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Form **990-PF**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Return of Private Foundation**  
or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

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**2015**

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For calendar year 2015 or tax year beginning

, 2015, and ending

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Name of foundation <b>Bierlein Companies Foundation</b>		A Employer identification number <b>38-2615341</b>
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) <b>2000 Bay City Rd.</b>	Room/suite	B Telephone number (see instructions) <b>989-496-0066</b>
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>Midland, MI 48642</b>		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>
G Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>
H Check type of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) ► <b>\$ 1,877,556</b>	J Accounting method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)	F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions).)		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)	350 000			
	2 Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	3 917	3 917		
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	38 333	38 333		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10				
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)				
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b Less: Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)					
11 Other income (attach schedule)					
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	392 250				
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.				
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)				
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions) <b>Federal</b>	2 944	2 944		
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)				
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23				
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	193 836			193 836
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	196 780	2 944		193 836	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	195 470				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		39 306			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)					

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**Part II Balance Sheets**

Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only. (See instructions.)

		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
<b>Assets</b>	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	225,167	128,503	128,503
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	254,670	258,471	258,471
	3 Accounts receivable ▶ Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	4 Pledges receivable ▶ Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5 Grants receivable . . . . .			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions) . . . . .			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8 Inventories for sale or use . . . . .			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .			
	10a Investments—U.S. and state government obligations (attach schedule)	1,245,734		
	b Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule) . . . . .		1,534,067	1,490,582
	c Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule) . . . . .			
	11 Investments—land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶ Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
	12 Investments—mortgage loans . . . . .			
	13 Investments—other (attach schedule) . . . . .			
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶ Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
15 Other assets (describe ▶ )				
16 <b>Total assets</b> (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I) . . . . .	1,725,571	1,921,041	1,877,556	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .			
	18 Grants payable . . . . .			
	19 Deferred revenue . . . . .			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule) . . . . .			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶ )			
23 <b>Total liabilities</b> (add lines 17 through 22) . . . . .				
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/></b> <b>and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.</b>			
	24 Unrestricted . . . . .			
	25 Temporarily restricted . . . . .			
	26 Permanently restricted . . . . .			
	<b>Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/></b> <b>and complete lines 27 through 31.</b>			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds . . . . .	1,725,571	1,921,041	
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund			
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
	30 <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> (see instructions) . . . . .	1,725,571	1,921,041	
	31 <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> (see instructions) . . . . .	1,725,571	1,921,041	

**Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances**

1 Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) . . . . .	1	1,725,571
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a . . . . .	2	195,470
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3 . . . . .	4	1,921,041
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30 . . . . .	6	1,921,041

**Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income**

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co.)		(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)	
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69				
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))	
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }		2	
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6): If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8	{ }		3	

**Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income**

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank.

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year; see the instructions before making any entries.

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2014	173 090	1 760 679	. 098309
2013	142 695	1 767 704	. 080723
2012	147 630	1 293 759	. 114109
2011	123 080	761 296	. 161672
2010	122 615	826 832	. 173354
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			2 . 628167
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years			3 . 125633
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5			4 1 774 691
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3			5 222 960
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			6 393
7 Add lines 5 and 6			7 223 353
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions.			8 193 836

**Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see instructions)**

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling or determination letter: _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)			
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1		786
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b).			
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	2		
3	Add lines 1 and 2	3		786
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	4		
5	<b>Tax based on investment income.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5		786
6	Credits/Payments:			
a	2015 estimated tax payments and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015	6a	2	000
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b		
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c		
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d		
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	2	000
8	Enter any <b>penalty</b> for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8		
9	<b>Tax due.</b> If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter <b>amount owed</b>	9		
10	<b>Overpayment.</b> If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the <b>amount overpaid</b>	10	1	214
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be: <b>Credited to 2016 estimated tax</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1,214. <b>Refunded</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	11		0

**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities**

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for the definition)? <i>If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.</i>		X
c Did the foundation file <b>Form 1120-POL</b> for this year?		X
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation. ▶ \$ 0 (2) On foundation managers. ▶ \$ 0		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. ▶ \$ 0		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? <i>If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.</i>		X
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? <i>If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes.</i>		X
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on <b>Form 990-T</b> for this year?		
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? <i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T.</i>		X
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	X	
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV</i>	X	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ▶ <u>Michigan</u>		
b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by <i>General Instruction G</i> ? <i>If "No," attach explanation</i>	X	
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2015 or the taxable year beginning in 2015 (see instructions for Part XIV)? <i>If "Yes," complete Part XIV</i>		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses</i>	X	

