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## Apple farm heist remains mystery

■ Spicer Orchards not the only farm hit by thieves

By Hannah Ball

On Oct. 10, a suspected group of thieves stole an estimated 7,000 pounds of apples, which is roughly 22,000 pieces of fruit, from Spicer Orchards at a family owned farm in Fenton Township.

As of Monday, Oct. 21, Matt Spicer said there's nothing new to report. The police have checked out track marks in the ground, but so far they have nothing.

Genesee County Undersheriff Chris Swanson said their office is handling the investigation. They're currently searching social media leads.

Owners believe the crime occurred during the night and that it was carried out by a group of individuals.

This story traveled across the U.S., with sources like Fox News, Time, Washington Examiner and more reporting on the story.

"Actually, I don't like it very much to tell you the truth. Publicity on a negative thing — I don't like to roll that way," Spicer said.

See **APPLE HEIST** on 2



The major underground work for 111 Leroy Place has begun with water infrastructure and spread footings. The building will be 41,000 square feet with businesses and apartments.  
See story on 6 Photo: Tim Jagielo

## Area man sentenced to two years in prison

By Sharon Stone

Bruce Holder, 47, of Fenton Township was sentenced Oct. 10 to two years in prison after pleading no contest Aug. 15 to two counts of felony firearms and one felony count of assault with a dangerous weapon related to a road rage incident Dec. 19, 2018. Upon release,

See **ROAD RAGE** on 2



Submitted photo

## Train vs. car crash victims were 'lucky'

By Tim Jagielo

At 5:40 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 20, the Fenton Township Fire Department responded to a car vs. train crash near 3482 Silver Lake Road. This is the crossing to Lake Ponemah Marina and Ponemah Lakeside Lodge. It was reported that a silver Nissan was struck by a passing train.

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**“To the Hot-liner** that posted about the Holly Academy students

protesting in Lansing and wondering where the money came from. Their parents. It's a yearly field trip that happened to coincide with the governor's veto.”



**“Thank you** to the over 500 guests who joined our Fenton Historical Ghost Walk and for

supporting the Fenton Village Players and the Fenton Historical Society. A huge thank you to the 50-plus volunteers. We couldn't do it without you. It was a hauntingly good time.”



**“To the person** who thinks because the parade was canceled we can replace our side

streets. You my friend are hilarious. We need our residents to pass a millage.”





## Local support for our hometown heroes

Compiled by Tim Jagielo

On Saturday, Oct. 19, Jim Golden of Holly stood before the set of commemorative yellow ribbons he hung around the trunk of an oak tree at Holly Elementary School recognizing local active military personnel.

Golden is the leader of "Hometown Support for all on Active Duty." The 18 ribbons represent 18 local service members who are serving in the military, and who will receive care packages and hand-written letters from Holly elementary students through his organization before Christmas.

"All service people should know that their family, friends, and the whole dang town supports them," Golden said. They're still gathering addresses for military members and as of Tuesday, Oct. 22, have 25 ribbons and 25 packages to prepare.

### How to help

The organization could use items and monetary donations to help fill the care

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## APPLE HEIST

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"There's really no positive spin from someone stealing from you."

The response from the community has been positive, but some people have tried to give donations, which Spicer said is unnecessary.

"We'll be fine," he said, adding that it will hurt their income, but the thieves stole from their smaller

farm. The main farm wasn't hit.

The Detroit Free Press reports that this wasn't the only farm to experience a theft of this kind.

Thieves stole 1,000 pumpkins from McCallum's Orchard in Jeddo on Oct. 7. Another theft took place in LaPorte County, Indiana — one mile south of the Michigan border — where approximately 50,000 apples were taken from Williams Orchard.

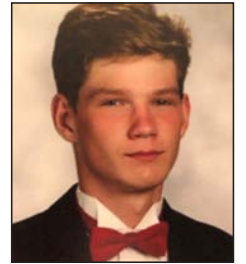


On Oct. 10, thieves stole an estimated 7,000 pounds of apples, which is roughly 22,000 pieces of fruit, from one of Spicer Orchards' family farms in Fenton Township. Submitted photo

## MSU student from Fenton dies in traffic crash

By Sharon Stone

Sebastian Alexander Tyll, 20, of Fenton, died the morning of Friday, Oct. 18 after a collision with a pickup truck as he turned his moped from Hagadorn Road to Mount Hope Road, according to a press release by the Meridian Police Department.



