

LOCAL NEWS

WEATHER

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to overflowing, this well attended Perchville activity was bursting at the seams. The excitement of the crowd added to the amped up adrenaline of its racers, all focusing intently on the flag man who began each race. Competitors lined up on each side of the divided field with their engines revving and rumbling while waiting their turn. On each side of the field, two identical courses of blue and white barrels were symmetrically staged

against a back-drop of a clear blue sky that barely held a breeze. In the running for favorite event, even if one does not participate, is the Polar Plunge. It is so popular that two events are scheduled on Saturday afternoon to accommodate everyone. Malone shared that there were about 120 participants with most of them coming to the earlier one, including the king and queen of this year’s Perchville. Just to the left

of the Tawas Bay Beach Resort on the ice of the bay, the Coast Guard set up a large hole close to shore so that it would not be too deep and had positioned a ladder in the water for exiting safely. While younger children played on the ice near the shore, and a crowd gathered to watch, those who desired to try out this cold weather tradition braved the slippery walk from shore to the waiting plunge point. One at a time,

these winter warriors jumped in—some in bathing suits, some in costume, some in dive suits and some fully dressed. There were many ways to enter the frigid water such as jumping feet first, cannonball, belly flop, back flop, twists, giant leaps and some that looked like possible changes of the mind that

occurred too late to turn back ending in very interesting positions. Anyone who did not get a chance this year to participate in this icy activity will surely have another chance next year and a whole year to work up their courage. For evening entertainment, **See Event, Page 11A**

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Funding was awarded in nine of the state’s 10 prosperity regions, representing at least one grant for every region which applied. Of the awardees, 10 are Brownfield sites and will be receiving 49% of the funding. The remaining recipients, are Greenfield sites. The MEDC says that creating a robust inventory of investment-ready sites of all sizes will provide Michigan with increased opportunities for business attraction and expansion projects. The full list of SSRP awardees by prosperity region is as follows:

- Region 1 – Hancock Business & Technology Park, City of Hancock; \$969,352.
- Region 3 – OWAA Small/Medium Hangar Infrastructure, OWAA; \$500,000.
- Region 4 – Muskegon Heights Industrial Parks-West and East, Muskegon Area First (Brownfield site); \$121,200.
- Covenant Business Park, The Right Place; \$17,500,000.
- Region 5 – 3 Mile and Wilder Road, Bay Future (Brownfield site); \$4,161,500.
- Region 6 – Flint Commerce Center, Flint Genesee Economic Alliance (Brownfield site); \$5,900,000.
- Corunna — Parmenter Road, Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership; \$435,000.
- Region 7 – Lansing RACER Trust Plant 6 Site, City of Lansing (Brownfield site); \$18,975,000.
- Delhi College Road Site, Lansing Economic Area Partnership (Brownfield site); \$6,500,000.
- Region 8 – Southwest Michigan Commerce Park, Southwest Michigan First (Brownfield site); \$2,106,000.
- Hartford Industrial Site, Market Van Buren (Brownfield site); \$467,250.
- Benton Harbor Data and Tech Park, a partnership between Cornerstone Alliance and developer Franklin Partners (Brownfield site); \$3,600,000.
- Region 9 – AICP-Lot 14, City

- of Saline; \$15,350.
- LAC Site, Monroe County Business Alliance; \$82,310.
- Latson Innovation Interchange Technology & Industrial Park, Ann Arbor SPARK; \$6,500,000.
- Pleasant Valley Development, Ann Arbor SPARK (Brownfield site); \$604,000.
- Region 10 – 440 Acres in Van Buren Township (Ecorse and Belleville Roads), Detroit Aerotropolis; \$18,600,000.
- DET Crosswind Runway, Detroit Economic Growth Corporation (Brownfield site); \$510,000.

The awards total \$87,546,962. The remainder of the full \$100 million SSRP allocation will support applications requiring more time/evaluation, additional needs that may come up later in the year and also allow funds to be available to support sites that enter the site readiness certification program – which is scheduled to launch this fiscal year. Due to high demand on the limited funds, the MEDC has submitted a list of applications which self-identified as Brownfields to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, to review for potential assistance. “With a resetting of the industrial landscape currently underway in the U.S., the communities and economic development agencies that are proactively preparing industrial sites and training the workforce of tomorrow will be the winners in this race – the outcome of which will determine which states and regions will lead in economic and equitable prosperity over the next 20-30 years,” says Detroit Regional Partnership President/CEO Maureen Krauss. “The approval by the MSF Board in the Strategic Site Readiness Program is paramount to Michigan’s success, and the Detroit Regional Partnership is aligned with the MEDC through our Verified Industrial Properties Program (VIP by DRP) to support our region’s commitment to ready

