her work, Peggy was a devoted family member and friend. Her sense of humor and generosity were as big as her heart, both of which made lasting impressions on those around her. With her outgoing personality, kind, caring and supportive nature, she easily developed strong, lasting relationships with people young and old. She is now, and always will be, missed and remembered by so many. Above all else, Peggy's devotion and commitment to her family was unmatched.

She is survived by her siblings, Craig (Marie) Hall, Pat (Carol) Hall, Chris (Rob) Hall, Pam (Jim Millsaps) Schoettle and Cathy Hall. She was the Proud Aunt to Nieces Christina (Dan) Lafrancis, Ally (Rodney) Chase, Zoey Foss and Nephews James (Megan) Hall and Dillon Foss, as well as Great-Aunt to Chloe, Tatum, Hailee, Izzie, Kendra, Hunter, Brooklyn, Charlotte and Zachary.

She is preceded in death by her Brother-in-law Jack Schoettle.

Peggy loved spending time with her family, She especially looked forward to their weekly dinner dates. As well as her weekly lunch dates with old friends. Pizza and game nights with "The Girls". Rooting for her favorite sports teams, especially the MSU basketball teams and the Detroit Lions. She also loved watching the birds and squirrels that she kept well-fed outside her big window.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you make a donation to the Howell Nature Center in Peggy's name.

There will be a Celebration of Life luncheon at the Conway Township Hall on Sunday, September 8th, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM, for all who wish to attend. A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

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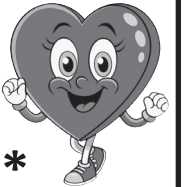
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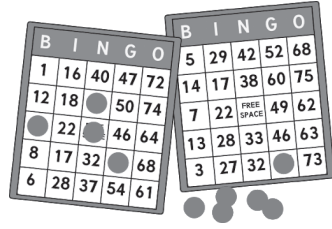
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Livingston County Genealogical Society to hold in-person meeting Sept. 5th

The Livingston County Genealogical Society will hold an in-person meeting, Thursday, Sept. 5th at 7pm at the First United Methodist Church in Howell, 1230 Bower Street. We will also offer a zoom link to this meeting; the link may be found on our Facebook page the week of the meeting. All are welcome.

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

LEGAL NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE TO ALL PURCHASERS -

A lien has been recorded on behalf of Oak Grove Meadows Condominium Homeowners Association. The lien was executed on May 13, 2024 and recorded on May 23, 2024, as Instrument No. 2024R-008859, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Two Thousand Six Hundred and Eighteen Dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents (\$2,618.87).

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, October 2, 2024, 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 Philip T. Johnston and Julie R. Johnston, and is situated in the Township of Howell, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 19, of Oak Grove Meadows, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Instrument No. 2017R-030009, Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 417. Sidwell No. 4706-13-302-019

Commonly known as: 3276 Hill Hollow Lane, Howell, Michigan 48855

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

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

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

Dated: August 19, 2024
 Oak Grove Meadows Condominium Homeowners Association
 c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC
 Stephen M. Guerra
 30140 Orchard Lake Road
 Farmington Hills, MI 48334
 248 671 0140

(08-25)(09-22)

(8-25, 9-1, 9-8, 9-15 & 9-22-24 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 SEPTEMBER 25, 2024. 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 Goodwin, a married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Huron Valley Financial, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 7, 2017 and recorded September 18, 2017 in Instrument Number 2017R-027285 and Loan Modification Agreement recorded on February 23, 2021, in Instrument Number 2021R-008369, and Loan Modification Agreement recorded on December 4, 2023, in Instrument Number 2023R-022049, Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Thirteen and 81/100 Dollars (\$194,013.81).

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 SEPTEMBER 25, 2024.

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

Part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 12, Town 3 North, Range 3 East, Handy Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Section 12; thence North 526 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 196.45 feet; thence South 87 degrees 15 minutes 12 seconds East 331.93 feet; thence South 196.45 feet; thence North 87 degrees 06 minutes West 332.05 feet to the Point of Beginning.

4062 Cemetery Road, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836

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

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

Dated: August 25, 2024
 File No. 24-009898
 Firm Name: Orleans PC
 Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
 Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(08-25)(09-15)

(8-25, 9-1, 9-8 & 9-15-24 FNV)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE TO ALL PURCHASERS -

A lien has been recorded on behalf of Woodland Springs at Lake Chemung Homeowners Association. The lien was executed on June 13, 2023 and recorded on June 15, 2023, as Instrument 2023R-011003, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Two Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Four Dollars and Eighty-Three Cents (\$2,644.83).

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, October 2, 2024, 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 Ryan McCreight, and is situated in the Township of Genoa, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 34, of Woodland Springs at Lake Chemung, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2748, Page 0129 et seq., Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 191. Sidwell No. 11-02-301-034

Commonly known as: 5945 Oak Bend Ct., Howell, Michigan 48843

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

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

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

Dated: August 19, 2024
 Woodland Springs at Lake Chemung Homeowners Association
 c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC
 Stephen M. Guerra
 30140 Orchard Lake Road
 Farmington Hills, MI 48334
 248 671 0140

(08-25)(09-22)

(8-25, 9-1, 9-8, 9-15 & 9-22-24 FNV)

Letter to the Editor

I was amazed to learn that Livingston County Sheriff Mike Murphy closed the Livingston County Government Complex at West Grand River and Highlander Way in Howell at noon on Tuesday, August 20th, so that Donald Trump could hold a “press conference” at the Sheriff’s Department. While one might legitimately ask whether he would have afforded Trump’s opponent the same opportunity, the larger issue relates to the Sheriff’s appropriation of the use of public facilities.

Although the Sheriff claims that the event was a press conference, not a political event, this distinction is unconvincing, particularly since it appears from on-line video that Trump gave a 54 minute speech in which he lambasted his opponent, by name, or by use of the pronouns “she” and “her” scores of times but did not take any questions from the press, except to respond to one question by asking a question in return, rather than addressing the substance of the question.

As Sheriff Murphy himself stated, the event necessitated the noon closing of the offices of the District and Circuit Courts,

the Prosecutor’s office, the Probation and Parole Department, the Friend of the Court office and the Magistrate’s office. These closures inconvenienced many ordinary citizens and likely canceled pre-made appointments with the agencies, thereby also reducing staff productivity.

Even more concerning is the ability of the Sheriff to shutdown government offices, single-handedly, thereby ignoring the fact that many of the facilities are operated by other elected officials. Should a Sheriff be able to force the closure of the courts?

A final concern is the fact that the Sheriff used, and impeded the efficient use of County staff and facilities to conduct partisan political activities – a violation of Michigan Campaign Finance Laws by the County’s chief law enforcement officer. The facilities of Livingston County Government belong to, and exist to serve, the citizens of the County, not its elected officials, a candidate, or any political party.

Tim Schnelle
Howell

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LEGAL NOTICES

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 SEPTEMBER 4, 2024. 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 Michael Klamo and Laura L. Klamo, Husband and Wife, to Oxford Bank Mortgage Services, LLC, Mortgagee, dated November 30, 2005 and recorded December 13, 2005 in Liber 4991, Page 765 Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Seven and 38/100 Dollars (\$305,757.38).

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 SEPTEMBER 4, 2024.

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

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

1922 Woodmar Court, Howell, Michigan 48843

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

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

Dated: August 4, 2024

File No. 24-008259

Firm Name: Orlans PC

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

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(08-04)(08-25)

(8-4, 8-11, 8-18 & 8-25-24 FNV)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE

TO ALL PURCHASERS - A lien has been recorded on behalf of Hickory Hills Condominium Association. The lien was executed on March 25, 2024 and recorded on March 28, 2024, as Instrument No. 2024R-004840, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Two Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Three Dollars and Sixty-One Cents (\$2,443.61).

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, September 4, 2024, 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 Christina Merrill, and is situated in the Township of Osceola, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 102, of Hickory Hills Condominium, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 1908, Page 151 et seq., Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 71. Sidwell No. 07-30-101-102

Commonly known as: 2436 Hickory Circle Drive, Howell, Michigan 48855

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

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

Dated: July 18, 2024

Hickory Hills Condominium Association
c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC

Stephen M. Guerra

30140 Orchard Lake Road

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

248 671 0140

(07-28)(08-25)

(7-28, 8-4, 8-11, 8-18 & 8-25-24 FNV)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement.

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, September 25, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Lucinda Rehfeldt, A Married Woman As Her Sole Separate Property to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., acting solely as nominee for Bank of America, N.A., Mortgagee, dated August 28, 2014, and recorded on October 7, 2014, as Document Number: 2014R-028519, Livingston County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated December 31, 2021 and recorded February 07, 2022 by Document Number: 2022R-004136, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-One and 19/100 (\$57,361.19) including interest at the rate of 4.25000% per annum.

Said premises are situated in the Township of GREEN OAK, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 28, Saxony Subdivision No. 1, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 7, Page(s) 29 of Plats, Livingston County Records Commonly known as: 6351 BETH, BRIGHTON, MI 48116

If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 12.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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

Dated: August 25, 2024

Randall S. Miller & Associates,
P.C. Attorneys for Nationstar Mortgage LLC

43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180,

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302,

(248) 335-9200

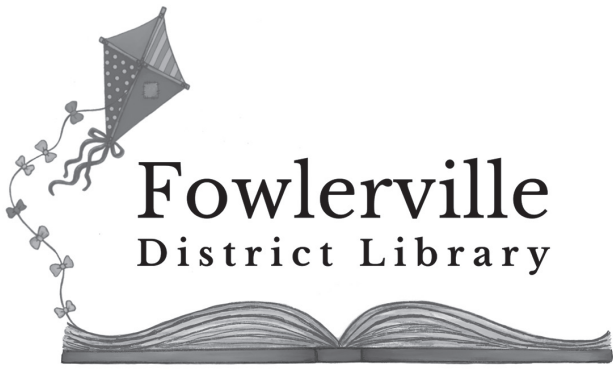
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Case No. 24MI00493-1

(08-25)(09-15)

(8-25, 9-1, 9-8 & 9-15-24 FNV)





Fowlerville District Library

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Upcoming Events

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

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Music at the Park

Wednesday, Sept. 4th at 6:30pm

RESCHEDULED
 The July performance was cancelled due to rain.

The Leaky Tikis
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at Fowlerville Centennial Park
 (next to former Fire Hall)

(Rain Date: Thursday, September 5)

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KIDS & FAMILY

Lego Club (Ages 7-12)

Build your own Lego creations and complete challenges
 Thursdays • 4pm

Crochet Kits

Stop by the library on the 15th of the month to grab a themed crochet amigurumi kit. Provide your own hook and everything else is included. While supplies last.

Homeschool Social

School will soon be back in session. Homeschoolers are welcome to meet and join the fun. Drop in Mondays beginning Sept. 9 • 12-1:30pm

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.

