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## Fowlerville man returns to maple syrup business, continuing family tradition

By Steve Horton

The Cedar River Sugar Bush, as the business is called, consists of a large stand of maple trees in the back of the Anderson farm and is located in the western part of Handy Township. The undergrowth has been cleared by cattle who have grazed here over the years.

The trees, with trunks of different diameters, have taps in them during the late winter, with pails hanging from the projectiles—the sap from the trees dripping into them. The pails are emptied periodically into a tank that is pulled around the woods by a tractor.

There's a wooden shed-like building in the midst of the wood lot and on this late March afternoon white smoke curls out of a chimney—the steam coming off from the sap that's being boiled inside. There's a stack of split wood next to the building which keeps the fire going under the large evaporator. The goal is to boil the liquid until it reaches a certain sugar level, as tested by a hydrometer, indicating that it has been transformed into syrup. The ratio is around 40 gallons of sap to one gallon of the 'sweet stuff.'

A small gas stove in an adjacent room is used to fine-tune the nearly-finished product. Afterwards, the syrup is filtered and then poured into the jar-shaped containers which range in size from half-pints to gallons. As the containers are being filled, they're also being boiled to seal the caps and kill off any bacteria. This is the same process that's used in home canning to ensure safety.

If all this is not picturesque enough, a branch of the Cedar River can be seen in the distance, winding along the western edge of the farm.

On this day—and during the past few weeks—Martin Musolf has been overseeing the late-winter operation. It's a 'coming home' of sorts for him in that he was part of the original trio that first started (or actually resumed) producing maple syrup on the farm.



Martin Musolf, who helped start Cedar River Sugar Bush when he was in grade school, and was involved in the business until the mid-1990s, has returned to producing maple syrup on the family farm, continuing a long tradition.

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**Wishing the community a safe and blessed Easter!**

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## Fowlerville Board of Education, new superintendent sign contract

By Steve Horton

A special meeting held last Tuesday, April 4, saw the Fowlerville Board of Education approve the contract with its new superintendent Matthew Stuard. The vote was 6-0. Afterwards, both Stuard and representatives of the board signed the three-year agreement which has a starting salary of \$149,000.

Amy Sova, who now heads the board, said that Stuard will begin his official duties on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

“This will give him a chance to become acclimated with the rest of the administration and our various school building staff before we go into the summer break,” Sova said, adding that “We’re thrilled to have him on board and to move forward.”

Stuard has been the executive director of curriculum and instruction at Mason Public Schools since 2014. Prior to that he was the district administrator for academic support and was an English, social studies, and elective teacher at Mason High School from 2007-13. He has a master of arts degree in educational leadership from Eastern Michigan University.

The new superintendent replaces Wayne Roedel who resigned this past fall to become the superintendent of the Greenville Public Schools. David Pruneau, a former superintendent with Brighton Schools, has been serving as the interim superintendent since Roedel’s departure.

Stuard made a brief statement after the ratification vote was taken, thanking the board for its support and acknowledging community members who were in attendance.

“I’m excited to work with all of you and keep the tradition of academic excellence moving forward in the Fowlerville Community Schools,” he said. “It’s an incredible opportunity. My family is very excited for me to be here and are very supportive of this endeavor. Again, it’s a wonderful opportunity and Go Glads.”

Prior to the vote being taken, board trustee John Belcher thanked everyone for “a very intentional and deliberative



Matthew Stuard signed the contract last Tuesday, April 4, making him the new superintendent at Fowlerville Community Schools. Looking on were members of the board of education, from left, Diana Dombrowski, Robert Hinton, Danielle DeVries, John Belcher, Amy Sova, and Susan Charron. They had voted 6-0 to approve the contract at a special meeting held that evening

process” during the superintendent search.

“I look forward to working with Mr. Stuard,” he added.

Board trustee Robert Hinton thanked the personnel committee that headed the search process and whose work culminated with that evening’s contract ratification.

The selection process began earlier this year when 20 applications were received. After reading those submissions,

the board selected four of the applicants to be interviewed. After that, members voted on two finalists, conducted another round of interviews and made site visits. The board also sought stakeholder feedback from the staff and general public. Assisting in this selection process was Tim Stein, Regional President for the Michigan Leadership Institute.

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# Smith Elementary

## School News

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

School Hours: 8:50 am – 3:32 pm

### IMPORTANT DATES:

April 11 – Spring Pictures (Student Must Bring Pre-Printed Order Form Back to School to Have Their Picture Taken on Picture Day!)

April 17-21 – PTC Penny Wars

April 19 – PTC Meeting 4:00pm

April 19, 20, 21 – Kindergarten Round Up (see details below)

April 21– DDS at school

April 28- PTC Popcorn Day

May 29 – NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day Recess

June 5 – ½ Day of School (Dismissal at 12:02 pm)

June 6 – ½ Day of School (Dismissal at 12:02 pm)

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**Student Spring Picture Day!** - Order forms were already sent home with students. Student must bring the completed, pre-printed order form back to school to have their picture taken on picture day!

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### KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP - WELCOME CLASS OF 2036!-

Dates & Times are as follows:

Wednesday April 19 from 1:30-4:00 and 5:00-7:00pm

Thursday April 20 from 1:30-4:00 and 5:00-7:00pm

Friday April 21 from 1:30-4:00pm

Prior to those dates, please view the FCS Kindergarten Registration slides on the district main webpage and complete the preregistration online (don't forget to click submit when finished). During Round Up, plan to bring your future Kindergarten student as well as an original birth certificate, current immunization record, driver's license, 2 proofs of residency, and a copy of vision screening after age 3. For more information, please contact Laura at 517-223-6430.

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**Medication** –If your child requires any prescription or non-prescription medication during the school year, a parent or guardian must bring the medication in to the Smith Office to drop it off and complete the necessary paperwork. **School Board Policy states that children are not allowed to transport medication.**

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**“Fowlerville GLAD” Facebook Page** - Social-emotional health and wellness professionals from the Fowlerville Community Schools have created a Facebook page to connect with Fowlerville families by sharing information and resources. The page is called Fowlerville GLAD, which represents periodic messages that will be shared focusing on Gratitude, Learning, Accomplishment, and Delight. The site will also have links to services and community resources that can assist families with locating parent coaching, mental health support, food, clothing, housing support, and inspiration or encouragement.

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**FYI-** Each school building in the Fowlerville Community School District has a Child Study Team / Response to Intervention process in place, which is a vehicle for staff members to review student performance, concerns, and



Cindy Peach has retired from the Fowlerville District Library.

### Longtime Fowlerville Library staff member has retired

Cindy Peach has retired from the Fowlerville District Library after 33 years of service. As a staff member, Cindy worked under five directors during that timeframe and in every facet of circulation duty. She also managed the book sale, was known as the “crafting queen,” ran audits, oversaw the summer reading programs, and has been instrumental in the return of items.

“When Cindy began here, it was before the library had computers and when books were checked out by writing your name on a card,” noted Mary Hudson, the acting library director.

She has lived in Fowlerville for 47 years with her husband, having raised their daughters here.

“Cindy will be greatly missed at the library, and we wish her all the best,” said Hudson.

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## What's Love Got to Do with It

By Jace Arledge

Today is Easter Day. For many who identify as CHRISTIAN, this is a day of HOPE, JOY, LOVE and FAITH, the celebration of the rising of “the Savior.” For non-Christians, this day could mean SPRING, HOPE, RENEWAL, CANDY and THE EASTER BUNNY.

Out of all those words mentioned above, I believe the word LOVE to be the most important. No matter where you travel, one would be hard pressed to find among the world's great religions, philosophies or spiritualities guidance on how to live your best life that did NOT involve LOVE. LOVE is most definitely an important feature of not only what being

human means, but what having a full life looks like. I mean an abundant, flourishing, vigorous life.

Many don't quite understand what LOVE is. Back in the 80's Lou Gramm (lead singer of Foreigner) asked that very question “I want to know what LOVE is” as there are many debates, but we won't discuss that here. We just need to realize that LOVE MATTERS.

Many of us take love for granted and I am sure that some of you reading this are asking, “What's your point?” Let me give you a scenario:

You have an old high school friend that you had friended on Facebook 10 years ago and now they post things that really upset you or just raises your hackles. Where is your love for them? I know most people will say “Oh, I just scroll on by!” and you should, but what about when they come on and paste links and comments that directly challenge your beliefs and position on things. I mean, we should be able to handle people disagreeing with us (even though it's not that easy). Where is your LOVE?

What if it is a family member—a mom, dad, uncle, aunt? Where is LOVE when it comes to them? Where does it fit in when their convictions and values are in complete opposite of or perhaps they even violate yours?

The person who, no matter what you do, they seem disgruntled and disgusted that you are around, those who never look you in the eye and huff at you when you greet them. How do we show them LOVE? What about someone you work with every day, or live with, people we just can't get away from or avoid, how do we show up with LOVE for people we are STUCK with?

What about people of different races, colors, categories or demographics with whom we have huge differences and beliefs, where does LOVE show up with them?

“This is hard.” “I feel hurt.” “I don't feel validated.” “I have boundaries.”... These words are heard all the time.

Jesus taught many things to his followers and one of the FIRST was about that banality of loving those who ALREADY love you, and being kind and good to those who return those gestures. And that was commonplace with Jesus as decency is an easy thing. Yet Jesus didn't elaborate on the easy stuff, he figures that wasn't where people would need help. It's LOVING those who DO NOT love you, or treat you kindly. This is where the hard part lies. I mean come on, Jesus did say “Forgive them Father for they know not what they do.” (Lk 23:34) or “If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.” (Mt 5:39) “How can you say to your brother ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye, when there is a PLANK in your OWN eye?’” (Mt 7:3-5)

These are all examples of being kind and loving

others. Not judging, ridiculing, or controlling others.

I have said these very words in other articles in the past and I stand firm in saying them again.

LOVE IS THE ANSWER!! No other way around it. Love doesn't cost any money, it can be as simple as a smile, a handshake, a hello or a strong hand to lift someone up. Yes, it's that easy, that's why LOVE is mentioned 714 times in the BIBLE.

Though I know that many who read this paper are not all Christians, it matters not. Because even Jesus knew his audience, he knew they weren't ALL believers. He knew some were pretty bad people, some were Pagan, but still he treated them with kindness, compassion and most importantly, here's that word again... LOVE!! That's what changed minds and hearts then and what changes them today.

All of us must remember that our behaviors, words, and actions are always on display. Those who we look to as friends may be waiting just outside the door for us to take a misstep so that they can showcase our hypocrisy. Some are even hoping that the dissidence going on in the country and the division we are all experiencing would be good enough to question those “Love thy neighbor as yourself” words.

On this day, a day celebrated with hope and faith of everlasting LOVE/LIFE, I encourage you to look inward. Are you creating division or do your friends, family and co-workers feel valued? Do you embrace or shun differences? Do you hold people accountable for racist or homophobic slurs? When you encounter people from different lifestyles, beliefs, cultures do they feel seen and heard?

If you have responded to any of these with a NO, then please I urge you to get to know and understand that UNCONDITIONAL LOVE that was given to EVERYONE over 2000 years ago by a man who was hated, beaten and killed for being KIND and LOVING to the least of these.

You may never know who you will meet and that one of these encounters could bring unspeakable joy and kindness to your life. There is enough hatred, bigotry, racism, and enough sexist, chauvinist, and homophobic people to last many years. Be the difference and align your actions and words in the vein of LOVE.

Remember, Jesus doesn't DRAW lines. He ERASES them.

HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL and don't eat too much candy!!

Stay kind and LOVE unconditionally!

Til next Time...

### St. Agnes Catholic Church hosting Grief Support series April 20-May 25

St. Agnes Catholic Church will be hosting another Grief Support series for six weeks from April 20-May 25. The sessions will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m.

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### Girls Tennis

**Maggie Motz** - Sr 1 singles - Maggie is in her 4th year on the varsity Tennis team. She played 1 singles last year and will play there this year as well. She enters the season just 5 wins short of making the top 10 in career singles wins for Fowlerville. She has twice been voted as team captain by her peers!! Congratulations Maggie!!

**Leyna Baumgartner** - Sr 2 singles - Leyna is in her 2nd year on the varsity Tennis team. She played 2 singles last year and will play there this year as well. She had the 2nd most singles wins last year on the team. She has worked very hard on her game and has improved so much over these last couple of years!! Keep it up Leyna!

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

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# Fowlerville High School News

## OFFICE HOURS

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**New 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.

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**Attention Juniors and Seniors:** Prom will be held on Friday, May 12th. Tickets cost \$65 each and will be on sale during lunches April 10th through April 28th. In order to purchase a ticket for a Non-FHS guest, a Fowlerville High School Dance Guest Application must be completed and turned in at time of purchase.

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**Fowlerville Junior Chess Club** – Join us to learn, practice and sharpen your chess game. Every week beginning April 8th, 1:00pm to 3:30pm at the Fowlerville District Library. All ages k-12 and all skill levels are welcome.

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## Fowlerville High School Spring Testing Schedule 2023!

As we welcome spring to Michigan it is also time to look at our high school testing schedule. State law requires students to participate in The Michigan Merit Exam (MME) summative assessments. Summative assessments measure what students are expected to know and be able to do at specific grade levels and in specific content areas. It provides 9-10 grade students the chance to practice their skills for their 11th grade SAT and gives all students the chance to take these assessments free of charge and in a familiar location.

-Testing check-in for grades 9-11: 7:15-7:30 am. (Room rosters/testing locations are posted throughout the high school)

-Testing will begin promptly at 7:30

-Students receiving accommodations will be notified individually of their schedules

### Testing Wednesday, April 12, 2023:

-9th- PSAT- D Hall 2nd Floor (7:30-11:30-C Lunch- 5-6 hours as normal).

-10th- PSAT- B Hall 1st Floor (7:30-12:00-D Lunch-shortened 5th hour. 6th hour as normal).

-11th- SAT-Competition Gym (7:30-1:30- NO LUNCH-Light snack during mid-morning break. 11th grade students are dismissed from school after testing).

-12th- No school

### Testing Thursday, April 13, 2023:

-9th- Normal school day.

-10th- Normal school day.

-11th- ACT WorkKeys- Competition Gym (7:30-11:30-“C” Lunch-5-6 hours as normal)

-12th- Normal school day.

### Friday, April 14, 2023:

-9th- Normal school day.

-10th- Normal school day.

-11th- M-Step- Competition Gym (7:30-9:30-Extra time for those that need it. Return to normal school day).

-12th- Normal school day.

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## Hello Friends, Families and Business Owners.

We are looking for donations of all different types for the Senior Class of 2023 Lock –in (All Night Senior Party) the night on June 4th, 2023, after FHS Commencement. The party will be held at Fowlerville High School. We will gladly accept donations for food, bottled water, pop or juice individually packaged in plastic bottles, individually wrapped snacks, subs or pizza can be ordered and prepaid for delivery or sponsored by you or a business. Many items are needed.

