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PASD Bond Proposal Presented to Voters

The Pinconning Area School District is going to voters in November with a bond proposal to borrow up to \$19.9M to replace Linwood and Pinconning Central Elementary Schools with a new facility attached to but internally separated from the Middle School. The exact wording of the proposal is:

Shall Pinconning Area Schools, Bay and Gladwin Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Nineteen Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$19,900,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing, and equipping an elementary addition to Pinconning Middle/High School; remodeling Pinconning Middle/High School; and preparing, developing, improving, and equipping playgrounds and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2027 is 1.60 mills (\$1.60 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty (20) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 2.45 mills (\$2.45 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$5,370,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

The District has held informational meetings at the Township Halls over the last month that have attracted from between 5-20 residents, held three meetings at district buildings last week, and is planning on holding video Town Hall meetings later this month, all with the intention of making sure district residents have factual information when they consider the proposal.

The Journal sat down with Superintendent Andy Kowalczyk last week to get an idea of the questions residents are asking about the proposal.

First we covered the need for a new building. Both the Central and Linwood buildings were constructed in the 1950s. Though the basic structures are relatively sound, the building systems like electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and fire alarms are outdated, increasingly expensive to maintain, and will soon require complete replacement as repair parts have become obsolete. Their layout and design are outdated and difficult to adapt to modern learning environments and safety requirements.

The Board determined there were four objectives to focus on: financial stability for the District; safety; balancing student and staff loads; and equal student opportunities.

While it is theoretically possible to update the current buildings to modern standards, the logistical challenges make it more expensive than new construction for one simple reason: updating would require all work to be completed over the summer when the buildings are not in use. New construction will take over a year but the current buildings can remain in use during that time. The cost to bring the existing buildings up to current standards was estimated at \$21M vs. \$19.9M for the current plan. This would still not address several of the objectives regarding students.

Although specific design work cannot be done until after the approval of the bond, preliminary planning (required to determine how much would need to be borrowed for the project) has the new building connected to the current Middle School hallway at the rear, with fire/security doors to prevent movement between the two facilities. The new Elementary would have it's own secure entrance, office, and cafe-torium (a combination cafeteria and auditorium common in modern schools). The only facilities in the current building regularly used by elementary students would be the library and high school gym, and their use would be scheduled at times to prevent any mingling with older students. It's important to note that some items that were included in earlier public surveys for inclusion such as athletic facilities and a field house ARE NOT included in the plan, and cannot be added due to the proposal language.

This “single campus” model is common for smaller districts throughout Michigan and across the country, and is the logical continuation of the District’s shrinking size and closure of the Garfield and Mt. Forest buildings. Having all students on a single campus allows: better collaboration between teachers (all of the primary grade teachers will be located at the same place); all students equal access to extra-curricular activities (currently Linwood students have a minimum 15 minute delay for any after-school activity held at Central); and equal opportunities for mentoring by older students (High School Student Council members routinely read to young elementary students at Central, for example).

One recurring question is about the amount of the debt. The District currently has a bond that in 2026 will have a millage levy of 2.5 mills (shown on Winter tax bills as “School Debt”). That bond has been refinanced at a lower rate, and the levy for 2027 is estimated to be reduced to 1.7 mills, a reduction of .8 mills. This will happen regardless of whether the current proposal is approved. If the current proposal is approved, the estimated levy (as stated in the proposal) of 1.6 mills of the new bonds would be added to that 1.7 mills existing levy for a total of 3.3 mills, resulting in a new rate only .8 mill above the 2026 rate. In short, in 2026 the school debt levy is 2.5 mills, if the current bond proposal is approved next year that levy is expected to be 3.3 mills (a .8 mill increase over the 2026 debt levy), and if it is NOT approved the levy next year is expected to be 1.7 mills (a net .8 mill reduction from the 2026 levy). This is shown in the accompanying chart. Also shown is a comparison of the Pinconning Schools tax levy compared to other districts in the area.

Pinconning Food Pantry Giveaway to Change Locations in November

Our monthly food give away, currently being held at the Wesleyan Church, 800 Horn St., will move to a new location, starting November 10, 2026.

It will be held at “The Pantry”, 314 Whyte St. Since the parking space is smaller, it will take place in two days instead of one.

We will no longer be using boxes, but will use bags from Town & Country Supermarket instead. Please save those plastic bags for us.

The line up will be the same, using the first letter of the drivers last name. You can still pre-register the day of picking up with a reminder to only hit the submit button once, not multiple times. If you're having trouble, the ladies in the parking lot will help you.

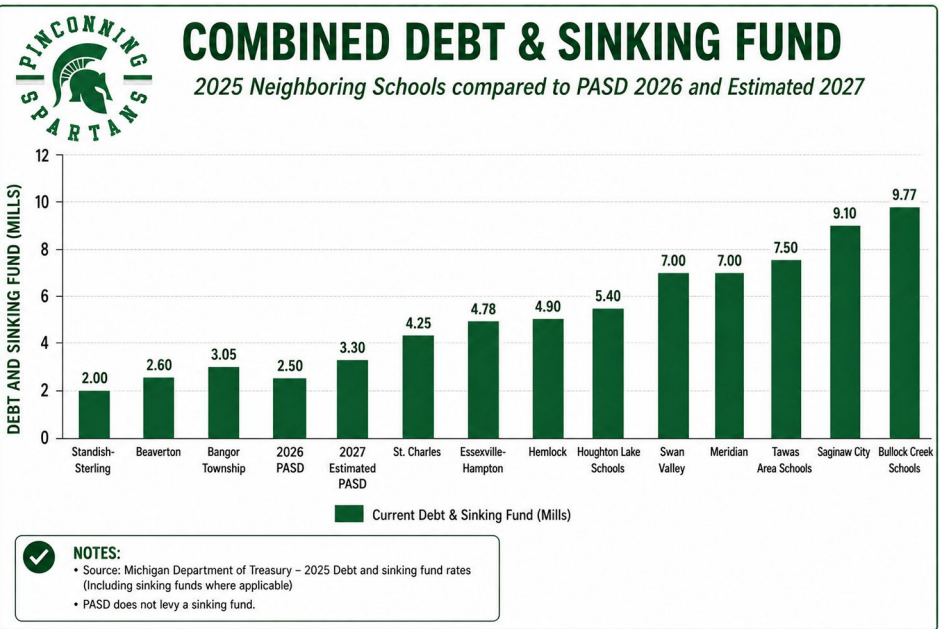
The line will begin on Second St., (H & H Bakery corner) off M-13 and continue west to Whyte St. Make a left off M-13



and continue west to Whyte St., make a left, turn and follow the directions of the parking lot volunteers.

All those in the Pinconning School District are welcome. Those living outside the school district, are asked to refer to their local pantries.

The October 16th giveaway will remain the same, at Wesleyan Church.



Another common question at the meetings is “what’s Plan B if this doesn’t pass?” Mr Kowalczyk stated that there IS no Plan B at the moment. This is the plan the Board has put before voters. If it passes, work begins to make it happen. If it doesn’t pass, the issues don’t go away, and the Board and administration begin working on an alternative proposal.

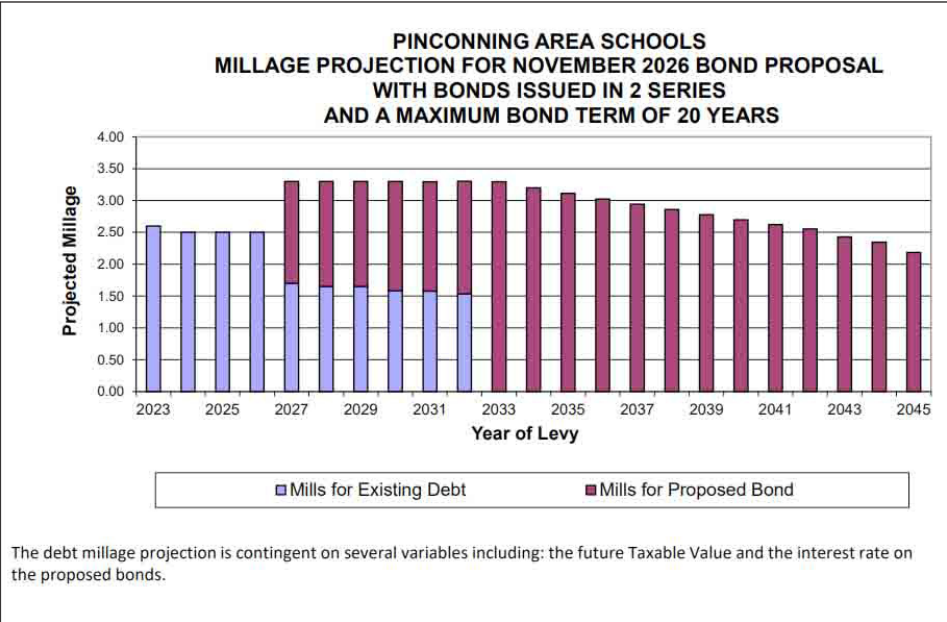
Residents are often concerned about what’s going to happen to the Linwood and Central buildings. The Central building would be demolished after the new facility is completed and the site used for parking, playgrounds, or other facilities based on the final plans. The Linwood building would be rented out or sold. Furniture and fixtures will be evaluated during the design phase and used in the new facility if appropriate.

We also reached out to Linda Anderson of Bay Area Real Estate to ask about how the local school system affects home values. She explained that the school system is a driving factor for buyers looking for a new home, with many buyers looking to be in or out of a particular district. Major websites like Realtor.com and Zillow.com specify the local schools for every property listed and rate them. The same home in a higher rated district will bring a higher price than if it were in a lower rated district. She also related that a good school district won’t make a difference for a home in poor condition or overpriced, but when making a choice between two similar properties, it can make a choice easier.

Mr. Kowalczyk wrapped up by saying the District took into account demographics and students’ needs in the present and future, surveyed the residents, and used this information to help create this bond proposal.

Now it’s time for the residents to choose whether or not to approve the proposal. He encouraged all residents to remember that November 3rd is election day, and reminded them that the Bond Proposal will be on

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Pinconning Schools News

Pinconning Area Schools Press Release



Equestrian Team Makes School History

Haleigh Havercamp (Freshman) is shown above riding Sprocket alongside Head Coach Kari Peckham.