TEENS

Teen Tuesdays at the Movies

Join us to watch FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S together.
 Tues Aug 27 • 3pm

Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 12-18)

Come play D&D 5th Edition! No prior experience needed.
 Wednesdays • 2:30-5pm

Switch Free Play (Ages 10-18)

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

September Create! Cooking Demonstration (Ages 13+)

Join us for a new series of month-long creative classes using equipment from the Maker's Space. We'll be using our new portable burner for a series of cooking demos. Everything we make will be simple, cheap and delicious! Monday, Sept 9, 16 & 23 • 3:00-3:45 pm

ADULTS

Dog or Cat Night (Adults)

Join Jackie and Cindy to make a special craft for a furry friend. We will be making snuffle balls, cat knots, and tying fleece blankets; all to be taken to the Livingston County Animal Shelter. Register at the front desk or online. Registration Required. Thurs, Sept 5 • 6:00 pm

Migration Magic

Join us for a special program for all our bird lovers. We will be viewing a PBS film on flyways followed by a special presentation from Laurel Zoet from Wild Birds Unlimited who will be here to talk about birds that might be spotted in our area during migration, followed

by a Q&A session. Thurs, Sept 12 • 6 pm

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, Sept 17, Oct 15 & Nov 19 • 1-2:30 pm

Jam Session

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. Tue Sept 17 • 5:30 – 7:00pm

Cardmaking

Greet your friends and loved ones with beautiful homemade greeting cards-made by you! You will make four different cards to take home. All supplies included. Registration is required. Thurs, Aug 29, Oct 24 & Nov 14 • 6:30 pm & Fri, Aug 30, Oct 25 & Nov 15 • 11am

Scrapbooking (Adults)

Make the most of your memories and join us for a fun day of scrapbooking your favorite photos. Stay the whole time or for just a few hours. Everyone gets their own table. Light refreshments will be provided. Registration is required. Sat, Sept 21, Oct 19 & Nov 16 • 10:30 – 3:30

Neighborhood Book Group (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 THE MEDICINE WOMAN OF GALVESTON by Amanda Skenandore, Thurs Sept 26 • 2 pm

Sewing (Adults)

Bring your sewing machine and learn from a master seamstress. All levels of skill are welcome. Registration is required. Fri, Sept 13, Oct 11 & Nov 8 • 10-2pm & Sept 18, Oct 16 & Nov 13 • 5:30-8pm

The library will be closed in observance of Labor Day

Saturday, Aug. 31 & Monday Sept. 2. We will be open to serve you on Tues, Sept 3.

FDL Oral History Project

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

A Friendly Reminder

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

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Fowlerville Police Report for the Village of Fowlerville Council Meeting Monday, August 19, 2024

The Fowlerville Police Department responded to 604 calls for service over the past two weeks.

Total citations issued this period: 12 moving and parking citations.

Warrant Authorized/Declined

Incident #24-00712- Retail Fraud – Warrant Authorized-FELONY

- 42 y/o male, Howell, Thursday, August 1st, 2024 at approximately 1419 hours.

Incident #24-00684- Retail Fraud- Warrant Under Review

- 41 y/o female, Fowlerville, Saturday, July 20th, 2024 at approximately 1538 hours.

Incident #24-00721-Retail Fraud-Warrant Under Review

- 48 y/o male, Gary, Wednesday, July 10th, 2024 at approximately 1146 hours.

Incident #24-00696- Traffic Violations-Warrant Authorized

- 42 y/o female, Lansing, Thursday July 25th 2024, at approximately 0903 hours.

Incident #24-00641- Retail Fraud- Warrant Under Review

- 36 y/o, male, Webberville, Sunday, July 7th, 2024, at approximately 1607 hours.

Officers Investigated the Following Types of Complaints:

- 13-Assist to EMS/FAFD
- 1-Abandoned vehicle
- 19-Admin duties
- 2-Alarm
- 2- Animal complaint
- 221-Area checks
- 3-Assist other agency
- 33-Building and property checks
- 14-Citizen assist
- 4-Civic event
- 2-Community Policing
- 2-Court Prosecutor activity
- 1-DHS referral
- 3-Domestic verbal
- 1-Fail to pay
- 24-Follow up
- 13-Foot patrol
- 39-General Non Criminal
- 2-Hazard
- 1-Info-General
- 2-Intimidation threats
- 2-Juvenile complaint
- 1-Larceny

- 14-Liquor inspections
- 1-Lockout
- 4-Meetings
- 1-Missing/run-a-way
- 6-Motorist assist
- 7-Ordinance investigation
- 1-Parking/traffic complaint
- 1-Patrol information
- 3-PDA
- 2-PI accident
- 7-Public service
- 4-Retail Fraud
- 18-Subdivision patrol
- 1-Subpoena service
- 9-Suspicious Situations
- 23-Traffic detail
- 45-Traffic stops
- 2-Trespassing
- 2-Vin inspections
- 1-Vehicle UDAA
- 1-Warrant attempt
- 1-Warrant arrest
- 3-Welfare check

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

Assist other agencies:

Officer Kuhfeldt and I were requested to assist the Livingston County with a physical domestic in progress. Per the caller the suspect was going to burn down the residence and a gun was involved. The suspect had left prior to our arrival and FPD Officers checked the area and then cleared the assist. The suspect was later located by the LCSO.

Officer Austin was requested by the Livingston County Sheriff's Office to check I-96, west of the Fowlerville Road exit for a crash. Officer Austin arrived on location and located a vehicle that had rolled over and had extensive damage. Officer Austin located a woman inside and she was determined to be deceased. Officer Austin assisted with the investigation and provided traffic safety until other deputies arrived on location.

Officer Austin was requested to assist the Livingston County Sheriff with an unconscious driver on I-96 near the Fowlerville Rd exit. Once EMS arrived on location Officer Austin cleared the assist.

Additional information:

We want to thank the community and fellow drivers for being patient

with all the construction/detours here in Fowlerville. I know it makes commuting difficult and adds time to our travels but this will all be worth it once all the projects are complete. Please drive safe and give yourself extra travel time to your travels.

The Fowlerville Fairgrounds hosted another annual Vet Fest event. Vet Fest is the largest free festival for veteran families. Vet Fest is a free event for all active duty, retired, or military veteran families. Veterans can enjoy a day of camaraderie while learning about a wide variety of veteran specific resources. This event is family orientated and veteran's family members can enjoy food, bounce houses, live music. Each year the event gets bigger and is a great resource for them. A huge thank you to our veterans and to the sponsors and to the organizers of this event. We truly thank you!

The Fowlerville Community is beyond proud of our very own Olympian, Adam Coon! Adam is a great role model to young kids and he is always approachable, friendly, and carries himself with integrity. The Fowlerville community showed our admiration to our local hero with a welcoming home celebration at the Fowlerville High School, where many people came together to welcome Adam and his family back to our great community.

Respectfully Submitted
John J. Tyler, Chief of Police

Oak Grove UMC Women taking orders for beef pasties, starting Aug. 30th

Oak Grove Women United in Faith are taking orders for their delicious beef pasties. Place your order beginning August 30th by calling/texting 810-923-8546. Please leave your full name, phone # & quantity you would like. Cost: \$6 each. Proceeds go to support the mission work of the United Women in Faith.

One day pick up date is Thursday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. at the Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 6686 Oak Grove Road, Howell (5 miles north of M-59). If you can't come that day, please make arrangements for someone to pick up your order.





Field Day

Livingston Conservation District Nature Center
9585 Roberts Rd., Fowlerville, MI
located -Between Bradley Rd & Gregory Rd. in Iosco Township
Saturday, September 7, 2024 - 10 a.m.-3:00p.m.

Come and enjoy this educational field day and learn from the experts.

- **Catch & Release fishing**
- **Hayrides**
- **Scavenger hunt**
- **Archery**
- **And much more...**
- **10:00-10:30a.m. 1 mile fun run/walk**
- **10:00-3:00p.m. Field day activities**





- **This is a FREE fun family event!**
- **Dress for the weather & bring your cameras and a smile!**
- **Pack a picnic lunch or purchase lunch from the vendor who will be on site with food & beverages!**



SAVE THE DATE FOR FIELD DAY

Oak Grove UMC

3rd Annual

Car & Tractor Show

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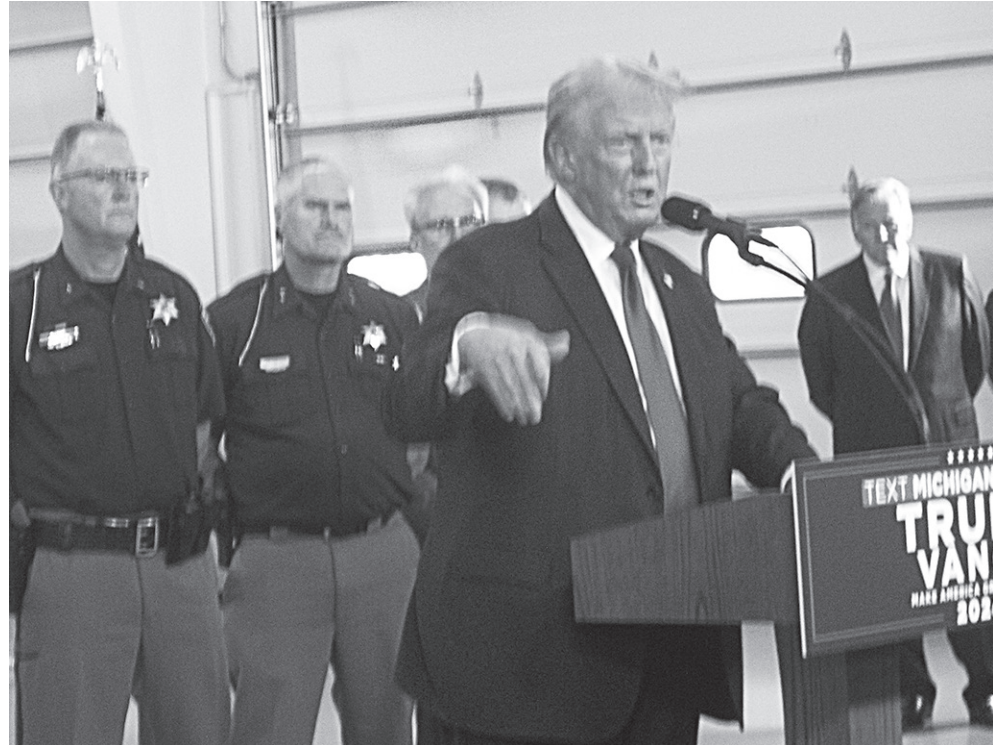
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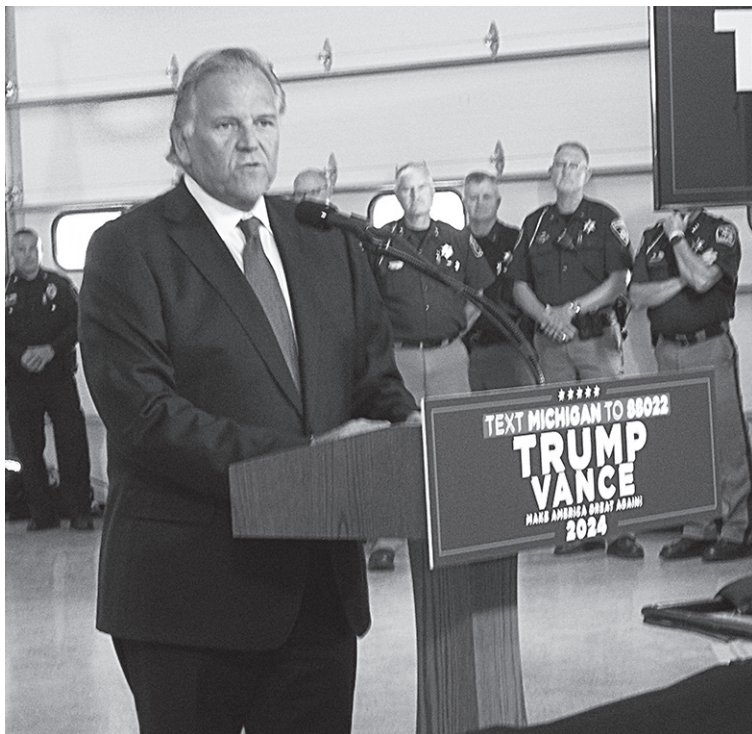





Former President Donald Trump heading to the podium to address invited guests and the media.



Livingston County Sheriff Mike Murphy, on left, hosted former President Donald Trump's visit to Howell last Tuesday. The purpose of Donald Trump's visit to Howell was to discuss crime and safety.



Offering remarks at the press conference was Mike Rogers, the Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate.



Several hundred supporters lined Grand River, with many of them at the corner of Highlander Way, awaiting former President Donald Trump's arrival at the Sheriff Department.

Former President Trump visits Howell, holds press conference at Sheriff Dept.

Report by Sandra Helzerman

Former President Donald Trump visited Howell this past Tuesday, holding a press conference at the Livingston County Sheriff Department. It was hosted by Sheriff Mike Murphy. As most people know, the former President is seeking to return to this office as the Republican nominee.

