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## Fulton Twp Defends Wind Farm Decision, Open Meetings Act Allegation in Circuit Court

By William Meiners  
Herald Staff Writer

Fulton Township found itself on the defensive about an alleged violation of the Michigan Open Meetings Act in 29th Circuit Court last Monday, as Invenergy, the Chicago-based company behind the Heartland Farms Wind Project, has used the charge to appeal the April decision of the Board of Trustees to deny special-use permits on 12 wind turbines in the area.

Originally pitched to build 72 wind turbines across six Gratiot County townships, Invenergy representatives had hoped Heartland Farms would break ground this year. Throughout winter and spring, various township planning commissions and boards held public meetings, as Invenergy reps and other experts spelled out particulars on the sound, distance from homes, and the other things that accompany wind turbines.

After Washington Township Board approved the project with "conditions" in June, they joined Newark, New Haven, North Shade, and North Star townships in effectively greenlighting the wind farm. The Fulton Board, which reversed a recommendation of its Planning Commission in March, became the lone township out of six to nix the project.

Leading up to the court date, Fulton Twp. voted to switch

counsel in August, replacing Lansing-based Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes with Foster Swift from Grand Rapids. Mike Homier, who represented Fulton in the courtroom, had told the board that "land-use" cases are routine for Foster Swift, which uses up to 10 lawyers on his team with different areas of expertise, "because we do it all the time."

James Griffin, representing the plaintiff, argued that Fulton Township's denial "was not supported by substantial evidence" and respectfully requested that the decision be reversed. Griffin specifically took issue with the board's decision to go against the recommendation from the Fulton Planning Commission, as well as the timing of evidence presented after previously presented time for "public comments."

Kathleen Defever, the San Francisco-based lawyer who grew up in Fulton Township and has returned home several times throughout the year to lead resistance efforts against the wind project, was unimpressed with the plaintiff's argument. "The parties made the same arguments they made in their briefs," she said. "Basically, Invenergy argues that they should have been approved because the planning commission approved the project and that the Board of Trustees could not make a different decision."

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In its 20th year of operations, "Terror on 27" opened for business last weekend. The fright fest, located at 8691 S. Bagley Rd. in Ashley, runs every Friday and Saturday throughout the month of October, including the last three Sundays.

## 'Terror on 27' Brings the Scares in Its 20th Season

By William Meiners  
Herald Staff Writer

The owner-operators of Terror on 27 wish to remain anonymous. It's spookier that way. In their 20th anniversary of operations, when even the monsters had to sit out a pandemic year, they're celebrating things bigger, better, and even scarier this Halloween season.

Whoever these folks might be — perhaps headless horsemen with minds for business or enterprising zombies whose good ideas never fall upon detached ears — suffice it to say it's a family affair. One daughter, who we will call Laurie because that's her first name, said it all began 21 years ago when a man from Ithaca with a dream called for a family-breakfast meeting at the Big Boy in Alma. The solicited feedback over coffee, eggs, waffles, or whatever, led to the creation of mid-Michigan's lone professional haunted attraction.

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## Alma Commissioners Seek Public Input on Proposed Recreational Marijuana Ordinance



Of the four medical marijuana facility licenses previously awarded under a separate ordinance, only one has come to fruition. The other three, including this property at 595 Heather Lane, simply never followed through.

By Rosemary Horvath  
Herald Correspondent

Providing outlets for the public hampered with health issues to access medical marijuana easily was one thing. But do the voters of Alma want similar considerations for recreational cannabis products?

Questions like this confront Alma city commissioners as they tackle redrafting an ordinance that sets regulations for permitting public outlets, sales, and production related to adult-use recreational marijuana. A public hearing is expected to take place during the regular Oct. 11 city commission meeting.

A draft of the proposed ordinance was not available prior to Herald presstime, but may be included in a meeting packet to be posted on the city's website.

At this point, commissioners are at odds over permitting cannabis outlets in the downtown business district.

The city must consider how many outlets to allow, and the required

distances from schools and other outlets.

At the September meeting, during the public comment portion, Gratiot County cannabis outlet co-owner Zack Everitt questioned the possibility of limiting a downtown presence.

He drew a comparison to the number of establishments with liquor licenses and the modern trend of having outdoor seating where alcohol is consumed in public.

He questioned why cannabis dispensaries should be limited?

Commissioners have an array of restrictions to consider beyond just how many. Categories include growers, processors, retailers, microbusiness, secure transporters, and penalties.

Both City Manager Aeris Ripley and City Attorney Tony Costanzo collected ordinances from other municipalities to use as guides. Costanzo has represented and drafted ordinances for other municipal clients.

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# Walkers Wildlife Control Offers Unique Trapping Services

By William Meiners  
Herald Staff Writer

When you think about it, Steve Walker may be one of the most common names in America. But if you're talking about the guy who graduated from Ithaca High School in 1984, that Steve Walker is making quite a name for himself in the world of animal control.

Over the last four years, Walker, who has worked for many years in the telecommunications business and the last dozen as a retention specialist for Spectrum, has developed quite a side business in Walkers Wildlife Control. With the proper permitting from the Department of Natural Resources, he hung out a shingle. Though more likely, he put out some traps. And business is booming.

"I get a lot of referrals," said Walker. "If someone puts out a Facebook post that says something about needing help with animals, I get tagged a lot."

Walker also posts plenty of photos and videos on his Facebook page, allowing those images to tell a story. And he's got some doozies to share, including one of a 35-pound badger (that photographs even larger) that he caught on a farmer's land near Beebe a few winters ago. Stalking and capturing that badger took 22 traps over nearly that many days.

Michigan law requires registered trappers to check traps every 24 hours. You wouldn't want a cat caught in one of those. Though the farmer wondered aloud about what he imagined to be a woodchuck problem, Walker knew from the claws that a badger was doing the badgering. "I was so excited, after 19 days of going to this farm to find that badger in my cage," said Walker, acknowledging the good rug that critter, found expired, would later make in his home.

To put a button on the badger story, Walker claimed the state animal of Wisconsin is one of the meanest animals he's ever caught in Michigan. And not just that big one, but badgers in general. "If you're a Michigan licensed trapper you're only allowed to catch one a year because they're so rare," he said.

Walker may be something of a rarity in himself in his field (animal control, not telecommunications). He might be the only trapper in the area who tries to relocate animals rather than kill them. "I care about animals and respect them," he said. "Especially when it comes to a mama



Steve Walker, of Ithaca, has made quite a name for himself over the last four years through a side business called Walkers Wildlife Control. A few winters back he captured this 35-pound badger on a farmer's land near Beebe. Stalking and capturing that big badger took 22 traps over nearly that many days.

and her babies, I always will let them go. I just caught a possum that had 10 baby possums with it. I have a soft heart for anything with babies, so I like to relocate them unharmed."

The relocation area is often a state gaming area. As a lifelong hunter and fisherman, Walker is careful to remove the nuisance animals from the property. And careful could be his middle name, though unlikely. Walker said he's never been sprayed by a skunk, never been bitten by a rabid intruder. Apparently, he moves rather deliberately around sharp-toothed animals, perhaps gently reasoning with raccoons.

Recently, Walker caught and relocated 17 animals from one property — a single site record in his four-year tenure. In the heart of Ithaca no less. Among the captured were 10 possums, six skunks, and one raccoon. "I love animals and

like helping people," he said. "It makes going to work fun when I can help people. To keep animals out of their homes or sheds and prevent future invasions."

The pluralization of his name "Walkers" (without an apostrophe) represents Walker's hope for his 23-year-old son to join the business someday. Yet, for now anyway, it's a one-man show where he'll travel within 100 miles of Ithaca to catch and release any offensive varmints.

Walker said April to October is the busy season for "nuisance animals." As we creep closer to winter, however, it's more rodent control as those types try to find shelter inside. If you've got some four-legged problems lurking outside your home, consider contacting Walkers Wildlife Control. You can find him online or call 989-630-1389.

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## Bannister ZCBJ Plans Fall Dinner and Holiday Bazaar

The Bannister ZCBJ Lodge will be hosting two public events during the month of October.

The annual Fall Dinner will be held on Sunday, Oct. 16 from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at 401 E. Main St., Bannister. The menu will include breaded chicken, ham, squash, dumplings and cabbage, potatoes and gravy, dressing, Czech bakery and more. Adult tickets are \$15, children under 12 are \$5 and preschoolers are free. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

The Holiday Bazaar will be on Saturday, October 29 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The lodge will be selling Czech bakery and yeast dumplings, 100th Anniversary cookbooks, Czech garnet jewelry, lodge history books, Czech culture items and baking sheets. Table renters will offer a wide variety of items including woodworking, needlework, beauty products, baked goods, jams, jellies and syrups, holiday decorations and much more. A luncheon of homemade soups, sloppy joes, sandwiches and pies will also be available. Advance orders for Czech yeast dumplings can be made at 989-862-5591.

## Scholarship Applications Sought

Funds are available to help older Gratiot County adults with expenses for their post-high school education. Students over 25 years who are pursuing college or technical training in order to better their employment opportunities are urged to apply.

The Alma Area Used Book Sale Group (AAUBSG) held a successful sale last month, raising almost \$10,000 with the help of more than 100 volunteers. Now the group wants to award scholarships to women and men whose education has been delayed or interrupted and who are facing financial hurdles.

The simple two-page form is available by calling or emailing 989 463-6697, ludylynnne@hotmail.com or 989 763-2943, jar8mi@gmail.com.

The deadline for receipt is Monday, October 31, 2022.

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## De Saegher Dairy Looks Big Picture Within Large-Scale Operation

By William Meiners  
Herald Staff Writer

Howling winds, seemingly ushered in with the first day of fall, accompany the hustle of activity at the De Saegher Dairy Farm in Middleton. Semi-tractor trailers rolling in and out with harvests of corn, along with a cacophony of mooing cows, can make it all sound like a rural highway.

No matter the season, that flurry of work continues. The ongoing effort allowed Bart and Els De Saegher, who moved with their two small children from Belgium to Gratiot County in 1999, to turn 35 cows into something in the neighborhood of 10,000 grazing animals at three county locations.

The oldest child, Lotte Peet, now 27 years old, has vague memories of the move from overseas and an extended stay at the Ithaca Motel. But it's the constant work of her parents she remembers most. "My mom and dad worked day and night milking cows," she said.

### Family farm

Lotte has two younger brothers, Bram, 25 years old, and Brent, who at almost 17 years old, was the only one in the family born in the United States. The other four De Saeghers became U.S. citizens in 2016.

Growing up on the dairy farm also meant lending a hand with the chores. "I've done a little bit of everything," Lotte said. "I've worked in the maternity and fed calves at 5 a.m. when it was negative 10 degrees. I can operate every piece of equipment out here."

The work can be hard on one's body. They use automated milkers, but those still need to be attached to the cows. Each cow is milked three times a day, anywhere between five and seven minutes. Though they're not hooked to machines all day, Peet said. "They go back to eat and sleep."

As the farm grew, so did the need for additional employees. The De Saeghers purchased a dairy farm in nearby Elsie. Then they built one from scratch in North Star. With more than two decades in the books, there's no sign of them slowing down.

"I think it's all about how much drive you have," Peet said. "Are you willing to make sacrifices and take risks? If you can't make either one of those, you're not going to grow. You'll be comfortable where you're at."

Peet serves as an office manager at the main hub in Middleton, where she plays a "supportive role for managers at all the locations." Her work entails everything from tracking orders, making sure folks are up to date on training and safety protocols, taking care of public relations, and running Project FULL, or Fuel Up Little Learners, the nonprofit organization that helps feed hungry schoolchildren in Gratiot County.

Lotte and her husband Tyler Peet, who live about a mile and a half away and raise about 200 cattle for beef, met at students at Michigan State University. With two small children of their own, 2 and 4 years old, the couple hopes to instill upon them the life lessons they both grew up with.