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If you should have any questions, please reach out to Tammy Steffee(Class of 2023 Sponsor) [steffee@fowlervilleschools.org](mailto:steffee@fowlervilleschools.org) or 514-223-6134

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

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## Fowlerville Fire Department Report

### March 30

10:02 a.m. Medical response on W Coon Lake Rd in Iosco Township.

1:20 p.m. Medical response on W Coon Lake Rd in Iosco Township.

1:36 p.m. Smoke alarm investigation on Fowlerville Rd in Conway Township.

3:30 p.m. Citizen assist on W I-96 in Handy Township.

5:37 p.m. Medical response on Ashlyn Ct in Iosco Township.

10:41 p.m. Medical response on Grandshire Blvd in the Village.

11:14 p.m. Medical response on W Coon Lake Rd in Iosco Township.

### March 31

11:24 p.m. Medical response on S Grand Ave in the Village.

### April 1

5:12 a.m. Medical response on Grandshire Blvd in the Village.

7:20 a.m. Medical response on N Cedar Rd in Handy Township.

9:29 a.m. Carbon monoxide investigation on Sober Rd in Conway Township.

### April 2

5:54 a.m. Medical response on Wallace Rd in Handy Township.

4:41 p.m. Medical response on Garden Ln in the Village.

6:53 p.m. Medical response on Knoll Ct in Conway Township.

7:29 p.m. Personal injury accident on Lange Rd in Iosco Township.

### April 3

1:05 a.m. Medical response on N Ann in the Village.

3:44 p.m. Smoke alarm investigation on Bradley Rd in Iosco Township.

### April 4

4:44 a.m. Medical response on Marjorie Dr in Iosco Township.

8:04 a.m. Medical response on Sycamore St in the Village.

### April 5

8:55 a.m. Medical response on Fowlerville Rd in Conway Township.

10:28 a.m. Lightning strike on gas line on Cedar River Dr in the Village.

10:57 a.m. Medical response on Au Gres River Dr in Handy Township.

6:29 p.m. Medical response on Devonshire Rd in the Village.

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## Conway Township Cemetery Clean-up

After April 15, the township lawncare company will be doing spring cleanup in all the township owned cemeteries.

Any items left on or around the graves will be disposed of. If there are items that family members want to preserve, please remove them prior to that date.

Elizabeth Whitt  
 Conway Township Clerk  
 (4-2 & 4-9-23 FNV)

## LIVINGSTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT TREE SALE



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(4-9-23 FNV)

## Village of Fowlerville 213 South Grand Avenue Fowlerville, MI 48836 517-223-3771 Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes \*Synopsis March 20, 2023

\*A Synopsis is a brief summary of the motions that were made at the meeting.

The complete set of minutes can be viewed on the website at [www.fowlerville.org](http://www.fowlerville.org)

The Regular Village Council Meeting was called to order by President Hill at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

Trustees Present: Curtis, Heath, Mayhew, and Hill.

Absent: Helfmann and Mills

Others Present: Kathryn Rajala-Gutzki, Manager/Clerk, John Tyler, Chief of Police and David Stoker, Village Attorney.

Employees: Cathy Elliott, Michelle Lamb, Kristina Nightingale and John McCurdy.

MOTION CURTIS, SECOND HEATH, TO PLACE TRUSTEE HEATH'S NAME ON ITEM 9.d., AND APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS AMENDED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION CURTIS, SECOND MAYHEW, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, CONSISTING OF ITEMS 6.a. THROUGH 6.g., AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION CURTIS, SECOND MAYHEW, TO APPROVE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE POLICY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: CURTIS, MAYHEW, HEATH AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: HELFMANN AND MILLS. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION HEATH, SECOND MAYHEW, TO RE-CONSIDER THE MOTION FROM THE LAST MEETING REGARDING THE SIDEWALKS TO BE PLACED ON THE WEST SIDE OF PINWOOD. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION HEATH, SECOND MAYHEW, TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION OF THE SIDEWALKS UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING, VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION CURTIS, SECOND MAYHEW, TO APPOINT JAMIE HERNDEN TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL TO SERVE THE LATE TRUSTEE BELLS TERM UNTIL NOVEMBER 2024. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: CURTIS, MAYHEW, HEATH, AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: HELFMANN AND MILLS. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MAYHEW, SECOND CURTIS TO APPOINT TRUSTEE HEATH TO THE FOWL-ERVILLE AREA FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION CURTIS, SECOND MAYHEW, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:21 P.M., VOICE VOTE, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathryn Rajala-Gutzki, CMMC, MiPMC  
Village Clerk/Manager

(4-9-23 FNV)



## 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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### Post-it Poetry

April is Poetry Month! Take a moment during open hours to write a poem on a post-it and add it to our board! Apr. 1-30  
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### STORYTIMES

#### Toddler Storytime (Ages 1-3)

Get ready to move and groove to some cool tunes and stories while developing early literacy skills!

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, Jan. 3 - April 26 • 10am  
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#### Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5)

Have fun singing songs, reading stories, dancing, and playing!

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, Jan. 3 - April 26 • 11am  
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### KIDS & FAMILY

#### Homeschooling Cooperative (drop-in)

Engage with other homeschooling families for fun educational and social opportunities.

Every Monday, starting Jan 9 • 12:00pm – 1:30pm  
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#### STEAM Unplugged (Ages 7-11)

Drop in and take part in fun STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) exercises, contraptions, challenges, and more!

Tuesday, Apr. 11 • 4-5pm  
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### TEENS

#### Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 12-18)

Come play D&D 5th Edition! No prior experience needed.

Wednesdays, Jan. 4 – Apr. 26 • 2:30-5pm

#### Teen Craft Wednesday

Every Wednesday, Mary will lead you through making fun crafts, such as jewelry. All are welcome.

Program room, West (right) door.

Wednesdays • 2:30-5pm

#### Free Gaming (Age 10-18)

Play Trading Card Games like Magic or Yu-Gi-Oh, crack open a board game, or fire up the Switch.

Fridays, Jan. 6 - Apr. 28 • 2:30-5pm  
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#### Twitch Streaming (Online)

Join Connor and Tally and get sneak peeks at our new games!

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#### Pokemon Go (Age 10+)

Meet up with fellow PoGo players! Win raids, do events, and register friends!

Tuesdays, Jan. 3 – Apr. 25 • 2:30-5pm  
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### ADULTS

#### Yoga with Ellen Zezula

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Mondays, starting Feb. 6 • 10am and 6pm  
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#### Guided Meditation with Ellen Zezula

Join Ellen Zezula from Simply Authentic for a 30-minute guided morning meditation and imagery class.

Thursday Apr. 13 • 10am  
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### CRAFTING CORNER:

#### Sewing Craft Projects With

#### Patty (registration required)

Join Patty Fitzgerald for fun sewing and quilt projects.

From beginning to advanced – all levels of skill are welcome.

Friday, Apr. 14 • 11:30-2pm



## Caleb Jenkins Column



### How to Carry On to Greater Things

In my last column, we examined feedback as an important element of a better life. This week, I would like to expand that thought by considering how feedback fits into a larger cycle of personal growth and wellbeing. If we want to live with a sense of purpose, then we should understand how each of the following steps contributes to a life worth living.

First, we must identify priorities. What matters most in this moment or period of life? This is a crucial question, and it is one we must answer honestly. If we say that everything is a priority, then in reality, nothing is a priority. That saying may feel like a cliché to some, but I have seen it proven true time and time again. We must be honest with ourselves and forthright with others about limitations and what is most important.

Establishing a list of priorities can be very challenging when there are so many important things to address. It seems right to say that all of them must be a priority, but that is not feasible. If we have unrealistic expectations for ourselves and others, then we will be stuck at achieving mediocre results at best; become increasingly frustrated with obstacles, often of our own making; and probably burn out along the way. That is why we must be honest about priorities. Doing so does not mean other objectives are not important. It simply means we must put them on hold or give them less time and attention in the near term. What objectives require the most time and effort right now, and which can wait or be handled by someone else?

Second, once we have a clear understanding of the priorities, we must seek challenge. This is different than passively accepting challenges that come our way. That is certainly admirable in its own right, but the next level is actively seeking beneficial challenges that advance the priorities. This requires us to connect the dots between identifying what is most important right now, determining the means to accomplish those goals, and then embracing the challenge inherent in those means. We must ask what is required of us, and then be willing to go after it.

Third, we must give our best effort. I think this is where the cycle loses many people. Earth is filled with good idea fairies who come up with tons of interesting or seemingly beneficial solutions but have no desire to put in the work. I have found that most problems do not require more philosophical solutions. There are plenty of great ideas and innovations out there applicable to the problem at hand. What is actually required is a willingness to put in the hard work necessary to see the solution through to completion. Innovation is necessary, but we need action and determination that do not grow weary in well-doing until the issue is fully resolved.

Fourth, we must seek and apply feedback. I wrote on this last week, so I will not further belabor the topic here. I will simply reiterate the importance of both seeking and applying feedback. On the first point, actively seeking feedback from wise sources helps us accept and digest the recommendations. On the second point, this insight is useless if we simply check the box of requesting feedback but never reflect and apply it.

Fifth, a positive attitude is key! One cynical person can often sink an entire team. Such a person finds the negativity in every opportunity or an excuse for every shortcoming. Sure, life rarely presents a rose without thorns, but success comes to those who overcome. Do not be the one to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. When we live with purpose and understand the priorities, we can accept the challenges before us and carry on.

### Livingston Centre Historic Village committee plans to hold Gramma's Attic Sale May 18-20

The Livingston Centre Historic Village will again hold its three-day annual fundraiser, the Gramma's Attic Sale, on May 18-20. Additional details will be included in future editions of your *Fowlerville News & Views*.

As you continue spring cleaning, please set aside items no longer needed for the benefit of our local Historic Village. Your donation of good condition, usable items is appreciated. Please remember no large furniture, computers and monitors, nor VHS tapes will be accepted.

For more information about drop-off, please call the committee chair, Matt D., at 517-294-6710.

## Kreeger Elementary School HONOR ROLL Second Trimester

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Keegan Hughes, Aliana Hunt, Sophia Idoni-Stallcup, Ryleigh Inman, Kaci Isaacson, Jack Ives, Jayelyn Ives\*, Nevaeh Jackson-Wehner\*, Jack Kalis, Pierce Kreeger\*, Makayla Kwolek, Morgan Larson\*, Bryce LaVigne, Charley Lenk, Mariah Lockwood, Kole Lovejoy, Evan Lower\*, Aubrey Lundquist, Allisen Martin-Panoff, Maci Mathews, Carly McColl, Teagan Merritt\*, Jayce Milke\*, Charlie Ray Mohs, Elijah Montalvo, Kyleah Moore\*, Ashley Morrow, Jonathon Osborne\*, Jaxon Padyjasek, Emmett Piertila\*, Jack Pietila, Axl Reed, Lyla Rippey, Ella Roberts\*, Myles Roy, Olivia Salgado\*, Renee Seiter, Sophie Shafer, Riley Shaw, Marie Showerman\*, Brantley Sibb\*, Desiree Simons, Tommy Smith, Grant Sorensen\*, Emma Specht\*, Chasity Spiker, Blake Steele, Ivan Swartz, Austin Szymczak\*, Zachary Taylor, Blake Tefft, Auron Tolliver, Jack Wakeman\*, Kenzie Walker\*, Ainsley Watson\*, Alexa Wawiernia, Kaylee West, Grant Willard, Landon Witkowski, Annabella Young, Jacquelyn Zimmerman, Reagan Zub, and Penelope Zube.

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### Fifth Grade

Charlotte Alderd, Gabrielle Ancil, Carter Anderson, Luke Andrews\*, Hudson Antcliff\*, Kenton Archibald, Broderick Atkinson\*, Alyiah Barnes\*, Jackson Barrow, Riley Barrow, Steven Bishar\*, JJ Bourbeau, Ashton Brideau, Aiden Brough, Mara Browne, Ryan Campos\*, Vincent Carle, Kaylee Clapper, Suzanna Clark\*, Riley Connolly, John Cox\*, Annabelle Cyman, Vera Daavettila, Asher DeLeeuw\*, Brynlee Dobbins, Doane Donovan\*, Avery Downing\*, Hunter Elliott\*, William English, Aubrey Erwin, Paisley Esch\*, Audriana Fetterley, Damen Fisher, Cash Freeman, Laylah Gafford\*, Hailey Geer, Blake Gomez, Madilynn Goodwin\*, Karis Goulding, Annabelle Groff, Atlas Hall, Onalee Hall, Pyrcce Hartke, Beau Hatfield, Grant Helminen\*, Ella Herbert, Tyler Hetrick, Mackenzie Hollister, Holly Hollnagle, Elia Homrock\*, Kailey Izydorek, Owen Johnson, Presley Kalis\*, Gavin Kantola\*, Branson Kilpela, Kalani Kin, Tyson Kleinschmidt\*, Ruby Krebs, Callee LaFave, Isabella LaPorte\*, Dylan Matheson\*, Layla May.

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Rosplochowski\*, Blake Scharf\*, Mary Sheffer\*, Cole Showerman, Aiden Soluk, Ava Stephens\*, Lilly Sweet, Braeden Swinney, Nick Tompkins\*, Clarissa Turchi, Adele Ward, Kenleigh Waters, Anthony Webb, Nevaeh Welsh\*, Brodie Wiseman, Gracen Woodford\*, and Cash Wyman.

## Letter to Editor

So now we have an indictment of a political opponent. No response from the White House clearly means Joe Biden agrees with the unprecedented attack on a former and possible future president of the United States. Alvin Bragg, elected with the help of millions of dollars from an elite millionaire, brags about his 100 prosecutions of Donald Trump. Apparently he won none of the cases. Wonder why. Now, at a time when New York City is overridden by crime and murders, his priority is to indict Trump. The real criminals go through a revolving door and are back on the streets in no time. No problem here, right?

A slew of prosecutors have rejected this bogus case, but Bragg's hatred of Trump compromises his sense of reason and justice. This is nothing but political. The rule of law is being thwarted and the constitution is sadly thrown to the gutter. "Show me the man; I'll find the crime" is the mantra of communist and fascist dictators. It also seems to be the mode of operation for Alvin Bragg.

Donald Trump has committed no crime, which is probably why they won't reveal the actual charges. They are sealed. His real crime is standing for the American people. Two impeachments found nothing; this smacks of impeachment #3. They raided his home and found nothing illegal.