Invited guests to the event were our local police officers, county commissioners, Republican U.S. Senate candidate Mike Rogers and Congressman John James, and a few sheriffs from other Michigan counties. Security was tight, as you can imagine. Every person entering was scanned with a metal detector and all possessions were searched thoroughly. There was also security on each roof before, during, and after Trump's visit. (I gave them a "thumbs up" on my way out when they looked in my direction.)

We met in the fairly new garage behind the office complex. It was "spic and span" and contained two police vehicles at

one end. A podium was set up for the speakers and at the back was space to stand on either side of a platform reserved for the media.

TV reporters and cameramen had been on the premises since early morning with all of their equipment, so although I was there with a press pass, there was virtually no room for anyone else on the platform. I had a "front row" spot to stand in, however, so that was fine. I met one of the reporters for ABC named Alex who stood next to me. He introduced himself and shook my hand after we had exchanged a few friendly words. He didn't seem to recognize a town named "Fowlerville" when I told him where I lived. I explained we were down the road on the way to Lansing.

The theme for the event was crime and safety, not only of our citizens, but also of our police. The president, Kim Cole of Mason County, Daniel Abbott of Van Buren County, our own Sheriff Murphy, and Mike Rogers all gave some statistics of illegal aliens causing crime to increase in our state and even right here in Livingston County. "Every town has now become a border town" because of the transporting of these people, the speakers said.

Sheriff Murphy explained how surprised he was when the president's men called him to set up the press conference.

"Why Livingston County?" he asked. "And then, of course Livingston County? We have a low crime rate and great county support: police, prosecutor, and judges."

He told of a car accident involving a pregnant woman who also had cancer and that the crash was caused by an illegal immigrant here in our county. The man is now a guest of "Murphy's Marriott," he said. The Sheriff also added that "we need to give more attention to the victims and their families, not only the perpetrators." He noted that to do their jobs, they also need support from higher governments including the state and all the way up to the White House. What is needed is the "right people in the right jobs" and that is why he supports Donald Trump.

When President Trump came to the podium, he began in a quiet "non-rally" voice. (We had been warned that

this was not a rally and therefore the crowd was respectful and somewhat subdued.) He enumerated the policies of his opponent, Kamala Harris, calling her the "godmother" of sanctuary cities, no-cash bail, defunding the police, and open borders. He mentioned that when cities were being burned a few years ago, Kamala was one who donated money for the release of those responsible.

President Trump promised to arrest and deport all illegals (and in some cases incarcerate murderers). He reminded us that when South American countries blocked the return of those we meant to deport, he told them the U.S. would stop all the money we give them. They changed their minds and took back the criminals, he noted, adding that "As our crime rate increases, these countries enjoy reduced rates as so many of their worst are crossing our border. If not released into the country after their arrest and actually deported, many just come back multiple times and repeat their crimes."

He insisted that we do want immigrants who come in the right way, saying "We need them." He referred to a chart of crime rates and commented that "I love this chart." That's because it was turning his head to look at it that saved his life from the bullet in Pennsylvania, although he didn't dwell on the story.

The president pledged to give support and reinforcements to the police. When in office last time, he pointed out that he released the equipment former administrations had held back despite having been designated for local police. Our sheriff agreed that Livingston County received some of that help. Trump promised to do all possible for the hiring and retention of officers since (he said) there is now a shortage.

Although Trump did not invite questions as sometimes he does, one media member called to him as he turned to leave. She asked why he came to Livingston County which some associate with "white supremacy." This remark drew a resounding "boo" from the crowd. He turned and asked his own question. "Who was here in 2021?" She and a couple of others said "Joe Biden". Trump raised his hands in a gesture that said to me, "there you have it."

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Kylie Steffee is this year's Fowlerville Family Fair Queen.

Fowlerville Fair Queen Kylie Steffee is no stranger to the late July event

By Steve Horton

This year's Fowlerville Family Fair Queen Kylie Steffee is no stranger to the late July event.

"I'm told I was six months old when I went to my first fair," Kylie noted.

The 19-year-old who is a 2023 Fowlerville High graduate, won the title at the Queen Contest held on Monday, July 22nd—the opening day of the fair. It's the latest achievement in a long list of accomplishments.

Like fair queens before her, much of Kylie's involvement at the fair over the years has revolved around her 4-H membership.

"I've brought chickens, turkeys, ducks, goats, and rabbits to the fair, with most of them sold at the market livestock auction," she noted. "I've also had crafts and I've always done a still auction project."

She's a member of the Country Kids 4-H Club, a group that was organized by her mother Tammy Steffee and aunt Tina Kupniewski and has included her older sister, cousins, and friends.

4-H, of course, is not confined to fair week. The remainder of the year is spent on social outings and preparing for the fair, but also taking part in service projects.

The latter could also be described as 'being involved' and 'making the community better'—a combination that Kylie pursued during her time at Fowlerville High School.

While in high school, she took part in FFA, including serving as chapter president, was president of the Interact Club that is affiliated with the Fowlerville Rotary, served on Student Council, and was the Senior Class President. She was also in the high school band, part of the flag corps during the marching season and otherwise playing drums.

"One of the judges, noticing that I have been involved in a lot of activities, asked me 'why' and also 'how I keep organized'," Kylie said. "I told them that I really enjoy giving back to my community."

"Over the years I've had a lot of opportunities that I've got from the fair, from school, and different things," she continued. "When you've been given a leadership role, I think one of the biggest things you can do is serve others, give your time to them, and help bring about changes that the group you're part of wants to see happen."

While 4-H and her other activities have been part of those opportunities and helped shape her, she said the most impactful was her involvement in FFA.

"FFA offers different contests which I took part in," she noted. "I did Creed Speaking where you memorize the FFA Creed. I did extemporaneous speaking where you're given a topic and have 30 minutes to prepare a speech. In the Job Interview Contest I won districts one year and made it to regionals. I was also on the Ag Issues Team which in my sophomore year won the state contest."

Along with the FFA's extracurricular activities, Kylie said that she enjoyed the agriculture science courses she took. So much so that she plans to focus in agriculture, food, and natural resources once she finishes her studies at Lansing

Community College and transfers this spring to Michigan State University.

"This is a degree that you can use formally at the high school level as an agriculture education teacher or informally to work for an agribusiness company like Pioneer or Greenstone," Kylie pointed out.

Of the two options, Kylie said her current preference is being a teacher, adding that this is a career she has wanted to do "since I was little."

"For awhile I wanted to teach at the elementary level because I love working with kids, but as I got older I realized that high schoolers are kids, too. And the agricultural side is something I really enjoy."

Kylie credits Fowlerville High School agriculture education teacher and FFA sponsor Curtis Refior for her making this choice.

"I spoke about it at the Queen's Contest of how Mr. Refior was a huge inspiration," she said. "He was more than just a teacher to a lot of kids. He was a coach and helped them with different things like public speaking and their projects. He had a huge impact on me as well. So that encouraged me to go after this career choice."

In fact, she's already participating in MSU's Agriculture Education Club and is on the group's E-board, serving as their community outreach person.

As for the recent fair, Kylie said that she intermingled her duties as the new queen with her usual 4-H activities.

"I went around and talked with the different vendors and asked how they were doing," she noted. "I got to ride in the starter car at the harness races and gave out some blankets to the winners. I introduced the evening Grandstand shows, took part in the auctions and Kids Day, and answered a lot of questions, particularly from the kids."

A highlight for her 4-H part of the week was winning the Small Animal Sweepstakes.

This was her first time entering the Fair Queen Contest, but, like the fair itself, she was no stranger to the event. Her mother Tammy was the first Fair Queen in 1990 and her sister Courtney won the contest in 2021.

In addition, her aunt Tina has organized the event for a number of years, while Tammy has served as the emcee. Given Kylie's planned entry, both ladies stepped back from the contest, with out-of-county judges brought in and a different emcee at the podium.

Kylie, who was one of eight contestants, said her experience in public speaking contests proved helpful when answering questions.

The contest was the latest in her experiences as a fair-goer.

"As I've grown up, the fair has changed for me," she noted. "I remember when the monkey used to be there and would tip his hat when he received a coin. I remember helping my mom and aunt with the Fair Queen Contest and the different queens coming back to our camper where they'd get their hair done or we'd help them get to their events. Also, riding the rides with the different queens. All of the 4-H judging and

now being queen."

In the coming year, as queen, Kylie will be taking part in various parades, including Fowlerville's Christmas in the Ville and Howell's Fantasy of Light, as well as other activities.

"There's a list of events to attend," she explained, "but I'd like to get involved with other things that promote the fair. Monday has been slightly dead because the carnival isn't open yet, so I want to see what we can do to help bring in some more people during that day."

That effort, like those that preceded it, will be another way the young lady "gives back to her community."

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Kona Ice was set up selling their "Ice Cups" that were good on a hot afternoon. From left were Aubrey, Allie, Emily and Ava Rees. Aubrey, Allie and Ava will be in 5th grade and sister Emily will be in 7th. They are the children of Jamie and Chet Rees.



Olivia Hampton will be in 6th grade this year. She is shown here enjoying a Tony's Dog and is the daughter of William and Jennifer Hampton.



Fowlerville Schools holds 1st Annual District Open House last Wednesday

Fowlerville Schools held their 1st Annual District Open House last Wednesday at the Junior High School parking lot where tables were set up to provide information for students and parents. Food and ice cream was also available for sale. The event was held in conjunction with the registration and open houses being held at the high school, junior high, Kreeger Elementary, and Smith Elementary.

In front of the Book Bus were Assistant Director Liz Gullett and Director of Transportation Kim Hively. They were giving out information for the bus routes.



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Fowlerville school superintendent outlines plans for coming year

By Steve Horton

When Fowlerville School Superintendent Matthew Stuard addressed the staff last Tuesday during a ‘Welcome Back’ session held at the high school prior to this Monday’s (August 26) first day of classes, he talked about ‘commitments.’

“I shared with them the things I’m committed to, with the well-being of students being number one,” he said. “I’m always going to do what’s best for kids. The other one is to tackle challenges head on and then third is to give my best every day.”

Stuard then asked staff members to make similar commitments in the coming school year.

“I also asked them to be positive ambassadors for the school district,” he noted. “To talk positively about the district when they’re out and about in the schools or community.” Stuard, who came to Fowlerville at the tail end of the 2022-2023 school year, is beginning his second full year as the superintendent. He was joined a couple of months after his arrival by Assistant Superintendent Adva Ringle. Both of their educational backgrounds included working on curriculum, with the goal of making improvements to what’s offered and, in doing so, advance overall and individual student achievement.

It was this background the board cited as among the reasons he was hired and why he, in turn, recommended bringing Ringle on board.

Some of that effort was already in the pipeline when Stuard became the new superintendent, some changes were made to those plans, and a few new initiatives were added after he took over the position.

He reviewed what was done last school year and outlined plans for the coming year.

“We adopted a new curriculum last spring that will be implemented this fall at grades K-thru 5,” Stuard noted. “It’s called Magnetic and MagneticPortfolio and we’re really excited about that.”

“Last year we added an academic interventionist at Kreeger Elementary, along with a Student Behavior Specialist position,” he said. “This year we’re going to have six Academic Interventionists, with four working at the elementary level and two at the secondary level. They will be deployed to support kids who need assistance in reading and math. We’ll be building time into the school day where students who need this help are able to get it from the interventionists.”

To better identify when a student needs such assistance and in what area or areas, Stuard said the district will be employing a new assessment tool called ‘iReady’.

“We started using it last year at the elementary, but we’re going to expand that up to ninth grade,” he explained. “These assessments will be given three times a year—in the fall, winter, and spring—and we’ll look at the data collected from them to determine how best to help students who are falling behind. The Academic Interventionists will use the information to determine what support the kids need.”

“We’re also going to do some curriculum reviews and pilots,” he said. “One will be for math in grades sixth thru 11 and another will be social studies at the junior high in grades sixth, seventh, and eighth.”