**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)**

	Yes	No
11 At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions)	11	X
12 Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	12	X
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ► <u>none</u>	13	X
14 The books are in care of ► <u>Ken LeCureux, CPA</u> Telephone no. ► <u>989-496-0066</u> Located at ► <u>2000 Bay City Rd. Midland, MI</u> ZIP+4 ► <u>48642</u>		
15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041—Check here. . . . . and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year . . . . .	15	
16 At any time during calendar year 2015, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? . . . . . See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►	16	X

**Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required****File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.**

	Yes	No
1a During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):		
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.) . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? . . . . .	1b	n/a
Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		
c Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015? . . . . .	1c	X
2 Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):		
a At the end of tax year 2015, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2015? . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," list the years ► 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____		
b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is <b>not</b> applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions.) . . . . .	2b	n/a
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ► 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____		
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2015 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969; (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest; or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2015.) . . . . .	3b	n/a
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a	X
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015?	4b	X

**Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)**

- 5a During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:
- (1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ☐ ☒
- c If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d).
- 6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.
- 7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction? ☐ Yes ☒ No

5b n/a

6b X

7b

**Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors****1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).**

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
Mike Bierlein Saginaw, MI	Pres. 1 hr.	0	0	0
Ken LeCureux Saginaw, MI	Sec/Trea. 1 hr.	0	0	0
Ryan Bierlein Saginaw, MI	Vice Pres. 1 hr.	0	0	0

**2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."**

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
(NONE)				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 ☐ 0

**Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors** *(continued)***3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."**

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
(NONE)		

**Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services** . . . . . **0**

**Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities** *N/A*

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.

	Expenses
<b>1</b> . . . . .	
<b>2</b> . . . . .	
<b>3</b> . . . . .	
<b>4</b> . . . . .	

**Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments** (see instructions) *N/A*

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2

	Amount
<b>1</b> . . . . .	
<b>2</b> . . . . .	
All other program-related investments. See instructions	
<b>3</b> . . . . .	
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 . . . . .	



**Part X Minimum Investment Return** (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

<b>1</b>	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:			
<b>a</b>	Average monthly fair market value of securities . . . . .	<b>1a</b>	1 368	312
<b>b</b>	Average of monthly cash balances . . . . .	<b>1b</b>	433	405
<b>c</b>	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions) . . . . .	<b>1c</b>		
<b>d</b>	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, b, and c) . . . . .	<b>1d</b>	1 801	717
<b>e</b>	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation) . . . . . <b>1e</b>			
<b>2</b>	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets . . . . .	<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2 from line 1d . . . . .	<b>3</b>	1 801	717
<b>4</b>	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1½% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions) . . . . .	<b>4</b>	27	026
<b>5</b>	<b>Net value of noncharitable-use assets.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	<b>5</b>	1 774	691
<b>6</b>	<b>Minimum investment return.</b> Enter 5% of line 5 . . . . .	<b>6</b>	88	734

**Part XI Distributable Amount** (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here ☐ and do not complete this part.)

<b>1</b>	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6 . . . . .	<b>1</b>	88	734
<b>2a</b>	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5 . . . . . <b>2a</b>		786	
<b>b</b>	Income tax for 2015. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.) . . . . . <b>2b</b>			
<b>c</b>	Add lines 2a and 2b . . . . .	<b>2c</b>		786
<b>3</b>	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1 . . . . .	<b>3</b>	87	948
<b>4</b>	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions . . . . .	<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b>	Add lines 3 and 4 . . . . .	<b>5</b>	87	948
<b>6</b>	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions) . . . . .	<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b>	<b>Distributable amount</b> as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1 . . . . .	<b>7</b>	87	948