The radical left-wing Democrats are deathly afraid that Trump will win the next election. Could that be because they know he actually won the last one? They are worried that he will set America's course back toward national sovereignty, that he will reject global tyranny and make America self-sufficient again in energy. (By the way, guess what the World Health Organization is voting on right now. With the encouragement of Joe Biden, they are passing amendments that would cede the sovereignty of all nations to them anytime they see, or imagine, a potential health crisis. Would you like to be told by the WHO when and where you can travel, what vaccines are mandated and what drugs you will be allowed to buy?)

The elites do not want Americans to have a choice on election day, 2024. Therefore they go after their opponents by using the FBI, the Justice Dept., and other federal agencies as weapons against the enemies of the regime, just like in "banana" republics.

The man presently in the White House and his family are the real criminals, having taken millions of dollars from Ukraine, Russia, and China, our enemies, while Biden was vice president. Where is the investigation of them? Where is the indictment of Hillary Clinton for having sensitive, classified emails on a private computer in her basement? Funny how that works, isn't it? If they can come after Donald Trump without evidence, they can come after any of us. It's a sad day for America.

Sandra Helzerman  
Fowlerville

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## Fowlerville Varsity Girls Soccer Team loses to Eaton Rapids 3-1

The Fowlerville Varsity Girls Soccer Team came away with a 3-1 loss at Eaton Rapids last Tuesday. The defense was led by Natalie Loomis, Alyssa Hubble, Avery Challis, Arianna Crossman, Teela Theibert, Molly Dreher, and Kyla Durbin. Cailyn Cockerill got the goal.

## Letter to the Editor

Reading The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment:

*How The Supreme Court Got It Wrong*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment (1791)

1) *A well-regulated Militia, 2) being necessary to the security of a free State, 3) the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, 4) shall not be infringed.*

The debate continues over what is either one of the poorest, or most plainly written sentences in the framework of American governance; the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the Constitution. This single sentence, composed of 4 clauses, the first 3 having subject nouns, the first two of which seem conditions to the third, invites the mistaken presumption that it is the predominant clause; with the fourth being the predicate. For all of its apparent clarity, its wide misinterpretation, even by jurists of highest esteem, to be a protection of the individual citizen's right to bear arms, makes it one of the poorest sentences ever written. In reality, the intention was a condition for the protection of the security of the states, by the state militias.

Virtually every book on constitutional law explains that the Constitution is about the primary structures of political power, those being the three branches of the federal government and the states. While the Constitution describes certain rights and liberties, their consideration must be within the context of those primary power structures. The questions at issue are, which is the predominant clause of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, whether there is a conveyance of a fundamental right of personal ownership of firearms upon an individual citizen, and which power structures may not infringe upon that right.

The Constitution is a charter for federal governance, with no intention that the Bill of Rights applied to the states, confirmed in an early Supreme Court case, *Baron v. Baltimore* (1833). We will show by explication that clause 2, *the security of a free state*, is the intended protection of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, because it refers to one of the primary power structures, the state, within which the right to keep and bear arms exists.

Upon examination of the first three clauses, we note that the subject nouns, militia, state, and people, refer to collective bodies of persons, not individuals. If the intent were to refer to the individual, use of the word "person" would convey this intent, as it does in the 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment, in which the subject nouns clearly refer to the individual.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment (1791)

*No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime..., nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy..., nor... be compelled to be a witness against himself.*

In 1876, the first case before the Supreme Court to address the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, the holding of Chief Justice Morrison R. Waite re-affirms the *Baron v. Baltimore* ruling.

### United States v. Cruikshank (1876)

*"The First Amendment right to assembly and the Second Amendment apply only to the federal government, not the states. The right to bear arms is not granted by the Constitution; neither is it in any manner dependent upon that instrument for its existence. The Second Amendment means no more than that it shall not be infringed by Congress, and has no other effect than to restrict the powers of the National Government."*

Meaning, whatever rights to bear arms that a state legislature may approve, the federal government shall not infringe. The word "infringe" means to break, breach, contravene, deny, encroach, flout, transgress, violate, or void; the words modify or regulate are not synonyms of the word infringe. The federal powers, including the courts, may not infringe upon the powers of the states, but may have purview of their own. If the intention of the framers was to convey a fundamental right of an individual to bear arms, a much simpler sentence would have sufficed:

*"The right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed."*

Obviously, this does not convey the well-regulated security of a free state, and therefore, could not have been the primary intention of the framers.

Slavery prohibited Blacks from owning or possessing guns. Yet, even after the Civil War, when Blacks became citizens, southern states still denied them the right to bear arms, frequently sending out patrols to confiscate their guns. Citizenship, then, was a necessary condition to have constitutional rights, as stated in the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, section 1: and under Article IV, Section 2, but not sufficient to the enjoyment of all rights at the state level, as firearm ownership and possession clearly must be, for the above conditions to be true. Blacks were citizens, but could not own guns. Therefore, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment protects the security of the states from federal infringement, and the right of the people to keep and bear arms, if it be a means to that end, but not if it becomes a threat to that end. It is the right of the state legislatures, by

election of the people, to decide who shall, or shall not, bear arms, not the federal courts.

Furthermore, clause 1 and 2, indicate that, a "well-regulated" militia, is necessary for the "security" of a free state. When the proliferation of arms, in the possession of individuals, becomes a threat to the security of the state, it is reasonable to suggest that the regulation of those arms is not sufficient. The state would then also have the power to disband private militias. It is the security of the state that is the primary issue. As unregulated arms possession grows as a stochastic threat throughout the states, it becomes a threat to the security of the union itself, which does warrant federal intervention. When the right of the people to keep and bear arms threatens any of the primary structures of constitutional powers, we find the limits of 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment protection, which itself exists within, and not independent of those powers; the pot is not the master of the potter.

Historically, there are some obvious reasons why it would not have made sense to think of individual ownership of firearms as a fundamental right. In colonial times, the single shot, muzzle-loaded musket was not a weapon for personal defense; suffering from the old problem of bringing a musket to a sword fight; the musket being of little use against a sword in a close hand-to-hand struggle, as in a home invasion or personal assault. Rather, use of the musket was in concert with other militiamen who would step forward in file and fire their single round, and then recede to the rear ranks to reload, while the next file of militiamen steps up to fire. Few individuals actually owned their own musket, and those who did would have found it difficult and expensive to procure powder and shot outside of the regiment of the state militia. Most people were farmers, had little money, grew their own food, and raised farm animals for meat. Hunting was primarily trapping of small animals, with little need of a musket for this purpose.

In the 2008 Supreme Court ruling *Heller v. D.C.*, Justice Scalia observed that the "well-regulated militia" clause is no longer relevant, but in dismissing the relevance of the clause, also went the notions of "well-regulated" and, security of the state, which the proliferation of guns clearly threatens with the rash of school shootings and mass shootings in other public places.

Our current Supreme Court has applied errant rationale to favor an extremist political agenda that seeks to endow the gun industry with almost limitless profits in order to finance the campaigns of politicians who will keep their gravy train rolling. Since 2008, the court has reinterpreted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, not as a restriction of federal powers, but rather to include limits on the authority of state legislatures to regulate guns which is absolutely antithetical to all of the principles of federalism inherent in the drafting of the Constitution. The Supreme Court has become an extreme and disparate judicial faction, overturning all previous 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rulings which protected state's rights to regulate guns in service of an extremist political party and a wanton gun industry which is entirely unaccountable for their products of death for profit.


Who among us could read the words of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and come to the conclusion that the intention was to allow for the mutilation of classrooms full of children beyond recognition; their heads decapitated, arms and legs shot off, and torsos blown apart as though exploded from the inside out. Is that what the framers of our Constitution intended in the name of freedom and liberty and the security of a free state? Doubtful. Are there no primary political power structures to protect our children from the insane, nihilistic notion that any individual may possess an inherent right to be a potential purveyor of instant death by ballistic trauma. Unregulated gun ownership is becoming a serious threat to the security of our states, our children's future, and our nation's viability.

Paul Richardson  
Brighton

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By Elissa Slotkin,  
7<sup>th</sup> District, U.S. House  
of Representatives

## Reintroduces Bill to Expand Long-term Care for Veterans

U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin (MI-08) has reintroduced the Expanding Veterans’ Options for Long Term Care Act, which would help senior veterans live more independently and cut costs for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The legislation creates a three-year pilot program for eligible veterans to receive assisted living care paid for by the VA.

The bill is co-led by Democrats David Trone (MD-06) and Annie Kuster (NH-02), and Republican Bryan Steil (WI-01).

A September 2021 report to Congress by the VA concluded that the number of veterans eligible for nursing home care is expected to rise by approximately 535% over the next 20 years. However, many of these veterans do not require the comprehensive care provided by nursing homes, and would be better served by assisted living, which would allow them to live more independently. Currently, the VA is barred from covering room-and-board at assisted living facilities.

VA coverage of assisted living care would also significantly cut costs for the department, as nursing home fees average nearly \$121,000 per year, while assisted living facilities cost only a little more than \$51,000 per year.

“When we send our men and women in uniform into harm’s way, we make a solemn promise to take care of them when they return home, including in their later years,” said Slotkin. “Our bill is a bipartisan approach to make sure that our veterans have access to affordable, high quality care later in life. I’m pleased that this pilot program will lay the groundwork for veterans to live their lives independently and without undue financial stress.”

Slotkin served alongside the U.S. military as a CIA officer on three tours in Iraq. A member of the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee in the 117th Congress, she’s been a longtime advocate for Michigan’s veterans, having introduced the ‘Veterans Burn Pits Exposure Recognition Act’, which was signed into law as part of the Honoring Our PACT Act in the summer of 2022. The package will provide health insurance to an additional 3.5 million veterans suffering from the long-term effects of exposure to toxic burn pits.

“The brave men and women who serve our country in uniform sacrifice so much to keep us safe and protect our freedoms, it is essential we support them when they come home,” said Kuster, founder and co-chair of the 21st Century Long-Term Care Caucus. “I am proud to help reintroduce this bipartisan legislation to provide our service members choices and ensure they receive high-quality long-term care. I will always fight for our nation’s veterans.”

The bill has been endorsed by a range of veteran service

organizations and stakeholders nationwide, including Disabled American Veterans (DAV), National Association of State Veterans Homes (NASVH), Military Officers, Association of America (MOAA), Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), Paralyzed Veterans of America’s Associate (PVA), American Association of Retired People (AARP), Michigan Assisted Living Association (MALA), Argentum, the American Seniors Housing Association (ASHA).

“Over the next two decades, our nation will see a fivefold increase in the number of veterans requiring long-term care. This massive expected influx underscores the need for the VA to be prepared and equipped to ensure these veterans have the care they need to live as independently as possible. The Expanding Veterans’ Options for Long Term Care Act would expand long-term care options for aging, disabled veterans and allow more veterans to live their lives with respect and dignity. DAV applauds Rep. Slotkin for her leadership on this issue and for introducing this critical legislation,” said Joy Ilem, DAV National Legislative Director.

## Suddenly

Column by Susan Kretchman

I love a good story. The storyline can be from almost any genre—although I admit I’m not fond of “dark” undertones, the kind that border on outright suspenseful to scare me into a sleepless night if I’ve read far into the evening. A good romance lightens my mood or an intriguing mystery leaves me guessing answers to “whodunit” questions or trying to solve clues along the way of cleverly written words. Yes, I love a good story, whether I’m reading, watching, or listening.

I’ve done my good share of reading since learning how to enjoy a good book tracing all the way back to childhood. Books were the roadways and avenues to discovering a world full of fantasy...scientific discoveries...biographies of famous people from around the world...libraries were the “internet” of my early childhood and all through high school.

I fondly remember my father driving me to a local library after dinner every few weeks so I could check out 4 to 6 books...our city had several libraries...they were magnificent. If I close my eyes I can still smell the aromas from leather-bound books lining shelves that filled the large building...the “library quiet” that was taught as proper etiquette while browsing the variety of books...each one waiting to be chosen and devoured back home while curled up in a corner of the room, maybe under a blanket...waiting with each turn of the page for the story to continue unfolding until the last page..when the back cover is closed ever so gently over the words “the end”...

I remember telling my Aunt Em that my favorite word when reading was “suddenly”. Of course she wanted to know the reason. “Well”, I explained. “When the word suddenly comes along it means something exciting is going to happen!” Suddenly, a story can take a twist that catches its reader totally off guard and continue to pull her or him deeper into the plot...keeping the reader curled in that corner until the words

“the end” appear on the last page.

Turn the page of my thoughts thus far to the best book I’ve ever read...the Holy Bible. This book of books—66 in all—has come in scrolls...leather bound editions...paperback form...and is now available through smartphone apps or the Internet. One does not have to leave the comfort of home in order to read words scribed over the course of several thousand years. There are historical events recorded...poems to inspire and encourage...prophets to heed...letters to reveal past and future events...I would dare to guess that the resurrection account of Jesus is the one that tops anything that is fantastical...supernatural...mysterious or intriguing....

If I close my eyes and imagine that it’s late evening on Friday when Jesus’ body is being laid to rest in the tomb...those carrying Him and mourning His death are quiet. Gentle hands wash and wrap his tortured body. He is laid on a slab of stone...tears are wiped away as each one departs the cold darkness which are the only things the tomb has to offer....a huge boulder is rolled in front of the tomb’s entrance. To those “reading” the story, they thought they had closed the book’s cover over the words “The End”...returning to their homes, grief swallowing up life itself and energy, they lay their heads down...trying to sort out the day’s events and pray for rest to come.

And then...the sudden of all suddenlies happens! The security and strength of a huge boulder is no match for God’s resurrection power when the stone is removed from the entrance...the cold slab lays empty except for neatly folded burial clothes...a supernatural twist has taken man’s feeble attempts to kill God’s plan for salvation and instead, launches a movement that the world has never seen then or now, 2000-plus years later. The book covers of THIS story exploded.... replacing the words “the end” with “the story continues”.... and so it does....

God’s story is one of great beginnings and triumphal endings! His story transcends all time...the alpha and omega plan that is only attributed to Christ is His story alone. He is present at the creation of the world and He remains for eternity’s time as described in the Book of Revelation.

Yes, I love a good story...and while I have read many books over 60-plus years, I never tire reading or hearing about the events of holy week...a last meal with cherished friends...a trial under secrecy of night...public torture and humiliation leading to a gruesome death on an enemy’s cross...a tomb with a huge boulder...but the “suddenly” that came two days later and changed the world then and continues to shatter peoples’ lives every day...the kind of breaking and shattering that leads to love, healing, and eternity with Christ...a story that has no “The End”...the back page of this story says “Forever”.....