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Thursday, October 8th,
• Pups and Pages, Pinconning Library, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Friday, October 9th,
• Toddler Time!, Pinconning Library, 11:00 - 11:45 am
Saturday, October 10th,
• Harvest Bazaar, Divine Shepard Christian Community, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tuesday, October 13th,
• Life Booster Series: Chair Yoga with Laura, Pinconning Library, 1:00 - 2:00 pm
• Haunted Michigan Mysteries - Halloween Edition, Pinconning Library, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 14th,
• Family Storytime, Pinconning Library, 10:30 - 11:00 am

STANDING EVENTS

Second Monday
• Pinconning Area School Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 pm HS/MS Library.
• Garfield Township Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, 1138 W. Erickson, Linwood.
• Kawkawlin Township Board Meeting, 6:30pm, 1836 E. Parish Rd Kawkawlin
• Pinconning Township Board Meeting, 5:00 pm, 1751 Cody Estey Rd., Pinconning.
• Fraser Township Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, 1474 N. Mackinaw, Linwood.
• Gibson Township Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, 7214 Main St., Bentley.
Third Monday
• Pinconning City Council, City Hall, 5:30 pm.
• Barnyard Bingo, held at CJ's Sports Grill, 6:00 pm.
Fourth Monday
• Pinconning Area School Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 pm HS/MS Library unless noted.
Every Monday
• Fitness Class, The Pantry, 9:00 - 10:00 pm
First Tuesday
• Area Baby Closet is open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at The Pantry, 314 Whyte St., South Entrance.
Second Tuesday
• Mt. Forest Township Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, 1705 W. Cody Estey, Pinconning.
Every Tuesday
• Gospel & Country Music, Pinconning Wesleyan Church, Potluck starts at 6 pm, Music starts at 7 pm.
Every Wednesday
• Fitness Class, The Pantry, 9:00 - 10:00 pm
• Crafters at Pinconning Twp. Hall, 1751 E. Cody Estey Rd., Pinconning. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.
• BCLS, Family Story Time at Pinconning Library, 10:30 - 11:00 am
• Yoga, The Pantry, 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Third Thursday
• Pinconning Genealogy Group, meets at 1:00 pm, check out Facebook page for location
Every Friday
• Fitness Class, The Pantry, 9:00 - 10:00 pm

Library News and Events

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- October Events -
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Children ®
• Pups and Pages, Thursday, October 8th, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
• Toddler Time!, Friday, October 9th, 11:00 - 11:45 am
• Pumpkin Painting!, Thursday, October 15th, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
• Fire Truck Storytime, Friday, October 16th, 10:30 - 11:30 am
• Baking Soda Spiderweb Slime, Saturday, October 17th, 3:00 - 4:00 pm
• Toddler Time!, Friday, October 23rd, 11:00 - 11:45 am
• Zine Party, Thursday, October 29th, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Adult and Teen ®
• Life Booster Series: Chair Yoga with Laura, Tuesday, October 13th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm
• Haunted Michigan Mysteries- Halloween Edition, Tuesday, October 13th, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
• Pinconning Book Club, Tuesday, October 20th, 2:30 - 4:00 pm
• Candy Corn Button Art, Saturday, October 24th, 10:00 - 11:30 am
• Wood Biscuit Pumpkin Craft, Tuesday, October 27th, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Family ®
• Family Storytime, Wednesday, October 14th, 10:30 - 11:00 am
• Tape Resist Spiderweb Paint - Process Art for

BCLS

Bay County Library System

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Littles, Thursday, October 22nd, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

• Family Storytime, Wednesday, October 28th, 10:30 - 11:00 am

• Boo's and Books Party, Saturday, October 31st, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Bay County Poetry Contest

Calling all Bay County, SVSU, and Delta College Poets! The local library is where you come to read others' writing, or perhaps "escape", but we want to read your writing too! So, send us your most inspired poems for the theme "My Escape." Poems must include a reference to the theme of escape, however the author interprets it, although this does not need to be the main focus of the poem. Cash prizes will be awarded. Winners will be announced in the spring, and winners' work may be published in online or print venues. Entries will be judged by SVSU staff and volunteers. You must be at least 16 years old to participate. To view the submission form and access the full list of rules and guidelines, visit https://tinyurl.com/wfwzx4bf.

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Thursday: 10 am - 8 pm

Friday & Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm

Trivia Time!

By: Ellen Charlebois

The Northern Bay County Fund (NBCF) is hosting their Fall Trivia Challenge Night on Saturday, October 17th. The event will be held at the Pinconning Community Center on M-13 in Pinconning. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the event starts at 7:00 p.m. With the event so close to Halloween, it is a good time to wear a costume! Snacks, pizza, soft drinks, coffee, and ice are provided. If attendees prefer adult beverages, it is B.Y.O.B.
Even if you aren't a trivia buff, you can relax and have a good time because each team works together to fill out the answer sheet. The maximum team size is 6 people. Teams compete for first place by answering fun questions from an assortment of topics. The first-place team gets bragging rights, a prize, plus they get to choose one of the topics for the next Trivia fundraiser. Last March, the team called "Here for the Snacks" chose a category called "Not Ready for Prime Time Players - SNL the First 5 Years." You have a couple weeks to study up for at least that one topic!
The Trivia Challenge Night is an important fundraiser for the organization and proceeds are given back to the community in grants, scholarships, and projects. Team sponsors, prize and food donations from NBCF committee members and local businesses help to make the event a success each year. For more information or to sign up for the event, call Ellen Charlebois at 989-737-8065 or Mary Idzior 989-879-2009 or go to Facebook: Northern Bay County Fund.

Operation Christmas Child

Pinconning Wesleyan Church

Pinconning Wesleyan Church has packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child for many years. OCC is a major part of Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse organization, and shipped 12.2 million filled shoeboxes in 2025 to children all around the world who don't know about Jesus. When they receive their gifts, they're given "The Greatest Gift" booklet, followed by a 12-lesson discipleship program from "The Greatest Journey", all in their own language (currently printed in 118 different languages).
Many of those children bring their parents, families and friends to know Jesus. Some locations added a church as result of our shoebox gifts. Pinconning Wesleyan Church is once again a drop-off location for other churches, or-

ganizations, clubs and groups to bring in filled shoeboxes for shipment around the world.
If you'd prefer to buy items for shoeboxes, we can use those items to fill more boxes. Collection Week is November 16-23 at our church, but flyers, shoeboxes, gift suggestions and labels are available now. If you or a group would like to get involved, please call Marcene at 989-493-2281 and we can answer your questions and provide whatever you need.
We'll be at the Pinconning Trunk or Treat October 21 at Doc Letchfield Park, and will have OCC supplies available and answer questions you might have.
We look forward to your involvement to help fill this ministry need.

Hometown History

By: Ainesley Sylvester

5 Years Ago (October 2021)
When Steve Bellor was interested in starting a new business, he had several goals in mind, including keeping his immediate family involved and honoring Michigan's heritage of logging as well as his family heritage in the logging industry. He recalled the need for hearty, filling meals to provide the energy needed for the grueling physical labor required by logging, and the result is the Lumberjack Food Company, and their signature Pancake and Waffle Mix.

10 Years Ago (October 2016)
Pastors Gene and Pat Kelly are the new Pastors at Pinconning Wesleyan Church, having started September 4th. Pastor Gene has been in the ministry for many years, held his first revival when he was fourteen. Pastor Pat has felt her call into the Gospel, at the present time she is taking classes through Liberty University, working on a degree in Religion.

15 Years Ago (October 2011)
Jonathon Willett graduated from Great Lakes Naval Basic Training, Chicago. Jonathan is the son of Merlin and Patti Willett, of Pinconning, and graduated from Pinconning High School. He was also an Eagle Scout.

25 Years Ago (October 2001)
After seeing the horrible event that unfolded on September 11th in America, there has been a number of groups wishing to somehow help the victims and their families. Pinconning High School students are one such group, and they have created Project B.E.A.R (Bring Empathy And Relief) in an effort to show they care. PHS students are working hard collecting like-new stuffed animals to help comfort those who have lost a loved one. All donated animals will be sent on to families of lost rescue workers, military personnel, and World Trade Center employees. Over the past two weeks, we have seen wonderful compassion from people across American. Let us give what we have to those in need.

50 Years Ago (October 1976)
The Pinny Varsity squad didn't lose any time disposing of Ogemaw Heights when they scored on the first play of the game on a 79 yard run by Tim Rezmer, with

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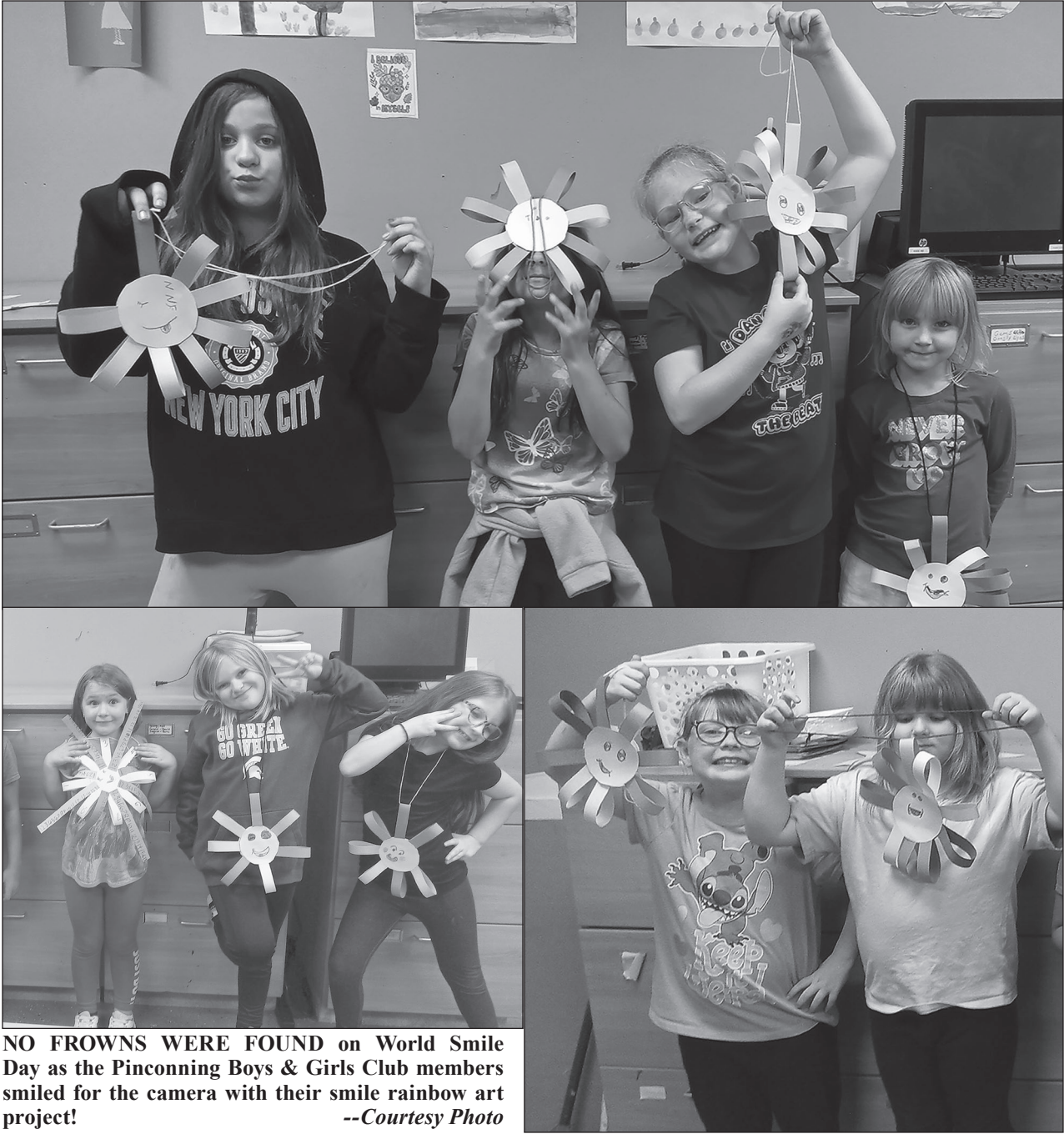
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Joe Ellwanger kicking the point after the touchdown. The boys of Coach Williams out-gained their opponents, 233-179, in total yards.