One change that had been planned for the coming year, but is being put on hold was returning the teaching of social studies and science in the elementary buildings to the classroom teachers. They are now done as once-a-week specials.

“We’ve backed off that plan,” said Stuard. “There was an opportunity to bring back art at the elementary. It was an addition that parents had advocated for. We still plan to integrate social studies and science into the daily schedule, but it’s going to take a little bit longer. We decided that the teachers had enough on their plates with the implementation of the new curriculum and then, of course, moving into the new building. So we’re going to hold off on that for at least a year.”

The building Stuard referred to is the new Fowlerville Elementary School for grades K thru 2nd that is nearing completion and has been a major focus during the past year.

“It’s still on track for a mid-October completion and everything with the building is on budget, so we’re excited about that,” he said. “Classes will begin at the start of the second semester in January. We hope to do a few community tours between when the building is finished and the opening of the building for student use. If we’d have pushed for opening this August, it would have been very rushed and difficult. The kids wouldn’t have had a chance to really see it. The parents wouldn’t have seen it. So this delay gives everyone an opportunity to become familiar with the building.”

He added that renovations at the Smith building will begin after the students move over to the new building.

“It’s a real light remodel and when this work is done, the Little Glad Center and preschool can move over,” he said.

The final leg of the overall plan will then be the demolition of the Munn building and HVAC upgrades at the other buildings.

The new school year will see changes in the administrative staff. Dana Coon, who had been the assistant principal at Smith Elementary, was earlier named as the new junior high principal. She replaces Myriah Lillie who left to take a position with the Mason Public Schools.

Richard Ross is the new Smith Elementary Principal (soon to be Fowlerville Elementary). He replaces Kathy Gibson who retired this past June. Ross was previously an elementary principal at St. Johns Schools.

This past week Nicolas Zajas was named as the new high school principal, moving up from being the assistant principal. He replaces Amy Pashak who resigned during the summer and went to Walled Lake. Filling the assistant principal post is Tammy Steffee who has been a special education teacher at the high school and has previously completed college classes in school administration.

The assistant elementary principal vacancy will be filled after the start of classes.

Teacher Contract Talks & New Budget

Negotiations over a new contract between the board of education and the Fowlerville Education Association—the teachers bargaining group—has been going on since March.

There had previously been a three-year contract which expired in June.

“Both sides have been working hard to come up with an agreement,” Stuard said. “There have been changes in the state law in the last year and we’re working through that and some other issues. But we’re hopeful we’ll have a contract very soon.”

The four-year agreement with each of the other support staff bargaining groups is in its final year.

The district employs around 350 people, with 145 of them being teachers.

At the end of June the board approved a new 2024-2025 fiscal year budget that is slightly lower than last year’s and reflects an estimated decline in student enrollment.

“Our total revenues are \$35,170,780 and the projected expenditures are \$34,965,947,” noted Stuard.

Last year revenues had been pegged at \$35.3 million and expenditures at \$36.2 million.

The current fund balance is just under \$3.5 million which is 10% of the total revenues.

The actual final amounts will be determined later in the fiscal year.

Stuard said the new budget is based on an estimated decline in student enrollment of 70 students and less federal money on the revenue side, but some retirements that will reduce expenses on the expenditure side. Fowlerville ended the school year with an enrollment of 2,503 students.

“Last year the loss of students in the fall was larger than we’d projected,” he explained. “While we did pick up a few students later, we wanted to be more conservative this time around,” he explained.

He added that the per-pupil funding from the state is an unknown figure beyond the current year, another reason for taking a more cautious approach.

“The state did not give schools an increase in the per-pupil foundation grant, so that figure remains at \$9,608,” Stuard noted. “Instead the state decided to grant school districts a one-time partial reduction of contributions to the teacher’s pension.”

“For us this equates to around \$360 per student,” he added. “So this is an increase, but we don’t know what happens the following year. If we’d have gotten the \$360 as an increase in the foundation grant, then it would have been almost \$10,000 per student and would have likely remained at that amount going forward. Where the pension fund is at next year is an unknown.”

Beyond this future concern, Stuard—taking a glance backward and a look forward—said that “It was an exciting and busy first year.”

“The things that really drew me to Fowlerville are still there,” he said. “There’s a lot of potential in Fowlerville, lots of great things happening and I’m incredibly excited for the future. The community has been very welcoming to me, and I’m looking forward to start my second full year.”



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Kathy on left at the tiger display at the zoo and gardens.



We love to dance and in the 1970's were performers in California. We are in our Hawaiian outfits with Kathy on right. We did a candle routine as part of our performance.



Akaka Falls in Hilo.



Experiencing Hawaii by Cruise Ship

Part 1

By Karen Grab

It was in the fall of 2014 when my twin sister Kathy and I decided to visit the Hawaiian Islands by going on a cruise ship instead of island hopping by plane. I flew into Los Angeles and stayed a few days at her place. From Southern California it would be only three hours by plane to Hawaii instead of nine

hours from Michigan. Our travel agent was my husband Ed's great niece Angie Lavelle from The World of Travel in Bloomfield Hills. She booked us on Hawaiian Airlines.

We arrived safely to Honolulu and met a lady, Renee, for a taxi pick-up, and she drove to Pier 2 where the ship was docked. We filled out papers and got our ID. Pretty hula girls came out for an Aloha greeting. There is a 10-minute life jacket class everyone takes. Our room was on the 7th deck with there being 12 decks altogether. They had glass elevators and it was fun to meet many on the ship as we went up to our room.

Later, we ate at the Aloha Cafe on Deck 11. We then went back to our stateroom which had a balcony and watched the waves. It was a smooth ride on the water

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We had room service for breakfast the following morning and looked over our schedule. Our first day was at the Maui Tropical Plantation. You are taken on a tram ride and learn how sugar cane and pineapple are grown on the plantation. They also raise mangos, delicious pineapple, bananas, coffee and coconuts. We rode on Polynesian Tour buses, and the drivers were fun.

The next stop was the Iao Needle, a 1,200-foot natural rock formation in Iao Valley State Park. It is one of the most recognizable landmarks and is considered sacred by ancient Hawaiians.

We went back to the ship and discovered a Cadillac 50's diner. We sat next to an Elvis statue and had some lunch. There was a theatre on the ship, and we saw a Hawaiian show by Malu Productions 'Aloha Polynesia.' We enjoyed a show of hula, Poi balls, feather gourds called uli uli, bamboo sticks and Tahitian.

Maui Beach

We bought Hawaiian dresses at the Kia Gift Shop on the ship. There we met a lady named Misty who was from Torrance, California who sold us the dresses. We then went to Wailea Beach to enjoy some sunshine; however, the sand was hot. A man was renting umbrellas so I got one. We swam for awhile, along with relaxing on the beach.

As Kathy was hungry, we set off to find a place to eat and discovered a place called Four Seasons Resort which had a restaurant called Ferraro's that was right on the beach. We had stir fry and a Kahlua cream drink.

After we returned to the ship, we ate dinner at the Skyline Restaurant and then saw a Broadway show at the Hollywood Theater. Singers were look-alikes of Judy Garland, Gene Kelly, Liza Minnelli and dancer Fred Astaire.

Akaka Falls and State Park in Hilo (Big Island)

James from the Roberts Tour bus was our driver when we went to see the Akaka Falls and other sites at the State Park in Hilo the next day. This is a self-guided walk that took us through lush tropical vegetation and scenic points overlooking the cascading Kahuna Falls and the free-falling Akaka Falls, which plunges 442 feet into a stream-eroded gorge. The 0.4 mile loop footpath requires some physical exertion.

Hilo is home to the only rainforest zoo in the United States, the Panaewa Rainforest Zoo which hosts exotic plants, animals and exhibits. The centerpiece of the zoo were two tigers, Sriracha and Tzatziki. There were also a variety of birds, reptiles, axis spotted deer, monkeys and a Monarch Butterfly House.

The last stop was the Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut Visitor



Hula show on the ship.

Center which includes a macadamia nut farm, a processing plant, plus a gift shop offering nuts, chocolates, and other treats.

We met a pair of twins on the ship, so it was like the Twins Days event we went to in Ohio, only this one was on the ocean.

Kathy and I ate at the Skyline Room. The salmon was good with our Kahlua cream drink.

For more on our Hawaiian adventure, see Part 2 next week.

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Notice of Master Plan Workshops

The Conway Township Planning Commission is having two Master Plan workshops at the Township Hall. The Planning Commission is looking for the public's input on a variety of subjects including Residential and Commercial Growth, Renewable Energy, Drainage and Roads, Agriculture, and more!

September 7, 2024, 2:00PM to 4:00PM

September 19, 2024, 6:00PM to 8:00PM

The public's participation is highly encouraged!

We are planning the future of our township!

Conway Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the meeting to individuals with disabilities, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, upon ten days' notice to the Conway Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Clerk by writing or calling the following: Conway Township Clerk, 8015 N Fowlerville, Fowlerville, MI 48836 or call 517 223-0358, between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Bill Grubb
Conway Township Supervisor
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Webberville Cribbage Report

Carol 24

All are invited to join the fun!

We meet Mondays, 6:30-9pm at the Webberville United Methodist Church, located at South M-52 & Holt Road.

For more information, call Fred Moon 517-521-5622. Leave message.



Webberville Report

Williamston Farmers Market celebrates 'Senior Citizens Day' this Aug. 25th

This Sunday, August 25th, stop by the Eastern Ingham Farmers Market in Williamston, anytime between 10am and 2pm, in the large parking lot of McCormick Park, at 123 High Street. The Market is celebrating 'Senior Citizens Day'.

There will be over 25 vendors bringing their bounty of fresh August produce such as tomatoes, sweet corn, melons, onions, cucumbers, beans, squash, leafy greens, fresh sprouts, cut flowers, an amazing variety of sweet and savory baked goods including cookies, bagels, pecan rolls, bread, baguettes, ready-to-eat prepared food for breakfast and lunch, fresh eggs, meat including pork, lamb, beef, rabbit, chicken, brats, bacon and jerky, as well as cheese, unique artisan crafts and home items, made with fabric, wood, metal, plastic and other materials, bath and body products, and so much more. For the list of vendors expected, visit the Market's Facebook page which updates each Saturday. The Market operates rain or shine.

In the *Pollination Station*, learn from representatives of the Williamston Area Senior Center about their long and growing list of summer and upcoming fall programs, as well as the progress on renovations inside and out as they prepare to move to their new location at 500 Williamston Center Road (the former Merindorf Meats building).

Mellow Market Music will be playing and keep you in the shopping mood all day. In the *Seedlings and Sprouts* craft booth, kids who visit will create a magnet craft to give to a senior citizen they know.

This Sunday is also the fourth of four FREE sessions of the "Power of Produce", or **POP Club for kids** ages 4-13, focusing this week on, "Preparing and Storing Food Made With Local Produce". Register your child onsite for this popular educational and fun program for this final 15-20 minute session.

Thank you to this Sunday's *Market Day Supporter*, Carol Walker, owner of *A Bark Above Dog Treats*. She and the Market are also celebrating *National Dog Day* which is August 26th. Bring your four-legged friends to her booth this Sunday for *free Pupcakes* (while supplies last) and special pricing on her homemade dog treats as a thank you to her amazing customers and friends! While at her booth, all Market visitors are invited to drop a donation in the basket she'll have on hand for the Ingham County Animal Shelter.

Coming soon, for four consecutive Sundays, beginning Sept. 8th, all visitors ages 60 years and older may sign up to attend any of the free, 10-15 minute sessions at the Market, sponsored by the *Senior Power of Produce* or *POP Club*. Stop by the Information Booth for registration information this or any Sunday through Sept. 29th, which is the date of the last session.

Bottle and Can Collection at Every Market. The primary fundraiser supporting the Market continues to be, collection of Michigan-returnable bottles and cans. Drop yours off at any Market this season from home and the cottage, and don't forget, 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 during the remaining eight Sundays of the 2024 season, to be added to the newsletter email list, to volunteer or to donate to the Market, visit the Market Facebook page or contact Jane Reagan.