## Kindergarten Round Up

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440 N. HIBBARD • 517-223-6430

“WHERE YOU AND YOUR CHILD BECOME A PART OF OUR FAMILY”

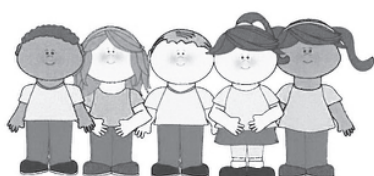
April 19th & 20th, 1:30-4:00pm or 5:00-7:00pm  
April 21st, 1:30-4:00pm

STEP 1 - View the FCS Kindergarten Pre-Registration Round Up Slide on our webpage ([www.fowlervilleschools.org](http://www.fowlervilleschools.org)) AND Pre-Register online (don’t forget to click submit)

STEP 2 - Come to one of the dates/times listed above to complete the registration process. Please bring:

- Your child
- Original birth certificate
- Current immunization record
- Vision screening after age 3
- Drivers License & 2 proofs of residency

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- \$125 per person / \$500 foursome
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Dated: March 13, 2023

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## Michigan Agriculture Dept. offers tips on preventing spread of poultry diseases

With the sale of baby poultry (chicks, ducklings, etc.) this spring, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is reminding Michiganders who purchase and care for these birds to take preventative measures so both their birds and they themselves are protected from diseases like *Salmonella*.

These preventative measures include any action people can take to make sure harmful germs are not being transferred from them to their birds or from their birds to themselves.

"The best way to keep domestic birds healthy is prevention," said State Veterinarian Dr. Nora Wineland.

"Simple steps such as washing your hands before and after caring for birds, wearing boot covers or shoes dedicated to a coop, and having no outside visitors to your flock can help ensure birds are not being exposed to germs that could cause serious illness, like highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). Making these actions routine is key to preventing disease and keeping Michigan's flocks healthy."

HPAI is a highly contagious virus that can be spread in various ways from flock to flock, including by wild birds, through contact with infected poultry, by equipment, and on the clothing and shoes of caretakers. In 2022, Michigan had 22 confirmed cases of the disease in domestic flocks of various sizes; and this year, two more cases have already been detected—one in a backyard flock and one in a hunting

preserve.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the public health risk associated with HPAI remains low. In addition, no birds or bird products infected with this disease will enter the commercial food chain.

Another disease-causing germ linked to live poultry is *Salmonella*, a bacteria found in the droppings of poultry, which can cause illness in people.

In 2022, the CDC reported numerous cases of *Salmonella* that were linked to backyard poultry, involving 1,230 people across 49 states. Even if birds look healthy and clean, they can still be carrying the *Salmonella* bacteria; and

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measures need to be taken to prevent illness.

No matter the type of germ, species of poultry, or size of flock, following these preventative measures are fundamental to protecting your health and the health of your flock:

- Preventing contact between domestic poultry and wild birds by bringing poultry indoors to a barn/coop or ensuring their outdoor area is fully enclosed.
- Washing your hands before and after handling birds and/or their eggs as well as when moving between different coops.
- Disinfecting boots and other gear when moving between coops.
- Not sharing equipment or other supplies between coops or other farms.

--Cleaning and disinfecting equipment and other supplies between uses. If it cannot be disinfected, discard it.

- Using well or municipal water as drinking water for birds.
  - Keeping poultry feed secure so there is no contact between the feed/feed ingredients and wild birds or rodents.
  - Not touching birds to your face.
  - Keeping poultry away from areas where food or drink is prepared, served, or stored.
  - Handling and cooking all eggs and poultry properly.
  - Monitoring a flock for multiple sudden deaths, a drop in egg production, a significant decrease in water consumption, diarrhea, sneezing/coughing, or an increase in sick birds.
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More information on avian influenza and how to protect flocks through preventative measures can be found on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's website. Also, more information on *Salmonella* and backyard flocks is available on the CDC's website.

—Area Deaths—



**George Grover Whitehead  
“Scrup”**

George Grover Whitehead was born July 17, 1945, in Lansing, MI. to George W. and Ila R. (Mallett) Whitehead and passed away Thursday, March 30, 2023, at age 77, after a brief illness. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, brother, uncle and friend and will be truly missed.

Grover was raised in Webberville and graduated from Webberville High School with the class of 1963. He retired from General Motors after 41 years of dedicated service. Grover was an avid golfer, enjoyed hosting karaoke and was a lead singer for several classic rock & roll bands over the years. One of his fondest memories was singing on stage with Chuck Berry at The Dells near Lake Lansing. He was a member of the Webberville Lions Club and St. Mary Church, Williamston.

He is survived by his wife Wilma of 50 years; his sons, Ryan Whitehead and Jared Whitehead (Cindy); daughter, Gina Whitehead (Don); sister Linda Verducci; special niece Kami Jackson (Mike); and many nieces and nephews.

In honor of his wishes, a private family graveside cremation burial is going to take place at the Webberville Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held for him at a later date. In Lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Mary Church, Williamston or the Webberville Lions Club. Arrangements entrusted to Herrmann Funeral Home. Online condolences may be expressed at [pjherrmannfuneralhome.com](http://pjherrmannfuneralhome.com)



**Celebration of Life being held for  
Mark VanAmberg on April 15<sup>th</sup>**

A Celebration of Life is being held for Mark Daniel VanAmberg on Saturday, April 15, at the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Visitation begins at 10 a.m, with the service taking place at 11 a.m. A luncheon will follow at 12 noon. The church is located at 8201 Iosco Rd, Fowlerville.

Mark VanAmberg, a resident of Southgate, passed away on Friday, February 24, 2023. He was 53 years old.



**Graveside service honoring Denise  
‘Denny’ Steele being held April 24th**

Denise ‘Denny’ Rose Marie (Rife) Steele, age 84, of Vestaburg, MI passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at Schnepf Senior Care Center in St. Louis after a long and courageous battle against breast cancer. Born at Highland Park General Hospital on August 10, 1938, to the late David Rife and Avadell Campbell Rife, she was the widow of Stanley ‘Jake’ Coridon Steele.

Denny is survived by four children: Jeff (Connie) Steele of Austin, TX, Cyndee (Mike) Weaver of Vestaburg, Cord (Paula) Steele of Austin, TX, and Rikki (Dave) Schuster of Outer Banks, NC; seven grandchildren: Noelle Couturier, Bruce (Kristina) Couturier, Jacob (Hayley) Weaver, Carrie (Brad) Frisbie, Katherine Schuster, Robbie and Jami Newton; brothers: George, Bud (Carol), and Mike Rife; 17 great grandchildren; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Denny is predeceased by her brothers, Skip Rife and Jack Rife.

Denny and Jake were high school sweethearts, graduated in 1956 from Fowlerville High School, married in 1957 and raised their four children in Fowlerville until moving to Vestaburg in 1980. Denny was an avid quilter, reader, and gardener. Denny’s favorite holiday was Christmas and she would spend months decorating every corner of her home for the season. Nothing made her happier than spending time with family and bragging about her grandchildren!

All extended family and friends are welcome to join the family at a casual graveside service honoring Denny’s memory at Richland Township Cemetery at 11 AM on Saturday, April 22, 2023. A luncheon will follow at the Richland Township Hall. Those wishing to express condolences are encouraged to utilize the guestbook at [www.brighamfuneralchapel.com](http://www.brighamfuneralchapel.com)

Mark was raised in Fowlerville and attended Fowlerville High School. He graduated with his bachelor’s degree from Northern Michigan University in 1993 and worked as a medical technologist for the last 30 years.

Mark was the son of Dale and Billie VanAmberg of Fowlerville, brother of Greg (Debbie) VanAmberg, and uncle of Gabrielle VanAmberg and Jacob VanAmberg. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins.



**Patricia Rose Cole**

Patricia Rose Cole of Fowlerville, age 87, was called home by our lord on April 1, 2023 after a lengthy illness.

Patricia passed away peacefully surrounded by her family. Patricia prided herself on being a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Along with her husband Marvin, she was an avid car enthusiast, enjoyed traveling, and was a huge Detroit Tigers fan. She was a devout member of St. Agnes Catholic Church in Fowlerville.

Preceded in death by her parents, several brothers and sisters and her beloved husband of 64 years Marvin. Patricia is survived by her 5 children: Sharon (Tony) Gagliardi of Warren, Russell of Fowlerville, Craig of Phoenix, AZ, Eric (Lisa) of Durand and Randy of Fowlerville; 3 grandchildren: Frank, Matthew and Ashley; 1 great granddaughter: Luna; and several nieces and nephews.

Viewing was held at Herrmann Funeral Home in Fowlerville on Tuesday April 4, 2023 from 4pm to 7pm. Funeral service took place at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Fowlerville at 10am on Wednesday April 5, 2023 with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Fowlerville.

The family wishes to thank Ovid Health Center and Heart to Heart Hospice. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Make A Wish Foundation. Arrangements entrusted to Herrmann Funeral Home. Online condolences may be expressed at [pjherrmannfuneralhome.com](http://pjherrmannfuneralhome.com)



**Ellen Patricia Hoisington**

Ellen Patricia Hoisington was born July 20, 1952 to Arthur Richard and Mary Jean (Apolzan) Otremba in Detroit, Michigan. She lost her battle with cancer in her home in Howell, Michigan, on the 25th of March, 2023.

Ellen, who was also known as “Buzz” to her brothers and “Izza” to her grandchildren, was employed by a couple local businesses. Her favorite by far was Gascon’s Greenhouse, where she worked for more than 8 years.

Ellen was preceded in death by her brother John Reese and is survived by her brother Pat Otremba, common-law husband Chester Behe, children Thomas Hoisington, Michael Hoisington, Scott Hoisington, Jennifer Behe, Rick Behe, grandchildren Autumn Brown (Hoisington), Paris Law (Hoisington), Jake Hoisington, Kyle Hoisington, Zach Hoisington, Samantha Hoisington, Joshua Hoisington, Tyler Hoisington, Tristan Hoisington, and 10 great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held in May. Location to be determined.



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# Michigan House Report

By Bob Bezotte,  
50<sup>th</sup> District

Last week we got some mixed news about the income tax cut that is owed to Michigan taxpayers this year.

The good news is that my legislative colleagues and I were successful in blocking the governor’s attempts to shift money around and prevent the tax rollback from kicking in. State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks officially announced on March 29 that the income tax rate will fall from 4.25% to 4.05% for the 2023 tax year.

The bad news is that it’s not the lasting, permanent relief Michigan taxpayers deserve. That’s because Attorney General Dana Nessel published a formal opinion on March 28 declaring that the automatic income tax cut, the result of a 2015 state law, will only stay in effect for one year.

The law in question was enacted in 2015 as part of a funding plan to fix Michigan roads. Leaders at the time felt the only funding option for needed road repairs was to impose a gas tax increase. The plan also included a promise to Michigan taxpayers that if state general fund revenues grew substantially at any point in the future, they would pay less income tax. Specifically, the 2015 law requires an automatic rollback of the state income tax when year-over-year state general fund revenues outpace inflation.

The leaders who created the income tax trigger – former Gov. Rick Snyder, former Speaker Kevin Cotter, and former Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof– have all stated that this law was intended to be permanent. The nonpartisan experts at the House Fiscal Agency wrote very clearly in their analysis at the time that the income tax cut would be permanent.

It’s incredibly disappointing that the Attorney General is teaming up with the Whitmer Administration to circumvent

the law with a politicized legal opinion and deny lasting tax relief to the people of Michigan.

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

## Michigan ranks 27<sup>th</sup> on 2023 national education ranking

By Jaden Beard  
Capital News Service

Michigan ranks 27th nationally in its residents’ education levels, according to a new study.

The analysis compared states on 18 criteria in three categories: quality of education, attainment rates and achievement disparities between race and/or gender.

Attainment refers to the rate at which students continue their education, taking into account how many adults over 25 have received a high school diploma, completed some college, got a bachelor’s degree or earned a graduate or professional degree.

Michigan’s slightly-below-the-middle-of-the-pack ranking could make the state less competitive for jobs and business, according to business leader Brian Calley.

Massachusetts topped the list with an overall score of 83.03 (of 100), ranking 1st for both quality of education and educational attainment.

West Virginia was at the bottom with an overall score of 22.40, ranking 47th in quality of education and 50th in educational attainment.

Michigan ranked in the bottom half, with an overall score of 27. It ranked 26th for educational attainment and 28th for quality of education.

That places the state in WalletHub’s low education level and low income level category.

Michigan’s performance was similar to that of nearby states, with most of them placing at or slightly below the middle.

Ohio ranked 34th and Indiana 38th. Illinois was in the top half at 16th, as was Wisconsin at 20th.

Calley, the chief executive officer of the Small Business Association of Michigan, said that Michigan’s ranking raises

concerns about the state’s low labor participation rate. That is the percentage of the population that is working or actively searching for jobs.

“Education is one of the main drivers of economic opportunity and competitiveness of the workforce, so we’re focused on a broad people-based agenda aimed toward removing obstacles to people in the workforce,” Calley said.

Michigan has fallen behind much of the rest of the country in overall education performance, student retention rates and reading and math scores at a time when education funding is at an all-time high, Calley said.

“We know that it’s not just a money issue. We desperately need alignment between what kids are learning and what they need to be successful in an increasingly global economy,” he said.

Trina Tocco, the director of the Michigan Education Justice Coalition in Detroit, said the state has underinvested in schools for decades.

That situation can’t be fixed with one-time federal stimulus funding, she said.

“There has been significant one-time investment in our schools because of the stimulus funds, similar to many of our other government institutions,” Tocco said. “However, that money runs out. So, yes, the real dollars have grown,” but not at the necessary pace.

Tocco said that the historical underfunding of schools pose many challenges for individual schools, leading to a lower quality of education.

“For our kids to learn, they need to feel safe, and have a good connection with the schools that they’re at. At the same time, our staff need to feel safe and secure,” she said.

## Fowlerville Junior High School News

SPORTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 10:

TRACK PRACTICE continues for boys & girls in Grades 6-7-8; 2:30-4:15. FJH gym--outdoors, weather permitting. Athletes need to bring clothing for both indoor & outdoor practices. Lockers available, but athlete must furnish own lock! Label personal things.

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**Fowlerville High School students travel to Germany during Spring Break**

The Fowlerville High School German Club traveled to Germany during Spring Break. Freshmen: Riley Stearns, Riley Simmons, Jason Smychinski, Derek Drouliard, Arthur Nystrom, Tommy Fletcher, Jackson Richmond, Sophomores: Rorie Furlong, Addy Durand, Hayden Dexter, and Juniors Hannah Bean, Kyla Durbin, and Storm Brewer traveled with chaperones Jade Huffman, Gordon Andersen, and Amy Maurer along with eight parents.

The group flew from Detroit to Frankfurt, Germany where their nine-day tour started. From Frankfurt, they drove to the medieval city of Rothenburg. On the way to Munich, the

group stopped for a brief visit in the small town of Augsburg. After the first few days on the road, there was a three-day stop in Munich where they visited Dachau Concentration Camp, toured the city, and visited Nymphenburg Castle.