Through his own long days, Tyler serves as a maintenance manager in the Middleton location, essentially overseeing anything that is not cows, including building maintenance and harvest management. Through all of it, Lotte said she may be most proud about playing a supportive role in the family business.

### Maternity ward

Of the three De Saegher farms in Gratiot County, the Middleton dairy has evolved into a bit of a maternity ward. Checking into a stable to see if a cow might be giving birth, and "in need of privacy," Peet said, "We have 2,000 calves here."

With the coast clear, Peet pointed out a calf less than one minute old. The mother cow licks it on the ground. On the other side, another calf, all of about five minutes old, stumbles to its feet amidst the hay. Once they're a little more stable on those four pins, the calves spend six to eight weeks in solitary hutches.

That confinement helps them prevent diseases on a large scale. "This way we can ensure the cases are confined to one animal," said Peet, noting how respiratory illnesses could run wild were the animals not isolated.



Dana Kirk (left), an associate professor of biosystems and agricultural engineering at Michigan State University, with Lotte Peet in front of the large blue tanks that will help convert manure into natural gas.



The De Saegher Dairy Farm in Middleton serves as a bit of a maternity and day care for some 2,000 calves. LEFT: A calf, just minutes old, gets a bit of a cleaning from its mother. RIGHT: Calves stay in single hutches for six to eight weeks to help prevent the spread of diseases on a large scale.

Two on-site veterinarians help care for the cows and their offspring and teach employees best-practice techniques. When the cows are old enough, they're sent to another facility in Kansas to be raised as heifers.

Though critics might view all such sizeable operations negatively, Peet wished they understood the ethical choices they make on behalf of the cows. "People think the animals are mistreated and unhappy," she said. "It's completely the opposite. They sleep and eat as they please. They spend a total of 15 to 20 minutes being milked a day, but get to socialize, receive fresh bedding two to three times a week, and have clean coats."

A "very precise diet" that's not just straight corn also allows for a better quality of life for De Saegher cows. Peet points out an area under a large roof that keeps such additives and commodities safe from rain and shrinkage.

The need to give back, not surprisingly, comes from an agricultural-based philosophy. "We learned that food insecurity is a problem here," said Peet, regarding Project FULL. "People may not think about that in Gratiot County, but it's something we can help with. We know what's nutritious and what's good for the body."

In July, Project FULL received a \$5,000 check from the Scott Allen Farm Bureau Insurance Agency. That's certainly something for the nonprofit to build on. The supplemental nutrition program is meant to fill the gap between a student's lunch on Friday and their school breakfast on Monday. "What happens

on Friday when they go home?" Peet asked about the students eligible for the free-meal program. "If they're not getting the nutrition and the energy they need they're not going to come to school on Monday morning ready to learn. We want to keep their brains and bodies thriving and healthy so they can learn to the best of their ability."

### Evolutionary measures

Regardless of the push and pull between animal rights activists, environmentalists, or whoever might not like big farming operations, Peet knows the challenges of "getting a positive understanding" from the outside world. "There's a gap between people who know where their food comes from every day," she said. "And it can be hard to change opinions."

That could be a challenge beyond public relations. Next year, De Saegher Dairy will host Farm Bureau's Project RED, or Rural Education Day. In May, busloads of kids from throughout Gratiot County will visit the farm.

Though it's not just a dairy-based tour and presentations, Peet said. Hundreds of students, most of whom don't grow up on farms, will learn everything from aspects of animal care to farm equipment safety to an introduction of entomology. Ideally, the day ends up with an opportunity for the children to go home and start a discussion about agriculture.

On the environmental front, the De Saeghers are planning to turn manure waste into recycled energy. Since August 2021, Dana Kirk, an associate professor of biosystems and ag-

ricultural engineering at Michigan State University, has led efforts in building a "digestor," which handles the conversion.

"The manure comes out from the dairy and goes through sand separation, which removes the sand bedding," explained Kirk, noting the need to have "higher-solid contents," of about six to eight percent for the digestors.

Heated in large blue tanks to about 100 degrees, the waste is insulated for about a month. The gas, which rises out of it, is then collected inside a stainless steel roof. The gas is purified there, removed of moisture, hydrogen sulfide, and carbon dioxide. They end up with pure methane that can be injected into DTE lines down the road.

The project, which they hope to take live within a few months, has led to job creation for both construction and operations. Once running, an on-site engineer will likely work with pairs of mechanics and operators to keep it going.

"We're producing renewable energy from the manure," Kirk said. "In doing that, we're capturing a lot of that stuff that made odors, so the manure coming out should have less odor. It's going to reduce the carbon footprint of the dairy. We're reducing the emissions, but we're also making energy that we can sell and use."

The recycled fuel will go into natural gas vehicles, powering busses, trucks, and Amazon delivery vehicles. "It's the next modernization of agriculture," Kirk said. "We'll have a team of engineers here running an energy generation plant on the back side of a dairy."



## Local Artist to Open Exhibit with Public Reception

By Claudia McLoughlin  
Alma Community Art Center

The works of Beverly Adams will be on exhibit starting Oct. 6 at the Alma Community Art Center, 213 E. Superior Street in Alma. An artist's reception is scheduled on Tue., Oct. 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the art center and is open to the public.

Themed on the "Earth and Sea" the artist said it is her interest in gardening and her fascination with the life that comes from the shores that prompted the works which will be on display. Raised in Okemos, the local resident has worked as a graphic designer and seamstress for an opera company before she turned to her greatest talent, painting.



ADAMS

She claims she was enticed back into the field when her sister, an interior designer, needed a specific painting and could find nothing to fit the bill.

Adams was forced to give up on oil painting when she developed an allergy to the paint in college, but found a professor who knew about acrylic paints so she could continue her work. But she took other paths until called on by her sister.

After fulfilling her sister's need, Adams resumed her painting in earnest and entered several contests, faring well in many and even winning a few.

"Some of my proudest moments

This painting, entitled "The French Fishbowl," will be included in the Beverly Adams exhibit at the Alma Community Art Center from Oct. 1 to Dec. 6.

were being accepted into the Fort Wayne, Ind., art museum for their Contemporary Realism Competition in 2008, four times in Art Prize (a highly competitive nationally acclaimed show in Grand Rapids) and several local shows," she said in a press release. In addition, she sold one of her Art Prize entries to Grand Valley State University for one of their new medical buildings.

A member of the Creative Arts Guild of Mid-Michigan, based in Alma, she made contact with Diane Clise, Alma Community Art Center director. Adams has some of her art work in the retail corner of the art center and was interested in expanding. Talking with Clise they decided a full-blown show would answer the need Adams had to display her work, and also allow the art center to have an exhibition of a local artist.

The still life pictures Adams cre-

ates are in the style of classic masters with a modern edge to them Beautiful in their use of colors, the still lifes are full of intricate details. They might be mistaken as photographs on first glance, but upon closer inspection, viewers will notice the precise detail that Adams incorporates in her work.

"I have been a gardener for a long time. I love working with plant material, fresh soil, and beautiful flowers. I have a fascination for what lives and grows out of the dirt....I also have a fascination for the sea, shells, and corals. I hope you will find this as interesting as I do," she said.

The exhibition will be available for viewing during the hours the Art Center is open each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment. Call (989) 463-8366 or visit the website alma-cac.org for additional information.



Dylan and Jamie McGill are the proud new owners of Hub's D&J Tire Service in Ithaca. It's a business very familiar to Dylan, who at 35 years old, has worked there for half his life, since he was a senior at Ithaca High School.

## New Owners of Hub's D&J Tire Service Very Familiar with the Business

By William Meiners  
Herald Staff Writer

With plans to keep a good thing going, Dylan and Jamie McGill recently purchased Hub's D&J Tire Service, a longtime Ithaca establishment. Dave Weber, who built the business from scratch 38 years ago, will likely take a slow step toward complete retirement, sticking around for another year or two as the McGills get up to speed on everything.

Dylan, 35 years old, certainly knows his way around the shop, having worked there since his senior year at Ithaca High School. "Dang near 18 years!" wrote Jamie, 30 years old, in a social media post.

Although she has not worked previously in the shop, Jamie will take a lead role in keeping the financial books. The biggest learning curve for both, however, could be just running the show.

"I've never been in a major leadership role, so that's the most pressure for me," Dylan said. "But all of the day-to-day stuff that goes on in the shop I've got down pat."

As he likened Weber to a "father figure" for essentially half his life, McGill is likely to continue to lean on Weber's advice. Treating customers like you would treat your family is one lesson he's already taken to heart. "When I go into a business and they know my name and treat me like a person I want to revisit those places," McGill said.

"And that's how I want to treat people in here."

To that end, McGill, for years already, has learned something about the customers walking through Hub's Tire. And, of course, he and the crew have learned something about the cars they're driving, as well.

Having learned the ins and outs of operations, with a focus on customer service, Dylan said he and Jamie first started talking about someday buying the place within the last decade. Though the current plans are to maintain business, Dylan said they may look to expanding on the building to house all of the tools that have become increasingly technical in nature. Though that could be part of a five-year plan.

An even longer-range plan could include members from their own young family taking over the tire shop. Jamie gave birth to Crew, a firstborn son, around 14 months ago. "I'm really excited to see if my children will want to get involved later on down the road," Dylan said.

With the young Crew at home and a good crew in the shop, Dylan is putting in the long hours to build, maintain, and (soon enough) expand on a business he knows well. The father figure in the nearby office and a wife keeping the books will ideally keep them all on the road to success.

## Advertisement for Bids for Ithaca Public Schools

### Project Information

Sealed bid proposals will be accepted from qualified contractors by Ithaca Public Schools for the 2023 Sinking Fund - JR/SR High School Site Improvements. Proposals may be mailed or delivered in person to:

Steven Netzley  
Superintendent  
C/o Ithaca Public Schools  
710 N Union Street  
Ithaca, MI 48847

### Pre-Bid Meeting

A pre-bid meeting and project walk-through will not be taking place for this project.

### Bid Information

Proposals must be received prior to 1:30 PM (local time) on October 27, 2022 at the Ithaca Public Schools Administration Office. Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at 1:31 PM in the Ithaca Public Schools Admin. Conference Room. All bids received after 1:30 PM on the bid date will not be accepted and will be returned to the Bidder unopened.

### Proposals and Award

The Owner will award contracts on or about November 28, 2022.

### Plans and Questions

Interested Bidders should contact Wolgast Corporation at (989) 790-9120.

### Bid Security

A Bid Security by a qualified surety authorized to do business in the state where the Project is located and in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Base Bid shall accompany each proposal or proposal combination.

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### Owners' Rights

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Vetting, business plan, background check, and employee training may come under requirements.

At a prior meeting, Alma resident Les Rosan called attention to properties awarded medical marijuana licenses in the initial go-around about five years ago. Some, by now, have become eyesores.

Rosan suggested having background checks of applicants.

Of the four medical marijuana licenses awarded in Alma, only one has opened. Consume Cannabis Company operates a dispensary at 528 W. Warwick.

Properties at 224 Center Street (a house), 1405 Wright Ave. (formally a Pizza Hut) and 595 Heather Lane simply never followed through.

The Heather Lane proposal had gone through a site plan review in 2020, but construction was halted by the pandemic.

The 3.3-acre parcel had sold six times between 2005 and 2019, and is for sale again. The March 15, 2019 sale price was \$1.1 million followed by a Sept. 17 resale of \$250,000.



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A "monster craftsman" puts finishing touches on The House ahead of the 20th season of operations for *Terror on 27*.



These are not "children of the corn" raised on Gratiot County farms, but rather the next generation of scarers who've cut their teeth in *Terror on 27* through consecutive Halloweens.