75 Years Ago (October 1951)
Rhodes defeated Pinconning at Rhodes Sunday in their first game of a three game playoff series to determine the champions of the Northeastern Michigan League by shutting them out 2 - 0. The game was delayed about an hour in order to get the diamond dry enough to play on, due to the heavy rain that fell Saturday night. It was a pitcher's battle between Bill Carstens of Rhodes and Carl Salois of Pinconning. Bill earned himself a well deserved contest, allowing three bases on balls, only five hits, four singles and a double, and struck out twelve batters. His strike outs came when most needed, leaving Freddy Foco stranded on second with one out, Knochel on first with one out, Lambert once on second with one out and in the ninth inning, was left stranded on first base with no outs, which proved that Bill's fast sharp curving ball and control; turned the trick for Rhodes.

*** All text is taken from prior Pinconning Journal Editions ***

World Smile Day



NO FROWNS WERE FOUND on World Smile Day as the Pinconning Boys & Girls Club members smiled for the camera with their smile rainbow art project!

--Courtesy Photo



THE LAS VEGAS RAIDERS, 9-14 age group, coached by Andy Rivard and Chris Tyrrell.

--Courtesy Photo



THE BALTIMORE RAVENS, 7-8 age group, coached by Shawn McGillen and Josh Rex.

--Courtesy Photo



THE LAS VEGAS RAIDERS, 5-6 age group, coached by John Chmura.

--Courtesy Photo

FTH NFL Flag Football Wraps Up Another Season

By: Alysa Matthews

FTH NFL Flag Football would like to thank all of the coaches, parents, players, and volunteers who helped make another season a tremendous success!

This year, the league welcomed more than 100 participants, and it continues to grow each season. The commitment and support of our community make it possible for local youth to enjoy the game, learn teamwork, build friendships, and have fun.

A special thank-you goes to Fraser Township Hall and Mark Galus for allowing FTH NFL Flag Football to use its facilities throughout the season. We are truly grateful for their continued support of our program.

Our winning teams - 9-14 age group the Las Vegas Raiders coached by Andy Rivard and Chris Tyrrell, 7-8 age group the Baltimore Ravens coached by Shawn McGillen and Josh Rex and 5-6 age group Las Vegas Raiders coached by John Chmura.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on the field next year!

Band Booster Fall Bazaar Next Saturday

The Pinconning Band Booster’s 33rd Annual Fall Bazaar will be held on Saturday, October 17th from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm at the Pinconning Middle and High School (605 W. 5th Street, Pinconning.)

This year will be the largest event we’ve ever had. The bazaar will showcase a large variety of products and crafts, truly something for everyone. There will also be concessions available, 50/50 raffle tickets, and a bake sale. Admission and parking are free.

Proceeds from this event will go towards supporting the Band Program at Pinconning Area Schools. Your support makes this all possible. We’ll see you there!

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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 Notice of Lien will be foreclosed by a sale at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Bay County, starting promptly at 11:00 a.m., on October 2, 2026. The amount due on the Notice of Lien may be greater on the day of the sale. The bid may include interest, and all legal costs, expenses and charges, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the undersigned to protect its interest in the premises. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Master Deed for the TENNIS VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM recorded in Liber 710, Page 92, Bay County Records, as amended, by GINGER MERCER, of 2432 E. Tennis Court, A-2, Bay City, Michigan 48708, regarding nonpayment of assessments as shown on the Notice of Lien issued by the Tennis Village Condominium Association, a Michigan nonprofit corporation, of 4800 Fashion Square Boulevard, Suite 200, Saginaw, Michigan 48604, dated May 6, 2026, and recorded July 10, 2026, in Document No. 202609088, Bay County Records, upon which Notice of Lien is claimed to be due the sum of TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED ONE AND 60/100 (\$26,201.60) DOLLARS. The premises in said Notice of Lien being situated in the Township of Frankenlust, County of Bay and State of Michigan, to-wit: Unit 2, Building A of Tennis Village Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 710, Page 92, as amended, and designated as Bay County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 1, together with rights in the general common elements and the limited common elements as shown on the Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Commonly known as: 2432 E. Tennis Court, A-2, Bay City, Michigan 48706. Tax Parcel No.: 030-T05-001-002-00. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale. If the property described in this Notice is sold at the foreclosure sale referred to above, the debtor will be held responsible to the purchaser who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to Tennis Village Condominium Association for damaging the property during the redemption period in accordance with MCLA 600.3278 or as otherwise provided by law. Attention homeowner: if you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than ninety (90) days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Notice of Judgment Lien at the telephone number stated in this notice. Attention purchasers: If the sale is set aside, the purchaser may be entitled to only a return of the sale deposit less any applicable fees and costs and shall have no further recourse against the debtor, Tennis Village Condominium Association or Tennis Village Condominium Associations' attorney. This Notice is from a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Tennis Village Condominium Association Mortgagee. Dated: September 9, 2026, MITCHELL G. PIPER, Esq., Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner P.L.C., 4301 Fashion Square Boulevard, Saginaw, Michigan 48603, 989-498-2100.

36-5 (Corrected 9/9/2026)

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 Bay County, starting promptly at 11:00 AM, on October 23, 2026. 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): Cody Terbush and Alexa Mahan; Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns; Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC; Date of Mortgage: November 20, 2024; Date of Mortgage Recording: November 21, 2024; Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$224,007.82; Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Hampton, Bay County, Michigan, and described as: A parcel of land in the North 39.00 acres of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 14 North, Range 6 East, described as follows: Commencing on the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 34 at a point 889.31 feet, South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West of the North 1/4 corner of Section 34, thence South 89 degrees 49 minutes 30 seconds East, on a line which is parallel to and 392.00 feet, measured parallel to said 1/4 line, North of the South line of said North 39.00 acres, 242.00 feet, thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, Parallel to said 1/4 line, 100.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 30 seconds West, parallel to said South line, 242.00 feet to said North and South 1/4 line; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, on the North and South 1/4 line of said Section, 100 feet to the point of beginning. Common street address (if any): 388 N Callahan Rd, Bay City, MI 48708-9159. 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: September 16, 2026. Trott Law, P.C.; 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145, Farmington Hills, MI 48334; 248-642-2515, 1605967. (09-16)(10-07)

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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 Bay County, starting promptly at 11:00 AM, on October 23, 2026. 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): Corey McDowell, unmarried man; Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns; Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage LLC; Date of Mortgage: October 4, 2019; Date of Mortgage Recording: October 15, 2019; Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$116,652.86; Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Bangor, Bay County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing 910 feet East of the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 15 North, Range 5 East, thence East 100 feet; thence North 200 feet; thence West 100 feet; thence South 200 feet to the point of beginning. Common street address (if any): 3319 Lauria Rd, Bay City, MI 48706-8102. 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: September 23, 2026. Trott Law, P.C.; 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145, Farmington Hills, MI 48334, 248-642-2515, 1606736. (09-23)(10-14)

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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 Bay County, starting promptly at 11:00 AM, on October 23, 2026. 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): Angela Patterson and Vicky Page, joint tenants; Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns; Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services, LLC; Date of Mortgage: December 20, 2022; Date of Mortgage Recording: December 27, 2022; Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$114,690.08; Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Bay City, Bay County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 57 of Oak Grove Subdivision, part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 14 North, Range 5 East, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 5, Page(s) 48, Bay County Records. Common street address (if any): 1211 N Dewitt St, Bay City, MI 48706-3623. 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: September 23, 2026. Trott Law, P.C.; 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145, Farmington Hills, MI 48334, 248-642-2515, 1606381. (09-23)(10-14)

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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 Bay County, starting promptly at 11:00 AM, on October 23, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Donald M. Spencer II, a married man and Angela Spencer by way of signing Loan Modification agreement recorded 10/19/2017; Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns; Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.; Date of Mortgage: April 8, 2011; Date of Mortgage Recording: April 13, 2011; Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$86,254.38; Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Portsmouth, Bay County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 36 of WOJCIECHOWSKI SUBDIVISION, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 6, Page(s) 3, Bay County Records. Common street address (if any): 2785 Sarah Ct, Bay City, MI 48708-8464. 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: September 23, 2026. Trott Law, P.C.; 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145, Farmington Hills, MI 48334, 248-642-2515, 1606337. (09-23)(10-14)

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Bay County, starting promptly at 11:00 AM, on December 4, 2026. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Sabrina Coburn and Fredale Jackson, Jr to Cardinal Financial Company, Limited Partnership dated September 1, 2021 and recorded September 3, 2021 as Instrument No. 202115131, Bay County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$84,906.27. Said premises are located in Bay County, Michigan and are described as: Lot 12, Block 2, Charles F. Corbin's Addition to Wenona, now Bay City, Bay County Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 73, Bay County Records. Said property is commonly known as 710 N Linn St, Bay City, MI 48706. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: 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 COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: September 17, 2026 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403, PHONE: 844-856-6646; File No. 26-15290. (09-23)(10-14)

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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 MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Bay County, starting promptly at 11:00 a.m. on October 23, 2026. 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 register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by Hunter Lenz, a single man, as Mortgagor, to Frankenmuth Credit Union, as Mortgagee, dated March 31, 2022, recorded April 1, 2022 as Instrument No. 202204626 of Bay County, Michigan records (the "Mortgage"). The amount claimed to be due and owing on the Mortgage is Ninety Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eight and 90/100 Dollars (\$94,708.90) on the date of this Notice. The Mortgage contains a power of sale and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part of the Mortgage. Under the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, take notice that on October 23, 2026 at 11:00 a.m., local time, or any adjourned date thereafter, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the place of holding the Circuit Court within Bay County, Michigan. The Mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt secured by the Mortgage as stated above, plus interest accruing on the amount due at a rate of 5.00% per annum, costs and expenses of the Mortgagee as provided for in the Mortgage, and any amounts subsequently paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interest in the property. The property to be sold at foreclosure is all of the real estate and improvements located in the City of Bay City, County of Bay, and State of Michigan, described as follows: A piece of land commencing on the South line of Leng Street, 50 feet Westerly from the Southwest corner of Leng and Green (now Ottawa) Streets; running thence Southerly, parallel to Green (Ottawa) Street, 120 feet, to the North line of Block B, Joseph Tromble's Addition to the Village of Banks, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 80 of Bay County Records; thence Westerly on said North line of Block B, 53 feet; thence Northerly parallel to Green (Ottawa) Street to the South line of Leng Street; thence Easterly on said South line, 50 feet to the point of beginning, Section 16, Town 14 North, Range 5 East. Tax Parcel No: 160-016-283-003-00 Commonly known as: 1306 Leng Street, Bay City, MI 48706 The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale, unless determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the Mortgagors will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagors, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorneys. Dated: September 21, 2026 STANCATO TRAGGE WELLS, PLLC Frankenmuth Credit Union, Mortgagee Attorneys for Mortgagee By: John P. Tragge 2111 Woodward Avenue, Suite 701 Detroit, Michigan 4820; 248-731-4500. (09-23)(10-14)