After leaving Munich, on route to Lucerne, Switzerland, stops were made at Neuschwanstein Castle and Linderhof Castle. They even made a brief stop in Vaduz, Liechtenstein for a passport stamp.

In Lucerne, the group explored the city and rode a train on top of Mount Rigi, a 6,000-foot-tall mountain across the lake from Lucerne.

Finally, on the last day of the trip, they returned to Frankfurt via Freiburg and Heidelberg with a brief visit to the Heidelberg Castle on the hill.

Currently, the FHS German Club is planning a school-to-school exchange for the 2023-2024 school year, when 21 German students will attend Fowlerville High School for two weeks in November. In June 2024, 21 Fowlerville students will visit the student they hosted near Dusseldorf, Germany.



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**Trinity United Methodist Church holding Tractor Blessing on April 16th**

Trinity United Methodist Church is holding its Annual Tractor Blessing on Sunday, April 16, at 2 pm.

Come out and see the tractors big & small, old and new. There will also be miniature farm displays set up inside. The Michigan Pedal Pullers will be there putting on a pedal pull again this year. Hot dogs will be provided for a free will donation.

Anyone is invited to bring their tractor, lawn tractor, etc if they would like it blessed for the coming year by Pastor Missy Noll.

If you have any antique farm items that we could display, please contact the church office. The church is located at 8201 Iosco Rd, Fowlerville, south of Mason Rd, at the corner of Bull Run & Iosco. Questions contact the church office at 517-223-9601 and leave a message or contact Andy Herald at 734-274-0944. Join us for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship.

**Card of Thanks**

Dearest community, family and friends,

As we continue to grieve the sudden loss of Linsey Ebert, our depth of gratitude for each of you only grows. You continue to hold us up and love on us in more ways than we can count. We soak up all the memories of Linsey's beautiful life, and the difference she made for so many of you. Thank you to each of you for meeting us in our grief in innumerable ways.

It would be impossible to thank all of you to our satisfaction. So, we keep our Llama promise to pay it forward and come alongside those that are hurting, grieving or marginalized in actionable ways.

A special thank you to: Cal and Amy Hodgson, Dansville community, Dansville schools-administration, teachers and students, Linsey's friends, Fowlerville UB church, Pastor Chris, Pastor Julie, U of M volleyball, Doug Kelley, Heritage UB Church and the Fowlerville Class of 1995, Trinity Health Ann Arbor, Fowlerville Fire and EMS.

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Assisting Martin Musolf during the recent maple-syrup season was his immediate family. Shown here, from left, Lennon Jackson, Delaney Jackson, Josh Jackson, StaciaLynn Jackson with Vera Jackson, AnnaBeth Musolf, Brad Cole (AnnaBeth's fiancé), LauraLee Musolf, Rhonda Musolf, and Martin Musolf.



Rhonda Musolf and the three grandchildren: Lennon, Delaney, and Vera.



The three Musolf daughters, representing the fifth generation who have produced maple syrup on the Anderson Farm, are, from left, LauraLee, StaciaLynn, and AnnaBeth.



The nearly-finished maple syrup is fine-tuned on this gas stove, then run through a filter before being poured into the various sized containers.

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This is a view of the maple trees south of the sugar shack.

### Fowlerville man returns to maple syrup business, continued

"I saw some hand-made wooden taps and pails in my grandparents' attic and wondered what they were," Musolf said, adding that he learned that they had belonged to his great-grandfather Carl Anderson.

That question, coming in 1978, resulted in he and his cousin Jim Anderson (both grade schoolers at the time) accompanying their grandfather Fred Anderson into the woods to tap a few trees.

The first year they utilized 17 trees and boiled the sap in their family kitchens. The following year Fred installed an

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In March, as the days warm a bit, the sap begins moving upwards from the tree roots, and the Maple Syrup producing season is on hand again. Here Martin Musolf of Fowlerville, one of the proprietors of the Cedar River Sugar Bush, gets ready to tap a maple tree on the family farm. For more on this area enterprise, see page 2.



This is Martin Musolf in March of 1989 when interviewed about the maple-syrup operation for Hortons' Country Reader.

evaporator in the woods, using cement blocks as the base and an old clothes dryer serving as a chimney for the smoke and fire.

"We covered it with an Indian-style tipi," Musolf recalled. The operation grew quickly from this humble beginning.

The north end of the current shed was built the following year, using lumber from around the farm, and an even better evaporating system was created.

The scope of the business took a big leap forward in 1986 when the south end of the building was added and a new stainless steel evaporator was purchased. Also, a 400-gallon holding tank was obtained for collection.

The number of trees being tapped increased as well, going for the original 17 to 150. Things got even more serious the following year with the purchase of plastic tubing which was hooked into each individual tree tap and connected to the tank. This allowed for over twice as many trees to be utilized.

The proprietors, however, still employed the pails in part of the woods.

Needless to say, the extra sap resulted in more maple syrup being produced.

Fred, Jim, and Martin were featured in a story in the Fowlerville News & Views in 1987, detailing this history. A follow-up article in 1989 for Hortons' Country Reader found that Jim had gone off to college, but Martin (who had also graduated from high school) and Fred were busy with the business, having added more production capacity and increasing the number of trees tapped.

Martin noted that the year before they had produced 175 gallons of syrup and hoped to reach 225 gallons in that '89 season.

"Depending on the weather," he added, which is always the caveat in this endeavor.

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**Fast forward to this past March—34 years later.**

Musolf noted that he had remained in the business,

working alongside his relatives, until the mid-1990s.

"I helped out a couple of years after that, but was no longer actively involved," he said.

Instead, his uncle Harold Anderson and his family, including Jim, ran the operation. They continued doing so until last year.

It was at this point that Martin decided to take back the baton and resume the endeavor.

"We wanted to continue this tradition that dated back to when my great-grandfather purchased the farm in the early 1900s," he said, noting that his forefather had come here from Sweden and, after buying the place, brought his family to Michigan."

The 'we' Martin referred to includes his wife Rhonda, daughters StaciaLynn Jackson, AnnaBeth Musolf, and LauraLee Musolf, a son-in-law Josh Jackson, AnnaBeth's fiancé Brad Cole, and grandchildren Lennon, Delaney and Vera Jackson.

They've helped out in various ways prior to and during the harvest, ranging from cutting and splitting the wood to collecting the sap to tending the fire to bottling the syrup. By doing so, they've added a new generation to the tradition.

As for the current season, it's been a good one for maple-syrup producers in southern Michigan, Musolf said.

"You want the temperature to be above freezing during the day—up to the mid-40s—and below freezing at night to get the sap going up and down the tree," Musolf explained. "We enjoyed quite a few days like that.

"We started the last weekend of February and, with a spell of the cooler weather predicted at the end of March, we'll finish up on April 1st," he added. "When the temperature gets into the 60s, the syrup starts getting cloudy and has a stronger maple flavor. Also, once the buds split, your season is over."

Musolf said that, while there are enough maples in the woodlot to have nearly 800 taps, with some of the trees large enough to handle two or three, they only put in 330 taps this winter and just used the buckets.

"With the amount of sap we collected, we should produce around 150 gallons of maple syrup," he pointed out.

The syrup is offered for sale at several local outlets and to individuals who order a jar.

If his past involvement is any indicator, Musolf—with the help of family—will be tapping more trees, upgrading the equipment, and (in doing so) increase the output. And like his fellow producers, he'll be hoping for the optimal weather conditions in the coming seasons.

But more important, Martin said, is continuing the family tradition.

"I think it's pretty neat that this woods has been used to produce maple syrup for four generations now and that this agricultural use is being maintained," he reflected.

And, having gotten the baton back, he hopes to eventually pass it on to a fifth and then sixth generation.

**Michigan DNR Fishing Tip—**

**Crappie moves to shallow water in the spring**

Crappie are among the most difficult pan fish to pattern because of their tendency to suspend in the water column, except in the spring. During this time, crappie move to shallow water – sometimes in water only a couple feet deep – to spawn, so there isn't a lot of water column to suspend in.

Crappies like both minnows and jigs. The easiest way to fish for them is to suspend the bait under a bobber, halfway between the surface and the bottom, around any sort of cover – weeds, brush, dock pilings ... whatever.

Anglers who prefer a more active approach can cast with jigs and swim them back or fly fish with minnow-imitating streamers. Just think shallow in spring.

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**Senior Spotlight—Charlotte “Charlie” Frinkle**  
By Mackenzie Wyatt

This year is Charlie’s fifth year at Webberville Schools and she has made the most of it with her amazing personality. She will be leaving her mark here at the school and has been making sure she isn’t wasting her last year here as a student.

Frinkle is the older sister to Clair (12), Ceece (7), and Cameron (3). She’s the owner of one dog, Oliver, and two cats. Her dad works at Morel Health and her mom is a math teacher.

“Charlie is a very positive and outgoing person and that’s just one reason I love being her teammate and friend,” said Taylor Wyatt, a junior at Webberville. “I will always remember tie-dyeing at my house and making her a shirt together”.

Fellow senior Kalista Matiyow said that “Charlie will most definitely be married with a lovely family and a good job in the future.”

After high school, Frinkle plans to go to Lansing Community College and knows that she wants to get her masters degree. Frinkle has always wanted to be a Physical Therapist and help people.

Charlie loves playing volleyball and during her senior year she played basketball for the first time in three years. Charlie moved here from Arizona during the summer before her 8th grade year and has been playing volleyball ever since. Last year the volleyball team went to district finals and were league champions.

“I like having Charlie as a player because she has a constant positive attitude and wants to improve on a daily basis,” said Coach Travis Wyatt. “I love her ability to attempt to leave the struggles going on in her life outside of the gym.”

For Frinkle’s junior year, she and fellow classmate Drew Peckins were on the homecoming court. Charlie went to homecoming every year except for her sophomore year because of COVID-19. For her junior year it was a huge accomplishment to finally be back at homecoming and to be elected to the court.

“My advice for underclassmen is to drop the drama and just be nice to everyone even if you get mad at them, just be nice,” said Frinkle.

**Webberville United Methodist Church to serve Chicken Dinner on April 15th**

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

**Webberville FFA holding annual Awards Banquet on April 12th**

The Webberville FFA is holding its annual Awards Banquet this Wednesday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. Silent Auction items are being sought and will be put up for bid. Refreshments will be served.

**Williamston Area Senior Center**  
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**April 2023 Events**

**Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023-** Euchre 9am-Noon, Down on the Farm with Julie at 12:30pm, and Garden Club 5pm-8:30pm.

**Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023-** Euchre 9am-Noon, Lunch with a Board Member at Noon, Make Lip Gloss at 12:30pm, and Knitter Group 1pm-3pm.

**Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023-** Euchre 9am-Noon, Fast Food Bingo at 12:30pm, and Needle Work Group 1pm-3pm.

**Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023-** Euchre 9am-Noon, Ukulele Lessons with Ben 11am, Author Visit with Marion Cornett-Local Historian & Author Discussing her Newest Published Novel “She Wore a Hat in Prison”.

**Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023-** Euchre 9am-Noon, Lunch with The Willows of Okemos & East Lansing at Noon, and Crafternoon with Pat Cookingham making Coasters at 12:30pm.

**Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023-** Euchre 9am-Noon, Ask Annie: What is the Difference Between a Service Dog & Therapy Dog at 12:30pm, and Knitter Group 1pm-3pm.

**Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023-** Euchre 9am-Noon, Reminiscing & Trivia with Audrey from Harmony Cares at 12:30pm, Poker Day, and Needle Work Group 1pm-3pm.

**Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023-** Euchre 9am-Noon, Tech with Drew 11am-1pm, and Drum Circle with Ian Levine at 12:30pm.

**Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023-** Euchre 9am-Noon, Lunch & Learn with Brookdale Living at Noon, and Applebee’s Fundraiser 4pm-9pm.

**Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023-** Euchre 9am-Noon, Mind Benders with the Williamston Library at 12:30pm, and Knitter Group 1pm-3pm.

**Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023-** Euchre 9am-Noon, I Speak Presentation with Humera from Pakistan at 12:30pm, Pretzel & Denim Day, and Needle Work Group 1pm-3pm.

**Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023-** Euchre 9am-Noon, Lunch Provided by The Director at Noon, Jerry Perrine’s Old-Time Piano at 12:30pm, and Babe Ruth & Superhero Day!

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

On Wednesday March 29, 2023 NIESA responded to six calls. One response was in Williamstown Township for a vehicle accident. The remaining five responses were emergency medical calls, with three occurring in the City of Williamston, and two in the Village of Webberville.

Thursday March 30, 2023 NIESA had three calls. One response was for possible illegal burning in Williamstown Township. The other two responses were for emergency medical calls with one occurring in Williamstown Township, and the second in the Village of Webberville.

On Friday March 31, 2023 NIESA responded to fourteen calls. Nine of the responses were emergency medical calls, which occurred throughout NIESA’s district. There were three calls in the City of Williamston, two in Williamstown Township, and one each in Leroy Township, Locke Township, Wheatfield Township, and the Village of Webberville. NIESA also responded to three vehicle accidents. All of them occurred on I-96, with two in Leroy Township and one in Wheatfield Township. NIESA responded to two carbon monoxide alarm activations in Wheatfield Township.

Saturday April 1, 2023 NIESA had four calls. All of the responses were emergency medical calls, with two occurring in the City of Williamston, one in Wheatfield Township and another in the Village of Webberville.

On Sunday April 2, 2023 NIESA responded to three emergency medical calls. Two were in the Locke Township, and the third was in the Village of Webberville.

Monday April 3, 2023 NIESA responded to three calls. All of the responses were for emergency medical calls, with one occurring in Leroy Township, the second in the City of Williamston and the third in Williamstown Township.

On Tuesday April 4, 2023 NIESA responded to one emergency medical call in Williamstown Township.

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Dozen Duck Eggs	10	\$2.00-\$2.75
Chickens	32	\$1.00-\$18.00
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## Michigan Governor's Report

By Gretchen Whitmer

As the temperatures slowly but surely rise, the Pure Michigan springs and summers that we all love are just around the corner. Whether it's a picnic at one of our state parks, a day in the Great Lakes, or a relaxing hike through a scenic trail, I'm sure we all have special memories surrounded by nature in our great state.

That's why one of my top priorities since taking office has been to preserve and protect our water, parks, and natural resources, for us and future generations to enjoy. This is a goal we all share, and together we can protect this beautiful state we all call home.

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### Explore our State Parks

Last year, I signed the Building Michigan Together Plan which invested over \$450 million in state and local parks across the state—the largest one-time investment in our parks and public lands in Michigan history.

To ensure every kid in Michigan can experience the splendor of Pure Michigan, I proposed the Nature Awaits program in my latest budget. The program would give every 4th grader a free field trip to a state park or recreation area. Our parks are important pillars of their communities because they support local businesses, create jobs, and give people beautiful, welcoming places to make memories. I will continue investing in our parks, recreation, and public lands so future generations can enjoy everything that Michigan has to offer.