**Part XII Qualifying Distributions** (see instructions)

<b>1</b>	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:			
<b>a</b>	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc.—total from Part I, column (d), line 26 . . . . .	<b>1a</b>	193	836
<b>b</b>	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B . . . . .	<b>1b</b>		
<b>2</b>	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes . . . . .	<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b>	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:			
<b>a</b>	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required) . . . . .	<b>3a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule) . . . . .	<b>3b</b>		
<b>4</b>	<b>Qualifying distributions.</b> Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	<b>4</b>	193	836
<b>5</b>	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions) . . . . .	<b>5</b>		
<b>6</b>	<b>Adjusted qualifying distributions.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4 . . . . .	<b>6</b>	193	836

**Note.** The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years.

**Part XIII Undistributed Income** (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2014	(c) 2014	(d) 2015
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7 . . . . .				87 948
<b>2</b> Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015:				
<b>a</b> Enter amount for 2014 only . . . . .			0	
<b>b</b> Total for prior years: 20 <u>14</u> , 20 <u>13</u> , 20 <u>12</u> . . . . .		0		
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015:				
<b>a</b> From 2010 . . . . .	87 510			
<b>b</b> From 2011 . . . . .	85 032			
<b>c</b> From 2012 . . . . .	82 962			
<b>d</b> From 2013 . . . . .	54 343			
<b>e</b> From 2014 . . . . .	86 047			
<b>f</b> <b>Total</b> of lines 3a through e . . . . .	395 894			
<b>4</b> Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4: ► \$ <u>193,836</u>				
<b>a</b> Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a . . . . .			0	
<b>b</b> Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions) . . . . .		0		
<b>c</b> Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions) . . . . .	0			
<b>d</b> Applied to 2015 distributable amount . . . . .				87 948
<b>e</b> Remaining amount distributed out of corpus . . . . .	105 888			
<b>5</b> Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)	0			0
<b>6</b> Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
<b>a</b> Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5 . . . . .	501 782			
<b>b</b> Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b . . . . .		0		
<b>c</b> Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed . . . . .		0		
<b>d</b> Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount—see instructions . . . . .		0		
<b>e</b> Undistributed income for 2014. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount—see instructions . . . . .			0	
<b>f</b> Undistributed income for 2015. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2016 . . . . .				0
<b>7</b> Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required—see instructions) . . . . .	0			
<b>8</b> Excess distributions carryover from 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions) . . . . .	87 510			
<b>9</b> <b>Excess distributions carryover to 2016.</b> Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a . . . . .	414 272			
<b>10</b> Analysis of line 9:				
<b>a</b> Excess from 2011 . . . . .	85 032			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2012 . . . . .	82 962			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2013 . . . . .	54 343			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2014 . . . . .	86 047			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2015 . . . . .	105 888			

**Part XIV Private Operating Foundations** (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)*N/A*

**1a** If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2015, enter the date of the ruling . . . . .

**b** Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section ☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2015	(b) 2014	(c) 2013	(d) 2012	
<b>2a</b> Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed . . . . .					
<b>b</b> 85% of line 2a . . . . .					
<b>c</b> Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed . . . . .					
<b>d</b> Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities . . . . .					
<b>e</b> Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c . . . . .					
<b>3</b> Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:					
<b>a</b> "Assets" alternative test—enter:					
<b>(1)</b> Value of all assets . . . . .					
<b>(2)</b> Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i) . . . . .					
<b>b</b> "Endowment" alternative test—enter $\frac{2}{3}$ of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed . . . . .					
<b>c</b> "Support" alternative test—enter:					
<b>(1)</b> Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties) . . . . .					
<b>(2)</b> Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii) . . . . .					
<b>(3)</b> Largest amount of support from an exempt organization . . . . .					
<b>(4)</b> Gross investment income . . . . .					

**Part XV Supplementary Information** (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see instructions.)

**1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**

**a** List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2).)

*None*

**b** List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.

*None*

**2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:**

Check here ☒ if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc. (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d.

**a** The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed:

\_\_\_\_\_

**b** The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include:

\_\_\_\_\_

**c** Any submission deadlines:

\_\_\_\_\_

**d** Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:

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**Part XV** **Supplementary Information** *(continued)***3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
<b>a</b> <i>Paid during the year</i>  <i>(see attached schedule)</i>				
<b>Total</b> . . . . .			▶ <b>3a</b>	<b>193,836</b>
<b>b</b> <i>Approved for future payment</i>				
<b>Total</b> . . . . .			▶ <b>3b</b>	<b>0</b>

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations.)