Of course the idea grew from the Big Boy brainstorm. From a couple, two daughters, and a future son-in-law, the family built something which now has more than 100 local actors of all ages. "Some actors have theater experience, some have worked in other haunted houses, and some just simply love Halloween and a good jump scare," Laurie said. "We have teachers, accountants, artists, nurses, machinists, truck drivers, technicians, waitresses, cooks, and many more. We are not all diehard Halloween or gothic fans, but we come together with the shared interest in this creative outlet."

Since the original haunt 21 years ago, they've muscled up on size and scope, as well. They added a second haunt, then a third made up of an outdoor maze, and finally a fourth. The last touch was the haunted house, which "sells separately and promises a lingering scare with a storyline," Laurie said.

They've tried other things over the years, including airbrush temporary tattoos, a "High Striker" strongman hammer, an escape room called "Get Out of Clown," and zombie paintball. "Not everything lasted, but the family continues to brainstorm, create, and learn through trial and error," said Laurie. "This year promises a new mini attraction called The Hellevator."

Even with Halloween confined to the tenth month of the year, the work for *Terror on 27* goes around the calendar. "We build props indoors over the winter and when the weather breaks, we start our maintenance of the ground to implement our new ideas," Laurie said. "We have a small, dedicated build crew and we say the haunt is theirs all year to create, and once we open our doors we turn the keys

over to our awesome team of actors. Within the family we also refer to *Terror on 27* as OM, or an "Odyssey of the Mind" for grownups."

It may not be for kiddos. The website recommends not bringing children younger than 10 years old. Mackenzie Guenin, a senior at Central Michigan University, would concur with that. She's attended *Terror on 27* most years since her high school days.

"It's pretty scary," Guenin said. "It's definitely

more for high school and college kids."

Visitors have the option of paying for individual attractions or the complete package, with tickets ranging from \$10 to \$25. Guenin found the maze, which was "full of scary clowns," to be a particularly hair-raising experience.

Given the fact that they are trying to get a rise out of the paid customers, Laurie said they're rarely surprised by reactions anymore, including the occasional lost lunch launched violently from a queasy stomach. "We know how people react to being scared so we train our actors how to keep out of harm's way," she said.

Through two decades they've dealt with all sorts of crowds, including frat party busses, and the occasional mishaps often related to frazzled drivers, including fender benders, or motorists caught in ditches, or dropped car keys that the crew spends all night looking for. "Whatever the situation," Laurie said, "our terrifying staff have been there to help make every experience a good one."

Yet for all their efforts — from "beating the streets" in the days before social media to spread the word in the beginning to the upcycled products and costumes — there's always something to learn in the scaring business. "We are self-taught in putting on haunted attractions and all the skills needed to do so," Laurie said. "In the off season, we visit haunt trade shows to gather ideas and see the latest technologies. Each year we bring some of that back to revisit and revamp a few areas at a time."

If you're looking for a jump scare in the upcoming weekend through Halloween, check out the schedule, options, and warnings online at [www.terroron27.com](http://www.terroron27.com).

As for the nameless family that scares together, they're already training the next generation. "At the end of the day, we love putting on a good show and seeing the smiles, laughs, and tears we bring to people," Laurie said. "We're proud to offer entertainment to our community and joyful work to our actors. It's a ton of work, but the juice continues to be worth the squeeze and it's even more rewarding to bring the next generation into the business."

## Construction of Final GAWA Water Well Moving Along Despite Setbacks

By Rosemary Horvath  
Herald Correspondent

The last of four supply replacement wells providing drinkable water to Gratiot Area Water Authority customers inches toward completion off Luce Road in Arcada Township.

"It took longer than we expected," reflected GAWA chairman, St. Louis City Manager Kurt Giles, citing supply chain and labor issues for hampering progress during most of 2022.

Available items continue to lag such as a standby generator for a pumphouse that may not be delivered until next year.

St. Louis City Council awarded a \$2.45 million contract last April to low bidder Isabella Corporation of Mt. Pleasant, for constructing the well and 3,750 feet of 12-inch water main.

Well 12 will complete the water source along with wells 9, 10, and 11 which were built in recent years to be used in rotation for water supply. Already in rotation are wells 1, 7, and 8.

The new pipeline will extend north to tie into an existing one built a few years ago that takes water to the water treatment plant in Alma. A temporary light controls traffic during work periods south of the Luce Road bridge to accommodate crews laying pipe to Pine River from wells 9 and 12. Wells 10 and 11 in the vicinity are located off Van Buren Road.

Well numbers do not indicate sequence. Several older wells in Alma were shut down, and both Alma and St. Louis cities continue to abandon and plug obsolete production wells.

Well 12 will be the last constructed for the St. Louis Water Supply Replacement project first designed by Grand Rapids engineering firm Fishbeck in 2012.

The city of St. Louis settled a \$26.5 million lawsuit brought against Velsicol Chemical after the city's drinking water showed chemical contamination from the DDT pesticide production at the former St. Louis plant site. The settlement was sanctioned by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which ordered replacing the water supply and shares some of the replacement costs.

The two cities formed the Gratiot Area Water Authority to oversee the replacement project and own the water treatment plant in Alma.

GAWA manages drinking water for customers in the two cities and in sections of Pine River and Bethany townships.

### M-46 ROAD PROJECT

St. Louis City Manager Kurt Giles said a major water main has been completed along M-46, which was partially paid with \$500,000 from Gratiot County's American Rescue Plan Act grant.

Giles said a punch list is being prepared to assess the finished work. "A broken water main had to be repaired that was on the outside west-bound lane," he said, adding that the road routinely flooded.

The new water main is laid under the north side sidewalk along M-46.

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In her estimation, it's "an absurd argument" with no basis in the law. "Why would you have the board review the decision at all, if they were completely bound to what the planning commission says and couldn't make their own decision?" Defever asked. "Plus, the board members are the elected representatives of the public, so of course they get the final say."

The Fulton Planning Commission is a nominated (not elected) body that makes a recommendation to the board, Defever asserted. "If you are allowing an unelected body to make the decisions for the voters, you are robbing the people of their voices completely," she said. "That's not democracy."

Inverney argued that expert reports from Rick James, a sound engineer, and Chris Doozan, a planning expert, should have not been considered by the Fulton Board before making its final decision.

Defever found this argument to also be unsound. "There is nothing in the law that limits the board in any way," she said. "Inverney agreed, as a matter of law, that the expert reports were appropriately submitted because they accepted them as part of the court record. And yet, they then tried to argue the opposite in front of the judge."

Judge Cori Barkman, whom is presiding over the case, did not render a decision at the conclusion of the proceedings, but is expected to make a ruling soon.

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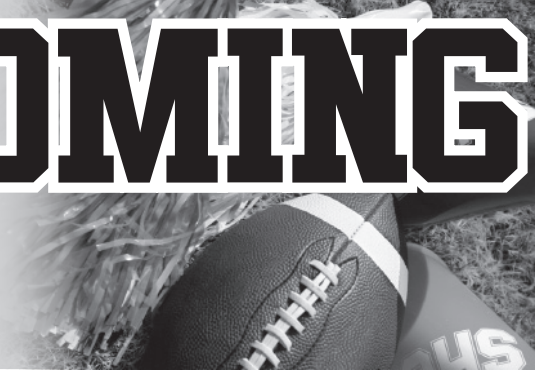
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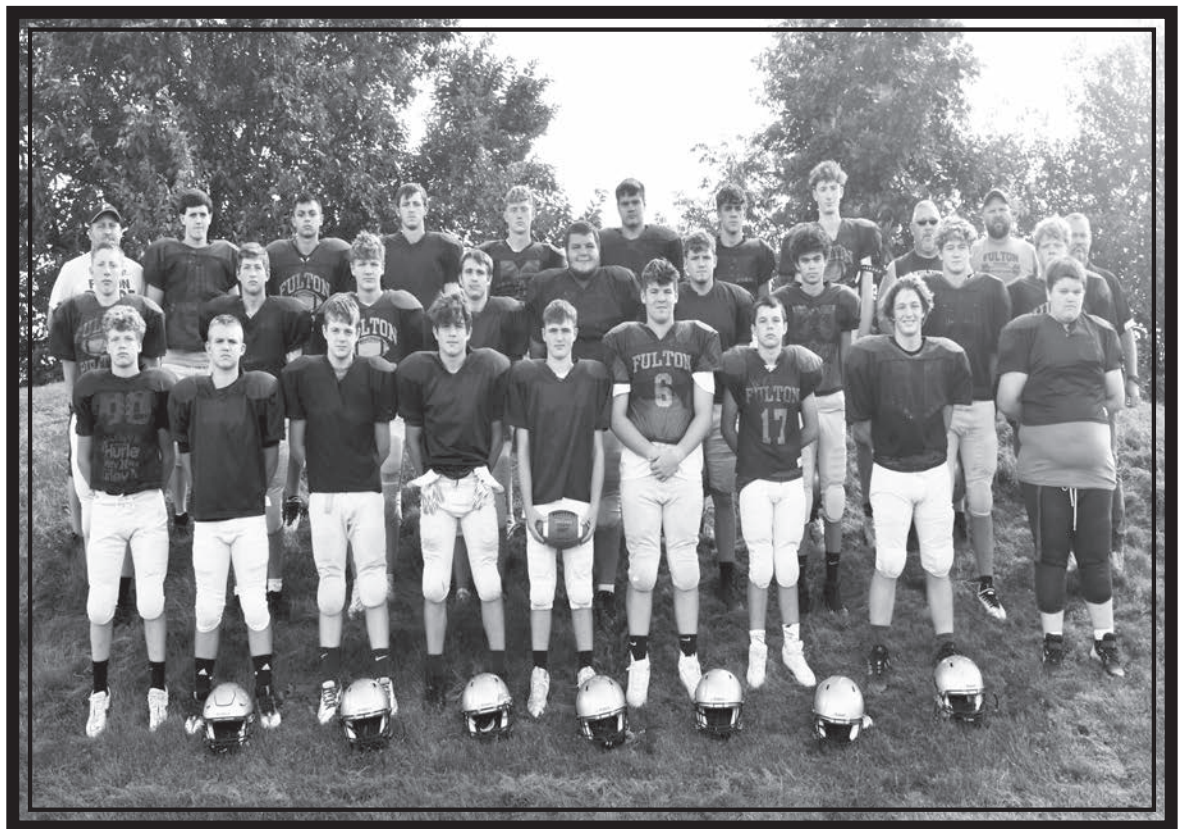
# FULTON HOMECOMING

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021



*Fulton's 2022 Homecoming Court - Senior girls: Emily Henry, Morgan Kowalesky, Elizabeth Sheahan, Emily Stinson, and Abigail Warnke. Senior boys: Dez Blair, Ryder Hetherington, Jadon Podolak, Cameron Summer, and Bruce Thelen. Junior reps: Sofia Akin and Thomas Thelen. Sophomore reps: Kaya Canfield and Chandler Toth. Freshmen reps: Kalyn Duflo and Connor Cunningham*

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# ITHACA VS. MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY



Ithaca's football team, front (from left): Kaleb Peska, Brandon Pass, Noah Risner, Bronson Bupp, Mason VanCamp, Charlie Martyn, Broden Peska; second row: Nathan Mikesel, Jacob Jerome, Gabe Miniard, Jeffrey Lombard, Ethan Hull, Trenton Polash, Nicholas Mikesell; third row: Ryley White, Nestor Mendez, Kaleb Hallock, Owen Mikulka, Jackson Conn, Joe Dawe, Parker Wood; third row: Adison Carman, Lloyd Stoneman, coach Jordan Hessbrook, Gavin Gilbert, Karter Araujo, Roman Hurosky.

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# OBITUARIES

## Amy Roberts



degree. While in high school, she participated in FFA, cheerleading, and spent many hours associated with the Circle B Trail Riders 4-H horse club. She was a highly skilled rider who won countless ribbons and trophies in competitions over the years.