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - BAY COUNTY 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 Bay County, starting promptly at 11:00 AM, on October 23, 2026. 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): Crystal V. Miller, an unmarried woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: April 28, 2021 Recorded on May 3, 2021, in Document No. 202108215. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Sixty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Eight and 48/100 Dollars (\$68,258.48) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Bay County, and described as: LOT 20, BLOCK 1, VAUGHAN'S ADDITION TO BAY CITY, BAY COUNTY, MICHIGAN AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 3 OF PLATS, PAGE 22 OF BAY COUNTY RECORDS. Commonly known as 1410 S Grant St, Bay City, MI 48708 The redemption period will be 6 month 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale will be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have 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 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335; 248-539-7400, 1606961. (09-23)(10-14)

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - BAY COUNTY 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 Bay County, starting promptly at 11:00 AM, on October 30, 2026. 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): Scott Elsass, married man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: May 28, 2021 Recorded on June 1, 2021, in Document No. 202109871, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Fifty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Six and 52/100 Dollars (\$55,526.52) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Bay County, and described as: The North 45 feet of Lots 11 and 12, Block 2, H.J.H. Schulte's Subdivision, As per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 54 of Bay County Records. Commonly known as 1007 Pendleton St, Bay City, MI 48708 The redemption period will be 6 month 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 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335, 248-539-7400, 1607586. (09-30)(10-21)

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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 Bay County, starting promptly at 11:00 AM, on November 6, 2026. 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): Jeffrey Dyer, unmarried man; Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns; Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing; Date of Mortgage: May 8, 2017; Date of Mortgage Recording: May 10, 2017; Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$76,740.71 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Pinconning, Bay County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 25, T17N, R4E, thence South 330 feet, along the East Section line, to the point of beginning; thence South 132 feet, along the East Section line; thence South 88 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds West 330 feet, parallel to the North Section line; thence North 132 feet, parallel to the East Section line; thence North 88 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds East 330 feet, parallel to the North Section line to the point of beginning. Common street address (if any): 3969 N 2 Mile Rd, Pinconning, MI 48650-9730. 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 7, 2026. Trott Law, P.C.; 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145, Farmington Hills, MI 48334, 248-642-2515, 1607594. (10-07)(10-28)

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Notice to Creditors

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT, BAY COUNTY. NOTICE TO CREDITORS, Decedent's Estate. CASE NO. 26-55854-DE. JUDGE: Jan A. Miner. Court Address: 1230 Washington Avenue, Suite #715, Bay City, MI 48708-5737, 989-895-4205. Estate of Jeffrey R. Townsend. Date of Birth: March 31, 1965. TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Jeffrey R. Townsend, died September 29, 2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Susan Kennedy, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1230 Washington Avenue, Suite #715, Bay City, MI 48708-5737, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. Susan Kennedy, 3960 Castle Drive, Bay City, MI 48706, 989-415-4471. Attorney: Smith & Brooker, PC; Charles T. Hewitt P39724, 919 Saginaw Street, Bay City, MI 48708, 989-892-2595.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT, BAY COUNTY. NOTICE TO CREDITORS, Decedent's Estate. CASE NO. 26-55866-DE. JUDGE: Jan A. Miner. Court Address: 1230 Washington Avenue, Suite #715, Bay City, MI 48708-5737, 989-895-4205. Estate of Shaun W. Boucher. Date of Birth: September 16, 1977. TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Shaun W. Boucher, died July 29, 2026. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jeremy D. Polzin, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1230 Washington Avenue, Suite #715, Bay City, MI 48708-5737, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. Jeremy D. Polzin, 4461 Darla Drive, Bay City, MI 48706, 989-798-3024. Attorney: Smith & Brooker, PC; Charles T. Hewitt P39724, 919 Saginaw Street, Bay City, MI 48708, 989-892-2595.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT, BAY COUNTY. NOTICE TO CREDITORS, Decedent's Estate. Court Address: 1230 Washington Avenue, Suite #715, Bay City, MI 48708, 989-895-4206. Estate of Frank William Tribfelter. Date of Birth: August 27, 1935. TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Frank William Tribfelter, died July 31, 2026. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert A. Tribfelter at 1305 S. Barclay St., Bay City, MI 48706, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1230 Washington Avenue, Suite #715, Bay City, MI 48708, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. Dated: September 30, 2026. Robert A. Tribfelter, 1305 S. Barclay St., Bay City, MI 48706, 989-686-0757. Attorney: Paul E. Wenzloff P27662, 903 N. Jackson Street, Bay City, MI 48708, 989-893-9511.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT, BAY COUNTY. NOTICE TO CREDITORS, Decedent's Estate. CASE NO. 26-55804-DE. JUDGE: Hon. Jan Miner. Court Address: 1230 Washington Avenue, Bay City, MI 48708, 989-895-4265. Estate of Carol J. Pergande, Deceased. TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Carol J. Pergande, Deceased, died August 8, 2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to James Thompson, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1230 Washington Avenue, Bay City, MI 48708, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. Dated: October 2, 2026. James Thompson, 115 Smith Street, Bay City, Michigan 48706, 989-225-3656. Attorney: Jay Taylor P79988, 106 N. Erie, Bay City, Michigan 48706, 989-402-4843.

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Great Lakes Community Fitness Group

Pinconning Area Emergency Food Pantry

The Great Lakes Community Fitness group is meeting at The Pantry, 315 Whyte St., doing chair exercises every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:00 to 10:00 am, by Gabby Betzold.

For information call 989-439-4461 or email gabrellabetyold44@gmail.com.

Yoga classes every Wednesday from 3:00 to 4:00 pm, for information call 989-992-8169.

Grammy Award Winning Musicians Featured At Standish Art Center
Northeast Michigan Arts Council

On Sunday, October 11 at 2 p.m., Peter Madcat Ruth’s Carma Quartet are the featured performers to open the 2026-27 2nd Sunday Concert series at the Northeast Art Center in Standish. The art center is located at the corner of Grove Street Road and US-23, ½ mile north of the Standish traffic light.

Peter “Madcat” Ruth’s quartet plays eclectic, traditional and improvisational blues and jazz music. All four members are veteran musicians of the Michigan and international music scenes with Grammy Award winning tabla player John Churchville; Brennan Andes on electric fretless bass has toured internationally with many music groups; music educator Dan Ripke is featured on electric guitar; and rounding out the group is Grammy Award winner Peter “Madcat” Ruth on harmonica, ukulele, jaw-harp, kalimba and vocals. You don’t want to miss this exciting concert!!!

The 2026-27 series lineup features She Plays Well With Others! Jazz/Folk & Blues on November 8; Jean Marie &



Peter “Madcat” Ruth’s Carma Quartet

The Ladsa Folk/Irish & Americana on January 10; Kate Hinote Trio Pop/Indie/Folk February 14; and concludes with LaCopagnie Celtic & French Canadian music on March 14.

Tickets for all performances will be available when the box office opens at 1:30 p.m. the day of performance. For additional information, contact the Art Center at 989-846-9331, or visit our website at nemi.org.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Community members, we need to place the needs of our children first and foremost. The following are reasons that merit support of the millage which will enhance opportunities for elementary students.

1. Linwood students would have the ability to work with Middle and High School students as Central students have in the past. Experience science labs, musical and theater performances along with reading with the older students.
2. Students would have easy access during the school day to the School Based Health Center. Parents would not need to leave work due to trained students chaperoning elementary students to a medical appointment.
3. Linwood students would no longer be 30 minutes late for after school athletic activities like wrestling, track and cross country.

There are eight classrooms in the Junior High that are available for these elementary classes. This is a bare bones request with many benefits. These are just a few reasons to support this millage by considering our children’s needs. Please support this millage on November 3.

Katherine Bouchard

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to the
Editor

All letters to the editor are welcome and will be considered for publication. Letters should be timely and should be addressed to the editor; no open letters to other people will be printed. Letters must be signed, and must contain full contact information.

No “thank yous” or “congratulations” may be included. No more than four signatures per letter.

We edit and/or trim letters as little as possible, but we reserve the right to do so.

Flu Shots Walk-ins
Central Michigan District Health Department

Flu Shot walk-ins are scheduled at Saganing Eagles Landing Tribal Center, 5477 Sturman Rd, Standish.

Flu vaccines are available for those ages 6 months and older. Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian.

Please bring your insurance and ID. Flu vaccine available for those ages 6 months and older for all insurance types. If you are 18 years or older and do not have insurance, you may qualify for a reduced administration fee based on household income. Please call out office at 989-846-6541 Ext. 1111 with any questions. Contact Arenac County Transit at 989-846-7500 for transportation option.

Scheduled dates are Monday, September 28th, Thursday, October 22nd, and Monday, November 9th from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm.

PAEFP Preparing
Christmas Baskets

The Pinconning Area Emergency Food Pantry will be picking up toys, gifts, and food for the Christmas Season! We give out gifts at Christmas time to children and the senior citizens that live in the Pinconning School Area. We have worked together with the Pinconning School District for several years. We will be taking applications for the low income families at The Pantry, 314 Whyte Street on October 14th and 21st, between 12:00 and 3:00 pm.

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SCHOOL BOND
FROM PAGE 1

the BACK (second) page of the ballot, the last question voters will decide on.

We urge residents with questions about the bond proposal to visit the District website at <https://www.pasd.org/page/bond-info> for factual information, or direct their questions to Mr. Kowalczyk at: 989-308-0500 or kowalczyka@pasd.org

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Craig Barnt, Editor and Publisher
Date: 10/05/26

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Emergency Services Station**

Garfield Township is pleased to announce that construction of its new Emergency Services Station is set to begin. The facility will provide fire department for Garfield Township and ambulance services to the township and surrounding communities.

JBS Contracting of Mount Pleasant, Michigan, will oversee the bidding process. Local contractors are encouraged to participate, supporting the township’s goal of retaining as much project work as possible within the community and strengthening local businesses.