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1 Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?		Yes	No
<b>a</b>	Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of:		
(1)	Cash . . . . .		X
(2)	Other assets . . . . .		X
<b>b</b>	Other transactions:		
(1)	Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization . . . . .		X
(2)	Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization . . . . .		X
(3)	Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets . . . . .		X
(4)	Reimbursement arrangements . . . . .		X
(5)	Loans or loan guarantees . . . . .		X
(6)	Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations . . . . .		X
<b>c</b>	Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees . . . . .		X
<b>d</b>	If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.		

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**2a** Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☐ Yes ☒ No

**b** If "Yes," complete the following schedule.

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

**Sign Here** Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Ken P. Curran, CPA 7/28/16 Sec/Trea

Signature of officer or trustee Date Title

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶			Firm's EIN ▶	
	Firm's address ▶			Phone no	

## Bierlein Companies Foundation

Contributions	Address	City	State	Zip	2015
ALS of Michigan, Inc.	24359 Northwestern Hwy, Ste 100	Southfield	MI	48075	\$ 1,000.00
Alzheimer's Association of Mid-Mi	713 Ashman St Ste 3	Midland	MI	48640	\$ 500.00
American Cancer Society	3265 4 Wilder Rd	Bay City	MI	48706	\$ 100.00
American Legion	P.O.Box 7066	Saginaw	MI	48608	\$ 250.00
Ascension Lutheran Church	8645 Gratiot Road	Saginaw	MI	48609	\$ 250.00
Bay Harbor Foundation	750 Bay Harbor	Bay Harbor	MI	49770	\$ 3,000.00
Bay Future	721 Washington Suite 309	Bay City	MI	48708	\$ 500.00
Beaverton High School	3090 Crockett Road	Beaverton	MI	48612	\$ 160.00
Bierlein Diabetes Foundation	100 S. Jefferson	Saginaw	MI	48607	\$ 15,200.00
Boy Scouts of America	5001 11 Mile Rd.	Auburn	MI	48611	\$ 2,350.00
Boys & Girls Club of Saginaw County	1314 Brown Street	Saginaw	MI	48601	\$ 1,700.00
Brian's House/Bay Visiting Nurse	1717 Horizon Dr	Essexville	MI	48732	\$ 250.00
Breckenridge Schools	700 Wright Street	Breckenridge	MI	48615	\$ 500.00
Bullock Creek High School	1420 S. Badour	Midland	MI	48640	\$ 100.00
Central Michigan University	Central Michigan University	Mt. Pleasant	MI	48859	\$ 11,000.00
Child Abuse & Neglect Council	3253 Congress	Saginaw	MI	48602	\$ 25,000.00
Children's Dyslexia Center	614 Center Ave.	Bay City	MI	48708	\$ 500.00
Chippewa Nature Center	400 S. Badour Road	Midland	MI	48640	\$ 500.00
City Rescue Mission of Saginaw	P.O. Box 548	Saginaw	MI	48606	\$ 250.00
CMU College of Medicine	1000 Houghton	Saginaw	MI	48602	\$ 10,000.00
Community Reformed Church	100 Oak Street	Charlevoix	MI	49720	\$ 500.00
Covenant Health Care	1447 N. Harrison	Saginaw	MI	48602	\$ 7,500.00
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	2118 Marshall Ct.	Saginaw	MI	48602	\$ 500.00
Delta Broadcasting	1961 Delta Road	University Center	MI	48710	\$ 200.00
Delta College Foundation	University Ctr	University Ctr	MI	48710	\$ 3,520.00
Disabled Network Mid-Michigan	1705 S. Saginaw	Midland	MI	48642	\$ 500.00
Downtown Saginaw Association	301 E. Genesee	Saginaw	MI	48607	\$ 200.00
Ducks Unlimited	3702 Westbriar Trl	Midland	MI	48642	\$ 600.00
East Side Soup Kitchen	P.O. Box 330	Saginaw	MI	48606	\$ 250.00
Field Neuroscience Institute	4677 Towne Center	Saginaw	MI	48603	\$ 2,500.00
Freeland Community Sports Assoc	P.O. Box 158	Freeland	MI	48623	\$ 1,000.00
Freeland Walleye Festival					\$ 400.00
Friends of the Public Libraries	505 James Avenue	Saginaw	MI	48607	\$ 100.00
Gilmore Car Museum	6865 Hickory Road	Hickory Corners	MI	49060	\$ 1,000.00
Great Lakes Bay Miracle League	6206 Dixie Hwy	Bridgeport	MI	48722	\$ 500.00
Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail	8121 Moll Lane	Freeland	MI	48623	\$ 2,500.00
Greater Saginaw Hockey Amateur	6129 Bay Road	Saginaw	MI	48604	\$ 1,500.00
Heroes For Kids	100 S. Jefferson	Saginaw	MI	48607	\$ 800.00
Habitat for Humanity of Midland	1703 S. Saginaw Rd	Midland	MI	48640	\$ 1,000.00
Hemlock High School	733 N. Hemlock Road	Hemlock	MI	48626	\$ 760.00
Heritage High School	3465 N. Center Rd.	Saginaw	MI	48603	\$ 1,350.00
Hidden Harvest / Sag Community	100 S. Jefferson	Saginaw	MI	48607	\$ 400.00
Hospice Angels Foundation	401 Center Ave, Ste 150	Bay City	MI	48708	\$ 2,000.00
Hospital Hospitality House of Sag	479 Shattuck Rd.	Saginaw	MI	48604	\$ 500.00
Junior Achievement - Midland	2005 George St.	Midland	MI	48640	\$ 250.00
Junior Achievement - Saginaw	1781 Fordney	Saginaw	MI	48601	\$ 2,750.00
Kali's Cure for Paralysis Foundatio	5475 Blue Heron Drive	Alma	MI	48801	\$ 3,175.00
Kiwanis Club of Saginaw	417 McCoskry	Saginaw	MI	48601	\$ 700.00
Little Traverse Bay Humane Socie	1300 West Conway Rd.	Harbor Springs	MI	49740	\$ 250.00