She met Doug Butler while they were both CMU students and they married in 1986. After residing in Cadillac, they moved to their long-time home in Redford where their children (Andrew, Devin, and Mitchell) attended school and participated in sports and dance. She worked as an office manager, a stay at home mom, and then followed her passion to help others organize their professional and personal spaces by establishing her "Space Shifters" consulting service. She joyfully volunteered her time at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills in their Sunday School program, Confirmation Classes, and as a Trustee.

After Amy and Doug divorced, she married her high school boyfriend, Britt Roberts, and relocated to Florida where she resided until her death. There she helped Britt in his work and enjoyed attending concerts, birdwatching, and the company of her cats.

She is survived by her children, Andrew Butler of Los Angeles, Cal., Devin (Nathan) Seevers and grandson, Avery Seevers, of Toledo, Ohio; father, Ken (Nancy Shankel) Federspiel; brother, Michael (Mary) Federspiel; niece, Kate (Matt) Morden; nephew, Adam Federspiel; her children's father, Doug Butler, and Britt Roberts' family.

She was preceded in death by her son, Mitchell Kenneth Butler; her husband, Britt Roberts; and her mother, Nancy Federspiel.

Her funeral service was held on Sat., Oct. 1, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wheeler with interment following immediately after at the Lafayette Township Cemetery. Visitation was held from on Fri., Sept. 30, at the Lux and Whiting Funeral Chapel in Breckenridge until time of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Toledo (DSAGT) and sent to it at P.O. Box 298, Sylvania, OH 43560. Envelopes will also be available at the funeral home and church.

To view Amy's obituary or to leave a condolence for the family please visit [www.luxfuneralhomes.com](http://www.luxfuneralhomes.com).

## Beverly Godley



sporting or school events. She and Norm loved to travel, going on cruises and taking trips throughout the country. They could be seen locally, driving around in her favorite little 1966 red Mustang. One of her joys was entering and receiving awards for her Mustang in the many car shows they attended, she was extremely proud of and dearly loved her family. She kept close track of her twenty grandchildren and twenty three great-grandchildren and loved any chance to see them. There were many family gatherings at her home she built in Ithaca where she spent many hours on her front porch with her beloved cats on her lap.

She is survived by her six children, Karen (Greg) Giles of Alma, Jeffrey (Pamela) Godley of Grand Rapids, Deborah (Jim Motz) Morris-Motz of Mt. Pleasant, Eileen Hasman of Traverse City, Brian Godley of Ithaca, and Alan (Laurie) Godley of Alma. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Gerrit (Amanda) Powell, Ryan Powell, Cheyenne (Nick) Sangster, Calob (Megan) Giles, Caden Giles, Justin (Isadora) Godley, Brett Godley, Andrew Morris, Sarah (Brittany Eye) Morris, Matt Motz, Emberly Motz, Chaz Hasman, Lindsay (Ben) Skinner, Cory Godley, Haley (Adam) Hill, Phylcia (Brady) Travis, Breanna Godley, Seth (Nicole) Godley, Elle (Logan) Zamarron, Hunter Godley, as well as her twenty three great-grandchildren.

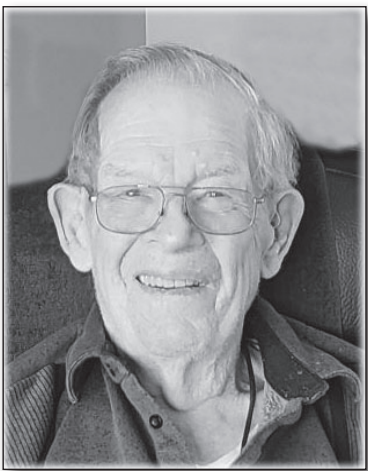
She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Dorothy Goodwin; her husband, Norman; and brother, Jack Goodwin.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Harold B Goodwin Memorial Scholarship Fund through the Gratiot County Community Foundation, with checks made out to Gratiot County Community Foundation. Alternatively, donations can be made to The Care Team Hospice Service. Both will be accepted by Barden Funeral Home.

The family is being served by the Barden Funeral Home in Ithaca. Condolences may be left for the family online at [www.bardenfuneralhome.com](http://www.bardenfuneralhome.com).

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## Eugene Pitcher



Burial took place at North Star Cemetery, North Star. Visitation was held on Thurs., until the time of the service at the funeral home.

He was born in Bad Axe, on March 23, 1931, the son of Garnet and Hazel (Pitcher) Pitcher. He graduated from Bad Axe High School with the class of 1949. He married Pauline Temple on August 6, 1952 in Bad Axe. They were blessed with 69 years of marriage prior to her passing on Feb. 3, 2022.

He was a longtime resident of Ithaca. Gene retired from the Michigan State Police in 1981, then worked as the attendance officer for Gratiot Isabella Intermediate School District, and retired from there in 1991. Gene was an avid golfer and shot a hole in one at The Gratiot Country Club where he was also a member. He also enjoyed bowling, hunting and took pride in maintaining his yard. He

had a cider press and loved picking apples on his property with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and making homemade apple cider. He and Pat attended the Ithaca Baptist Church for many years. He proudly served his country in the United States Army.

He is survived by his son, Jerald and Elaine Pitcher of Ithaca; daughter, Susan Thibodeaux of Houston, Texas; three grandchildren, Nickolas and Tina Pitcher of St. Louis, Marc and Amanda Pitcher of Ithaca, Kristyn and Mahan Mawadj of Las Vegas, Nev.; and five great-grandchildren, Garison, Preston, Ethan, Madison, and Myah.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; son-in-law, Michael Thibodeaux; and his sister Ardith and Don Ramsey.

Memorials may be made to Ithaca Baptist Church, 221 Norton Gibbs Drive Ithaca, MI 48847 or Thompson Home Library.

Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com).

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activity per week with at least two days of muscle-strengthening activities. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that these guidelines are safe for individuals who are 65 and older, generally fit and have no limiting health conditions. Individuals who do not fit that criteria should consult with their physicians before beginning a new exercise regimen, as it's possible that they could be putting their health at considerable risk if they attempt to follow guidelines designed for people who are generally fit. It's also important that healthy seniors avoid overdoing it in regard to exercise. Though the DHHS suggestions are the minimum recommendations, going too far beyond those guidelines without first consulting a physician could increase seniors' risk for injury, illness or even death.

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## 95th Birthday



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## 91st Birthday



The family of Helen E. Becker would like to celebrate her 91st birthday on October 10th with a card shower. Please send cards to 11300 E St Charles Rd Wheeler MI 48662.

## Birth Announcement

A boy, Callahan Jack Conklin, was born at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing on September 21, 2022 at 6:12 p.m. to Vince and Brianna (Koppleberger) Conklin of Mason, weighing 7 pounds 9 ounces and was 21 inches long. Bennett joins big brothers Cohen and Bennett at home.

Grandparents are Ron and Denise Koppleberger of Ashley, Jacqueline Parker of Wurtsboro, N.Y., and Leonard Conklin of Woodridge, N.Y.

Great-Grandparents are Keith and Phyllis Shaw of Ashley and Bob and Leona Koppleberger of Ithaca.

## COMING EVENTS

### Rummage Sale

Rummage sale, Wed., Oct. 5, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Thurs., Oct. 6, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, 121 N. Union St., Ithaca.

### Annual Fall Craft Bazaar

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### Garage Sale

Oct. 7 & Oct. 8, Middleton Community Church Garage Sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 223 Newton St., Middleton.

### Community Event

October 12 - St. Louis VFW Fred Richards Post 3055, 1295 W. Monroe, will host a shrimp, ham & chicken buffet. Veggies, salads, dessert, coffee & tea. all you can eat. Serving 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Adults \$10.00, 5 to 12 \$4.00, under 5 Free. Take out available. Public Welcome.

### Love Music???

Come and here Sweet Adelines, Sunday, October 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Pompeii United Methodist Church. 135 Burton Street, Pompeii. EVERYONE WELCOME!!!

### Ithaca Homecoming Events

- FFA Alumni: everyone invited to Drive through BBQ dinner 5:00-end (donation)
- Homecoming Parade - 5 PM (same route as normal, school floats will be assigned a number on WEST side of street, Community floats line up F.C.F.S. on EAST side - form must be filled out ahead of time)
- Parade Marshall: Mrs. Jill Lott
- Game - 7pm (gates open 5:15) *Students are not free to this game*
- Miracle Minute - Come out and support the American Cancer Society by donating during Ithaca's Homecoming game, October 7, 2022. Between the 1st and 2nd quarter of the football game one minute will be designated to collect money to help with cancer research and patient services. Sponsored by the Ithaca High School Leadership and Service class.

## Alma College News

### Homecoming 2022: Royalty, Alumni, Class Reunions

Cloudy skies and a persistent drizzle through the weekend of Sept. 23-25 brought to mind stereotypical Scottish weather, while smiling faces and big hugs welcomed alumni and friends home to the Alma College campus.

Homecoming 2022 was a big hit, with several thousand current students, alumni, faculty, staff and community members turning out to transform the streets of Alma into a sea of maroon, cream and plaid.

Alumni awards were given to David '84 and Rae Green '84 (Distinguished Alumni Award), Joanne Finnorn '85 (Hebert Award), Devon Anthony '09 (Smith Distinguished Service Award), Alexandria Cnudde-Huntoon '11 (Young Alumni Award), and Scott Messing (Parade Grand Marshal).

Before a packed house at the newly renovated Bahlke Field, the Scots trounced visiting Martin Luther (Minn.) College, 69-0. In an effort to recognize student leaders

who make campus a better place for all, the process for Homecoming Court was modernized to include a nomination and application process, giving each nominee an opportunity to tell their unique stories. During pre-game, members of the college Homecoming Court were honored, including Detroit senior Lauryn Bishop, Alto senior Ava Frederickson, Riverview junior Marissa Luzac and Riverdale junior Abby Taylor.

Concerts by the Percussion Ensemble, Pipe Band, Choirs and alumni singers had Alma faithful feeling pride throughout the weekend. As 2022 marks the 100th anniversary of the Kiltie Marching Band, a reception for former members was held, and alumni had the chance to play the college fight song with current members.

At a Saturday ceremony in Dunning Memorial Chapel, Rev. Alissa Davis '11 was officially installed as campus chaplain, and worship services were held

for alumni of various faith backgrounds on Sunday. Of course, because Homecoming is a time for gathering, various class reunions were held, in honor of the Class of 1962 (60-year), Class of 1972 (50-year), Class of 1997 (25-year) and Class of 2012 (10-year).



Abby Taylor, a junior from Riverdale, was a member of the Homecoming Court.

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# HEALTH

## October Remembrances Honor Pregnancy and Infant Loss

Each year, more than a million families in the United States experience a miscarriage, stillbirth, or death of an infant. Yet because these events can be emotionally difficult to discuss, there is little public awareness, so families may not always get the support they need. October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, a time to show support for these families, to highlight available resources and to build understanding of how family, friends and the community can help.

If you visit a MyMichigan Health facility during the month of October, you may notice staff wearing pink and blue ribbons or special tee-shirts to show their support. MyMichigan Medical Centers in Alma, Midland and West Branch will also participate in the International Wave of Light, a worldwide remembrance event on October 15, 7 to 8 p.m. During this time, candles will be lit at the medical center entrances to honor babies gone too soon and their families. Patients, staff and community members are welcome to attend.

### Resources for Grieving Parents

Your primary care doctor or

OB/Gyn can be a good first contact to help you address the physical and emotional impact of a loss and to identify resources that can help.

MyMichigan Hospice offers grief support for individuals and families who have lost a loved one, including education, support groups, short-term counseling and referrals to community professionals for longer-term follow-up. To find a local grief and loss support group, visit [www.mymichigan.org/supportgroups](http://www.mymichigan.org/supportgroups) or call (800) 862-5002.