NIESA Fire Report (Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority)

On Wednesday August 14, 2024 NIESA responded to eight calls. Two calls in Leroy Township were medical responses. One call in Wheatfield Township was a vehicle accident near Howell Rd and Williamston Rd. Four calls were in the City of Williamston with one call a citizen assist and three calls for medical responses. One call was in Williamstown Township for an illegal burn near Fruitbelt Lane and Wild Cherry Drive.

On Thursday August 15, 2024 NIESA responded to two calls. One was in the City of Williamston for a medical response. One call was in the Village of Webberville for a medical response at the Park N Ride.

On Friday August 16, 2024 NIESA responded to four calls. One call was in Williamstown Township for a fire response. One call was in the Village of Webberville for a medical response. Two calls were in the City of Williamston with both being medical responses.

On Saturday August 17, 2024 NIESA responded to three calls. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a medical response. Two calls were in the City of Williamston with both being medical responses.

On Sunday August 18, 2024 NIESA responded to five calls. One call was in Leroy Township for a medical response. Three calls were in the City of Williamston with all of them being medical responses. One call was in Wheatfield Township and was also a medical response.

On Monday August 19, 2024 NIESA responded to five calls. Two calls were in the City of Williamston with both being medical responses. Two calls were in Williamstown Township with both being medical responses. One call was in Leroy Township and that was also a medical response.

On Tuesday August 20, 2024 NIESA responded to six calls. Two calls were in the Village of Webberville with one a medical response and one a fire investigation. One call was in Williamston Township for a medical response. Two calls were in Locke Township with one was a vehicle rollover near Allen and Herrington Roads and one a citizen assist. One call was in Leroy Township for a fire response.

All-Class Alumni Reunion to be held at Webberville High Sept. 14th

The All-Class Alumni Reunion for past attendees of Webberville Community Schools will be held Saturday, Sept. 14th at the high school cafeteria. The event runs from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Bring a dish to pass, table service, and your own beverages.

For more information, call Charles Lang at 517 521-3683.



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August 2024 Events

Monday, August 26th - Cards 9am - 11:45am, Biking Club at 9:30am, Melissa from Oasis Advisors available from 10:30am - 11:30am, Stroke Awareness and Prevention with our own Dr. Karen Bollman at 12:30pm

Tuesday, August 27th - Cards 9am - 11:45am, Mind Benders with Jackie at 12:30pm

Wednesday, August 28th - Cards 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 11am, Quarter Bingo at 12:30pm

Thursday, August 29th - Cards 9am - 11:45am, Walking Club at 10:30am, NATIONAL BANANA PUDDING DAY, Pictionary at 12:30pm

TOWNSHIP OF IOSCO LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its meeting on August 15, 2024, the Township Board for the Township of Iosco approved a Resolution to Extend the Moratorium on Solar Energy Systems which extends, for an additional three (3) months to November 15, 2024, unless modified, extended, or terminated by the Township, the Iosco Township Solar Energy Systems Moratorium Ordinance. A true copy of the Moratorium Ordinance is available at Township Hall, 2050 Bradley Road, Webberville, MI 48892, during regular business hours or by appointment.

JULIE DAILEY, CLERK
2050 Bradley Road
Webberville, MI 48892
(517) 223 - 9545
(8-25-24 FNV)



Ingham County Comments

By: **Monica Schafer, District 15 Commissioner**

The Farmland and Open Space Preservation Millage is a .1395 millage in Ingham County. Taxpayers contribute \$1,351,445 annually to this millage. It is one of the 11 special millages in Ingham County, making up a total of 4.5308 Mills as of August 2024. The funds from this millage are used for the preservation of farmland and open space.

Preservation of Ingham County’s rural farming community and natural ecosystems is a priority, supported by a millage passed for and by the Ingham County’s residents. The citizens of Ingham County passed a millage in 2008 to fund the preservation of farmland and natural land and also renewed it for another ten years in 2018. This millage allows the county to purchase conservation easements from landowners who voluntarily wish to protect their land for future generations in the Ingham County Open Space and The Ingham County Farmland Preservation Programs.

Why would landowners voluntarily restrict their property rights?

The primary reason is that they love their land. Although they might be responsible stewards of their property, they generally have no control over what subsequent owners will do with the site. Easements permit these conservation-minded landowners to control how the property will be used in perpetuity, no matter who the future owners are. Another vital reason landowners turn to conservation easements is that donations, bargain sales, or bequests of easements can have beneficial tax consequences. In some cases, the sale of a conservation easement nets the landowner the same amount as selling to a developer AND helps keep the land in the family.

Applicants who decide to apply for the Ingham County Preservation Programs are ranked by scoring systems, which prioritize properties based on the preservation goals of the two programs. Applications for the 2024 Farmland and Open Space Programs are currently being accepted. The deadline for returning completed applications for this cycle is Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. for both programs to the Ingham County Purchasing Department.

For a landowner packet including an application for either or both programs, visit the Ingham County website at <https://tinyurl.com/InghamFOSP> or contact Cori Thackery, Program Coordinator, at cori@nsddevelopmentllc.com, or Stacy Byers, Director, with the Ingham County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board via e-mail at stacy@nsddevelopmentllc.com.

The FOSP Board hosted a landowner workshop for anyone interested in learning more about the program on Thursday, August 15, 2024. Following the Tuesday, September 3, 2024, deadline, the FOSP Board will score and rank the applications submitted to both programs according to the selection criteria approved earlier by the FOSP Board and the County Board of Commissioners. The scoring and ranking of both new and old applications may take up to the end of the year to finalize. If you have submitted an application within the last two years and would like your application to remain active for the 2024 cycle, please ask for a “Remain Active” form. Applications may remain active for up to three cycles.

To clarify, the County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program is not the State P.A. 116 program. All of this information was sourced from fp.ingham.org.

I often find myself being asked questions about why we have one of the highest millage rates in Michigan. Over the

last year-and-a-half, I have tried to dive in and understand how the funds are dispersed and how they may apply to District 15. I hope this sheds some light on the Ingham County Farmland and Preservation Millage, as well as how to apply for this program if it interests you and pertains to the property you own.

I am grateful for the opportunity to represent District 15 as your Ingham County Commissioner. Thank you for placing your trust in me.

mschafer@ingham.org

Social Security supports rural communities

By **Hillary Hatch, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist**

Social Security touches the lives of nearly every American. Millions count on us — retirees, people no longer able to work due to disability, dependents, and survivors. As a member of the Rural Partners Network, we want to continue reaching out to rural communities.

We make it easy for you to access our programs and services. Our website offers a convenient way to apply online for benefits. Visit www.ssa.gov/applyonline to learn how to apply for:

- **Retirement or Spouse’s Benefits** – You must be at least 61 years and 9 months and want your benefits to start in no more than 4 months.
- **Disability Benefits** – Our disability program pays benefits to workers who are insured and certain family members. This means that they worked long enough – and recently enough – and paid Social Security taxes on their earnings.
- **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** – SSI provides monthly payments to adults and children with a disability or blindness, or people 65 or older, who have low income and resources. After you begin your application online, we will review the information you submit and contact you by mail or phone if we have questions.
- **Medicare** – Medicare is a federal health insurance program for people who are 65 or older or have a disability or end-stage renal disease. If you are not receiving Social Security benefits and not covered under an employer group health plan, you may want to consider applying for Medicare 3 months before turning age 65.
- **Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Costs** – *Extra Help* assists with monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and co-payments related to Medicare prescription drug coverage for people with limited income and resources. Apply at www.ssa.gov/extrahelp.

Rural community leaders should encourage others to sign up for a personal *my* Social Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. With a personal *my* Social Security account, they can request a replacement Social Security card, verify earnings, get future benefit estimates, and obtain benefit verification letters.

If they are not able to use our online services, they can speak with a representative by calling our National toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. If an office visit is required, we can make an appointment.

In addition, our automated phone services are available 24 hours a day, so they may not need to wait for a representative. Learn more at www.ssa.gov/agency/contact/phone.html.

We remain committed to helping maintain the well-being of the people we serve—including those in rural areas. Please share this information with others in your local community.

Veterans on Target being offered at Howell Gun Club on Sept. 7th

Veterans on Target is a free event offered to all Veterans and Military Personnel. Those taking part can enjoy a day of sport shooting at the Howell Gun Club with all weapons and ammunition provided. There is also a free lunch.



For more information or to sign up, contact Secretary@howellgunclub.org or call 313.618.0224.

IOSCO TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED MINUTES August 15, 2024

The regular meeting of the Iosco Township Board was held on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. Members Present: Alderson, Bonville, Dailey, Hardies & Parker. The following action was taken: 1) Motion to approve the agenda. 2) 1st. Call to the Public: The public was heard from. 3) A hearing was held at the request of Randall Huffine of 9280 Roberts Rd., Gregory, MI in front of the Township Board based on Section 104(4) of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act with reference to the proposed zoning amendments relating to Solar Energy Systems 13.19. Randall Huffine as well as DTE spoke to their objections to the proposed amendments. 4) Motion to adopt the proposed Regular Meeting Minutes from 07/18/2024. 5) Clerk’s report. 6) Treasurer’s report. 7) Motion to pay \$102,869.88 in Township bills. 8) Fire Board and Recreation updates were heard. 9) Planning Commission update was heard. 10) Assessor & Zoning Administrator’s report was heard 11) Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-11 Extending the Moratorium on Solar Energy Systems for three (3) months with the Moratorium expiring on November 15, 2024. 12) Motion to update the Solar Energy Systems Amendment Ordinance with the current restrictions set forth in PA 233 as well as a statement that the applicant or operator shall not make use of PA 234 as part of any project. (final verbiage on the PA 234 exclusion to be per Mike Homier recommendations). 13) Motion to create a subcommittee consisting of Clerk Dailey, Supervisor Parker, and Erin Harman to go through the amended Solar Energy Systems ordinance with DTE in an attempt to create a workable ordinance. 14) Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-10 a Resolution Establishing Iosco Township’s allocated millage rate of 0.7804 and 1.3406 for the voted road millage for 2024/2025. 15) Motion to pre-buy \$2,657.54 in propane through Swan Fuel Service Inc. 16) 2nd Call to the Public: The public was heard from. 17) Motion to adjourn at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Dailey
Iosco Township Clerk
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jason A. Tracey, a single man and Gracie L. Bailey, a single woman

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): MidFirst Bank
Date of Mortgage: August 10, 2016

Date of Mortgage Recording: August 15, 2016

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$158,061.79

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Brighton, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 359, excepting therefrom the South 6 feet thereof, Smith-McPherson Addition to the Village (now City) of Brighton, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 20 and 20A, Livingston County Records.

Common street address (if any): 501 Washington St, Brighton, MI 48116-1441

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: August 18, 2024

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Chris H Davis, a married man

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PHH Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: November 9, 2020

Date of Mortgage Recording: January 6, 2021

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$331,871.60

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Hamburg, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 30, Town 1 North, Range 5 East, described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 97, Lakeside Heights, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 63, Livingston County Records; thence South 39 degrees 48 minutes 53 seconds East along the Southwesterly line of Lots 91-96 of said Plat, 222.37 feet; thence South 45 degrees 06 minutes 30 seconds West, 273.48 feet; thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 47 seconds West, 112.35 feet to point of beginning of the parcel to be described; thence South 32 degrees 33 minutes 54 seconds West, 228.09 feet; thence South 74 degrees 51 minutes 20 seconds East, 140.70 feet; thence South 00 degrees 10 minutes 25 seconds East, 180.00 feet; thence South 31 degrees 58 minutes 31 seconds West, 672.71 feet; thence North 89 degrees 27 minutes 06 seconds West 299.00 feet; thence North 32 degrees 33 minutes 54 seconds East, 1158.98 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 47 seconds East, 17.81 feet to the point of beginning.