For project updates and additional information, visit Garfieldtownship-bc.com or contact Township Supervisor James Dubay at 989-297-0335.

**PINCONNING TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC NOTICE of
PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST**

Notice is hereby given that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 3, 2026, State General Election has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 10:00 am at the Pinconning Township Hall, 1751 E Cody Estey Rd, Pinconning, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to tabulate the votes cast at election meets the requirements of the law. This test is open to the public in accordance with Michigan Election Law (MCL 168.798).

Machele Faith, Clerk
Pinconning Township

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF
PORTSMOUTH
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC
ACCURACY TEST**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 3, 2026, General Election has been scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at 1711 W. Cass Ave. Rd. Bay City, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the programs and computers being used to tabulate the results of the Election count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Judith F. Bukowski, Clerk
Charter Township of Portsmouth

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON

Please take notice that Hampton Charter Township will publish its Board of Trustee meeting minutes pursuant to MCL 42.8(3)(b) on its website, which is www.hampton-townshipmi.gov. The physical minutes are available for inspection at the clerk’s office located at 801 W. Center Road, Essexville, MI 48732, if you do not have access to the internet. This notice is to be published on the first Wednesday of every month to comply with the requirements of Michigan Compiled Law 42.8.

Amanda DeWyse, Clerk

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 3rd, 2026 General Election has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Monitor Township Hall, 2483 Midland Road, Bay City, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program(s) and the computers being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by the Michigan Election Law.

Linda Stewart, Clerk
Charter Township of Monitor
A copy of this notice is on file in the Office of the Clerk.

**BAY CITY CITY COMMISSION
Synopsis of Regular Meeting
October 5, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Commission President Alex Dewitt at 6:00 PM.

Commissioners Present: Laura Kubit, Craig Kokaly, Katie Doyle, Benjamin

Tenney, Mark Zanotti, Alexander Dewitt, Christopher Runberg, Joseph Charlebois, and Cordal Morris, 9,
Excused: Mayor Christopher Girard, 1.
Absent: None.

Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act for Operational Expenses at the Overnight Drop-In Center

The Election Commission Minutes (4/9/26 & 7/14/26), Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes (7/14/26), and Planning & Zoning Department Annual Report, were received.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Alex Dewitt, Commission President
Jamie C. McFarland, City Clerk

The following items were approved:

• City Commission Minutes (9/21/26)

• Accounts and Claims in the amount of \$699,393.66 and Investments and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$1,665,513.01 (9/28/26), and Accounts and Claims in the amount of \$688,072.10 and Investments and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$2,832,857.87 (10/5/26).

• Payroll in the amount \$1,441,377.49 (9/24/26).

• Appointment of Community Development Director Shelli Thurston to the Bay County Landbank, term expiring October, 2029

• Funding agreement with Good Samaritan Rescue Mission, Bay City in the amount of \$150,000, from the

• Budget amendments in the amount of \$449,740 for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 budget

**Bay Area Community Foundation Launches
New Career & Technical Scholarship**

Bay Area Community Foundation

The Bay Area Community Foundation (BACF) is proud to announce the launch of the Career & Technical Scholarship Program, a new funding opportunity designed to help residents gain the skills they need to enter high-demand careers quickly and affordably. The scholarship provides up to \$2,000 for individuals pursuing post-secondary training programs that can be completed in one year or less.

This initiative supports a wide range of career pathways, including, but not limited to, truck driving, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), skilled trades, cosmetology, phlebotomy, and other short-term credential programs that lead directly to employment. Funding may be used to cover tuition, books, certification fees, required supplies, and essential materials.

“The Career & Technical Scholarship Program continues BACF’s commitment to ensure that every individual in our region has access to the post-secondary training they need to successfully navigate the path toward a rewarding career,” said Shawna Walraven, President & CEO of the Bay Area Community Foundation. “This program is the next step in our broader work to increase post-secondary education access throughout Bay County and the surrounding communities. We want to make sure that financial barriers don’t prevent someone from pursuing the education and training that can help them reach their career goals.”

Applicants must be 18 years or age or older, and eligible programs must be able to be completed in less than 12 months and improve the applicant’s employability.

“Many of these programs are not eligible for traditional financial aid, which adds an additional barrier for people attempting to obtain these certifications,” said Aaron Faist, Program Officer at the Bay Area Community Foundation. “These certifications can help change the financial landscape for families. The program helps further our goals of making sure a

post-secondary education is obtainable to all residents of our region.”

BACF will work with Michigan Works! to develop partnerships with training organizations and establish an initial list of approved programs. The Foundation will also work with the Bay-Arenac Intermediate School District’s GED program to help develop a pipeline of potential applicants.

Applications are open now and accepted on a rolling basis through the Bay Area Community Foundation Scholarship Portal. Applicants will be required to provide documentation before scholarship funds are processed, including proof of a completed FAFSA, if applicable, proof of registration, and a copy of their program bill. Applicants may reapply if they have not received the maximum scholarship award.

Interested applicants can text “CTP” to 989-260-5673 for more information and visit bayfoundation.org to create an account and apply through BACF’s scholarship portal. For questions about the Career & Technical Scholarship Program, contact Aaron Faist at aaronf@bayfoundation.org.

The Launch of the Career & Technical Scholarship Program also kicks off BACF’s celebration of College Month throughout October. Throughout the month, BACF will share information and resources related to FAFSA, college access, scholarship opportunities, and post-secondary education pathways.

“As a community foundation, part of our role is making sure students and lifelong learners know that resources are available to them and have the information they need to take their next step,” said Nicole Horn, Donor Relations & Communications Officer at the Bay Area Community Foundation. “College and career planning can feel overwhelming, and sometimes knowing where to start is the biggest challenge. We want to help connect students and families with the resources, opportunities, and support that can help them move forward with confidence.”

Preserving Beets
Michigan State University (MSU) Extension

• 4 to 6 onions, peeled to 2- to 2 ½ -inches in diameter (if desired)

• 4 cups white or cider vinegar (5% acidity)

• 1 ½ teaspoons canning or pickling salt

• 2 cups sugar

• 2 cups water

• 2 cinnamon sticks

• 12 whole cloves

Start by trimming off beet tops, leaving 1-inch of stem and roots to prevent bleeding of color during cooking. Rinse beets thoroughly and cover similar-sized beets with boiling water and cook until tender (about 25 to 30 minutes). Drain and discard liquid (extra liquid will dilute the vinegar, making the product unsafe). Cool beets and then trim off roots and stems and slip off skins and slice into ¼ -inch slices. If desired, peel and thinly slice onions.

Next, combine vinegar, salt, sugar and 2 cups of fresh water. Put spices (cinnamon sticks and cloves) in cheesecloth bag and add to vinegar mixture. Bring the mixture to a boil then add beets and onions. Simmer for five minutes followed by removing spice bag. After simmering, fill hot jars with beets and onions, and add vinegar solution, leaving a ½ -inch headspace. Remove air bubbles and adjust headspace if necessary.

Process pints or quarts in a water bath canner for 30 minutes. Let jars stand undisturbed for 24 hours. Follow by removing rings, label and date the jars for storage.

Michigan Fresh can help you and your family grow, preserve, and eat all that grows fresh in Michigan. Visit our website to check out all the variety of Michigan Fresh fact sheets with information on using, storing and preserving Michigan grown food. It’s Michigan Fresh – for you!

Recipe for canning beets was adapted from the Complete Guide to Home Canning: Guide 4: Selecting, Preparing and Canning Vegetables and Vegetable Products, USDA, 2015, p. 9.

Recipe for pickled beets was adapted from the National Center for Home Food Preservation (NCHFP), Preparing and Canning Pickled Vegetables: Pickled Beets, February 2018. The NCHFP adapted it from the Complete Guide to Home Canning (Agriculture Information Bulletin, No. 539). USDA, 2015.

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• 7 pounds of 2- to 2 ½ -inch diameter beets

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Duty Stations & Years: _____

Person Submitting this: _____
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Veterans will be published in the Veterans Day Edition of The Pinconning Journal
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1941-1945, N. Africa, Italy
B-17 Pilot w/51 Missions

**League Bowling
Results**

**Tuesday Night
Mixed**
9/22/26

Mr. Chips 17
CJ’s Sports Grill 13
Green Hills Golf 13
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DG’s Bait 9
Untouchables 9
Mary’s Gang 7
Thayer Roofing 5
Dayne Schmidt 701
Cody Hoffman 627
Don Fryzel 616
Clark Bossbach 607
Kimmie Jo Scott 557
Jackie Senske 500

**Monday Night
Ladies**
9/28/2026

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Shake It Off..... 9.5
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Kate Biskupski 544-185
Kellie Bonnau 461-174
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Grand Reopening of Renovated Central Kitchen

Bay County Department on Aging

The Bay County Department on Aging is pleased to announce the grand reopening of its newly renovated Central Kitchen, located on the north end of the Bay County Community Center at 800 Kennedy Drive, Bay City, Michigan 48706.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on Thursday, October 15, at 4:15 p.m. marking the completion of approximately six weeks of construction and an important investment in future services for the 60 year and better Bay County residents.

The central kitchen is an essential part of the Department on Aging’s ability to provide meals and support to help those we serve to remain healthy and independent. The improvements make the space more efficient and functional for the dedicated employees that work each day to serve our 60 year and better community.

In 2022, Bay County voters supported

a millage to help fund operational costs as well as capital improvements. “As the Department on Aging, we understand that the kitchen is about preparing meals, maintaining our clients independence, and making sure our local residents understand that their community values them.”

The Department on Aging extends its sincere appreciation to the contractors, employees, partners, and Bay County leadership. Most importantly, we thank the residents of Bay County whose continued support makes these investments possible.

The Department on Aging looks forward to welcoming the community to the ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 15 and celebrating this newly renovated kitchen together. Directly following the ceremony attendees can tour the kitchen and enjoy refreshments. The event is open to the public.

Retired School Employee Group To Host Scholarship Fundraiser

Northeast Michigan Arts Council

Do you ever wonder if that dusty family heirloom in the attic is a hidden treasure, or just a sentimental keepsake? The Northern Bay-Arenac Retired School Personnel l (NBARSP) invites the community to find out at its upcoming Antique Appraisal Fundraiser on Saturday, October 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Northeast Art Center, 3233 Grove Street Road in Standish.

Whether you own vintage jewelry, rare books, quirky collectibles or that unknown object your grandfather acquired while serving overseas in the military, expert appraisers from the Antique Warehouse in Saginaw will be on-site to evaluate your items. All proceeds will be used to grant two \$1,000 scholarships to two deserving high school seniors in the spring of 2027. It is a competitive grant, whereby students will be applying from AuGres-Sims, Pinconning, Standish-Sterling and Whittemore-Prescott school districts.

“We are thrilled to host this event that

Social Security Q & A

By Hillary Hatch, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Question:

I am getting Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Can I get other kinds of help?