more sites, to help Michigan win its share of the critical job creation projects,” Krauss adds. Established in December 2021, SSRP provides financial incentives to eligible applicants to conduct eligible activities on, or related to, strategic and large-scale sites in Michigan to attract and promote investment in the state. The SSRP was among several initiatives in the economic development bills which were signed into law by Whitmer. Public Act 194 of 2022 authorized additional SSRP funding and directed it at specific SSRP categories, including a \$100 million allocation for strategic sites where an end-user is unknown. Legislative approval of the transfer of those dollars from the Strategic Outreach and Attraction Reserve fund to the Michigan Strategic Fund was made in June 2023. “On behalf of the MEDC, it is exciting to be able to support local communities in their business development efforts as they bring forth sites of all sizes to prepare for economic development opportunities in their region,” stated Terri Fitzpatrick, MEDC executive vice president and chief real estate and global attraction officer. According to Fitzpatrick, because of Whitmer and the Michigan legislature’s continued efforts to attract business developments and grow the state’s economy, these site readiness projects will create meaningful impact throughout Michigan. “While this is a good start, the demand remains substantial and will require continued funding for years to come.”

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

**Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement**  
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check at the place of holding the circuit court in Iosco County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 6, 2024. 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: Names of the mortgagors: William Baughman and Juanita Baughman; Original Mortgagee: Northland Area Federal Credit Union; Date of Mortgage: June 20, 2017; Recorded on: June 28, 2017, in Instrument Number 2017003787; Date of Loan Modification Agreement: December 20, 2021; Recorded on: January 6, 2022, in Instrument Number 2022000101; Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$57,781.63; Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of AuSable, Iosco County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 23, Supervisor’s Plat of Lake Huron Pines No. 1, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 8 of Plats, Pages 43-44 of Iosco County Records. Common street address (if any): 3491 N. US Highway 23, Oscoda, Michigan 48750. The redemption period shall be six 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: January 9, 2024 Wenzloff & Fireman, P.C. 903 North Jackson Street Bay City, Michigan 48708 (989) 893-9511

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River Road are on the township’s plan for replacement in 2024. The accompanying boil water alert covered a large section of Oscoda including River Road and areas north including the entire former Wurtsmith Air Force Base. Oscoda Area Schools were closed on Tuesday Jan. 30 due to the lack of water. With the boil water alert being in effect for 48 hours, the schools sent out a notice to parents asking they send students to school with a water bottle. Superintendent Scott Moore sent out a second email to parents on Wednesday letting them know that Cal Thomas, who works for the AuSable Township Department of Public Works, would be testing the water and that the school was bringing in bottled water for students. On Thursday morning the Robert J. Parks Library, located on the former base, had a sign on the drinking fountain to not drink

the water. As of late Thursday afternoon the boil water alert was no longer posted on the township’s website. It is unclear why some residents received alerts when others didn’t. This publication reached out to Trustee Jeremy Spencer, who is the township’s representative on the 911 board, to see why some residents received alerts, some received multiple alerts and others weren’t notified at all. As of the publication deadline, no response had been received. Individuals who notice a problem with the water system during township office hours, Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., should contact the Oscoda Township water department at 989-739-3211 ext. 260. If a water or sewer problem is noticed outside of those hours, contact the emergency number at 989-362-1430.

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Former Wurtsmith Air Force Base  
Restoration Advisory Board Meeting

The Air Force Civil Engineer Center is holding a Restoration Advisory Board meeting for the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Michigan, from 5 to 8 p.m. ET on February 21 at the Oscoda United Methodist Church, and virtually on Teams. Air Force officials will provide an update on the PFAS remedial investigation and interim remedial actions and other restoration activities taking place at the former installation. The event is open to the public, and an informal poster session from 4 to 5 p.m. ET before the RAB session will be available for in-person attendees. RAB attendance is required for RAB members.

For more information visit the AFCEC website at:  
<http://www.afcec.af.mil/Home/BRAC/Wurtsmith.aspx>

The Oscoda United Methodist Church is located at 120 W. Dwight St., Oscoda, MI 48750.  
To register for the virtual RAB meeting, follow the link below:

<https://bit.ly/4aIfd7W>



There will be an in-person technical session open to the public from 1 to 4 p.m. ET on February 20, at the Robert J. Parks Public Library (6010 N Skeel Ave, Oscoda, MI).

For additional questions or concerns contact AFIMSC Public Affairs at: AFIMSC.PA.workflow@us.af.mil or call 1-866-725-7617.