The North line of a 66.0 foot wide non-exclusive private road easement: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 97 of Lakeside Heights, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 63, Livingston County Records; thence South 82 degrees 52 minutes 12 seconds West along the South line of Lots 97 through 116 of said Plat, 513.20 feet; thence South 07 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds East 105.00 feet to the point of beginning of the North line of said easement; thence South 72 degrees 43 minutes 40 seconds East 95.00 feet; thence South 33 degrees 01 minutes 46 seconds East 160.92 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 47 seconds East 267.18 feet; thence North 50 degrees 19 minutes 19 seconds East 250.62 feet to the Southeasterly corner of Lot 91 of said Plat; thence continuing North 50 degrees 19 minutes 19 seconds East 145.04 feet to the Southeasterly corner of Lapham Road.

Common street address (if any): 2600 Marine Dr, Pinckney, MI 48169-9304

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

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Ray G. Borduin, a married man and Lael Borduin his wife

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Date of Mortgage: January 25, 2013

Date of Mortgage Recording: February 27, 2013

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$159,263.36

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Hartland, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Part Of The Northwest 1/4 Of Section 2, Township 3 North, Range 6 East, Hartland Township, Livingston County, Michigan, More Particularly Described As Follows: Commencing At The North 1/4 Corner Of Said Section 2, Thence North 89 Degrees 44 Minutes West Along The North Line Of Said Section, 975.00 Feet, Thence South 00 Degrees 16 Minutes West 676.00 Feet To The Point Of Beginning, Thence South 00 Degrees 16 Minutes West 336.00 Feet, Thence North 89 Degrees 44 Minutes West, 650.00 Feet, Thence North 00 Degrees 16 Minutes East 336.00 Feet, Thence South 89 Degrees 44 Minutes East 650.00 Feet To The Point Of Beginning. Together With The Rights Of Ingress And Egress Over A 20 Foot Wide Private Road Easement Described As Follows: Commencing At The North 1/4 Corner Of Said Section 2, Thence North 89 Degrees 44 Minutes West Along The North Line Of Said Section 975.00 Feet, Thence South 00 Degrees 16 Minutes West 1012.00 Feet, Thence North 89 Degrees 44 Minutes West 630.00 Feet To The Point Of Beginning Of Said Private Road Easement Description, Thence South 00 Degrees 16 Minutes West 198.72 Feet, Thence North 34 Degrees 35 Minutes West 35.00 Feet, Thence North 00 Degrees 16 Minutes East 170.00 Feet, Thence South 89 Degrees 44 Minutes East 20.00 Feet To The Point Of Beginning Of Said Private Road Easement Description.

Common street address (if any): 5750 Mabley Hill Rd, Fenton, MI 48430-9417

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: August 18, 2024

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'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over'

Campaign underway thru Labor Day

Another "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign is underway as the busy Labor Day holiday nears - and officials say alarming data shows the late-summer enforcement period is needed more than ever.

The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning notes in 2023, nearly 41% of traffic crash fatalities on Michigan roadways involved alcohol or drugs.

Over the Labor Day holiday weekend periods from 2019 to 2023, there were 44 driver fatalities in traffic crashes in Michigan. In those crashes, 43.2% of the drivers killed were alcohol- and/or drug-impaired.

That's why through the remainder of August and the Labor Day holiday weekend, Michigan State Police and county and municipal police agencies across the state are encouraging motorists to celebrate safely and make smart driving decisions.

OHSP Director Katie Bower said "Getting behind the wheel of a vehicle after you've been drinking or taking drugs endangers you, your passengers and everyone else on the road. The aim of the enforcement campaign is to drastically reduce deaths and serious injuries caused by impaired driving."

In Michigan, it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher, although drivers can be arrested at any BAC level if an officer believes they are impaired.

Grandparents Day being held at Howell Nature Center on Sept. 8th

Celebrate Grandparent's Day in Nature with FREE admission for grandmothers and grandfathers on Sunday, Sept. 8, from 10am to 5pm at the Howell Nature Center. Spend time with your grandparent while exploring the Wildlife Park, Ambassador Trail, and Alexandria's Nature Scape. All ages Wild Wonders Wildlife Park Members & Grandmothers & Grandfathers: FREE Non-Members: \$8 per adult, \$6 per child, (ages 2 & under are free).

Howell Nature Center is located at 1005 Triangle Lake Road, Howell. (517) 546-0249, REGISTER NOW: www.howellnaturecenter.org/event/grandparents-day/





Fate, Luck, Reality

By Susan Kretchman

The steps of a [good and righteous] man are directed and established by the LORD, And He delights in his way [and blesses his path]. Psalm 37:23 (Amplified Version)

Perhaps one of my personal favorite verses from Old Testament scripture is this one. Why? Because I firmly believe that our lives have God's influence in the midst of making personal decisions, even when we cannot see it at the time. Often, it's after "coming" through an experience or extended time of hardship that we can look back and say "ah, I understand the whys now..." Such is an example from my father's life, a story he did not share with me until he was well into his 70s.

Dad served in the US Navy during World War II. He was assigned to several destroyers during the course of his service and as with many sailors, obtaining a good assignment was foremost in their thoughts. A lot of training took place aboard ships which was crucial for waging war. In one particular training exercise that lasted several weeks, dad was assigned with two other crewmen to dismantle a huge piece of equipment and reassemble it, the end result being to receive a grade and future transfer to another ship.

Dad had his sights on a particular assignment which indeed required serving aboard a new ship. Together, dad and the other two men worked, and before long according to dad, it became obvious that he was the one doing the majority of the work, paying attention to detail while the other two were not as serious about matters concerning the exercise. When the final inspection and grades were given, dad received the highest score but the other two men got the coveted transfer to the ship dad had his eyes on to further his career with the Navy.

Instead of accepting the outcome with grace, dad admitted to me he became angry, bitter, and very prideful. He allowed the circumstances produced by the exercise's outcome to consume him to the point of being taken aside by a commanding officer who told him to basically "get your head out of your ____"...the turning point in the story

is when I saw my dad's eyes fill with tears. By now, as he's relating this war memory with me for the first time I've heard it, he very quietly said, "God saved my life by not allowing me to get that assignment." Weeping by now, he told me that the very ship those men transferred to—the one he had coveted to serve on—had been sunk and all perished.

My living room was silent for a few minutes when he had finished his heartbreaking recall of that moment, a man in his early 20s, not yet married to my mom, though engaged. But, soon, the silence surrounding both of us was broken again when he continued with an additional component of the story. It wasn't only that God had protected him, God also used the experience to teach dad another important lesson.

It was during one of his leaves, coming home to Michigan, that he expressed to his father "I sure was lucky not to be on that ship." Grandpa had a temper. Anyone who knew Clarence didn't escape that fact. In the heat of fathering an adult son, grandpa declared to dad "Boy! Luck has nothing to do with it. Your mother's on her knees til 2 and 3 in the morning praying for you and your brothers. I don't want to hear the word luck ever again in this house!"

Mind you, as I think deeper into the story of dad's miraculous fate escaping death, another miracle is when he got scolded for using the word "luck", the tongue lashing came from a father who was not yet a Christian. Yet, God used the faithfulness of my grandma's prayer life to witness truth to him and though I don't know the full background of my gramp's own conversion, he received salvation at the age of 55 or so.

Every person alive has a twisted path of life. Some of us will endure hardships while others will be shielded from similar harsh situations. When faced with obstacles or deep disappointments, we have a decision to make—accept that someone greater than us is in control, someone who sees ahead on the path where our natural eyes are unable to focus in great blurriness which clouds our vision. Like my dad, we can allow ourselves to be consumed by anger and bitterness, or simply breathe and let go and wait to understand the whys and hows of arriving on the other side of seemingly great adversity.

Dad's recollection of a very upsetting time in his young life left him with important lessons. He learned about failure, about allowing emotions to rule his thoughts, about yielding life to God's path and not his own.

He also told me that since his scolding from a time in the 1940s, sitting in the comfort of the family home, he never used the word "luck" again ... and you know what? I don't use that word either. Lesson learned.

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. (Romans 8: 28 New Living Translation)

Consumers Energy plans to assist customers with renewable projects

Consumers Energy is moving forward with an expanded customer-powered clean energy effort that will lower costs and help protect the planet after receiving approval from the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Consumers Energy's new Renewable Energy Program will enable every household and business to match 100% of their energy use with cost-effective wind and solar power. Landlords, businesses and other individuals can also purchase renewable energy on someone else's behalf through a new effort called Green Giving.

"Consumers Energy is excited to expand customers' options so more people can power clean energy here in Michigan," said Lauren Snyder, Consumers Energy's vice president of customer experience.

The new programs will roll out in 2025. Consumers Energy customers can learn more and sign up for updates at ConsumersEnergy.com/renewablehome. Highlights of Consumers Energy's customer-powered proposal:

More options for large-scale solar and wind – Consumers Energy is removing the cap on its utility-scale renewable energy programs, to move forward with wind and solar projects as quickly as customers want. The existing large business program is now open for everyone to participate, giving residential and small business customers an option to sign up for cost-effective, utility-scale renewable energy projects.

Green Giving –This new program will allow subscribers to pass along clean energy benefits to others. This would be a path for businesses, nonprofits, charitable foundations or individuals to share program benefits with friends, family, tenants, staff or to help low-income neighbors in need. This offering has a dedicated focus to support those who receive this gift to enjoy the financial and environmental benefits from wind and solar projects that Consumers Energy develops.

Consumers Energy is Michigan's largest energy provider, providing natural gas and/or electricity to 6.8 million of the state's 10 million residents in all 68 Lower Peninsula counties. Consumers Energy's Clean Energy Plan calls for eliminating coal as an energy source in 2025, achieving net-zero carbon emissions and meeting 90% of customers' energy needs through clean sources, including wind and solar.



LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
LIVINGSTON COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

CASE NO. and JUDGE
2024-22677-DE

Honorable Miriam A. Cavanaugh
Court address and telephone no.

204 S Highlander Way Ste 2, Howell, MI 48843
(517) 546-3750

Estate of Jesse Mack Lovelace, Decedent
Date of Birth: 05/01/1934

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Jesse Mack Lovelace, died 05/27/2023.

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

Date: 08/15/2024

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West Bloomfield, MI 48324
248-763-4240

(8-25-24 FNV)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
LIVINGSTON COUNTY
CASE NO. and JUDGE

24-22801-DE Miriam A. Cavanaugh
204 S. Highlander Way, Howell, MI 48843
(517) 546-3750

Estate of Susan Parrish
Date of Birth:* December 25, 1969

TO ALL CREDITORS:**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Susan Parrish, died June 20, 2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Alexa Parrish, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 204 S. Highlander Way Howell, MI 48843 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 08/21/2024

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
LIVINGSTON COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

CASE NO. and JUDGE
24-22739-DE

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Estate of Chad Ryan Robar
Date of Birth: 7/03/1986

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Chad Ryan Robar, died 10/09/2022.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Alicia Robar, 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: 08/15/2024

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Michigan Schools continue to address teacher shortages

Local and state educators and teacher preparation providers such as colleges and universities have made great progress in recent years in addressing teacher shortages in hard-to-fill subjects and specialties, Michigan Department of Education (MDE) officials shared during a recent State Board of Education meeting.

The number of certified early childhood teachers jumped 171% from the 2017-18 school year to 2023-24, while the number of certified teachers increased 60% for math, 53% for English as a Second Language and bilingual education, and 31% for science. Literacy-related teaching endorsements increased 28% during that period.

“Efforts by local educators to address the challenge of teacher shortages are paying off,” said State Superintendent Michael F. Rice. “This work has been supported with increased funding from the legislature and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer that has been advocated for by the Michigan Department of Education and State Board of Education. Increasing the number of certified teachers in areas of shortage is a priority of Michigan’s Top 10 Strategic Education Plan.”

After decreasing 59% from 2011-12 to 2016-17, enrollment in teacher preparation programs in Michigan has rebounded with an increase of 56% from 2016-17 to 2021-22.