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### Investing in our Greatest Resource

Last week, we celebrated World Water Day, which gives us an opportunity to appreciate the significance of water in our lives, especially in a state like ours. Michigan is defined by the Great Lakes—they're the reason you can easily find us from space. As governor, I will continue fighting to protect our Great Lakes for generations to come.

Since I took office, we have invested in drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater facilities across the state through the MI Clean Water Plan, all while supporting 30,000 jobs. The health of our economy is linked to the health of our people and our planet, which is why we have invested in removing lead lines, reducing toxic contaminants like PFAS, rebuilding water infrastructure, and protecting groundwater resources. These investments support good-paying jobs, modernize our infrastructure, and help ensure every parent can give their kid a glass of drinking water and know it's safe.

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### Native Plant Month

As we roll into spring and notice beautiful colors returning to our surroundings, we also celebrate April as Native Plant Month. Michigan is home to more than 1,800 native plant species which include large shade trees, shrubs, vines, wildflowers, and everyone's favorite spring flower, the orange traffic cone. To protect our environment—including our native plants—we have made record investments in conservation and natural resources through the Building Michigan Together Plan and the MI Healthy Climate Plan. Let's keep working together to preserve our green spaces.

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### Michigan Wildlife Council

The Michigan Wildlife Council educates the public about the importance of wildlife conservation and preserves our state's great outdoor heritage for future generations. Every Michigander should be able to enjoy our forests, waters, and wildlife, which is why we take great care to protect and enhance these invaluable assets. The Michigan Wildlife Council is focused on increasing public knowledge about how wildlife and Michigan's outdoors are managed and funded so that we can continue to enjoy them as we do today.



## Ingham County Comments

By: Monica Schafer, District 15 Commissioner

As an elected Ingham County Commissioner of District 15 (Locke, Leroy, Williamston, parts of Meridian Townships, and the City of Williamston), I have the honor of serving on the Tri-County Office of Aging Consortium Board, as known as TCOA. TCOA consists of and represents Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton Counties

TCOA's mission statement is to *Promote and Preserve the independence and dignity of the aging population.*

TCOA aims to achieve this by:

- Enable adults with multiple and complex needs to function as independently as possible.
- Advocate and plan for accessible, adequate resources and sound public policy.
- Develop and support a compassionate, comprehensive, and cost-effective system of quality service.
- Increase awareness of aging issues and services.
- Empower the aging population and their families by providing information, support, and community-based services.
- Initiate and strengthen public /private involvement in the aging network. Seek to serve the most vulnerable, particularly the low-income, frail, and minority elderly.

A few weeks ago, on a Wednesday afternoon, I called to ask if I could help serve lunch meals provided through TCOA, somewhat known as *meals on wheels*, but served at the senior dining site, Williamston Area Senior Center. TCOA aims to serve 62,000 hot meals to a minimum of 950 seniors.

It was recommended to come early so I could understand the entire meal preparation process. After a brief introduction to the kitchen, staff, and volunteers, I admired the many seniors enjoying each other's company and playing cards

### Williamston Farmers Market Bottle & Can Collection set for April 16th

Sowing Growth, the non-profit organization that operates the Eastern Ingham Farmers Market in Williamston, will be collecting Michigan-returnable bottles and cans at McCormick Park's large parking lot on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 11am to 1pm. This will be the last one before the start of the Farmers Market season.

This popular fundraiser is a win-win: you don't have to do the icky-sticky job of taking the bottles back to the store, and you're supporting the Farmers Market which has no other funding sources other than grants and donations.

Special collections can be made directly at your business address during the week. Just call or email any member of the Sowing Growth Board of Directors (listed on the website: [www.EasternInghamFarmersMarket.org](http://www.EasternInghamFarmersMarket.org)) or contact the Market Manager Tom Cary 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, to be added to the newsletter email list, to volunteer or to donate to the Market, visit the Market website [www.EasternInghamFarmersMarket.org](http://www.EasternInghamFarmersMarket.org), visit its Facebook page or contact Market Manager Tom Cary (517-618-1630) or [EasternInghamFM@gmail.com](mailto:EasternInghamFM@gmail.com).



while waiting for lunch to be served.

Lunch was served, and there were a few hiccups that I was able to witness. I traveled from table to table to ask them what TCOA could do better in servicing them. Finally, I could sit down and enjoy my meal and talk with the director, Beth Schrader, about how I can connect the Williamston Area Senior Center with services provided through Ingham County.

As I left the Williamston Senior Center, I understand what representing my district means. Serving meals showed just how vital the role of TCOA is in Ingham County, and I am thankful for the open invitation extended to me for lunch another day. I look forward to building a strong working relationship with Ms. Schrader, the staff, and the WASC Board.

TCOA's next board meeting is April 17th, at 3:30. Contact WCSC to get information, join, or volunteer your gifts. [Williamstonseniorctr@gmail.com](mailto:Williamstonseniorctr@gmail.com) 517-655-5173.

### NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS OF HANDY TOWNSHIP WEBBERVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (PCTS. 1 & 3) ABSENTEE BALLOTS

All Electors of Handy Township are hereby given notice that a Webberville School District Special Election will be held in Precincts 1 & 3 of Handy Township on Tuesday, May 2, 2023. The Handy Township Clerk is currently available to issue absentee ballots for registered voters who have not requested to be on placed on the permanent absent voter list on Thursdays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the township office located at 135 N. Grand Avenue. For voters who are unable to visit during these hours, the Clerk will also be available on Saturday, April 29, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Sunday, April 30, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or by appointment. Emergency Absentee Ballots are available on Monday, May 1, 2023 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Laura A. Eisele  
Handy Township Clerk  
(4-2, 4-9, 4-16, 4-23, 4-30-2023 FNV)

### NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF HANDY TOWNSHIP WEBBERVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY 2023 SPECIAL ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023

Please take notice that the 2023 Webberville School District Special Election will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023. The Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

VOTING PRECINCT LOCATION:

Handy Township- Precincts 1 & 3 (Webberville School District Residents only) temporary voting location for this May 2, 2023 Special Election will be at the Handy Township Hall, 135 N. Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, MI (use rear entrance of building to the Board Room). Polls open at 7 a. m. and close at 8 p.m.

Laura A. Eisele  
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# LEGAL NOTICES

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on May 17, 2023. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Arthur J. Spolsky Jr and Amy Spolsky, Husband and Wife

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: July 27, 2020

Date of Mortgage Recording: August 4, 2020

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$248,963.67

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Howell, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lot(s) 169 of Rolling Oaks No. 2 according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 36 of Plats, Page 27 of Livingston County Records

Common street address (if any): 1814 Wooded Valley Ln, Howell, MI 48855-6822

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: April 9, 2023

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### Livingston County Circuit Court Case No. 18-030013-CH NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

The property described below shall be sold at public auction, by an authorized sheriff/deputy sheriff or county clerk/deputy county clerk, to the highest bidder, at the Circuit Court for the County of Livingston, on the 10th of May, 2023, at 10:00 am, local time.

On said day at said time, the following described property shall be sold: property located in the Township of Genoa, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, particularly described as: Unit 23, Glen Eagles Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2794, Pages 849, Livingston County Records, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 15, together with rights in common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and any amendments thereto and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended

More commonly known as: 4488 Golf View Drive.

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Date of Notice: March 6, 2023

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Carissa Spittler and Wyatt Spittler, wife and husband

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC

Date of Mortgage: February 24, 2020

Date of Mortgage Recording: February 27, 2020

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$220,122.77

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Tyrone, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 5, beginning at the Northwest corner of Outlot A, Forest Hills Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 8, Page 12 of Plats, Livingston County Records; thence South 235 feet; thence West 120 feet; thence North 235 feet; thence East 120 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 9380 Bennett Lake Rd, Fenton, MI 48430-8711

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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## Fowlerville Senior Center

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**Frank Sinatra Entertainment:** Come enjoy our live Frank Sinatra impersonator! A light refreshment to follow the performance. Members free and \$3 for Nonmembers. Monday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm-1:30pm

**Property Fraud Alert:** Brandon from the Livingston County Historic Courthouse will be providing information on Property Fraud. Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-10:00am.

**Bank of Ann Arbor Financial Advice:** Mary from Bank of Ann Arbor can help you answer questions like 'Should I add my child as beneficiary of signer to my bank accounts' or 'Why/When will I have to have direct deposit of my Social Security or pension into my bank account?' You must sign up April 12<sup>th</sup> for a time slot between 9:00am-10:00am. This is free for everyone. Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>

**Alzheimer's Association Healthy Living Presentation and Potluck.** Come to learn about ways to age in a healthy way while we enjoy some food! Wear purple and you will be entered into a door prize. Free to everyone. Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> 11:00am-12:00pm.

**Cardio Drumming:** Cardio Drumming is a great way to incorporate a low impact exercise into your week. You get to set your own pace and get to enjoy a variety of music. Members free & Nonmembers \$3. April 17<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> both from 10:30am-11:30am.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Robert J. Uherek Jr, an unmarried 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): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Date of Mortgage: July 19, 2013

Date of Mortgage Recording: August 2, 2013

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$144,797.08

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Brighton, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Unit No. 46, Woodridge Hills Condominium according to the Consolidated Master Deed recorded in Liber 1986, Page 717, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 13, together with rights in the general common elements and limited common elements as shown on the Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Common street address (if any): 1024 Pinewood Ct, Brighton, MI 48116-2427

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: April 2, 2023

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(04-02)(04-23)

(4-2, 4-9, 4-16 & 4-23-23 FNV)

**MJR Field Trip:** We are taking a trip to MJR in Brighton on April 18th. The movie will be posted on April 11th on the Senior center bulletin board and costs \$15 for transportation and the movie ticket. The deadline to sign up has been pushed back to April 13th at 5:00pm. Transportation to the Center and back will be provided. Pick up will be between 11:30/12. Please call 517-672-8259 if interested.

**Ladder Toss and Desserts:** Come and enjoy a new recreational game. It is for all abilities, plus who doesn't like desserts? Please sign up by the April 13<sup>th</sup>. \$3 for everyone. If you bring a dessert to pass, it is free. Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Blood Pressure Checks:** Our local fire department comes monthly to do blood pressure checks. Free for everyone. Monday April 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-11:00am.

**Kelsey's Music Entertainment:** Kelsey's entertainment is interactive and invites everyone to participate. She has a music therapy background and is skilled in piano and guitar. Members free Nonmembers \$3. Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-11:00am

**Coffee, Bagels and Conversation:** Come join us to get to know our members. We may have a special guest. Free for everyone. Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30am-11:30am.

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**Congratulations to our new and returning board members at the Fowlerville Senior Center**

President: Dean Snider

Vice President: Edie Bajema

Treasurer: Nancy McCarbery

Secretary: Sue Hath

Members at Large: David Smith, Kimber Peach and Bernard Thompson

# LEGAL NOTICES

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark Merrill and Dreana Merrill, Husband and Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lenders successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 18, 2018 and recorded April 27, 2018 in Instrument Number 2018R-011209 Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee of the MFA 2020-NQM2 Trust, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Ninety-One and 16/100 Dollars (\$167,091.16).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Livingston County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MAY 10, 2023.

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

Parcel 1: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest fractional 1/4 of Section 30, Town 3 North, Range 6 East, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 30; thence North 01 degrees 07 minutes 47 seconds West (recorded as North 01 degrees 16 minutes 35 seconds West) 165.00 feet along the West line of said Section and the centerline of Hacker Road; thence North 88 degrees 49 minutes 28 seconds East (recorded as North 88 degrees 40 minutes 40 second East) 931.43 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described; thence North 01 degrees 10 minutes 49 seconds West 54.97 feet; thence North 88 degrees 49 minutes 28 seconds East 396.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 10 minutes 49 seconds East (recorded as South 01 degrees 19 minutes 37 seconds East) 220.01 feet; thence South 88 degrees 49 minutes 36 seconds West 396.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 10 minutes 49 seconds West 165.04 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to and together with a private ingress and egress easement in the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest fractional 1/4 of Section 30, Town 3 North, Range 6 East, Michigan described as follows: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 30; thence North 01 degrees 07 minutes 47 seconds West (recorded as North 01 degrees 16 minutes 35 second West) 125 feet along the West line of said Section and the centerline of Hacker Road to the point of beginning of said easement; thence continuing North 01 degrees 07 minutes 47 seconds West 40.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 49 minutes 28 seconds East 931.43 feet; thence North 01 degrees 10 minutes 49 seconds West 54.97 feet; thence North 88 degrees 49 minutes 36 seconds East 24.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 10 minutes 49 seconds East 78.97 feet; thence South 88 degrees 49 minutes 28 seconds West 905.45 feet; thence South 01 degrees 07 minutes 47 seconds East 16.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 49 minutes 28 seconds West 50.00 feet to the said West line of Section 30 and the point of beginning.

1496 N Hacker Rd, 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: April 9, 2023

File No. 23-002688

Firm Name: Orlans PC

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

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(04-09)(04-30)

(4-9, 4-16, 4-23 & 4-30-23 FNV)

## FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Timothy C Blankenbaker and Jeanette Clay-Blankenbaker, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Ownit Mortgage Solutions, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 23, 2006, and recorded on May 18, 2006, as Document Number: 2006R-003873, Livingston County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Terwin Mortgage Trust 2006-8, Asset-backed Securities, Series 2006-8 by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 14, 2023 and recorded February 23, 2023 by Document Number: 2023R-002983, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Seven and 16/100 (\$40,397.16) including interest at the rate of 8.39000% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Township of Genoa, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 2 North, Range 5 East, Genoa Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 34; thence South 87 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds West along the North line of said Section 824.57 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 02 degrees 23 minutes 17 seconds East 309 feet to the North line of Mystic Creek, as recorded in Liber 21 of Plats, page 12,13 and 14, Livingston County Records; thence South 87 degrees 36 minutes 43 seconds West along said North line 164.99 feet; thence North 02 degrees 23 minutes 17 seconds West 307.65 feet to the North line of said Section; thence North 87 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East along said North line, 165 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 5342 BRIGHTON RD, BRIGHTON, MI 48116

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

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

Dated: April 9, 2023

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.

Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Terwin Mortgage Trust 2006-8, Asset-backed Securities, Series 2006-8

43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180,

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302,

(248) 335-9200

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

Case No. 23MI00049-1

(04-09)(04-30)

(4-9, 4-16, 4-23 & 4-30-23 FNV)

## Plainfield United Methodist Church hosting Chicken Dinner on April 15th

The Plainfield United Methodist Church is hosting a 'take out only' chicken supper on Saturday, April 15, from 5pm until sold out. Free will offering. Located on M-36 north of Gregory.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): John V. Stepp and Vicki Stepp

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): MCLP Asset Company, Inc.