There are many local and national nonprofits that specialize in helping families through infant and pregnancy loss. Their services range from resources and materials that discuss what families can expect during the grieving process to real-time support groups – both in person and online, to financial assistance with funeral and other expenses. Some organizations focus on certain bereaved family members, such as parents or siblings, or on specific causes of perinatal death. Consider calling your local 2-1-1 hotline to identify agencies in your area that may provide targeted grief services.

### What to Say When Someone Loses a Child

When pregnancy or infant loss occurs, loved ones are often uncomfortable or unfamiliar with what to say or do. Some well-meaning people may even say things that are more hurtful than helpful. Experts recommend you keep condolences simple, follow the family's cues, and ask about their preferences if you are unsure.

#### Tips:

- Acknowledge their loss in short, simple phrases, such as, "I'm sorry for your loss." Or "I imagine this must be painful for you." Offer to listen if they want to talk. It's also okay to simply admit that you don't know what to say.
- Ask whether it is okay to talk about the baby and to use the baby's name.
- People may think of miscarriage as "no big deal," but the value of a life is not proportional to the time spent on earth. When a family loses a child, they lose the entire future they had dreamed for themselves and that child; a lifetime of milestones and memories. In some cases, they may not have another opportunity to become parents, which can compound their grief.
- Avoid statements that downplay their emotions, tell them how to feel or attempt to find a "silver lining" in their grief, such as:

- ~ Everything happens for a reason.
- ~ God must have wanted your special angel to be with him.
- ~ You're young. You can still have another child.
- ~ At least now you know you can get pregnant.
- ~ It's fortunate you didn't really know him/her.
- ~ At least you weren't that far along.

- Remember the father, siblings and other family members. The focus tends to be on mothers, but the whole family may need your support. Be aware that men may feel the need to "be strong" which can impede their grieving process.

- Offer to help with specific tasks. People who are grieving may not be able to identify their needs or ask for help. You can offer to help with caring for other children, preparing meals, doing housework, funeral preparations, notifying extended family or friends, or creating a special memento or ritual to remember the baby. Remember that help and support may be especially needed after other helpers have moved on.

- Acknowledge them as parents. This is often overlooked if they don't have living children, yet they are parents and should be supported and addressed as parents.
- Remember them in years to come. Call, send a card, or offer to spend time with them on milestone days. Grief does not end with the delivery or memorial service.

You can find more helpful tips at these and other websites:  
<https://www.marchofdimes.org/complications/helping-parents-whose-baby-has-died.aspx>  
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<https://starlegacyfoundation.org/how-family-and-friends-can-help/>

### MyMichigan Medical Center Alma Hosting Breast Cancer Screening Event

As the leading breast health provider in the region, MyMichigan Medical Center Alma is hosting a special breast cancer screening event on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 8 a.m. to noon. During the event, MyMichigan will offer extended mammogram hours, free clinical breast exams, Reiki Stress relief, as well as special give-a-ways.

"It is important that women beginning at the age of 40 get their annual mammogram," said Melissa Hoag, R.N., O.C.N., C.N.-B.N., breast nurse navigator, MyMichigan Health. "We are offering special screening times to offer women a more convenient time to schedule their mammogram and all our mammograms utilize the 3D technology."

With 3D mammography, breast cancer can be detected at even earlier stages, reducing the rates of breast cancer deaths. This state-of-the-art technology allows a radiologist to see through the breast tissue layer by layer which helps

provide multiple slices through the breast tissue for the radiologist to view, similar to flipping through pages of a book.

MyMichigan Health recommends a yearly mammogram because it's the only test shown to reduce breast cancer deaths. Mammograms can detect cancer early, when it's most treatable. This improves odds of survival and can help patients avoid extensive treatment.

Registration is required as appointments are limited. Those interested in scheduling a mammogram during the Oct. 8 event, or needing financial assistance to obtain a screening, may call the breast health coordinator at (989) 837-9054. A provider's order is needed and insurance will be billed for the mammogram. Those interested in more information on the comprehensive breast health program at MyMichigan Health may visit [www.mymichigan.org/breast](http://www.mymichigan.org/breast).

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  - Hurt
  - Icelandic poems
  - A taro corm
  - Metaphorical use of a word
  - It fears the hammer
  - Excessively quaint (British)
  - Laid-back California county
  - Cook in a microwave oven
  - Not late
  - Go from one place to another
  - Peoples living in the Congo
  - Popular pasta
  - Available engine power (abbr.)
  - Popular musician Charles
  - Angry
  - Spelling is one type
  - One who makes a living
  - Indicates location
  - Imperial Chinese dynasty
  - Small water buffaloes
  - Hungarian city
  - Fabric
  - Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
  - Precursor to the EU
  - Philly footballers
  - Female sibling
  - "When Harry Met Sally" actress
  - Magnetic tape of high quality
  - Insecticide
  - Apparatus to record and transmit
  - Some is considered "dog"
  - Israeli city \_\_\_ Aviv
  - Fencing sword
  - Ottoman military title
  - Wise people
  - Cold wind
  - Popular type of shoe
  - Administrative district
  - A way to reveal
  - Cooked meat cut into small pieces
  - Actress Zellweger
  - Romanian city
- CLUES DOWN**
- Small town in Portugal
  - Site of famed Ethiopian battle
  - German river
  - Christmas carols
  - Cash machine
  - Rough and uneven
  - Rumanian round dance
  - Widespread occurrence of disease
  - A place to relax
  - Feeling of listlessness
  - Coat or smear a substance
  - Wild mango
  - Brews
  - Belgian city
  - Confined condition (abbr.)
  - Swiss river
  - Small amount
  - Part of buildings
  - Vietnamese capital
  - Sailboats
  - Shelter
  - Terminated
  - Discharge
  - Snag
  - Partner to cheese
  - A container for coffee
  - Spend time dully
  - Satisfies
  - Snake-like fish
  - Consume
  - Type of student
  - Erase
  - Instruct
  - Girl's given name
  - Jewish spiritual leader
  - "To \_\_\_ his own"
  - North-central Indian city
  - Greek alphabet characters
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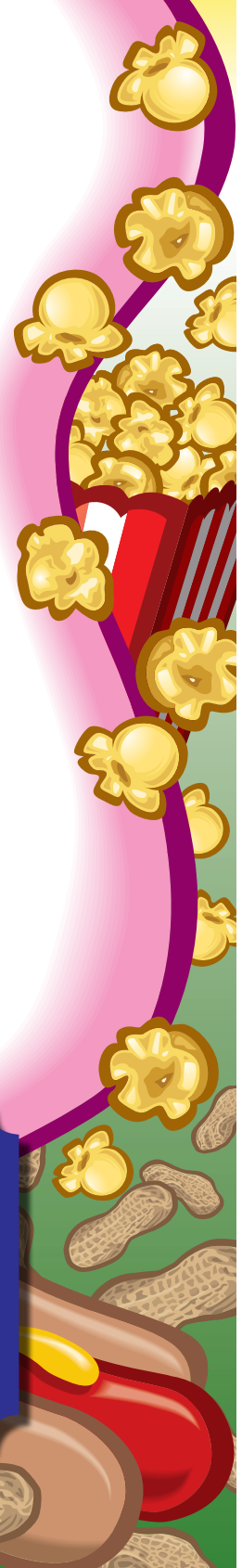
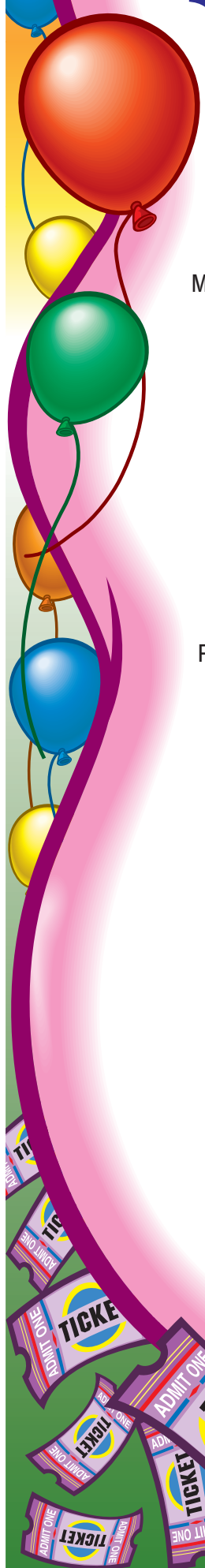
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# SPORTS

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Bailey Long ran for two touchdowns and recovered two fumbles in Ashley's 52-46 overtime homecoming win over Akron-Fairgrove

## Bears ball out

Man, they had homecoming plans already. Logan Drummond 10 yards up the middle for a TD, Will Long undercutting Akron-Fairgrove's top receiver for the pick in the end zone, and Ashley won its homecoming game, 52-46, a perfect overtime ending on a perfect fall afternoon on the first day of October.

"This was quite possibly the best game I've been a part of," Ashley coach Kevin Saylor said.

The Bears found themselves in a 36-24 halftime hole before storming back in the second half to force overtime.

His OT score was one of four touchdowns on the day for Drummond. He had a homecoming for the ages with 355 all-purpose yards. He had an 89-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, caught five passes for 67 yards and two touchdowns and ran 18 times for 101 yards and a touchdown. In a game where every one counted, he also converted four two-point attempts on the ground and another with a catch. On defense he intercepted two Akron-Fairgrove



Ashley's Gavin Malek had a sack against Akron-Fairgrove.

passes, broke up another and made a team-high 14 tackles. Drummond also made a clutch special teams play, flipping the script on a late safety against the Bears with a 60-yard free kick that eventually helped set up an Ashley touchdown.

See FOOTBALL page 13



St. Louis' TVC-10 champion golf team at Twin Oaks Golf Course in Freeland (from left): Danielle Thelen, Emma Worthy, Natalee Hoyt, Josie Schrot and Lauren Devin.

## Sharks back-to-back in TVC

Last fall was St. Louis' first TVC girls golf title in school history. It took only a year for the Sharks to do it again, as they finished atop the TVC-10 standings following last week's final league jamboree at Freeland's Twin Oaks Golf Course.

Ithaca was first on the day at Twin Oaks shooting 422, with St. Louis runner-up with 422 points. In the final standings, St. Louis is first at 1,652, Ithaca second with

1,706.

St. Louis' Natalie Hoyt at 95 and Josie Schrot at 97 both made the top 10 at Twin Oaks, as did Ithaca's Ivy Davenport shooting 98.

Making first-team all-conference for the TVC-10 were Schrot, Hoyt, Davenport, St. Louis' Emma Worthy and Ithaca's Lakyn Zimmerman.

Second-team TVC-10 were Ithaca's Elizabeth Hudson, Breonna Becker, Madison Carmen and Ni-

cole Hollabaugh.

Freeland won the final TVC-8 jamboree shooting 358, followed by Frankenmuth 377 and Alma third at 437. That's also the order of the final league standings - Freeland 1,493, Frankenmuth 1,547 and Alma 1,725.

Alma's Ava Vogt was first-team all-league in the TVC-8, and the Panthers' Kaleigh Johnston was second team.



LEFT: Alma's Jenna Overla helped the Panthers win the gold division of Shepherd's Blue Jay Invite; RIGHT: Ithaca's Liliansa Lehnst was fourth with a PR time at Shepherd.

## Panthers 1-2 at Blue Jay Invite

On a traditionally fast course to begin with and a pace pushed by some of the best runners and teams in the state, some of Gratiot County's top cross country athletes set PRs last Saturday at Shepherd's Blue Jay Invite, where Alma's girls team won the gold division title.

In the boys elite race, won by Traverse City Central, Ithaca's Parks Allen was seventh with a PR time of 15:38.9. St. Louis' Ben March was 16th with a PR 16:04.7.

Alma's girls team was first in the gold division, where Ithaca's Liliansa Lehnst was fourth overall. Alma had 54 points, runner-up Johannesburg-Lewis 69. Ithaca

was sixth.