Answer:

You may be able to get other assistance. For example, in most states, SSI recipients also get Medicaid. You should contact the medical assistance office in your state. Also, SSI recipients are sometimes eligible for social services provided by the state, city, or county where they live. These may include arrangements for meals or transportation. SSI recipients also may be eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP or “food stamps,” in many states. More information is available at your local public assistance office.

Question:

Can I refuse to give my Social Security number to a private business?

Answer:

Yes. You can refuse to disclose your Social Security number, and you should be careful about giving out your number. But be aware, the person requesting your number can refuse services if you don’t give it. Businesses, banks, schools, private agencies, etc., are free to request someone’s number and use it for any purpose that doesn’t violate a federal or state law.

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Garfield Township Rescue Fire Truck for Sale

2006 ¾ ton Chevy 4x4 diesel with topper and 14780 miles. The vehicle has smoke damage. It has a clean title but may be salvaged when re-titled. It will sold as is. Starting bid will be \$5,000. Taking sealed bids up to Monday October 12th at 6:30 PM at the Township meeting. Bids will be opened at the township meeting. To see vehicle, call James Dubay 989 297-0335.

GIBSON TOWNSHIP

7214 Main Street, Bentley, MI

ACCEPTING BIDS

Gibson Township is taking bids for **Snow Plowing**. To receive a bid form please contact Supervisor Matt Bayne at 989-312-1680. Bids must be returned by October 12, 2026.

Chris Cousineau
Gibson Township Clerk

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BANGOR TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING SYSTEM ACCURACY TEST

As approved by the Bangor Charter Township Election Commission, a public accuracy test will be conducted on the following date and time for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the **NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION** to be held on **Tuesday, November 3, 2026**, in the **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BANGOR - BAY COUNTY**.

The Public Accuracy Test will be held:

**TUESDAY, October 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
AT THE TOWNSHIP
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
180 STATE PARK DRIVE
BAY CITY, MI 48706**

Interested parties are invited to attend.
For further information contact:

**DAWN BUBLITZ
TOWNSHIP CLERK
989.684.8041**

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Monitor will publish its Board minutes pursuant to MCL 42.8(3)(b) on its website, which is www.monitortwp.org. The physical minutes are available for inspection at the clerk’s office if you do not have the website or access to the internet. This notice is to be published on the first Wednesday of every month to comply with the requirements of Michigan Compiled Law 42.8.

MONITOR TOWNSHIP
Linda K. Stewart

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BANGOR PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BANGOR, BAY COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Charter Township of Bangor Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Bangor Township Administration Building located at 180 State Park Drive, Bay City, Michigan 48706 on Wednesday, the 28th day of October, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., Prevailing Eastern Time, to amend *Bangor Township Ordinance No. 409*, the Zoning Ordinance, in the following particulars: by amending *Article 17.00 Site Development Standards Applicable to Specific Uses, Section 17.02 B. Childcare Facilities and Section 17.02 Q Fast-Food and Dive-Through Restaurants*.

The public is welcome to express their views both for and against the proposed amendment in person or by addressing written comments to:

Bangor Township Planning Commission
180 State Park Drive
Bay City, Michigan 48706

Bangor Township will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing-impaired and readers for printed materials being considered, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 10 days’ notice. Individuals requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township by calling the Township Clerk at (989) 684-8041 or writing the Clerk at the above address.

DATED: This 30th day of September 2026

/s/ Barbara Potts
Planning Commission Coordinator

BAY COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

REGIONAL RURAL TASK FORCE 7B NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

On Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 1:00 p.m., a regular meeting of Regional Rural Task Force Region 7B membership will be held. The meeting will be held at the offices of the Saginaw County Road Commission located at 3020 Sheridan Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan, 48601.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive comments and discuss amendments, administrative changes and new public highway and transit projects within cities, villages and road commissions within Rural Task Force 7B. These projects are proposed for funding under the Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) and the Federal/State Transportation Economic Development Fund (Category D) in 2027 and years 2027 – 2029.

All proposed projects are located in Bay, Gratiot and Saginaw Counties and may be reviewed during regular business hours by contacting or visiting the Road Commission of the County in which you have interest. County Road Commission offices are located as follows:

Bay County Road Commission
2600 E. Beaver Road
Kawkawlin, MI 48631
989-686-4610

Saginaw County Road Commission
3020 Sheridan Avenue
PO Box 1867
Saginaw, MI 48605-1867
989-752-6140

Gratiot County Road Commission
200 Commerce Drive
PO Box 187
Ithaca, MI 48847
989-875-3811

Saginaw County Road Commission will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids and services for disabled persons upon request.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BANGOR PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BANGOR, BAY COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Charter Township of Bangor Planning Commission will hold a public meeting in the Bangor Township Administration Building located at 180 State Park Drive, Bay City, Michigan 48706 on **Wednesday, the 28th day of October, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**, Prevailing Eastern Time, at the request of Bay Area Water Treatment Plant for property at 2691 N. Euclid, which is on the east side of North Euclid between Lauria and State Park Drive for a Special Exception Use Permit specifically for a water treatment plant, Section 6.03P. This hearing is for lands being described as follows to-wit:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situated and being in the Township of Bangor, County of Bay and State of Michigan, described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at west 1/4 corner of section thence north 4°19’ east 393.52 feet to point of beginning thence north 4°19’ east 446.48 feet thence south 86°35’45” east 333 feet, thence north 4°19’15” east 150 feet, thence south 86°35’45” east 990.66 feet, thence south 3°20’12” west 330.48 feet, thence south 90°00’00 west 430.45 feet, thence south 00°00’26” west 272.74 feet thence south 66°32’10” west 285.3 feet, thence south 00°52’53” west 85.99 feet, thence south 89°58’43” west 457.12 feet, thence north 4°19’15” west 135 feet, thence north 60°42’20” west 170.01 feet, thence north 85°40’45” west 33 feet to beginning. Including lot 9 & part of lots 4 & 5 of Lauria Gardens Subdivision. SEC.32,T15N,R5E

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DATED: The 22nd day of September, 2026.

/s/ Barbara Potts
Planning Commission Coordinator

Pinconning Schools News

Pinconning Area Schools Press Release



PINCONNING EQUESTRIAN TEAM MAKES SCHOOL HISTORY -- (Not In Order) Team members include: Hanna Havercamp (Junior), Ashlyn Kloha (Freshman), Waylen Kowalczyk (Freshman), Haleigh Havercamp (Freshman), Logan Peckham (Junior), Carys VanPollelen (Freshman), and Jacob Yonke (Sophomore). The Team is coached by: Kari Peckham (Head Coach), Audrey Karnes (Assistant Coach), Kim Yonke (Assistant Coach). Members of the Equestrian team competed in the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association’s (MIHA) Region C competition held at the Midland County Fairgrounds October 2nd - 4th. Pinconning competed as part of District 6, which includes Gladwin, Arenac, Midland, and Bay Counties. They competed against teams from Districts 2, 11, 12, and 14 which includes Saginaw, Shiawassee, Genessee, Oakland, Lapeer, Macomb, St. Clair, Huron, Tuscola, and Sanilac Counties. As part of the MIHA’s Fall Season, each of Michigan’s 19 Districts, hold three District meets. The top two teams in each of the four divisions, advance onto Regionals. From each of the 5 Regions, the top two teams in each division advance onto the State Championship. The 2026 State Championship will take place at the Midland County Fairgrounds, October 14th - 18th. The 2026 Pinconning High School Equestrian team is proud to be the first team in Pinconning School history to make it to the State Competition.

-- Courtesy Photo

PHS Scholarship Opportunity

Attention Seniors! The Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship is open for applications. All High School Seniors in Bay, Midland, and Saginaw Counties with a minimum of a 2.0 GPA are eligible for the \$1,000 awards. Apply Online on <https://bayfoundation.org> by October 31st.

Pinconning Bands Senior Spotlight

Jonathan Rosekrans, Drum Major -- Jon’s favorite shows were Jackson 5 (he marched in as a Freshman), and Grunge Takeover (which he conducted as a Senior). His advice for future members of the Marching Spartans is to “push through the hardship that Marching Band puts on you. Marching Band is worth the challenge. Band Camp may seem hard, but if you have a positive attitude and try to have fun, you will have fun. From having fun with friends, to putting on a killer half time show, being a Marching Spartan is an amazing experience I won’t ever forget, and is something that I highly recommend. Believe me when I say experiencing it is so much better than just reading about it. Don’t miss out on all the fun!” Come see Jon in action at the Fall Band Concert!



Jonathan Rosekrans
Drum Major

Support Pinconning Bands

FALL CONCERT -- Members of the Pinconning Bands will be performing their Fall Concert on Sunday, October 11th, beginning at 4:00 pm in the Middle School Gym.

FALL BAZAAR -- The Pinconning Band Booster’s 33rd Annual Fall Bazaar will be held on Saturday, October 17th from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm at the Pinconning Middle and High School (605 W. 5th Street, Pinconning.) This year will be the largest event we’ve ever had. The bazaar will showcase a large variety of products and crafts, truly something for everyone. There will also be concessions available, 50/50 raffle tickets, and a bake sale. Admission and parking are free. Proceeds from this event will go towards supporting the Band Program at Pinconning Area Schools. Your support makes this all possible. We’ll see you there!

St. Michael’s School News



EMMA & PEYTON (left), both Middle Schoolers, were caught being Christian last week. They are always eager to offer a helping hand, and do so with smiles.

--Courtesy Photo

MARK & SANDY GRIER, extend their generosity to beautify the halls of St. Michael’s School, always making the school feel like home.

--Courtesy Photo

“A gentle answer turns away wrath.”
Proverbs 15:1

Our 4th and 5th graders held their Market Day this week, creating their own goods to sell and learning firsthand how supply and demand works as they tried to earn the most profit. Their creativity and enthusiasm made the classroom come alive.

FLY BOYS FISHING (right), practicing his knowledge in economics, during Market Day.

--Courtesy Photo



This month, our students are focusing on the virtue of Courtesy. Throughout the week, they have been practicing how to show courtesy with friends, in the classroom, and during their sports activities.

IN THE LIBRARY (below), Mrs. Kathy Foco has been guiding students through a sunflower exploration—learning about the plant, its structure, and the many things we get from these unique flowers.

--Courtesy Photo



Spartan Spirit Games

Pinconning High School Student Council has released their list of Fall Spirit Games, with prizes for participation. Each Spirit Game will feature random t-shirt giveaways and a gift card awarded to the student who best matches the dress-up theme for the game. Students who attend 10 of the 11 games will earn a mystery prize at the end of the season.