In addition to attracting more prospective teachers in general, multiple educator preparation providers have increased access to students from historically underrepresented populations through focused scholarship and fellowship programs.

Over the last seven years, Michigan has attracted more Black or African American and Hispanic or Latino teachers to the profession. The number of Black teachers has increased by the equivalent of 1,317 full-time teachers. The number Hispanic or Latino teachers has increased by the full-time equivalent of 216 positions.

“Research shows that all students – particularly students of color – benefit socially, emotionally, and academically when their schools have a diverse teacher workforce,” said Dr. Michele Harmala, deputy superintendent, Educator Excellence, Career and Technical Education, Special Education, and Administrative Law for the MDE. “I’m pleased by the progress we’ve made in this area, but we still have a lot of work to do in having a teacher workforce that’s as diverse as the students in our classrooms.”

Michigan’s state school aid budgets illustrate the focus on increasing the number of certified teachers.

In fiscal year 2020 and earlier, there was \$0 in state school aid act funding to address the teacher shortage. That increased to \$5 million for early career retention bonuses in fiscal year 2021 and then by less than \$2 million for Grow Your Own programs in fiscal year 2022. In fiscal year 2023, there was \$575 million in funding for a range of efforts to address the teacher shortage, many of them initially recommended by MDE. Fiscal year 2024 funding to address the teacher shortage totaled over \$448 million, while funding for fiscal year 2025 decreased to more than \$100 million.

Efforts have included:

--The MI Fellowship program, which provided \$10,000 scholarships to 750 future educators in 2022-23 and to 2,447 prospective teachers in fiscal year 2023-24.

--Stipends of \$9,600 apiece to 2,342 student teachers enrolled in eligible Michigan educator preparation programs in the 2022-23 academic year and to 2,667 student teachers in the 2023-24 academic year.

--Student loan repayments that so far have awarded more than \$19 million in reimbursements to 9,571 eligible participants in 546 school districts.

--Reimbursements totaling \$736,592 to 8,098 first-time takers of the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification.

--Tuition reimbursement to 211 special education teachers in 2022, 2023, and 2024.

--The Future Proud Michigan Educator EXPLORE grants for school districts and charter schools to assist students who are interested in careers in education. Earlier this year MDE awarded \$747,227 to 25 school districts.

--Several Grow Your Own programs that assist local schools in encouraging their students to pursue careers in education and help non-certified school staff become certified educators. This includes \$129.8 million in grant funds from MDE to provide a no-cost pathway to reduce barriers and increase opportunities for support staff to obtain certification, with more awards pending.

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Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

Does Medicare Cover Cataract Surgery?

Dear Savvy Senior,

How does Medicare cover cataract surgery? My eye doctor recently told me I've developed cataracts and should consider making plans for surgery in the next year or so.

Almost 67

Dear Almost,

Like gray hair and wrinkles, cataracts are an inevitable part of the aging process. Eventually, everyone (usually in their 60s) will develop cataracts, a condition that causes cloudy or blurry vision. The only way to correct this is through cataract surgery.

Fortunately, Medicare does cover medically necessary cataract surgery, which includes removing the cataract and implanting a standard intraocular lens (IOL). This is a small, lightweight, clear disk that replaces the focusing power of the eye's natural crystalline lens to restore clear vision. This procedure is performed using traditional surgical techniques or lasers.

This coverage can be a substantial savings, since cataract surgery often costs about \$1,800 to \$2,800 per eye.

Cataract surgery is usually an outpatient procedure, covered under Medicare Part B. Once you pay the annual Part B deductible, which is \$240 in 2024, you're responsible for the Part B coinsurance.

That means you'll pay 20 percent of the cost for covered services yourself. If you have a Medicare supplemental policy, also known as Medigap, you'll have full or partial coverage for the 20 percent Part B coinsurance.

If you happen to be enrolled in a private Medicare Advantage plan, rather than original Medicare, you'll also have coverage for cataract surgery. However, you may have to pay different deductibles or copayments and need to use an in-network provider. You'll need to call your plan to find out its coverage details before you schedule surgery.

What's Not Covered

Be aware that Medicare only covers cataract surgery with standard (monofocal) intraocular lenses, which improves vision at just one distance so you may still need glasses for close-up vision. Medicare will not cover premium (multifocal) intraocular lenses that can correct vision far away, up close and in between, so you can go glasses-free after surgery.

Premium interocular lenses are expensive, costing approximately \$1,500 to \$4,000 per eye, which you would be responsible for if you choose to upgrade. Talk with your doctor about your options and costs before your surgery.

Are Eyeglasses Covered?

Even though Medicare usually doesn't cover eyeglasses or contact lenses, it will pay 80 percent for one set of corrective glasses or contacts after cataract surgery. Medicare, however, limits its coverage to standard eyeglass frames and lenses. If you want to get deluxe frames, progressive or tinted lenses or scratch-resistant coating for glasses, you'll need to pay those costs yourself. Medicare also requires that you purchase the glasses or contacts from a Medicare-approved supplier.

Also, if you have any post-surgery complications or problems that are deemed medically necessary to address by a doctor, Medicare covers those expenses too. Any drops, antibiotics or other medication prescribed after your surgery would be covered by Medicare Part D or a Medicare Advantage plan that includes prescription drug coverage.

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.

Hartland Senior Activity Center hosts Open House and Free Week of Fun

The Hartland Senior Activity Center is thrilled to announce its highly anticipated Open House and Free Week of Fun, set to take place from Sept. 5, to Sept. 13. This event invites seniors, their families, and community members to explore the Center's diverse programs and services while enjoying a week of engaging activities at no cost. Help us celebrate our 50th Anniversary at these events.

Open House Details:

Date: Thursday, September 5, 2024 **Time:** 10am -2pm

Location: Hartland Senior Activity Center, 9525 East Highland Rd., Howell, MI 48843.

During the Open House, visitors will have the opportunity to tour the center's facilities, meet the dedicated staff, and learn about the wide array of programs tailored for seniors. From fitness classes and creative workshops to social gatherings and educational seminars, there's something for everyone at the Hartland Senior Activity Center. During the Open House, enjoy live musical entertainment, enter to win an array of prizes, and enjoy light snacks.

Free Week of Fun Highlights:

Dates: Monday September 9 – Friday September 13, 2024

Center Hours: 8am -4pm

Location: Hartland Senior Activity Center, 9525 East Highland Rd., Howell, MI 48843.

- **Lunch:** Available at the center every day but Thursday. During the week of FUN – all lunches will be FREE for preregistered guests!

- **Fitness Classes:** Enjoy a variety of exercise options, including yoga, Zumba, Tai Chi, line dancing and strength

training, designed to promote health and well-being.

- **Music:** Tap into your creative side with our many musical groups, including the Silver Chorus, Silver Ringers (handbells), Silver Strummers (any string instrument) and Second Wind Ensemble (band).
- **Social Events:** Participate in games, billiards, a variety of card games, plus parties and events to connect with fellow community members.
- **Educational Seminars:** Attend informative talks on topics ranging from technology and wellness to finance and travel.

"We're excited to welcome the community to our Open House and offer a week of complimentary activities," said Kim Konarski, Director of the Hartland Senior Activity Center. "This event is a fantastic opportunity for seniors to discover all that we have to offer, and for new visitors to experience the vibrant and supportive environment we foster here."

The Hartland Senior Activity Center has been a cornerstone of the Hartland community, providing enriching programs and services that enhance the quality of life for seniors. This Open House and Free Week of Fun is part of the center's commitment to promoting active and engaged living for older adults.

For more information about the event please visit our website at www.hartlandseniorcenter.org or contact us at 810-626-2135 or kategriswold@hartlandschools.us.

About Hartland Senior Activity Center:

The Hartland Senior Activity Center is dedicated to serving the senior community with a range of programs and services designed to support physical, mental, and social well-being. Our mission is to cultivate happy, healthy and independent lifestyles for everyone age 50 and over.

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"This class is above my expectations... I feel the Bible is coming alive."

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"I like the no-frills teaching – we use the class for that and not a lot of extra stuff...I like the helpful handouts and the integration [of the Old Testament into the New Testament.]"

"God has really blessed me through this class. I feel thirsty for His Word and learn so much. I have learned to love the Old Testament because of the foundation it reveals for all of God's Word."

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Michigan Governor's Report

By Gretchen Whitmer

Expanding Housing, Lowering Costs

We are taking action to make sure every Michigander has a safe, affordable place to call home.

Since I took office, we've built or rehabbed over 50,000 units, and we are not taking our foot off the accelerator. Brick by brick, we are laying the groundwork to build up our communities, ensuring they thrive for generations to come.

The other day, I visited a site that will soon be home to at least 144 units of quality, affordable housing for local teachers, support staff, and administrators in Traverse City, helping tackle the housing crisis and bring down rent caused by rising tourism, a growing population, and an inadequate supply of units.

A similar story is unfolding everywhere in Michigan: low supply leads to higher rent and home prices, which prices out the middle class. Housing is a statewide challenge. It's why I made it one of my top priorities.

Together, let's build more housing to help everyone make it in Michigan.

Build Baby Build!

We all need a safe, affordable place to call home, but we are facing a housing crisis driven by a lack of supply.

Our response to the statewide housing shortage is simple: build, baby, build! By building up supply, we can drive down costs and make our neighborhoods better places to live, work, and invest.

Largest Housing Investment in Michigan History

- This year, MSDHA is making the largest investment to build, rehab, or permit housing in Michigan history—a \$1.4 billion investment for 10,000 homes, without raising taxes by a dime.
- The new balanced, bipartisan state budget I signed will invest another \$100 million to build or rehab affordable housing.
- We're also funding the Revitalization and Placemaking program, backing projects to turn old, abandoned places into new housing or commercial spaces and making communities more attractive places to live and

work.

- We will continue to meet the affordable, attainable housing needs for working-class families through the Housing and Community Development Fund thanks to our work to secure a sustainable funding source.

Creating Jobs

Building more of every kind of housing—single-family homes, apartments, and mixed-use buildings—will expand supply and lower cost while creating tens of thousands of good-paying jobs along the way. There are more Michiganders working in construction today than at any point in the last 22 years.

Across the state, pipefitters, carpenters, bricklayers, and roofers are rolling up their sleeves to 'build, baby, build' a heck of a lot more housing and ensure every Michigander has a safe, affordable place to call home.

Investing in Affordable & Attainable Housing

- Last week, I signed a bill to lower costs for cities and towns to help them fix up damaged property and cut red tape to eliminate blight in our communities.
- In 2022, we released Michigan's first Statewide Housing Plan set a goal of 115,000 units over the next five years.
- I signed a bipartisan supplemental investing \$275 million to build and refurbish thousands of affordable housing units, revitalize communities, and address blight.
- We made historic investments in the Building Michigan Together Plan to build and refurbish affordable housing units for working class families.
- I signed transformational brownfield leg-islation to power economic development and finance affordable housing in communities across Michigan.

Lowering Cost

We will continue helping lower costs for Michigan families to buy a home or stay in their existing residence.

- We are helping thousands of families buy homes through Down Payment Assistance and MI Home Loan Mortgage Programs.
- We are helping tens of thousands of families stay in their homes and prevent foreclosure with funding from the Michigan Homeowners Assistance Fund.

We are doing all of this without raising taxes on Michiganders. In fact, the new balanced, bipartisan budget builds on the \$1 billion in tax relief we delivered last year by continuing to roll back the retirement tax and quintupling the Working Families Tax Credit, lowering costs for thousands of seniors and families.

Let's continue this momentum of growth, lower costs for Michiganders, and build a brighter future for our state.

Let's keep getting it done and keep delivering for Michiganders!

LACASA to host "Bourbon, Bowties & Boas" Gala on Oct. 11

Get ready to step back in time to a bygone era of glitz and glamour at the first annual LACASA Gala, a festive evening of 1920s-themed fun on Friday, Oct. 11, at Crystal Gardens in Howell. All proceeds from the event will benefit LACASA Center, a local nonprofit providing critical services to victims of interpersonal violence.