Date of Mortgage: February 20, 2007

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 9, 2007

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$137,941.94

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Green Oak, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 28, Fairview Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 42, Livingston County Records

Common street address (if any): 11508 Elmdale Rd, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189-9307

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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Date of notice: March 19, 2023

Trott Law, P.C.

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(3-19, 3-26, 4-2 & 4-9-23 FNV)

## Fowlerville Varsity Girls Tennis Team ties with Grand Ledge 4-4 last Tuesday

The Fowlerville Varsity Girls Tennis Team tied with Grand Ledge 4-4 in a dual played last Tuesday

**Singles:** No. 1 - Maggie Motz, Fowlerville def. Alyssa Leisenring, Grand Ledge, 4-6, 6-4, 10-8

No. 2 - Leyna Baumgartner, Fowlerville def. Dani Kasper, Grand Ledge, 2-0, 2-0

No. 3 - Avery Daniels, Grand Ledge def. Giorgia Beach, Fowlerville, 6-3, 6-2

No. 4 - Brooke Krueger, Fowlerville def. Anushka Walia, Grand Ledge, 6-0, 6-2

**Doubles:** No. 1 - Isabella Grass, Grand Ledge - Maddie Lira, Grand Ledge def. Payton McConnaughey, Fowlerville - Morgan Thomas, Fowlerville, 6-2, 6-3

No. 2 - Ava Vandlen, Grand Ledge - Kayla Radcliffe, Grand Ledge def. Ava Kuch, Fowlerville - Ava Rajala, Fowlerville, 7-6 (8), 0-6, 7-2

No. 3 - Mya Murawski, Fowlerville - Anna Arnot, Fowlerville def. Willow Nelson, Grand Ledge - Allison Mead, Grand Ledge, 3-6, 7-5, 7-1

No. 4 - Emily Burger, Grand Ledge - Hayden Lemon, Grand Ledge def. Salena Collins, Fowlerville - Sophia Lutz, Fowlerville, 6-2, 6-0

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael Lewis and Rebecca Lewis, Husband and Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lenders successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 13, 2006 and recorded January 23, 2006 in Liber 5021, Page 104 Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2017-5, U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Eight and 19/100 Dollars (\$93,228.19).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Livingston County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MAY 3, 2023.

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

A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 1, TOWN 3 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, HANDY TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THE SURVEYED BOUNDARY OF SAID PARCEL DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 1; THENCE NORTH 01° 25' 17" EAST ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 1, A DISTANCE OF 1605.25 FEET; THENCE NORTH 85° 11' 50" WEST 390.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE SOUTH 01° 25' 17" WEST, PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE 280.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4; THENCE NORTH 85° 11' 50" WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE 150.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01° 25' 17" EAST, PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE 280.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 85° 11' 50" EAST, 150.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH A PRIVATE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS AS DESCRIBED HEREON: A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 1, TOWN 3 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, HANDY TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THE SURVEYED BOUNDARY OF SAID PARCEL DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 1; THENCE NORTH 01° 25' 17" EAST, ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 1, A DISTANCE OF 1605.25 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS EASEMENT DESCRIPTION; THENCE NORTH 85° 11' 50" WEST 540.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01° 25' 17" EAST, PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE 66.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 85° 11' 50" EAST 540.00 FEET TO SAID NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE; THENCE SOUTH 01° 25' 17" WEST, ALONG SAID NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE 66.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

5301 Hogback, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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

Dated: March 19, 2023

File No. 23-000649

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

(03-19)(04-09)

(3-19, 3-26, 4-2 & 4-9-23 FNV)

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Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Kyle A Robinson, A Married Man and Jennifer M Robinson, His Wife to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated October 20, 2014, and recorded on November 5, 2014, as Document Number: 2014R-031593, Livingston County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Fifth Third Bank, National Association, FKA Fifth Third Bank as successor by merger to Fifth Third Mortgage Company by an Assignment of Mortgage dated June 29, 2015 and recorded June 30, 2015 by Document Number: 2015R-020363, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Nine and 22/100 (\$224,799.22) including interest at the rate of 4.00000% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Township of Oceola, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 63, Orchard Park Village Condominium, according to the Master Deed as recorded in instrument No. 2006R-021045, and any subsequent amendments thereto, Livingston County Records, and as designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No 364 together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above described Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Commonly known as: 4060 ASH TREE LN, HOWELL, MI 48843

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

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Dated: April 9, 2023

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.

Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank, National Association, FKA Fifth Third Bank as successor by merger to Fifth Third Mortgage Company

43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180,

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302,

(248) 335-9200

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

Case No. 23MI00213-1

(04-09)(04-30)

(4-9, 4-16, 4-23 & 4-30-23 FNV)

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): William J. Nippa a single 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): Nationstar Mortgage LLC

Date of Mortgage: July 9, 2006

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 21, 2009

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$41,808.45

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Hamburg, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 54 of ORE LAKE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 65, Livingston County Records

Common street address (if any): 8086 Halfway Dr, Brighton, MI 48116-5168

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Date of notice: March 19, 2023

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(3-19, 3-26, 4-2 & 4-9-23 FNV)

## Livingston County Concert Band performing on April 30 in Howell

The Livingston County Concert Band, celebrating more than 50th years, will be under the direction of Dale Marzewski for their upcoming concert, Gimmicks and Giggles, at 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 30. The concert will be presented at the Rod Bushey Performing Arts Center, Howell High School, 1200 West Grand River Ave.

This concert feature music designed to humor audience members of all ages. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors (age 62 and older) and children and students are free. Refreshments served following the concert. Please visit the band's website ([www.lccbmusic.org](http://www.lccbmusic.org)) or check out the Livingston County Concert Band Facebook page for more information.



## Hartland Senior Activity Center presenting 'Spring Jubilee' April 20th

The Hartland Senior Activity Center is presenting 'Spring Jubilee' on Thursday, April 20, at 1:30 p.m. The show will feature a variety of musical entertainment. There's plenty of fun for everyone, as our Seniors show off their musical talents. Plus, we will have a Bake Sale and our Gift Shop will be out on display for purchases.

The show will be presented at the Hartland Performing Arts Theater, 9525 Highland Rd., Howell.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased at The Hartland Senior Activity Center Office.

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by J. Thaddeus P. McGaffey and Debra Lynn McGaffey, Husband and Wife, to Wilmington Finance, a division of AIG Federal Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated April 15, 2005 and recorded April 20, 2005 in Liber 4772, Page 981 Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Citibank, N.A., not in its individual capacity, but solely as owner trustee of the New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-6, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Seven and 75/100 Dollars (\$194,987.75).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Livingston County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MAY 3, 2023.

Said premises are located in the Township of HAMBURG, Livingston County Michigan, and are described as: Lot 18 of LAKELAND HILLS ESTATES, as recorded in Liber 27 of Plats, pages 44, 45 and 46, Livingston County Records.

5115 Windwood Ct, Pinckney, Michigan 48169

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

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

Dated: April 2, 2023

File No. 23-000508

Firm Name: Orleans PC

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

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(04-02)(04-23)

(4-2, 4-9, 4-16 & 4-23-23 FNV)

## ATTENTION HOMEOWNER:

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

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

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Frank Clear and Susan Katherine Clear, Husband and Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lenders successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2019 and recorded November 7, 2019 in Instrument Number 2019R-031061 and Affidavit Affecting Realty dated November 19, 2019 recorded December 13, 2019 in Instrument Number 2019R-035192 and Loan Modification Agreement recorded on July 20, 2021, in Instrument Number 2021R-030828, Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Union Home Mortgage Corp., by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Five and 82/100 Dollars (\$275,445.82).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Livingston County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on APRIL 26, 2023.

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

Lot(s) 29, Four Lakes Community Subdivision No. 1, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 7 of Plat(s), Page 23 and 24, Livingston County Records. 10721 Gamewood Drive, South Lyon, Michigan 48178

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

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

Dated: March 26, 2023

File No. 23-002082

Firm Name: Orleans PC

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

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(03-26)(04-16)

(3-26, 4-2, 4-9 & 4-16-23 FNV)

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Joseph E Hall, a single 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): M&T Bank

Date of Mortgage: July 11, 2013

Date of Mortgage Recording: August 8, 2013

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$175,499.29

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Hartland, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 3 North, Range 6 East, Hartland Township, Livingston County, Michigan and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 12; thence West 305.00 feet, along the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 12, to the point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds East 330.02 feet; thence West 375.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West 330.02 feet; thence East 375.00 feet, along the East-West 1/4 line of said section 12, to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 4225 N Tipsico Lake Rd, Hartland, MI 48353-1710

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: April 2, 2023

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(4-2, 4-9, 4-16 & 4-23-23 FNV)

## Consumers to install new automatic transfer reclosers to improve reliability

Consumers Energy plans to install 123 new automatic transfer reclosers (ATRs) in 2023 to help prevent power outages and improve electric reliability for customers. The energy provider's investment in automation is a key part of the company's overall electric reliability plan that aims to reduce both the number and length of power outages.

ATRs are cutting-edge reliability technologies that isolate problems on electric lines and transfer power automatically. This technology improves public safety and reduces the number of customers impacted by outages. Consumers Energy has nearly 470 of these 800-pound devices currently on the electric system. The 2023 ATR deployment plan will target areas that have been most impacted by outages over the past several years.

"After the February ice storms, we know customers are asking for a stronger and smarter power grid. By focusing on tree trimming, upgrading our electric grid, and using automation and other technology to quickly detect and resolve problems, we can drastically improve the electric grid and make it more reliable for all our customers," said Chris Laird, Consumers Energy's vice president of electric operations. "ATRs – sometimes referred to as the traffic light of the power grid – are one of many valuable tools that help reduce the number of outages our customers face. The ATRs are programmed to detect power loss and follow predetermined actions to help reroute power in another direction."

Consumers Energy estimates ATRs were able to help prevent tens of thousands of outages in 2022 alone.

## Livingston County ranks fourth in 2023 county health rankings

By Courtney Rynkiewicz,

Livingston County Health Department

The 2023 County Health Rankings (Rankings) were released, and Livingston County is ranked fourth overall, out of Michigan's 83 counties. The Rankings are released each year by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute's County Health Rankings and Roadmaps program and are a result of compiled data from nearly every county in the United States.

The data shows how healthy a county is, what is making people sick, and builds awareness around what areas to concentrate on as we work to improve the health of our community. Good health is essential to living a full and happy life, but many factors influence how well and how long we live. Access to affordable housing or well-paying jobs, opportunities for a good education for our community's children, and many other elements of our lives, all influence our health. However, these important factors are not equally accessible for everyone who lives in our community.

The Rankings illustrate where we can take action to improve health and reduce barriers or gaps that exist within Livingston County. The Rankings indicate which health-

contributing factors Livingston County has been successful in and which areas have room for improvement. As in previous years, the Rankings show that Livingston County has a high percentage of physically active adults, a higher flu vaccination rate than the state and national averages, and a high percentage of residents with health insurance coverage.

Opportunities for improvement include the adult obesity rate, the rate of adult smokers, substance abuse rates, and transportation in both length of commute and driving alone to work. The Livingston County Health Department is currently working to address the identified opportunities for advancing of the health of our community. The Livingston County Health Department participates in various community collaborations/workgroups and partners with our local health systems to work toward the goal of good health for all.

These areas for improvement will also be considered during the development of our next Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), which is planned to begin in 2024.

The current Livingston County CHIP can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/3zszTc1>. For more information, please visit [www.countyhealthrankings.org](http://www.countyhealthrankings.org).

# LEGAL NOTICES

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Christopher E. Tobin, 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): LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC

Date of Mortgage: October 31, 2011

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 8, 2011

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$126,355.76

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Tyrone, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 4 North, Range 6 East, beginning at a point on the North line of Section 33, which bears West 1075.00 feet from the North 1/4 corner of Section 33; thence South 00 degrees 15 minutes East 436.00 feet; thence West 250.76 feet; thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes West 436.00 feet; thence, along the North line of said Section 33, East 250.00 feet to the point of beginning

Common street address (if any): 10150 Faussett Rd, Fenton, MI 48430-9523

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: March 26, 2023

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Eric R. Walls by Jennifer M. Walls, as attorney in fact, and Jennifer M. Walls, husband and wife

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: August 7, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: August 11, 2017

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$236,723.27

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Conway, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Unit No. 42, Secluded Acres Site Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 3034, Page 491, as amended Livingston County Records, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 223, together with rights in general common elements and the limited common elements as shown on the Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Common street address (if any): 7899 Hidden Circle Dr, Byron, MI 48418-9652

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

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

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

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## 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, May 3, 2023. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Holly C Torsch and Husband Joshua M Torsch to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for Envoy Mortgage, LTD, Mortgagee, dated September 3, 2009, and recorded on September 11, 2009, as Document Number: 2009R-025778, Livingston County Records, said mortgage was assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by an Assignment of Mortgage dated April 05, 2022 and recorded April 12, 2022 by Document Number: 2022R-011098, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Six and 37/100 (\$64,126.37) including interest at the rate of 5.50000% per annum. Said premises are situated in the City of Howell, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, of Fowler Heights, as recorded in Liber 22, Page 30 of plats, Livingston County Records. Commonly known as: 711 CARDINAL CT, HOWELL, MI 48843

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

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

Dated: April 2, 2023

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association  
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200

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

Case No. 23MI00182-1

(04-02)(04-23)

(4-2, 4-9, 4-16 & 4-23-23 FNV)

## How Social Security protects you from misleading ads & communications

By Hillary Hatch,

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Social Security works with the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to protect you from scams that use Social Security as bait. Section 1140 of the *Social Security Act* allows OIG to impose severe penalties against anyone who engages in misleading Social Security-related advertising or imposter communications. You can review Section 1140 at [www.ssa.gov/OP/OP\\_Home/ssact/title11/1140.htm](http://www.ssa.gov/OP/OP_Home/ssact/title11/1140.htm).

For example, the OIG may impose a penalty against anyone who:

- Mails misleading solicitations that appear to be from or authorized by Social Security.
- Operates an imposter internet website or social media account designed to look like it belongs to or is authorized by Social Security.
- Sends emails or text messages or makes telephone calls claiming to be from Social Security.
- Sells Social Security's free forms, applications, and publications without our written approval.
- Charges a fee for a service that Social Security provides free of charge without providing a clearly visible notice that Social Security provides the service for free.
- If you receive a misleading or suspicious Social

Security-related advertisement or imposter communication, please let us know immediately. Try to capture as much information about the communication as you can.

Here's what you can do:

- For suspicious websites or social media accounts, please take a screenshot of the page. Please note the website address or social media link – and how you came across it.
- For emails and text messages, please capture the entire message and any message links.
- For U.S. mail solicitations, please retain the complete communication, including the outside envelope and all inserts.
- For telephone solicitations, please note the caller identification phone number and any company name or call back number that the caller or recorded message provides.