Oct. 14th, Bob Out; Volleyball
Oct. 16th, Senior Citizens; Football
Oct. 23rd, Spook Out; Football

Parent Teach Conferences

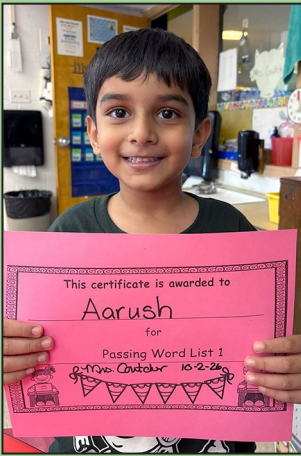
Pinconning High School/Middle School families are encourage to attend Parent Teacher Conferences on October 15th from Noon - 6:30 pm in the High School Gym, and too see community partners in the hallway outside of the Gym.

PTO Meeting

The Pinconning Middle School PTO will be holding their Meeting on October 21st from 6:00 - 7:15 pm in Room A104 (or Virtually through google invite). Agenda Items include; Treasurer updates, fundraising ideas, update to by laws, and engagement ideas. Questions can be directed to pinconningmiddleschoolpto@gmail.com

AARUSH (Right), has been working hard at home on reading all the words on Word List 1. He is the first student in his Kindergarten Class to pass Word List 1.

--Courtesy Photo



STUDENTS (below), from Mrs. Szafranski’s Class worked on portraits of their teddy bears.

--Courtesy Photo



3 Runners, 3 Personal Bests

The Spartan Varsity Cross Country Teams went to Montabella for the Mustang Invite last Wednesday, facing rain hills, and LOTS of mud. How much mud? It sucked the shoe right off of Jacoby Kocot's foot early in the race. He pressed on and finished 11th of the 33 runners from 7 schools.

All three runners from set a Personal Best time in the event, despite the conditions.

Individual times were:

Runner	Time
Girls	
Marissa Wittkopp	30:52.8 PB
Megan Schwerin	39:30.3 PB
Boys	
Jacoby Kocot	20:27.0 PB

See more Spartan Sports photos at:
pinconningjournal.smugmug.com



Jacoby Kocot

Golfers Prep for Regionals

The Pinconning Varsity Girls Golf Team got one final round of competition in before Tuesday's MHSAA Regional, heading to the West Branch Country Club for the Lady Falcon Invite last Tuesday. Sixteen D3/4 schools attended.

Chloe Boetefuer shot a 115 to lead the team.

Player scores were:

Chloe Boetefuer	115
Elley Shoultes	123
Danika Jajo	128
Megan Schwerin	136
Merliah Drouse	149



Chloe Boetefuer

**The Journal is the ONLY
place to see ALL
the Spartan sports scores!**

Gridiron Loss to Beavers

The Pinconning Varsity Football Team was on the road at Beaverton last Friday. They held the Beavers to 8 in the first quarter, and Drake Snyder punched in a second quarter TD run after a big Carson Torrez run to set it up inside the five yard line. That made the score 16-8 in favor of the Beavers, but a couple of big plays saw them take a 32-8 lead into the locker room, and a couple more made the final score 54-8 for Beaverton.

Snyder had 8 tackles to lead the Defense, Gavin Coughlin made 4, Owen Murray 3, and Braden Bauer, Ethan Hunt, and Zekiah Nashatka each had 2. JJ Foor, Ki'Jauhn Foor, and Zach Shoultes were each credited with 1.

On Offense, Shoultes completed 3 passes for 29 yards. See Football page 12



BRADEN BAUER (#75) had a couple tackles for a loss in Friday's game against the Beavers in Beaverton.

--Journal Photo



**NEXT WEEK,
October 8th - 14th
VARSITY FOOTBALL
Friday 10/9, 7:00 pm @ St. Louis**

**JV FOOTBALL
Thursday 10/8, 6:00 pm vs. St. Louis**

**BOYS SOCCER
Thursday 10/8, 5:00 pm vs. Garber
Monday 10/12, 5:00 pm vs. Birch Run**

**VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
Monday 10/12, 6:30 pm @ Gladwin
Wednesday 10/4, 6:30 pm vs. Bullock Creek**

**JV VOLLEYBALL
Monday 10/12, 5:30 pm @ Gladwin
Wednesday 10/4, 5:30 pm vs. Bullock Creek**

**FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL
Monday 10/12, 5:30 pm @ Gladwin
Wednesday 10/4, 5:30 pm vs. Bullock Creek**

GAVIN COUGHLIN (#23, above) was credited with 8 yards on this pass reception against Beaverton on Friday. --Journal Photo

EMMA MCQUARTER (#6, right) digs out a shot by the Eagles in last week's Jack Pine Conference win over Farwell. --Journal Photo

Get the Pictures of YOUR Athlete

For a full gallery of photos from every event attended by Journal photographers, you can go to the Journal's SmugMug site, www.smugmug.pinconningjournal.com and browse the photos there.

Beginning in 2021, SmugMug FINALLY made a change to allow

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Soccer Team Falls to Falcons

The Spartan Boys Soccer Team played host to Ogemaw Heights last Wednesday, still suffering from injuries and illness that limited the number of subs available.

After the Falcons dominated Pinny in a 3-0 home win four weeks earlier, the were seemed frustrated by shuffled player positions and improved play of the Spartans. Alex Rivard made his first start as goalkeeper, and Max Wieland fell back to take his position on defense.

The Spartans took 8 shots on goal with Tony Holstine putting one in the net, but OH got 2 of their shots in to take the win on a rainy afternoon. Rivard recorded 6 saves.

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Spartan Sports
results!



ALEX RIVARD (#10) played goalkeeper in last Wednesday's match against the Ogemaw Heights Falcons. --Journal Photo



MAX WIELAND (#11) heads the ball away from the goal after a Falcon corner kick in last Wednesday's 2-1 loss. --Journal Photo

Volleyball Scores Conference Win

The Pinconning Varsity Volleyball Team scored a three-set Jack Pine Conference win over Farwell last Wednesday, battling the Eagles for 25-21, 26-24, 25-21 wins.

"I couldn't be happier to pick up a conference win in three," said Coach Annie Powers. "I know it's the first time we've done that in at least two seasons, so that's a big accomplishment for this group."

"Farwell had us on the ropes several times, especially in that second set. We were down by quite a bit, but the girls never gave up on it. They stayed calm and confident and just worked their way back into the game one point at a time. In the second half of that set, we did a great job of siding out and never letting a server get more than one point on us. When we needed the ball back, we found a way to get it."

"This really was a team win. The stats are spread out across the board, and I

See Volleyball page 12



CLAIRE FOCO (#8) getting one of her 12 assists in the win against Farwell last Wednesday. She followed that up with 13 on Monday at CBA. --Journal Photo



LOCAL VOICES

The Recipe Exchange

Submitted by: Lynn Eckerle

Lynn Eckerle is the author of the weekly food column The Recipe Exchange along with a blog, Lynn's Musings From a Deep Well. She loves country cooking, small town living and taking the back roads.



Dear Lynn,

I'm looking for some from scratch recipes for Pot Pie.

Dale from Chelsea

Joyce from Standish says her recipe for Peanut-Chocolate Oatmeal Cookies is made with all of her favorite things. Jean from Litchfield sent in her fruity and tasty recipe for Pineapple-Raisin Cookies. Gary from Tecumseh combined bananas and chocolate to create his recipe for Banana-Chocolate Chip Cookies. Please send recipes and requests to The Recipe Exchange at lynneckerle@gmail.com.

PEANUT-CHOCOLATE OATMEAL COOKIES

3/4 c whole wheat flour	1 c white flour
1 t baking soda	1/2 t salt
1/2 c butter, softened	1/2 c chunky-style peanut butter
1 c white sugar	1 c packed brown sugar
2 eggs	1/4 c milk
1 t vanilla	2 1/2 c old-fashioned oats
1/2 c semi-sweet chocolate chips	1/2 c raisins

DIRECTIONS: Stir together whole wheat flour, white flour, baking soda and salt in a medium-sized bowl. Set aside. In a large bowl, using an electric mixer, beat butter, peanut butter, white sugar and brown sugar until creamy. Beat in eggs, milk and vanilla. Stir in flour mixture by hand then mix in oats, chocolate chips and raisins. Drop by rounded tablespoons, 3 inches apart, onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 13 to 15 minutes until lightly browned. Let cool slightly and remove to paper towels to finish cooling.

PINEAPPLE-RAISIN COOKIES

1 c brown sugar	1/2 c shortening
1/2 t vanilla	1 egg, lightly beaten
1/2 c raisins	1/2 c (4oz) crushed pineapple, drained
1/2 c chopped pecans	1 t baking powder
2 c flour	1/2 t salt
1 t baking soda	

DIRECTIONS: In a large bowl, cream together shortening and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Stir in vanilla and egg. Add raisins, pineapple and pecans. Sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add to creamed mixture and mix well. Drop dough by tablespoonsful onto lightly greased cookie sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until lightly browned.

BANANA-CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

2/3 c shortening	1 1/3 c sugar, divided
2 eggs	1 t vanilla
1 c mashed ripe bananas	2 1/4 c flour
1/4 t baking soda	2 t baking powder
3/4 t salt	1-12 oz pkg chocolate chips
1 teaspoon cinnamon	

DIRECTIONS: Cream shortening and 1 cup of sugar in a large bowl. Add eggs, vanilla and banana. Mix well. Sift flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt together. Add to creamed mixture and mix well. Fold in chocolate chips. Drop cookie dough by rounded tablespoons onto ungreased cookie sheets. Mix 1/3 cup of sugar with cinnamon. Sprinkle over top of cookies. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from cookie sheets to cool.

Positively Pinconning

Submitted by: Dan Couveau



Hello Today's message is simple, very important and possible. Change your outlook, perspective or attitude today to be happy and positive. Simple, very important and possible but many of do not do this on a daily basis.

We let yesterday rule today by emotion, past hurt, anger, frustration, greed and jealousy. We have the power to change this each morning but simply do not. I know life become a circle of work, eat, sleep and repeat. But we have the power within us to break that cycle.

Reach out to the person that you have been meaning to speak with. Hug the ones you love. Tell that person that you

care about them. Dance, laugh, kid around be that fun person that you were in the past.

If you have always been serious then learn some jokes, surprise others by being funny or silly. We have the power to change our lives regardless of how much money we have or our current situation by changing our outlook or perspective. Think about my comments and give it a try then do it again.

Let a positive attitude become your new cycle. You will be glad you did. A smile is meant to be shared and they are contagious. Have a wonderful day because you can.

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Financial Focus®

Submitted by: Zachary Christensen, CFP® Financial Advisor



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If you're a local business owner, a workplace retirement plan can be a powerful tool – helping you manage taxes, strengthen employee retention and build personal financial security.

Many in your situation, however, assume retirement plans are complicated or only suitable for large companies. The reality is quite different. Today's retirement plan options encompass businesses of every size, from solo entrepreneurs to companies with dozens of employees.