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Contributions	Address	City	State	Zip	2015
Mackinaw Center	140 W. Main St.	Midland	MI	48640	\$ 2,500.00
Make-A-Wish Foundation	340 Centennial	Midland	MI	48642	\$ 1,500.00
Mercy Sales Incorporated	834 S. Washington Ave	Saginaw	MI	48601	\$ 2,771.00
Michigan Baseball Foundation	825 East Main Street	Midland	MI	48640	\$ 1,500.00
MidMichigan Health	4000 Wellness Drive	Midland	MI	48670	\$ 5,000.00
MidMichigan Heat	3171 Dale Road	Beaverton	MI	48612	\$ 250.00
Midland Antique Engine Associati	3748 S. 10 Mile	Midland	MI	48670	\$ 200.00
Midland Area Community Foundat	109 E. Main	Midland	MI	48640	\$ 500.00
Midland Cancer Services	220 W. Main Street	Midland	MI	48640	\$ 1,900.00
Midland Center For The Arts	1801 W. St. Andrews	Midland	MI	48640	\$ 3,000.00
Midland Christian School	4417 W. Wackerly Rd	Midland	MI	48640	\$ 250.00
Midland Community Tennis Center	900 E. Wackerly	Midland	MI	48642	\$ 3,500.00
Midland County Shelterhouse	3115 Isabella St	Midland	MI	48640	\$ 500.00
Midland D.A.R.E.	2727 Rodd Street	Midland	MI	48640	\$ 500.00
Midland Lions Club Charities	220 W Ellsworth Street	Midland	MI	48640	\$ 600.00
North Midland Family Center	2601 E. Shearer Road	Midland	MI	48642	\$ 1,000.00
One Hundred Club of Saginaw	P.O. Box 6457	Saginaw	MI	48608	\$ 4,140.00
Operation Injured Soldier	186 E. Seidlars Rd	Kawkawlin	MI	48631	\$ 250.00
Pit & Balcony	805 N. Hamilton	Saginaw	MI	48602	\$ 1,250.00
Pridentin Saginaw Inc.	P.O. Box 872	Saginaw	MI	48606	\$ 100.00
Pulse 3 Foundation	1015 S Washington Ave	Saginaw	MI	48601	\$ 500.00
Ralph Young Foundation	200 Spartan Way	East Lansing	MI	48824	\$ 400.00
READ Association	100 S. Jefferson 503	Saginaw	MI	48607	\$ 250.00
Rock The Island Urban Youth Ten	P.O. Box 1994	Saginaw	MI	48605	\$ 2,500.00
Saginaw Area Catholic Schools	2555 Wieneke	Saginaw	MI	48608	\$ 200.00
Saginaw Area Fireworks	P.O. Box 1923	Saginaw	MI	48605	\$ 1,000.00
Saginaw Arts & Enrichment	120 Ezra Rust Dr.	Saginaw	MI	48601	\$ 250.00
Saginaw Art Museum	1126 N. Michigan	Saginaw	MI	48602	\$ 310.00
Saginaw Charter Township	P.O. Box 6400	Sagianw	MI	48608	\$ 550.00
Saginaw Childrens Zoo	1550 Midland Rd	Saginaw	MI	48603	\$ 500.00