You can help us stop misleading advertising and communications. We encourage you to report potential scams to the OIG at [oig.ssa.gov](http://oig.ssa.gov). You can also call our fraud hotline at 1-800-269-0271 or send an email to [OIG.1140@ssa.gov](mailto:OIG.1140@ssa.gov).

This information will help OIG locate the source of the suspicious solicitation or communication. You can also check out our publication, *What You Need to Know About*

*Misleading Advertising*, at [www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10005.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10005.pdf).

Please share this information with friends and family and help us spread the word on social media!

## Fowlerville Varsity Softball Team starts season with 16-3 win last Tuesday

The Fowlerville Varsity Softball Team started the season last Tuesday, April 4, with a 16-3 win at Lansing Catholic.

The Glads took a 3-0 lead in the top of the third, then added three more in the fourth inning, four in the fifth, and another six in the sixth.

The Cougars scored twice in the fourth and a final run in the bottom of the sixth and final inning.

The Fowlerville offense collected 14 hits, with Tory Briggs getting three of them including a home run and double and driving in six runs, while Tara Peterson had two hits, with one of them a double, and collecting five RBIs. Katie Bigos picked up the win, working five innings. She had five strikeouts and gave up only three hits and two walks.



# LEGAL NOTICES

**CASE NO. 20-30921-CH  
CIRCUIT COURT SALE**

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Livingston, State of Michigan, made and entered on February 25, 2021 in a certain cause therein pending, wherein Hampton Ridge Condominium Association was the Complainant and Michael Stewart was the Defendant.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at public venue 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, May 10, 2023, at 10:00 am, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property: Unit 103 of Hampton Ridge Condominium, situated in the Township of Genoa, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and legally described as follows: Unit 103, of Hampton Ridge Condominium, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 3044, Page 153 et seq., Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 224. Sidwell No. 11-04-303-103  
Commonly known as: 4155 Kirkway Court, Howell, Michigan 48843  
This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.

Dated: March 14, 2023

Edgar Acena, Deputy Sheriff  
By: MAKOWER ABBATE GUERRA WEGNER VOLLMER PLLC  
John L. Finkelmann, Esq.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
23201 Jefferson Avenue  
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080  
586 218 6805

(03-19)(04-30)

(3-19, 3-26, 4-2, 4-9, 4-16, 4-23 & 4-30-23 FNV)

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
44TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY PROBATE**

**ORDER FOR SERVICE BY  
PUBLICATION/POSTING AND  
NOTICE OF ACTION**

CASE NO.  
22-31696-CH

Court address and telephone no.  
204 S. Highlander Way, Howell, Michigan 48843  
(517) 546-9816

Plaintiff name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s)  
BAYSHORE WOLVERINE CAPITAL, LLC, by its servicer  
Triad Financial Services

Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.  
TROT LAW P.C.  
By: William D. Meagher (P51157)  
31440 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 145  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334  
248.594.5404 T#508999L01

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Defendant name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).  
DANIEL L. BATES and  
SHANNA M. GARTNER  
2574 Court St. #38  
Brighton, MI 48114-7404

TO: DANIEL L. BATES and SHANNON M. GARTNER

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to recover possession of the manufactured home located at 2574 Court St., #38, Brighton, MI 48114-7404. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before 28 days after the date of last publication. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.
2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in a legal paper that publishes in Livingston County for  three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

Date: 3-24-23

Judge: Michael P. Hatty

(4-9, 4-16 & 4-23-23 FNV)

to \$560.50 through five income tiers. The same tiers apply to IRMAAs for Medicare Part D, with enrollees paying an extra \$12.20 to \$76.40 per month depending on their income.

About 7 percent, or 4.4 million higher-income Medicare beneficiaries pay a surcharge on their monthly Part B and/or Part D premiums.

**Reasons for Appealing**

In certain situations, Social Security will recalculate your premiums – known as a redetermination – for Part B and Part D, particularly if the agency based the cost on a tax return that was later amended.

Otherwise, there are seven life-changing events that qualify for a redetermination if they hurt your income: marriage, death of a spouse, divorce or annulment, reduced work hours or retirement, involuntary loss of income-producing property, the loss or reduction of some types of pension income, and an employer settlement payment because the company went bankrupt or reorganized.

**How to File a Claim**

To ask Social Security for a redetermination, you'll need to complete Form SSA-44 ([SSA.gov/forms/ssa-44-ext.pdf](https://www.ssa.gov/forms/ssa-44-ext.pdf)) and include supporting documents, such as the death certificate for a spouse or a letter from a former employer stating that you're now retired. If you filed your federal income tax return for the year that your income was reduced, you will also need to provide a signed copy.

A decision usually takes a few weeks, but if you had one of the events that Social Security considers life-changing, you should win the appeal. In that case, Social Security will reimburse you for the additional premiums by adding it to your benefit one month. If you are on Medicare but haven't started collecting Social Security, you should see a credit on a future invoice.

If your request for a redetermination is denied, there are three additional levels of appeals you could try: to the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals, to the Medicare Appeals Council and finally to the federal district court where you live.

For more information on the premium rules for high-income beneficiaries see [SSA.gov/benefits/medicare/medicare-premiums.html](https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/medicare-premiums.html).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE  
BY ADVERTISEMENT.**

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MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): MICHAEL A HORVATH, A SINGLE MAN Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns  
Date of mortgage: October 24, 2006 Recorded on October 30, 2006, in Document No. 2006R-025917, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Eighty-Five Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Seven and 59/100 Dollars (\$85,177.59)  
Mortgaged premises: Situated in Livingston County, and described as: Lot 14, and the North 14 feet of Lot 13, Roselane Pointe Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, Page 20, Livingston County Records.  
Commonly known as 578 Roselane Drive, Howell, MI 48843

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## Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

**How to appeal Medicare Surcharges when your income changes**

*Dear Savvy Senior,*

*Is there anything I can do to reduce my high Medicare premium surcharges? Because of my past income, I pay \$329.70 per month for my Part B premium and \$64.50/month for Part D, but my income has dropped since I retired. Do I have any options?*

*Overcharged Andy*

**Dear Andy,**

If you're getting hit with a higher premium for Medicare Part B and Part D and you think it's unjustified, you can ask Social Security to revisit its decision and perhaps reduce your cost. Here's what you should know.

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## Fowlerville High School Alumni Association holding 129th annual gathering on Saturday, June 10th

Plans are now in place for the 129th Fowlerville High School Alumni Banquet & Gathering to be held Saturday, June 10, at FOWLerville HIGH SCHOOL. The social hour begins about 4pm. Pictures will be taken starting at 5pm, followed by the banquet at 6pm in the high school cafeteria. A short program recognizing “honored classes” will take place after the meal.

COVID-19 forced the cancellation of the annual banquet in 2020. The next two years, an informal gathering was held at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds Finlan Gazebo.

“It’s great to be home! - back at FHS,” said Judy Recker, Alumni president.

Changes in services and personnel at the schools have forced the organization to hire an outside caterer & incur additional expenses. To insure that all the new expenses are covered, the ticket price has been set at \$25. Tickets will go on sale the first of May at a local business (to be announced). More details to follow. Please save the date, Saturday, June 10 & plan to attend FHS ALUMNI - 2023.

Classes with questions should contact Cindy Ruttman Krebs at 517-375-3014. Cindy will have details on reserving rooms at FHS and other information pertinent to the program.

Scholarship donations continue to be accepted and can be sent to Box 446, Fowlerville, MI 48836.

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### NOTICE OF SALE

A liquidation sale will be held on **Tuesday, April 18 at 10am** to dispense of the items stored in the following units:

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**Winners of coloring contest at Kreeger get rides in police car & fire truck**

Tony Coln, the Fowlerville Police Department School Resource Officer, held a coloring contest for Kreeger Elementary students to win a ride to school in a police car. There were so many entries that Office Coln paired with the Fowlerville Fire Department to give five students rides to school in a police car and a fire truck. The winners were – Madilyn Allen, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; Madilyn Goodwin, 5<sup>th</sup> grade; Suzanna Clark, 5<sup>th</sup> grade; Owen Pisella, 4<sup>th</sup> grade; Mackenzie Blackstone, 5<sup>th</sup> grade.



Madilyn Goodwin



Owen Pisella



Mackenzie Blackstone



Madilyn Allen



Suzanna Clark

**Kreeger Elementary School News**

**CALENDAR OF KREEGER EVENTS**

- 4/10/23 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade ELA M-step testing
- 4/11/23 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade Math M-step testing
- 4/12/23 SPRING PICTURES
- 4/12/23 5<sup>th</sup> grade Yearbook Club after school 3:35pm
- 4/13/23 Student Council after school 3:35pm
- 4/17-20/23 5<sup>th</sup> grade M-step testing
- 5/11/23 Student Council after school 3:35pm
- 5/15/23 Spring Fundraiser Flower delivery

**Spring Flower Fundraiser Delivery:**

Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>– Your flowers arrive at Kreeger Elementary, pick up time is from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

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

**Fowlerville GLAD Facebook Page**

Social-emotional health and wellness professionals from the Fowlerville Community Schools have created a Facebook page to connect with Fowlerville families by sharing information and resources. The page is called Fowlerville GLAD, which represents periodic messages that will be shared focusing on **Gratitude, Learning, Accomplishment, and Delight**. The site will also have links to services and community resources that can assist families with locating parent coaching, mental health support, food, clothing, housing support, and inspiration or encouragement. **\*\*\*ATTENTION NEW STUDENTS:**

All pre-enrollments can be done online [www.fowlervilleschools.org](http://www.fowlervilleschools.org).

After you complete those documents please print and sign areas marked. Bring your child's original raised seal birth certificate, 2 proofs of Fowlerville Schools residency and if your child attended a school in Michigan his/her immunizations will be on the MCIR website. Please call the office at 517-223-6330 when finished so that we may finalize the enrollment.

**Downtown Fowlerville business owner appointed to fill council vacancy**

A Downtown Fowlerville business owner was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Village Council created by the recent death of trustee Jerry Bell.

Jamie Herden, who has been a co-owner of Shear Image Salon and Boutique for 38 years, was selected at the council's March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting after indicating her interest in the position. She will serve through the 2024 November General Election. The council seat will be on the ballot.

Bell passed away on March 15<sup>th</sup> after a long illness. He served on council from 2008 to 2016, left for medical reasons, and then was elected again in 2018. He was still on council at the time of his death.

**Howell Carnegie Library holding Book Sale**

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## Whitmer says ‘bigotry is bad for business.’ Is this true?

Commentary by Rick Haglund,  
Michigan Advance

It was a clever phrase designed to grab headlines, and it did.

“Bigotry is bad for business,” Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said in her January State of the State speech, imploring lawmakers to add anti-discrimination protections based on gender identity and sexual orientation to the state’s civil rights law.

They ultimately obliged and Whitmer signed the landmark legislation adding protections for LGBTQ+ Michiganders to the state’s 1976 Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act earlier this month.

Whitmer plans to utilize the law and Michigan’s new constitutional protection for abortion as an economic development tool to attract new business investment and workers. She also signed recently passed bills that would overturn a 1931 law prohibiting abortion in the state.

“Protecting these freedoms is the right thing to do and it’s

just good economics,” Whitmer said. “States with extreme laws are losing talent and investment because bigotry is bad for business. We should build on our reputation as a welcoming beacon of opportunity where anyone can succeed.”

The governor said she’ll “go to any state that restricts people’s freedoms and win business and hardworking people from them. I’m looking at you, Ohio and Indiana.”

Ohio has one of the most restrictive abortions bans in the country. Indiana, which also severely restricts abortion, is considering adopting a “Don’t Say Gay” law similar to a controversial one in Florida.

Whitmer’s message was endorsed by chambers of commerce and business lobbying organizations across the state that for years have voiced support for adding LGBTQ+ protections to the state’s civil rights law.

“This is a business issue,” a coalition of business groups wrote to the Legislature in January. “More and more individuals seek communities and states that value diversity and inclusion.”

But do they? Employment data and recent high-profile business investment decisions challenge that assumption.

Some states that have enacted, or are attempting to enact, some of the most restrictive laws on abortion and LGBTQ+ rights also are top job producers.

Texas, which prohibits nearly all abortions, recorded the largest jump in job growth among big-population states in the country last year at 5%, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics data.

Right behind the Longhorn State was Florida, where Gov. Ron DeSantis is banning books, demonizing LGBTQ+ people and attacking universities and corporations for their diversity, equity and inclusion policies.

Michigan was among the lowest tier of states with job growth of 2.3% between January 2022 and January 2023.

States with restrictive abortion laws and unfriendly policies toward LGBTQ+ people are also raking in business investment.

Kansas, which has introduced a slew of anti-LBQT+ legislation, had more capital investment projects per capita last year than any other state, according to a new report by *Site Selection* magazine.

Kentucky, where the state Legislature recently passed what the American Civil Liberties Union called the worst anti-trans bill in the country, ranked second.

*Site Selection* listed only the top 10 states for investment projects and Michigan was not among them. Ohio and Indiana, states Whitmer is targeting for investment, ranked third and eighth, respectively, for investment projects per capita.

Texas was home to the most business investment projects overall.

But these data points tell an incomplete story. The federal jobs data, for instance, doesn’t break down new jobs by pay and educational attainment. And businesses choose where to invest using many factors, including available workforce, infrastructure, quality of life and cost of doing business.

Whitmer and the Legislature are working to check those boxes with lucrative college scholarships, more investment in local communities and schools, and a huge business location incentive fund, among other initiatives.

Tim Bartik, senior economist at the Upjohn Institute for Employment Research in Kalamazoo, told me it’s “simply too early” to tell whether the Supreme Court’s 2022 Dobbs decision, ending the constitutional right to abortion, and new legislation in other states taking aim at LGBTQ+ people will result in more workers moving to states like Michigan that protect abortion and LGBTQ+ rights.

If Michigan were to benefit from such relocations, Bartik said those coming here would likely be more mobile college graduates that the state is trying to attract, particularly households with women of childbearing age.

A survey last year found the large cities college students want to live in after they graduate are those located mostly in blue states that offer more protections for abortion and the rights of LGBTQ+ people. Among them were Seattle, Denver, Chicago and Minneapolis. Detroit didn’t make the cut.

But Michigan is starting to gain some national publicity as a safe spot for women of child-bearing age and the LGBTQ+ community. The *Huffington Post* recently called Michigan “the anti-Florida,” in part because of the addition of sexual orientation and gender identity to its civil rights law protections.

Michigan has taken important steps to make the state welcoming for all. Now it’s up to business leaders to show with their investment and job creation decisions that bigotry really is bad for business.

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