The theme of this inaugural gala, presented by Judy and Bert Herzog and Executive Wealth Management, is "Bourbon, Bowties & Boas," a nod to the folly and fantasy of the Roaring '20s. LACASA President & CEO Bobette Schrandt says while the theme is joyful and fun, there is also deeper symbolism at play.

"At LACASA we are also roaring into a new era, as we celebrate the ongoing success of our capital campaign and the opening of our Home for Good on Tooley Road in Howell," Schrandt said. "The move to our state-of-the-art facility truly represents a new chapter in the more than forty year history of our organization, as we have more than doubled the capacity of our shelter and greatly expanded the ability of all our programs, housed under one roof, to better serve victims of child abuse, domestic violence, and sexual violence."

Along with a trip back in time, Gala-goers can expect an evening of delightful party experiences including dinner and drinks, signature cocktails, live music and dancing from the Chateau band, both a silent and live auction, decade-appropriate photo-ops, games, and so much more. Attendees will also hear a moving testimonial from a former LACASA client and survivor of sexual violence, and the winners of LACASA's Volunteer of the Year, Business Partner of the Year, and Youth Advocate of the Year awards will be announced.

Attendees can also try their luck at the Speakeasy Sparkle Diamond Raffle, featuring a 1-in-100 chance to win a diamond valued at \$6000, donated by Cooper & Binkley Jewelers. Watch as ice cubes placed inside numbered glasses begin to melt, revealing a sparkling surprise for one lucky ticket holder! Diamond raffle tickets are \$100 each and available while supplies last, as only 100 will be sold.

Guests are encouraged, but not required, to dress in 1920s attire.

LACASA Gala tickets are \$150 each and \$1500 for a table of ten. To purchase tickets or for more information, go to the website: lacasacenter.org/lacasa-gala/

ABOUT LACASA: LACASA Center is an independent nonprofit that helps victims of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault. The organization also provides education and awareness programs to prevent abuse in the community.

Sign the Petition Today

Allow Poultry to be raised within Village Limits



We are a small group of villagers who have brought the need to allow the raising of poultry within Fowlerville's village limits to the Planning Commission.

They agreed to gather information from neighboring communities for the opportunity to draft an ordinance.

We need your help to quantify the need within our community. Scan the QR Code for more information and to sign the petition.



What is Being Considered

- 4-6 Hens per household, no roosters
- Proper coop and fencing required
- Yearly permit submission and coop review for approval
- Neighbors permission required on permit to foster friendly agreement

Benefits of Raising Hens

- Economical eggs and meat
- Reduce food waste
- Natural insect/pest control
- Learning opportunity for young children

Who should sign the petition:

- You are a resident of Fowlerville
- You reside within Village Limits
- You are a registered Voter

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Michigan joins federal program that collects, restores native flora

By Elinor Epperson
Capital News Service

Of all the things I could step in while wandering the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge in Northeast Michigan, vulture vomit was not on my list. My hosts, a team of scientists looking for native plant seeds, warned me to avoid it.

Elizabeth Haber is a lead botanist with Seeds of Success, a federal program that conserves and restores native flora. She and her team are combing through Michigan prairies, wetlands and forests looking for native plant seeds.

“A lot of our days are just wandering around, using our intuition of where we think cool things might be,” she said.

Seeds of Success began in 2001 as a project of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. It has been most prolific in the western U.S., where wildfires provide a constant need for habitat restoration. The program has collected almost a third of all native U.S. plant species, according to a 2019 paper analyzing its efficacy.

The Michigan team has over 100 species on its “wish list” for this year, Haber said. They’ve collected 12 so far. That’s because they need to plan extensively before they can start collecting, Haber said.

They’ve traveled to Shiawassee to scout for four species: swamp milkweed, hedge bindweed, sneezeweed and meadowsweet. They need to collect 10,000 seeds from each species without decimating the local population.

“We need to scout [the location] to make sure that the population is indeed large enough for us to collect from,” she said. “So we do a lot of measurements.”

The plants have to be at the correct stage of their growth cycle, too. After examining a flowering plant, she showed me a handful of tiny black specks that looked like poppy seeds. They’re American germander, a member of the mint family.

“The seeds right here are pretty mature. They’re looking pretty good,” Haber said. “They’re black and shiny, and they readily come off the stem. So that’s a signal to us that it might be a good thing to think about collecting soon.”

Meredith Holm, a wildlife biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said native seeds are “foundational” to healthy, functioning ecosystems.

“We need the right seed in the right place at the right time,” she said, echoing the National Seed Strategy. Holm is based in Lansing, where she works with Haber’s team to plan trips to parks and private preserves across the state.

Native species face a gauntlet of challenges, from climate change to human activity. A recent study found that non-native species spread much faster than native species. Native ecosystems can’t keep up and aren’t able to recover. Preserving native diversity reduces extinction rates and stabilizes ecosystems in crisis.

During our hike, Haber and her team point out a prairie teeming with the invasive reed canary grass.

“That stuff’s bad news,” Haber said. On the other side of the trail, closer to the water, is prairie cordgrass, a native species competing with the invasive grass. Haber marked the cordgrass on a GPS, so they can find it when they come back to collect its seeds.

Haber’s team is the first to focus exclusively on Michigan. The project is a joint effort between the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Chicago Botanic Garden, which oversees collection and storage of seeds from 15 states in the Midwest.

“We’re just getting started in the east,” Holm said. Research teams are also collecting seeds in Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Kayri Havens, the vice president of science at the Chicago Botanic Garden, said that’s thanks in part to an influx of federal funding.

“That’s allowed us to scale up in areas that we hadn’t been working in prior to the passage of those bills,” Havens said.

The 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law allotted \$1.4 billion for ecosystem restoration, with some of that money going to Seeds of Success.

Collecting seeds is just the beginning.

“Seeds offer options for restoration in the future,” Havens said. After collection, seeds are cleaned and stored. Some contribute to research at the botanic gardens, while others are propagated for habitat restoration. The collection project is the first of many steps towards restoration and resiliency.

In the Midwest, that includes wetlands and former farmland. Lands damaged by flooding or invasive species need restoration to recover.

Urban areas need restoration, too. Vacant lots are a breeding ground for invasives if left unchecked.

In addition to stormwater management and offsetting



Botanist Elizabeth Haber of Seeds for Success looks for native plants at the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge.



Jenna Nutter, a field technician at Seeds of Success, examines a stalk of prairie cordgrass, a plant native to Michigan.

carbonization, green rooftops can also provide their own ecosystem for native plants and pollinators, said Havens.

“There’s not a place on the planet that doesn’t need restoration,” she said. “It’s always been an issue of capacity to do the work. And so we’re helping build that capacity in the Midwest.”

The trip to the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge was a

success, said Haber, the botanist with Seeds of Success. The team found three of the four species they were looking for.

They also identified a few other species that are good candidates for collection.

When the team returns to the wildlife refuge, hopefully, there will be less vulture vomit in their path.

Elinor Epperson has an environmental reporting internship under the MSU Knight Center for Environmental Journalism’s diversity reporting partnership with the Mott News Collaborative and CNS.

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Social Commentary & Personal Reflections

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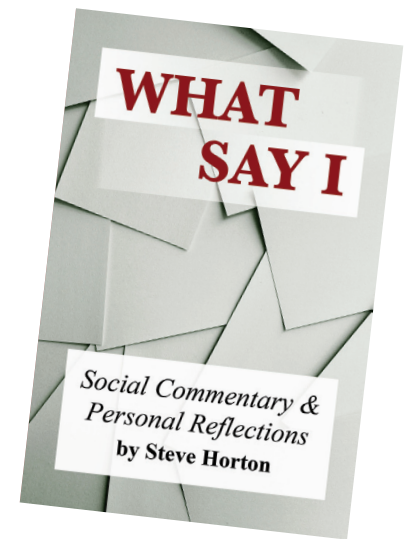
This collection offers 60 articles and a foreword, with most of the pieces written during the past 10 years (2015-2024).

What Say I covers a wide assortment of topics falling within the realm of social commentary and personal reflections. They range from the example of Diedrich Bonhoeffer’s moral courage against Nazi rule to a caring Fowlerville teacher Rose Hamlin Tennis; from the impact of Robert F. Kennedy and Thomas Jefferson to that of Rachel Carson’s *Silent Spring* and Emmet Till’s murder.

There are memories as well of being a 4-Her at the fair, summer afternoons at a lake, the wheat season, a brief stay as a young would-be writer in San Francisco, bygone Christmases, and a sister who died at age 21.

The right to vote, freedom of the press, Michigan’s past, book banning, standing against oppression and discrimination, and the importance of civilized attitude and behavior are examined as well... plus more.

Steve Horton is a mid-Michigan journalist and editor-publisher of the *Fowlerville News & Views* weekly newspaper. These writings were originally published in the newspaper or on his website.



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Tickets are available from any Rotarian, at Harmon Real Estate, Edward Jones, and Fowlerville News & Views.



U.S. Congress Report

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

Pushes to Strengthen Pharmaceutical Supply Chain

U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin (MI-07) – a cofounder of the bipartisan Domestic Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Caucus – has introduced bipartisan legislation to encourage U.S. manufacturing of critical pharmaceuticals and reduce dependence on foreign sources. The Michigan Hospital Association endorses the legislation.

The *American Made Pharmaceuticals Act* would incentivize domestic production of critical medicines and help prevent drug shortages by securing the pharmaceutical supply chain.

Republican Rep. Don Bacon (NE-02) is an original co-sponsor of the legislation. Its Senate companion is led by Sens. Tina Smith (D-MN) and Tom Cotton (R-AR).

“Michiganders have seen the consequences of an outsourced pharmaceutical supply chain firsthand during drug shortages that have left patients without vital treatments,” said Slotkin. “If COVID taught us anything, it’s that we can’t allow our country to be dependent on others for absolutely critical supplies like life-saving prescription drugs. That’s why I launched the bipartisan Domestic Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Caucus in 2022 and why I’m introducing the American Made Pharmaceuticals Act today. This legislation would ensure more drugs are made in America, so we can reduce our dependence on other countries, bring jobs back to places like Michigan, and help protect patients from drug shortages.”

“Ensuring that America can produce cost-effective life-saving medicines is a national security issue because relying on other countries leaves us vulnerable to global supply chain blocks and shortages,” said Bacon. “This legislation will boost production right here at home and reduce the opportunity for foreign nationals like the Chinese Communist Party from cutting off access to these medicines, just like they did during the pandemic. I’m thankful to be a part of this legislation.”

Specifically, the *American Made Pharmaceuticals Act* would:

- Establish a demonstration program at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to test providing preferential treatment for U.S. manufactured generics, biosimilars, and critical medicines under the Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP programs in at least 8 states for at least 7 years.
- Require the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to consider mechanisms to give U.S. manufactured drugs and biosimilars preference, including preferential treatment on a formulary, lower cost-sharing, rebate waivers under the Medicaid program, utilization of the Medicare Star Rating system, or bonus payments to providers of services and suppliers.
- Require eligible pharmaceutical companies to provide transparency on manufacturing locations, maintain appropriate inventory and emergency reserves, and have an action plan for when links in the supply chain break down.
- Direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to submit an annual report to Congress on activities under the program as well as recommendations for any legislative and administrative actions deemed appropriate.

Slotkin has long been an advocate for securing supply chains for critical products including pharmaceuticals.

She is a co-founder and co-chair of the bipartisan Domestic Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Caucus, which advocates for legislation to incentivize domestic production of essential medicines, reduce American reliance on foreign adversaries for pharmaceuticals, and head off potential supply chain disruptions.

In 2022, Slotkin’s *Strengthening America’s Strategic National Stockpile Act* was signed into law. The legislation improved the U.S. stockpile of critical medical supplies and expand domestic manufacturing of those supplies and last summer, she introduced the *Ensuring Access to Lifesaving Drugs Act*, which would expand the supply of critical drugs during shortages.

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