For the Panthers, Ezgi Kurt was sixth in 19:39.2; Joy Evans eighth 19:42.5; Jenna Overla 11th 20:24.0; Hannah Raglin 12th 20:38.7; Vivian Wickes 21st 21:42.3; and Laila Heiss 29th 22:43.6.

Lehnst ran a PR 19:36.4. Also from Ithaca, Karisa Deacons was 26th 22:16.4; Emma Dawe 35th 23:00.2; Hayden Whitmore 37th 23:01.7; Myleigh Hephner 42nd 23:12.8; Laiyla Pray 44th 23:30.2; and Izabelle LaLone 49th 24:12.

Alma's boys team was runner-up in the gold division of the Blue Jay Invite, Petoskey St. Michael was first with 72 points, followed

by the Panthers with 83 and Central Montcalm with 91.

Alma's Thomas Larson was third in 16:26.4; Luca Lebron 15th 17:27.3; Bodie Heiss 16th 17:28.4; Ali Kudmani 21st 18:03.6; Elijah Baltierra 29th 18:26.7; Noah Chouinard 37th 18:51.3; and Paolo Poquiz 70th 20:50.7.

Ithaca was sixth. Landen Styka was 19th 17:37.3; Miingen Bertrand 28th 18:20.9; Lane McDonald 33rd 18:40.1; Brent DeSaegher 40th 18:55.7; Devyn Whitford 43rd 19:07.8; Jacob Mankey 49th 19:22.2; and Thad Whitmore 51st 19:30.

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## FOOTBALL

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### Football standings

#### Central Michigan 8-Man

School	League	Overall
Merrill	6-0	6-0
Morrice	5-1	5-1
Breckenridge	4-2	4-2
Fulton	4-2	4-2
St. Patrick	3-3	3-3
Sacred Heart	3-3	3-3
Montabella	3-3	3-3
Coleman	1-5	1-5
Vestaburg	0-6	0-6
Webberville	1-5	1-5

#### Sept. 30

Breckenridge 20, Sacred Heart 12  
Merrill 52, Morrice 12  
Montabella 64, St. Patrick 36  
Webberville 52, Vestaburg 14

#### Oct. 1

Fulton 66, Coleman 40

#### Oct. 7

Breckenridge at Vestaburg  
Merrill at Sacred Heart  
Montabella at Morrice  
Webberville at Coleman

#### Oct. 8

Portland St. Patrick at Fulton

#### TVC-8

School	League	Overall
Frankenmuth	5-0	6-0
Freeland	4-1	5-1
Swan Valley	4-1	4-2
Garber	3-2	4-2
Birch Run	2-3	3-3
John Glenn	1-4	2-4
Alma	1-4	1-5
Bridgeport	0-5	0-6

#### Sept. 30

Garber 58, Alma 0  
Swan Valley 29, Birch Run 15  
Frankenmuth 50, Bridgeport 0  
Freeland 52, John Glenn 0

#### Oct. 7

Alma at Frankenmuth  
Bridgeport at Birch Run  
Garber at John Glenn  
Swan Valley at Freeland

#### TVC 10-II

School	League	Overall
Lutheran Seminary	3-0	6-0
Ithaca	3-0	5-1
Saginaw Nouvel	2-2	4-2
St. Louis	0-3	0-6
Valley Lutheran	0-3	0-6

#### Sept. 30

Ithaca 1, Valley Lutheran 0 forfeit  
Millington 59, St. Louis 15  
Lutheran Seminary 55, Nouvel 7

#### Oct. 7

Lutheran Seminary at Ithaca  
St. Louis at Saginaw Valley Lutheran  
Standish-Sterling at Nouvel

#### TVC 10-I

School	League	Overall
Standish-Sterling	4-0	6-0
Millington	2-1	5-1
Bullock Creek	2-1	3-3
Carrollton	0-3	1-5
Hemlock	0-3	1-5

#### North Central Thumb-Stripes

School	League	Overall
Peck	5-0	5-1
All Saints	3-2	3-3
North Huron	3-2	3-3
Akron-Faigrove	2-3	2-4
New Haven Merritt	4-1	4-2
Carson-Pt Sanilac	1-4	2-4
Ashley	2-3	3-4
Caseville	0-5	0-6

#### Oct. 1

Ashley 52, Akron-Fairgrove 46 OT

#### Oct. 7

Bay City All Saints at Ashley



Fulton's Jadon Podolak (left) and Dezmond Blair make a tackle in their 66-40 win last Saturday over Coleman.

## Fulton three straight

There goes that man. Fulton senior Bruce Thelen had his third seven-touchdown game of the season. The Pirates have won all of those, including last Saturday at home over Coleman, 66-40.

Fulton, 4-2 overall and in the Central Michigan 8-Man League, has won three in a row.

Gratiot County's leading rusher, Thelen ran 22 times for 288 yards and five touchdowns. He had a 42-yard touchdown catch from Peyton Reynolds and was 2-of-4 passing himself for 72 yards with a 52-yard touchdown toss repaying the favor to Reynolds.

Reynolds was 4-of-5 passing for 83 yards and the touchdown and ran six times for 59 yards. Ryder Hetherington ran six times for 48 yards with a touchdown. Tanner Vaillalobos had three carries for 28 yards including a 16-yard touchdown. Jadon Podolak had two catches for 39 yards.

Podolak and Dezmond Blair led Fulton's defense with nine tack-



Fulton's Bruce Thelen accounted for seven TDs in one game for the third time this season.

les each. Blair added two sacks and forced a fumble, recovered by Reynolds. Vaillalobos made two interceptions.

Fulton plays Portland St. Patrick at home 5 p.m. Saturday.

## Huskies hold off SHA

It was like an old-fashioned defensive grinder from their 11-man days. Breckenridge held on to beat Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart last Friday, 20-12. The Huskies are 4-2, SHA 3-3.

Neither team scored in the first quarter. The Huskies finally got on the board with under a minute to play in the second quarter on a four-yard touchdown run by Jaxon Laubscher. The two-point conversion sent Breckenridge into the half up 8-6.

Breckenridge went up 14-6 midway through third quarter on a 10-yard touchdown catch by Ryan

Wolfgang from Laubscher.

Laubscher scored the winning touchdown with 5:15 to go in the game one a two-yard run.

Laubscher was 8-of-17 passing for 63 yards with the touchdown and three interceptions and carried the ball 11 times for 75 yards and the two scores. Collin Sitts ran 13 times for 86 yards. Wolfgang had six catches for 46 yards and a touchdown.

For the Huskies' defense, Xzavior Garcia had 13 tackles with five for a loss and a sack. Sitts had 10 tackles with five for loss. Camden Smith had 10 tackles, one for loss.



Ashley's Jon Snider ran for a touchdown in the Bears' homecoming.

## FOOTBALL *continued from page 12*

Ashley quarterback Robert Kral had his best day of the season through the air, completing 9-of-14 passes for 159 yards and two touchdowns. Bailey Long led the Bears on the ground with 19 carries for 108 yards and two touchdowns. When Long went down with an injury at the end of the third quarter, Jon Snider stepped in and stepped up running six times for 32 yards and a touchdown. Will Long had four catches for 79 yards.

On defense, Bailey Long had 11 tackles and recovered two fumbles; Heath Powelson had nine tackles, a sack and forces fumble; Gavin Malek nine tackles and a sack; Gibby Jason 10 tackles and two pass breakups; and Snider 10 tackles.

Ashley, 2-4 overall and 2-3 in the North Central Thumb League-Stripes, is home against Bay City All Saints tomorrow, Friday.

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## Jackets double up win total, and more

Last week's 5-0 win against Saginaw Nouvel put Ithaca's soccer record at 10-4-2, a mighty turnaround from 2021 when the Yellowjackets won four games total.

Ithaca goalie Keegan Henderson made three saves en route to his seventh shutout of the season.

Lane McDonald and Derin Delo both had two goals for Ithaca, and Ayden Draper-Piper also found the net. Amarius Alago assisted on two goals, and McDonald, Draper-Piper and Brady Paradise also had assists.

That was two-consecutive shutouts for Ithaca, which also beat Hemlock 5-0. Preslee Chaffin had two goals against Hemlock, while Henderson, Alago and Delo also scored, Aiden Murphy had two assists. Alago, McDonald, Henderson and Paradise had assists.

Murphy made two saves and Henderson one.

Ithaca beat Standish-Sterling 4-2.

Chaffin had two goals and Alago and Delo also scored. McDonald made three assists and Alago one.

Henderson had three saves.



Ithaca's Preslee Chaffin had two goals against Hemlock and Standish.

### VOLLEYBALL Panthers in five

Alma improved to 23-7 overall and 2-1 in the TVC and it was hard-earned, with a 22-25, 25-15, 21-25, 25-22, 16-14 home win over Freeland.

For the Panthers against Freeland, Jada Munro had 30 kills, 16 digs; Adison Gren 44 assists, three

aces, 12 digs; Bailey Walkington seven kills, 20 digs; Ava Atchinson three kills, three aces, 17 digs; and Zoe Jackson and Gracie Mellinger four kills apiece.

### Huskies win

Breckenridge made short work

of Vestaburg in an MSAC match last week, winning 25-14, 25-6, 25-7.

For the Huskies, Emma tinson had nine kills; Lily St. John six kills; Liz McCaw six kills; Rylie Ripley eight digs and 19 assists; and Caleigh Dutton 13 digs.



Ithaca's Parks Allen ran a PR at Shepherd's Blue Jay Invitational.



Ithaca's Karisa Deacons and Alma's Vivian Wickes at Shepherd.

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## BLUE JAY *Continued from page 12*

It was a good week for Alma's girls team, which won the second TVC-8 jamboree at Delta College. It was a three-way duel atop the field with the Panthers scoring 37 points, Frankenmuth 43 and Freeland 50.

Kurt was runner-up with a finishing time of 19:24.34. Evans was sixth 20:32.64; Overla seventh 20:33.04; Ragin eighth 20:42.77; Wickes 14th 21:33.38; Cleveland 15th 21:40.72; and McKenzie Betts 20th 22:27.25.

Alma's boys team was third at Delta, behind Freeland and Frankenmuth. For the Panthers, Larson was third 17:00.08; Kudmani 11th 17:49.24; Heiss 12th 17:55.21; Luca Lebron 13th 17:58.43; and Elijah Baltierra 19th 28:25.46.

In the second TVC-10 jamboree hosted by Saginaw Nouvel, St. Louis was first with 27 points and Ithaca second with 33 in the boys race; Ithaca first with 33 and St.

Louis second with 58 in the girls race.

For St. Louis' boys, March was second at 17:28.61; Landon Pestrue third 18:L34.37; Dylan Marr fourth 18:43.61; Alex Rodriguez eighth 19:11.22; and Colin Kuhn 11th 19:28.52.

Allen won the race in 17:23.08. Also for Ithaca, Styka was fifth 18:53.53; McDonald seventh 19:07.93; Bertrand ninth 19:17.68; and Whitford 12th 19:32.57.

Lehnst won the girls race in 20:52.4. Then for Ithaca, LaLone was fifth 22:46.75; Dawe eighth 23:33.41; Deacons ninth 23:40.67; and Hayden Whitmore 10th 24:16.37.

For St. Louis, Jaiden Dickman was second 21:03.09; Abby Dice seventh 23:09.5; Payton Kuhn 15th 24:40.77; Natalie Lemert 16th 25:01.89; and Laney Pestrue 19th 25:15.68.



# SPORTS

## FOOTBALL/AUTO RACING

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**Brenton DeYoung of Crystal won the IMCA Modifieds title of the Great Lakes Nationals held at Crystal Motor Speedway.**

### Great Lakes Nationals champs

Crystal Motor Speedway held its season finale with its annual two-day Great Lakes Nationals event presented by Engine Pro.

The first portion saw 183 cars in the pits to run the heat events for each division, with the Mini-Wedge divisions and the Great Lakes Traditional Sprints (GLTS) running their features.