The key is understanding which plans work best for different kinds of businesses: Self-employed individuals or businesses without employees. Three commonly used retirement plans:

- Simplified employee pension (SEP) plans are relatively straightforward, low-maintenance, lower-cost and flexible on how much you contribute each year.
- Owner-only 401(k) plans are ideal if you're willing to accept additional cost and complexity in exchange for benefits like higher contribution limits and borrowing options.
- Owner only defined benefit plans work best for owners with high, steady income who want to maximize their retirement contributions and guaranteed retirement income. These plans come with required annual funding and greater administrative complexity.

Businesses with employees can also consider an SEP plan, although it only allows for employer contributions. Other plan options include:

- The SIMPLE IRA (savings incentive match plan for employees) can work well for companies with 100 or fewer employees seeking a low-maintenance option. Employer contributions

are required, and it has lower contribution limits compared to other plan types.

- Traditional 401(k) plans offer maximum flexibility by allowing both employee salary deferrals and employer contributions that can be adjusted based on business performance. These plans have added costs and administrative responsibilities.
- Safe harbor 401(k) plans are ideal if you want to maximize your own retirement contributions without complex testing requirements and you're willing to make required employer contributions.
- A cash balance plan is often paired with another plan type, such as a 401(k), to allow greater retirement savings. It works well when you have a smaller company with high-earning employees and consistent cash flow, and you're comfortable making required contributions.

Each plan type involves different eligibility requirements, establishment deadlines, contribution limits, complexity and costs. In determining a workplace retirement plan that's right for your business, you'll want to consider your number of employees, desired contribution levels, comfort with required employer contributions and willingness to handle administrative responsibilities. And, of course, the goals for your business and your own retirement are important criteria.

Fortunately, you don't have to navigate this decision alone. A financial advisor can help you evaluate the trade-offs among different plan types and select the option that best fits your situation. They can explain how various plans work and guide you through the setup process.

Starting a workplace retirement plan is an investment in your future, your business and your employees. With professional guidance, you can find a plan that helps everyone build financial security while positioning your business for continued success.

Off To Work

Submitted by: Sarah Trumble



Sarah Trumble is a Michigan Native, originally from the Upper Peninsula. Previously in education, she enjoyed teaching international higher education, overseas and in the U.S., but moved back to Michigan during COVID. Sarah and her family have happily settled back in the region, bringing her two magnificent children closer to both of their extended families. Her work and business focus on the evolving ecology of modern hiring, impacting local small businesses and American professionals seeking work. Please feel free to email her a question at questions@thejobapplicantperspective.com or check out her website for more insights about work and hiring workforce here.

Q: Where are the best places to look for a job?

A: If you're looking for work, you've probably started with Indeed, LinkedIn or ZipRecruiter. They're huge, easy to search and have lots of jobs.

But are they the best places to actually get a job?

Maybe not.

One way businesses measure effectiveness is through a conversion rate: how often an activity produces the outcome you actually want. Using Indeed's own reported numbers, I calculate its hire conversion rate at approximately 0.3%. An informed industry estimate I've encountered puts LinkedIn at about 0.97%, while even a generous estimate from ZipRecruiter's public numbers puts its conversion rate at no more than about 6% for the length of the company's existence.

These figures are indicative, not conclusive, and they aren't perfectly comparable. People absolutely get hired through all three sites.

But they're enough to suggest that you shouldn't put your entire job search in one basket.

So where else can you look?

Go directly to employers. Think about where you'd actually like to work and make a list. Check the career pages for local manufacturers, hospitals, schools, banks, retailers, government agencies and other employers. Bookmark them and check back regularly.

You can even use a big job board to discover an employer and then go directly to that employer's website to see what else is available.

There are also smaller services trying different approaches. The Hidden Board, for example, searches company career pages and emails openings to subscribers. Instead of employers paying to advertise jobs, job seekers pay a small monthly subscription. That creates a different incentive: the job seeker is the customer.

Resources closer to home, are a stronger bet. Pure Michigan Talent Connect is Michigan's state labor exchange, connecting Michigan employers and job seekers.

Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! also serves our region and offers job leads, career coaching, job-search assistance, training resources and hiring events. It even maintains lists of employers currently hiring by county.

Finally, talk to people. Former coworkers, friends, neighbors and community connections may know who is actually hiring. Hiring events can put you directly in front of employers.

You don't have to stop using Indeed, LinkedIn or ZipRecruiter. Use them as part of your search.

Just don't confuse the biggest place to look for a job with the best place to get one.

Your goal isn't to submit the most applications.

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Foodborne Pathogens: E. coli

Michigan State University (MSU) Extension

Escherichia Coli, more commonly abbreviated as E. coli, is a bacteria found in the intestinal tract of healthy humans and animals. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 357,000 E. coli infections occur each year in the United States. Of these infections, 36 percent are caused by the O157:H7 E. coli strain. Johns Hopkins Medicine refers to this strain of E. coli as more likely to cause severe illness, bloody diarrhea, and potentially, hemolytic uremic syndrome or HUS, which is a type of kidney failure.

Although there are many strains of E. coli, E. coli O157:H7 is the one most often referred to in the news when an outbreak is reported and will be the strain referenced when using ‘E. coli’ in this article. The common name of the O157:H7 E.coli strain is “Shiga toxin-producing E.coli” because the bacteria creates a Shiga toxin. This E.coli strain is recognized and abbreviated as ‘STEC’.

How do you catch it?
Human E. coli infection is typically caused when tiny amounts of human or animal feces get in the mouth and are subsequently swallowed. The E. coli incubation period is 1-10 days and it’s estimated up to 100 cells are necessary to cause infection, according to the Food & Drug Administration (FDA). Although cattle are the most common origin of E.coli infection, the World Health Organization (WHO) states that animals such as sheep, goats, pigs, horses, rabbits, deer, dogs, cats and birds can also be infected. Locations such as petting zoos, fairs with animal exhibits, farms where people have access to animals, and even campgrounds where cattle have previously grazed have been sources of E. coli infection.

Contaminated food or water is the source of most human E. coli infections and common food culprits include undercooked ground beef and poultry, raw milk and cheese, sprouts, and leafy greens, according to the FDA. Ground meats are at a higher risk of E. coli contamination due to the mechanical manipulation that occurs to the meat while it is being ground. Always use a thermometer when checking for “doneness” and allow ground beef to reach a temperature of 160 °F or ground poultry to 165 °F before serving, according to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Additionally, swimming in contaminated water or pools can also lead to E. coli infection by ingesting or swallowing water droplets. Aside from contaminated food and water and animal-to-person contact, E. coli can also be spread through person-to-person contact. Infections have spread through day care centers and from feces of infected people.

What’s it like to be infected?
Common symptoms include severe diarrhea that can be bloody, severe abdominal pain and vomiting. Symptoms of Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS), a type of kidney failure associated with E. coli, include decreased urine production, unexplained bruising, dark or tea-colored urine and pale facial skin.
E. coli infections typically last 3-8 days with most peo-

ple feeling better without treatment in about 10 days. About 10% of people infected with E.coli may also develop HUS, according to the World Health Organization.

Who is most at risk?
While children under the age of 5 and older adults are more likely to develop serious illness and HUS, healthy older children and adults can also become ill. Other groups at increased risk for serious illness include pregnant women and those with weak immune systems like individuals with cancer, diabetes, or HIV/AIDS.

- How to prevent E. coli?**
- Hand washing is the easiest way to avoid E. coli infection, particularly before preparing food, after contact with animals, after using the bathroom or after changing a diaper.
 - Cooking ground beef to a safe internal temperature of 160 degrees Fahrenheit to reduce the risk of E. coli infection, as recommended by Michigan State University Extension.
 - Avoiding high-risk foods such as unpasteurized milk or juice, soft cheeses made from unpasteurized milk, alfalfa sprouts or undercooked ground beef and poultry.
 - Avoiding cross-contamination in the kitchen, whether by raw and ready-to-eat food touching or by shared utensils between the two types of food.
 - Avoiding swallowing water when swimming in lakes, ponds, streams, pools and backyard kid-sized pools.

The CDC states that to reduce the risk of foodborne illness when around animals or animal barns:

- Wash hands thoroughly and frequently and supervise children’s handwashing.
- Avoid eating or drinking in areas where animals live and eat.
- Keep children from putting their hands in their mouths.
- Do not take strollers, pacifiers, cups or toys into animal areas.

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ELI HISTED (#20) takes on the Beaverton lineman in last Friday’s loss to the Beavers.
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NOAH FOCO (#50) lines up the Beaverton Ball carrier in the backfield in last week’s road game.
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think that’s a good reflection of how we played tonight. We defended well, got contributions from a lot of different players and stayed composed when the sets got tight. I’m just really happy with the way we competed and, of course, thrilled to walk away with a conference win.”

Adrienne Rau had 10 kills and 3 blocks; Layla Foco recorded 7 kills, 3 blocks, 8 digs, and 13 assists; Kailee Rugenstein made 7 kills, 13 digs, and hit 2 aces; Claire Foco had 12 assists and 9 digs; Emma McQuarter made 11 digs while Parker Ramsay had 8; Ella Hunter made 4 blocks, and Emily Breza had 2 aces.

On Monday the team traveled to Midland to take on Calvary Baptist in non-conference action. They battled the Kings but came up short in 4 sets, 19-25, 23-25, 25-18, 22-25.

Coach Powers said, “Calvary has a really strong offense with a lot of hitters who are capable of putting the ball away with authority, so we definitely had our hands full. I thought our blockers did an excellent job getting touches and slowing the ball down, and our defense did a great job working around the block. Defense was definitely a high point for us tonight.

“We were in some really close sets, and I loved that the girls stayed aggressive and comfortable in those situations. They didn’t get panicky when things got tight. Obviously I would have loved to push it to a fifth set, but I was really happy with the way we competed.

“We lost Abby Grzegorzczuk midway through the match when she got sick, and

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PARKER RAMSAY (#11) had 8 digs in the win over the Farwell Eagles last Wednesday and added 13 more against Calvary Baptist on Monday.
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we’re not a very deep team or a team with a trained middle ready to step into that position. I was proud that we didn’t let that rattle us. We adjusted, kept fighting and continued to compete.

“This was exactly the kind of competitive non-conference match I wanted for us. It gave us a chance to play a strong team, work through some adversity and prepare ourselves for the conference matches we still have ahead of us. I was proud of how they showed up and fought tonight.”

Layla Foco scored 8 kills, with 12 assists, 2 blocks, and 2 aces; Hunter also made 8 kills. Rugenstein had 7 kills and added 15 digs; Claire Foco recorded 13 assists; Rau had 16 digs, and Ramsay made 13.

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yards, a pair to JJ Foor for 21 yards and the other to Coughlin for the other 8. Torrez rushed the ball 14 times for 96 yards, Snyder took it 6 times for 18 yards, and JJ Foor made 9 yards on 3 carries.

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TONY HOLSTINE (#15), scored the Spartan goal in the team’s 2-1 loss to Ogemaw Heights last Wednesday.
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