Saginaw Community Foundation	100 S. Jefferson	Saginaw	MI	48607	\$ 5,150.00
Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fai	401 Saginaw St	Bay City	MI	48708	\$ 100.00
Saginaw Future, Inc.	515 North Washington	Saginaw	MI	48607	\$ 3,000.00
Saginaw High School	3100 Webber St	Saginaw	MI	48601	\$ 500.00
Saginaw Intermediate School Dist	6235 Gratiot Road	Saginaw	MI	48638	\$ 500.00
Saginaw Spirit Charitable Foundati	P.O. Box 6157	Saginaw	MI	48608	\$ 500.00
Saginaw Symphony Assn.	P.O.Box 415	Saginaw	MI	48606	\$ 1,500.00
Saginaw Valley State University	7400 Bay Rd.	University Cent	MI	48710	\$ 9,500.00
Salvation Army/Saginaw	P.O. Box 3204	Saginaw	MI	48605	\$ 500.00
Shields Elementary School	6900 Stroebel	Saginaw	MI	48609	\$ 375.00
Shields Lions Club	330 E. Gloucester	Saginaw	MI	48609	\$ 1,100.00
Ss. Francis and Clare Parish	12157 Church St	Birch Run	MI	48415	\$ 1,000.00
St. Charles Area Museum	603 Chesaning St	St. Charles	MI	48655	\$ 3,700.00
St. Mary's Medical Center Founda	830 S. Jefferson	Saginaw	MI	48601	\$ 1,675.00
St. Stephens School	2711 Mackinaw	Saginaw	MI	48602	\$ 600.00
Swan Valley Schools	8400 O'Hern	Saginaw	MI	48609	\$ 350.00
Swan Valley United Methodist Chu	9265 Geddes Road	Saginaw	MI	48609	\$ 500.00
Temple Theatre Foundation	201 N Washington Avenue	Saginaw	MI	48601	\$ 10,000.00
The Good Samaritan Colony, Inc	P.O. Box 38	Ruby	SC	29741	\$ 1,000.00



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Contributions	Address	City	State	Zip	2015
The Rager Co.	8742 Valleyview Ct.	Saginaw	MI	48609	\$ 500.00
The Rock Center for Youth Develo	P.O. Box 2143	Midland	MI	48641	\$ 1,000.00
Toys For Tots	4800 Fashion Sq Blvd	Saginaw	MI	48604	\$ 500.00
Travis Mills Foundation	89 Water St	Hallowell	ME	4347	\$ 300.00
USS Gerald R. Ford Commissioning	600 Lynnhaven Parkways, Ste 207	Virginia Beach	VA	23452	\$ 500.00
Watershed Council-Tip of the Mitt	426 Bay Street	Petoskey	MI	49770	\$ 100.00
Western Michigan University Foun	1201 Oliver St.	Kalamazoo	MI	49008	\$ 400.00
Women of Color	P.O. Box 5525	Saginaw	MI	48603	\$ 500.00
Zonta Club of Midland	1710 W. St. Andrews	Midland	MI	48640	\$ 500.00
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$193,836.00</b>