The Sunday portion saw 131 cars in the pits to run the features. The IMCA Modifieds headlined the show with the series season championship and \$3000 to win on the line.

The first item on the schedule was to finish the rain-shortened IMCA Modifieds feature from the Labor Day show. Muir's Zac Gilliland picked up the win, followed by Brody Bowser of Stanton, Aaron Raby of Carson City, John DeYoung Jr. of Crystal, and Myron DeYoung of Crystal.

The Sunday version of the IMCA Modifieds was a family affair in the battle for the big bucks, with Brenton DeYoung of Crystal grabbing the win over Myron DeYoung, AJ Ward out of Ionia, Nathan Patrick of Pewamo, and Aaron Raby of Carson City. Chad Wernette of Sheridan advanced by taking the B feature event. Ward, Brenton DeYoung, and Myron DeYoung picked up wins in the preliminary events.

The Great Lakes Traditional Sprints made a second appearance at the big clay oval with nineteen cars in attendance. The feature event was a fight between two of the series veterans, with Grand Ledge's Dustin Daggett picking up the win over Steve Irwin of Fenton, Keith Sheffer Jr. from Jerome, Steve Little of Waynesfield, Ohio, and Brian Ruhlman of Clark Lake. Irwin, Daggett, and Ruhlman took heat events. Irwin was the fast qualifier with a time of 14.667 seconds.

Late Model action saw Ryan VanderVeen of Six Lakes move up from his ninth place starting position to take the win over Roger Wing of Middleton, Scott Baker of Ionia, Nate Hurley, Brown City, and Jimmy Gallagher of St. Johns. Heat wins fell to Tom Dusen of Muskegon and Rick Gokee Jr. of Owosso.

In the Street Stock feature, veteran Cedar Springs driver, Mike VanderMark Jr. moved up six spots to pick up the win over Larry Wiggins of Mt. Pleasant, Josh Loomis of Weidman, Tony Vinton of Lake, and Joey Fowler of St. Charles. Joshua Sternberg of Muskegon and Larry Carman of Crystal grabbed the B feature wins. VanderMark Jr. of Cedar Springs, Robbie Sternberg of Muskegon, Andrew Fidler of Elwell, and Damian Sternberg of Muskegon all picked up heat wins.

Estevan Martinez of Muskegon moved up ten spots to win the Flinn Stock feature, followed by Kolby Rohn of Sheridan, Ashley Giesbrecht of Greenville, Al Ridgeway of Sheridan, and Jordan Siegel of Muskegon. Colin Preston of Ionia, Martinez, and Giesbrecht scored heat wins.

Jeff Kohn of Sheridan ended his 2022 season with another win as he took the checkered flag in the Pro Stock division over Tim Raby of Riverdale, Kyle Hunt of Bannister, Austin Harnick of Clare, and Ashlee Scott of Sheridan. Harnick picked up the heat event.

The Pro Truck feature went down as most of the 2022 events in that division with Curtis Rice of Muskegon picking up the win, with Jim Beltz of Muskegon right behind him. The two drivers have alternated wins all season long. Troy Goodrich was third, followed by Zach Rummer of Sumner, and Jarred Decker of Stanton. The heat race win also fell to Rice.

The Mini-Wedge Junior division feature was all Kraton Ward of Ionia as he moved up from tenth place to take the win. Elleighanya Sheren from Montague picked up the second spot, followed by Bayley Sooy of Stanton, Sophi Stark of Remus, and Joshua Stafford of Muskegon. Ward and Waylon King of Edmore, took home heat wins.

In the Senior Mini-Wedge division, Saginaw's Landyn Neitling came up from his fifth place starting spot to grab the win over Zayden Buskirk of Crystal, Teegan Williams from Stanton, Audee Proctor, Twin Lake, and Alexis McMiller of Twin Lake. Williams and Neitling picked heat wins up.

# Ithaca, MLS play for title

One of these won't be around after about 10 p.m. Friday. The unbeaten season for 6-0 Michigan Lutheran Seminary, or Ithaca's conference championship streak, which currently stands at 13. They meet 7 p.m. Friday night at Ithaca.

Ithaca is 5-1 overall, and both are 3-0 in the TVC-West II. Both teams have got there in similarly dominant fashion The Cardinals average 48 points per game, Ithaca averages 42.2 including its only loss 31-27 to undefeated Standish-Sterling. Of common league opponents, the Yellowjackets beat St. Louis 59-0 and Nouvel 48-6. MLS St. Louis 58-6 and Nouvel 55-7.

Both teams benefit from two of the best senior quarterbacks in Mid-Michigan, Ithaca's Bronson Bupp and Lutheran Seminary's Evan Wakefield.

Wakefield has run 69 times for 885 yards – a hefty 13 yards per carry – and 14 touchdowns. When Wakefield does throw it, it's often for a score going 13-of-28 for six TDs and two interceptions.

Ithaca counters with Bupp, who in one fewer game after Valley Lutheran's forfeit last week has completed 49-of-78 passes for 890 yards and nine TDs and four interceptions. He's Ithaca's leading rusher with 74 carries for 513 yards and 11 TDs.

While Wakefield has had individual success in his career, this is his first winning season with MLS, as the Cards have qualified for their first non-covid playoff appearance since 2019. That's back to the norm for Lutheran Seminary, with 11 playoff berths in 13 seasons. But that success hasn't been at Ithaca's expense. The Jackets are 22-6 all-time with Valley Lutheran, and have won every matchup in the TVC-West.

Wakefield against Nouvel ran 14 times for 194 yards and four touchdowns. Nouvel was injury depleted and had to put up two freshman linebackers against him. Ithaca won't be as green their three leading tacklers, Kaleb Peska, Nathan Mikesell and Noah Risner, are all linebackers. The Yellowjackets haven't given up more than one touchdown since week two against Standish.

### Alma shut out

Not the momentum Alma had hoped for going into tomorrow, Friday's, game at undefeated Fran-



**Ithaca linebacker Nathan Mikesell has emerged as one of the Yellowjackets' top defensive players as only a sophomore.**

kenmuth. The Panthers lost last week at Essexville Garber, 58-0. It was Garber's third shutout of the year.

Garber quarterback Cade Coquillard was 14-of-15 passing for 236 yards and four touchdowns. Brayden Tacey had five catches for 121 yards and a TD and Max Fellow caught four balls for 70 yards and two TDs. Coquillard also ran for a touchdown, as the Dukes got out to a 21-0 lead after the first quarter and led at the half 48-0.

Garber's Elijah Theisen made three interceptions. That was one of five picks for the Dukes, as their Max Fellows also had one he returned for a touchdown.

Alma's Sam Rosales was 14-of-31 passing for 108 yards. Delvon Pasco-Ward had five receptions for 58 yards and Sam Coutn six for 43.

Alma, 1-5 overall and 1-4 in the TVC-Central, will meet a Franken-

muth team that is 6-0, 5-0 and has shut out its last three opponents – Garber, Freeland and Bridgeport – by a combined 120-0.

### Turnovers doom Sharks

Millington capitalized on six St. Louis turnovers – half of them brought back for touchdowns -- to win a TVC crossover last Friday 59-15.

St. Louis is 0-6, while Millington improved to 5-1.

St. Louis' Tegan Inbody threw an 88-yard touchdown pass to Thomas Zacharko.

Gabe Conlay added a second-half touchdown for St. Louis on a 65-yard run.

RJ Macias had nine tackles for the Sharks' defense, and Josh Dew had eight with a tackle for loss. Trenton Farkas had two tackles for loss. St. Louis goes to Valley Lutheran, also 0-6, tomorrow, Friday.

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**NOTICE OF REGISTRATION  
FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022,  
GRATIOT COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF GRATIOT COUNTY:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of Gratiot County who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township or City Clerk, the Gratiot County Clerk's office, or the Secretary of State driver's license bureau during regular business hours. Registration may also be made at the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Human Services Department, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Works and some offices of the Commission for the Blind and at the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces. Registration by mail may be used by obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application at www.mi.gov/vote and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Lastly, those already registered may update their voter registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is Monday October 24, 2022. After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492 at the following):

Clerk Information:			
Municipality	Address	Hours on Saturday, November 5, 2022	Hours on Tuesday, November 8, 2022
City of Alma	525 E. Superior St. Alma	8am-4pm	7:00 am-8:00pm
Arcada Township	3290 W Tyler Rd. Alma	7am-3pm	7:00 am-8:00pm
Bethany Township	9958 Blair Rd, Breckenridge	7am-11:30am, Saturday, 10:30am-2pm, Sunday	7:00 am-8:00pm
Elba Township	109 Oak St. Ashley	7am-3pm	7:00 am-8:00pm
Emerson Township	2976 N. Baldwin Rd. Ithaca	8am-4pm	7:00 am-8:00pm
Fulton Township	3425 W. Cleveland Rd, Perrinton	7am-3pm	7:00 am-8:00pm
Hamilton Township	2417 S. Barry Rd. Ithaca	8am-4pm	7:00 am-8:00pm
City of Ithaca	129 W. Emerson, Ithaca	8am-4pm	7:00 am-8:00pm
Lafayette Township	4426 N Ransom Rd, Breckenridge	8am-4pm	7:00 am-8:00pm
New Haven Twp	3080 S. Ferris, Sumner	8am-4pm	7:00 am-8:00pm
Newark Township	3239 S. Begole Rd, Ithaca	8am-4pm	7:00 am-8:00pm
North Shade Twp	11666 Cleveland Rd, Carson City	8am-4pm	7:00 am-8:00pm
North Star Township	3064 S. Crapo Rd, Ithaca	8am-4pm	7:00 am-8:00pm
Pine River Township	1495 W. Monroe Rd, St. Louis	7am-3pm	7:00 am-8:00pm
Seville Township	8143 W. Madison Rd, Elwell	8am-4pm	7:00 am-8:00pm
City of St. Louis	300 N. Mill St, St. Louis	8am-4pm	7:00 am-8:00pm
Sumner Township	8644 W. Polk Rd, Sumner	8am-4pm	7:00 am-8:00pm
Washington Twp	3005 E. Gratiot Countyline Rd., St. Johns	8am-4pm	7:00 am-8:00pm
Wheeler Township	8510 E. Monroe Rd, Wheeler	8am-4pm	7:00 am-8:00pm

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Gratiot County will be voting on candidates seeking nomination to the following offices and voting on the following proposals:

<u>PARTISAN SECTION:</u>	<u>NONPARTISAN SECTION:</u>
<b>STATE: - 4 Year Terms (1)</b> Governor & Lt. Governor Secretary of State Attorney General	<b>Judicial:</b> Supreme Court – 8 Year Term (2) Court of Appeals 4th Dist. – 6 Year Term (1) Judge CT Appeals 4th Dist. – Partial Term (1)
<b>CONGRESSIONAL: (1)</b> 2nd District Rep in Congress – 2 Year Term	<b>City:</b> Alma City Commissioner – 4 Year Term (4) And Partial Term (1)
<b>LEGISLATIVE: (1)</b>  34th State Senator – 4 Year Term 92nd District State Rep - 2 Year Term 93rd District State Rep - 2 Year Term	<b>Community College:</b> Montcalm Comm. College – 6 Year Term (2) And Partial Term (1)
<b>STATE BOARDS: - 8 Year Terms (2)</b> State Board of Education Regent of University of Michigan Trustee of Michigan State University Governor of Wayne State University	<b>Villages:</b> Village of Ashley President – 2 Year Term Council Members – 4 Years Term Village of Breckenridge President – 2 Year Term Council Members – 4 Year Term Library Board – 6 Year & Partials Village of Perrinton President – 2 Year Term Trustees – 3 Year Term
<b>COUNTY: (1)</b> County Road Commissioner - 6 Year Term County Commissioner – 2 Year Term	<b>SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:</b> <b>Various Term Lengths</b> Alma Public Schools Ashley Community Schools Breckenridge Community Schools Fulton Schools Ithaca Public Schools Carson City-Crystal Area Schools St. Louis Public Schools Merrill Community Schools Ovid-Elsie Area Schools St. Johns Public Schools Shepherd Public Schools Vestaburg Community Schools
<b>TOWNSHIP: (1)</b> Partial Terms Expiring 11/20/2024 New Haven Township Supervisor Seville Township Clerk Washington Township Clerk Lafayette Township Treasurer Hamilton Township Trustee New Haven Township Trustee	

**PROPOSALS:**

State:

**Proposal 22-1**

**A proposal to amend the state constitution to require annual public financial disclosure reports by legislators and other state officers and change state legislator term limit to 12 total years in legislature**

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Require members of legislature, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and attorney general file annual public financial disclosure reports after 2023, including assets, liabilities, income sources, future employment agreements, gifts, travel reimbursements, and positions held in organizations except religious, social, and political organizations.
- Require legislature implement but not limit or restrict reporting requirements.
- Replace current term limits for state representatives and state senators with a 12-year total limit in any combination between house and senate, except a person elected to senate in 2022 may be elected the number of times allowed when that person became a candidate.

Should this proposal be adopted?

**Proposal 22-2**

**A proposal to amend the state constitution to add provisions regarding elections**

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Recognize fundamental right to vote without harassing conduct;
- Require military or overseas ballots be counted if postmarked by election day;
- Provide voter right to verify identity with photo ID or signed statement;
- Provide voter right to single application to vote absentee in all elections;
- Require state-funded absentee-ballot drop boxes, and postage for absentee applications and ballots;
- Provide that only election officials may conduct post-election audits;
- Require nine days of early in-person voting;
- Allow donations to fund elections, which must be disclosed;
- Require canvass boards certify election results based only on the official records of votes cast.

Should this proposal be adopted?

**Proposal 22-3**

**A proposal to amend the state constitution to establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make all decisions about pregnancy and abortion; allow state to regulate abortion in some cases; and forbid prosecution of individuals exercising established right**

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make and carry out all decisions about pregnancy, such as prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion, miscarriage management, and infertility;
- Allow state to regulate abortion after fetal viability, but not prohibit if medically needed to protect a patient's life or physical or mental health;
- Forbid state discrimination in enforcement of this right; prohibit prosecution of an individual, or a person helping a pregnant individual, for exercising rights established by this amendment;
- Invalidate state laws conflicting with this amendment.

Should this proposal be adopted?

**City:**

**CITY OF ALMA  
MILLAGE PROPOSITION**

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in the City of Alma, County of Gratiot, State of Michigan, be increased by 3.5 mills (\$3.50 on each \$1,000.00) on state taxable value for a period of six years, 2023 through 2028, inclusive, for the rehabilitation, repair and maintenance of public streets and ancillary public infrastructure within the corporate limits of the City of Alma? The amount of revenue the City of Alma will collect if this millage is approved and levied by the City in the first year is estimated to be \$644,000. This proposal is for a new additional millage, due to the expiration of the millage for rehabilitation, repair and maintenance of public streets and ancillary public infrastructure previously passed by the voters of the City of Alma in 2016. The revenue generated from this millage, if the proposal is passed, will be disbursed to the City of Alma.

**School:**

**Merrill Community School District  
School Bond Proposal**

Shall the Merrill Community School District, Counties of Saginaw, Midland and Gratiot, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Nine Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$9,800,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of defraying the cost of:

- Remodeling existing School District buildings, including security, roofs, locker rooms, toilet rooms, electrical, mechanical and plumbing improvements and additions to School District buildings;
- equipping, furnishing, reequipping and refurbishing School District buildings, playgrounds and other facilities;
- improving and developing sites at school buildings and other facilities, including playground improvements; and
- acquiring and installing technology equipment?

YES •  
NO •

The debt millage rate required to pay the debt service on the School District's outstanding and proposed bonds is expected to remain at or below 7.83 mills. The estimated millage to be levied in 2023 to service this issue of bonds is 1.44 mills (\$1.44 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds of this issue is 5.05 mills (\$5.05 per \$1,000 of taxable value). The bonds may be issued in one or more series, payable in the case of each series in not to exceed 22 years from the date of issue of such series.

The School District currently has \$12,215,000 of qualified bonds outstanding and \$ 0 qualified loans outstanding under the State School Bond Qualification and Loan Program. The School District expects to borrow from the Program to pay a portion of debt service on the proposed bonds. The estimated total principal amount of borrowing is \$752,104 and the estimated total interest thereon is \$189,900. The estimated duration of the millage levy associated with that borrowing is 9 years and the estimated computed millage rate for such levy is 7.83. The millage rate may change based on changes in circumstances.

(Under State law, bond proceeds may not be used to pay teacher or administrator salaries, routine maintenance or repair costs or other School District operating expenses.)

**St. Johns Operating Millage Proposal  
St. Johns Public Schools Operating Millage Proposal**

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its full revenue per pupil foundation allowance and restores millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in St. Johns Public Schools, Clinton and Gratiot Counties, Michigan, be renewed by 18.1562 mills (\$18.1562 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2024 to 2033, inclusive, and also be increased by .5 mill (\$0.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2024 to 2033, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2024 is approximately \$2,925,295 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2023 levy and the addition of millage which will be levied only to the extent necessary to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the "Headlee" amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963)?

**Intermediate School District:**

**Saginaw Intermediate School District  
Special Education Millage Proposal**

This proposal will increase the levy by the intermediate school district of special education millage previously approved by the electors.

Shall the 1.9389 mills limitation (\$1.9389 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the annual property tax previously approved by the electors of Saginaw Intermediate School District, Michigan, for the education of students with a disability be increased by 1.5611 mills (\$1.5611 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2022 to 2031, inclusive; the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2022 is approximately \$8,653,163 from local property taxes authorized herein?

Angie Thompson, Gratiot County Clerk 989-875-5215  
Pursuant to MCL 168.498.



# LEGALS

## NOTICE TO THE HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF WALLACE HINDENLANG, LILA HINDENLANG AND ALFRED HINDENLANG

To the heirs and assigns of Wallace Hindenlang, Lila Hindenlang and Alfred Hindenlang, and any other persons or entities claiming interest in the following property: Please take notice that an action has been commenced to quiet title to the property described as:

LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 OF BLOCK 1, TRAPP'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF ELM HALL, GRATIOT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF AND LOT 2 OF BLOCK 8, TRAPP'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF ELM HALL, GRATIOT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

Circuit Court File Number 22-0535-CH. should you claim any interest in this property, you must notify the Court at 214 East Center Street, Ithaca, Michigan 48847 and the Plaintiff's attorney, William E. Goggin, P.O. Box 488, Alma, Michigan 48801 and file an appropriate responsive pleading no later than 30 days after publication of this notice or the relief requested may be granted by the Court. 36t4

**FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES) AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

**ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE.**

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 Gratiot County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM a.m./p.m. on October 20, 2022. 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 having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Fred Akin aka Frederick Akin and Florence M. Akin of Gratiot County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Fifth Third Bank (Western Michigan) dated the Thirty-First day of October, 2006, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Gratiot and State of Michigan,

on the Sixth day of December, 2006, Liber 820, Page 50, of the Gratiot County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$42,420.48 plus accrued interest at 5.000000% percent per annum.

Which said premises are described as follows:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of North Shade, in the County of Gratiot and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: A parcel of land described as beginning on the South line of Section 3 at a point 1313.93 feet, North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East from the Southwest corner of said section, said point being the Southwest corner of said East 1/2 of Southwest 1/4, thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 55 seconds West on the West 1/8 line, 447.45 feet, thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 585.42 feet, thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West perpendicular with said South section line 447.44 feet to said South line, thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West on said South line, 582.83 feet to the point of beginning, Section 3, Township 9 North, Range 4 West, North Shade Township, Gratiot County, Michigan Commonly known as: 8666 Garfield Road, Middleton, MI 48856 Tax ID: 10-003-007-30

If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower, pursuant to MCLA 600.3278 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.

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

Dated: September 22, 2022  
By: Benjamin N. Hoen #P-81415  
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.  
965 Keynote Circle Cleveland,  
OH 44131-1829  
Telephone: 216-739-5100  
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Email: bhoen@weltman.com  
WWR # 22-001175-1  
(09-22)(10-13) 38t4

## 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 Gratiot County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on October 27, 2022. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Jeremy Lewis, 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: September 12, 2018  
Recorded on September 25, 2018, Liber 1029, on Page 759,

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC FKA Quicken Loans, LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Sixty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Seven and 36/100 Dollars (\$69,277.36)

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Gratiot County, and described as: Lots 15, 16, 17 and 18, Block 5, Watson's Addition, Village of Breckenridge, State of Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

Commonly known as 329 6th St, Breckenridge, MI 48615

The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.

If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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.

Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc.

Mortgagee/Assignee  
Schneiderman & Sherman P.C.  
23938 Research Dr,  
Suite 300  
Farmington Hills, MI 48335  
248.539.7400  
1477106  
(09-29)(10-20) 39t4

## 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 Gratiot County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on November 3, 2022. 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): Russell A. Stevens 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): Freedom Mortgage Corporation  
Date of Mortgage: March 27, 2017  
Date of Mortgage Recording: April 10, 2017

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$168,466.68

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Wheeler, Gratiot County, Michigan, and described as: A parcel of land in the east 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of section 28, town 12 north, Range 1 West, Wheeler Township, Gratiot County, Michigan described as follows: The east 1/4 corner of said section 28; thence north 89 degrees 52 minutes 22 seconds west, on

the east and west 1/4 line of said section, 998.01 feet to the southwest corner of the east 1/2 of the west 1/2 of the east 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of said section; thence north 00 degrees 20 minutes 05 seconds east, on the west line of the east 1/2 of the west 1/2 of the east 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of said section, 344.46 feet to a point on a traverse line along the north bank of an existing drainage ditch, this traverse line is for surveying purposes only and it is the intention of this description to include all lands to the centerline of said drain; thence south 88 degrees 55 minutes 29 seconds east, parallel with and approximately 15 feet north of the centerline of said drain, 367.12 feet to a deflection point; thence south 83 degrees 25 minutes 20 seconds east, continuing on said traverse line and being parallel with and approximately 15 feet, north of the centerline of said drain, 634.70 feet to a point on the east line of said section 28; thence south 00 degrees 20 minutes 27 seconds west, on said east section line 267.08 feet back to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 7497 N Barry Rd, Wheeler, MI 48662-9750

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: October 6, 2022  
Trott Law, P.C.  
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334  
(248) 642-2515  
1477740  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE STATE OF MICHIGAN, PROBATE COURT, COUNTY OF GRATIOT FILE NO. 22-158-DE

Estate of Senovia Ortiz, Deceased, Date of birth: 10/30/1930

**TO ALL CREDITORS:\***  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, Senovia Ortiz, died 6/28/2022. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Miguel Ortiz, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 214 E. Center, P.O. Box 217, Ithaca and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated:  
MIGUEL ORTIZ  
312 1/2 N. State Street  
Alma, MI 48801  
(989) 576-0677  
JOSHUA T. McFARLAND  
P75437  
600 Pine Steet  
Clare, MI 48617  
(989) 386-3456 40t1

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Trust RE: WILLIAM R. AND FRANCES E. YOUNG LIVING TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 8, 1999

**TO ALL CREDITORS:**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The Settlor, William R. Young (date of birth November 2, 1931), who was a resident of Gratiot County, Michigan, died August 9, 2022. There is no personal representative of the Settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the Settlor are notified that all claims against the William R. and Frances E. Young Living Trust dated November 8, 1999, as amended, will be forever barred unless presented to Bruce D. Young, Trustee, c/o the Law Office of Rhonda M. Clark, P.C., PO Box 147, St Louis, MI 48880, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Dated: September 29, 2022  
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