Sebastian Alexander Tyll

Investigators with the department do not suspect alcohol to be involved. Tyll was a student at Michigan State University. He worked in maintenance at the MSU Greenhouse and he was involved in the ROTC program, according to his obituary. He was an alumnus of Orchard Lake Saint Mary's Preparatory High School, where he became a three-time state champion as a member of the Saint Mary's crew team.

He is survived by his mother and father, Crystal and Matthew Tyll, sisters, Felicity Tyll, Cecily Fisher, and Serenity Even, and his fiancée Yian Wang. For Tyll's obituary details, go to sharpfuneralhomes.com.

## ROAD RAGE

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he will have three years of probation.

Holder was arraigned Dec. 21, 2018 in Oakland County 47<sup>th</sup> District Court and was initially charged with five felony counts including discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle, felony firearm and carrying a concealed weapon.

Michigan State Police Metro North troopers were alerted to a possible road rage incident at 11:15 a.m., Dec. 19, 2018. Lt. Calvin Hart said two male drivers were traveling in the southbound lanes of I-275 in Novi, Oakland County when the encounter occurred.

Police said Holder pointed a gun at another vehicle and fired one shot at it, but missed. The victim had a cell phone video of the suspect and suspect's vehicle. The license plate was registered to Holder.

At approximately 4 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018, the Detroit Fugitive Apprehension Team arrived at Holder's home and took him into custody without incident.



Bruce Holder

## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### THIEVES TARGETING UNLOCKED VEHICLES

Lt. Jeff Cross of the Fenton Police Department said the department has received a dozen or so complaints of larceny from automobiles (LFAs) in the past week. Complaints have come in from across the city including the Cascade Avenue area and one on Forest Drive. On Tuesday, Oct. 22, police received six LFA complaints. Police remind all residents and visitors to always lock their vehicle doors and to remove any valuable items. All of the vehicles entered were unlocked.

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## In the age of 'listening phones'

■ Companies collect data for advertising purposes

By Hannah Ball

You're talking with your spouse about needing a new shower head. The conversation ends and you pick up your phone because you see a notification from Facebook.

The first thing on your timeline is an ad for shower heads.

iOS users often report situations like the one above. Seemingly, your iPhone only listens after you say "Hey Siri" and ask a question or voice a command. Same with Android and the "Okay Google" service.



However, according to komando.com, "...it's safe to assume that smart-phones listen all the time waiting for the wake word and voice data continuously gets recorded, albeit temporarily, on the gadget itself."

Apple is currently facing a class action lawsuit for when this technology has not been activated by the user. The plaintiff claims that because he did not utter a wake phrase, that means he did not consent to being recorded.

### Collecting data

It's no coincidence when you search for a product in Google or Amazon and then see advertisements for that same product in your Facebook feed. These are called "targeted ads" and they receive a mixed response. Some users appreciate seeing ads for products they're interested in. Others call it privacy invasion.

A study from Northeastern University found that apps installed on smartphones have the ability to record

See **LISTENING PHONES** on 9

## Tractor show highlights farming roots



Linden farmer Roger Ashley stands with his tractors at Mueller's Orchard Tractor Show Sunday, Oct. 20. Photo: Hannah Ball

■ Dozens of kids climb on tractors, learn about farming roots at Mueller's Orchard

By Hannah Ball

**Fenton Twp.** — Along with buying apples and doughnuts, patrons of Mueller's Orchard the weekend of Oct. 19-20 also had the opportunity to learn about and

climb on tractors.

More than a dozen of these machines were brought by local residents, including Linden farmer Roger Ashley who brought eight tractors.

"These are our tractors that we had as kids on the farm," he said.

A few tractors he brought have been

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## Building Brands

I turned 38 a few weeks ago and did something that has never made me feel older. I attended an HOA meeting.

We've lived in our neighborhood for four years but hadn't been to an HOA (homeowner's association) meeting. We live in a beautiful neighborhood. Wooded backyards and walkable to downtown, but there is an issue. A mixture of condos, townhomes and single-family homes, our neighborhood is home to an unfinished condo that's becoming an eyesore. We knew that the builder had suddenly passed away and that's why the building remained unfinished, but had no information on a timeline of when it would be done. We attended the meeting to learn more.

While the HOA meeting was fun (just kidding), there was no update on the unfinished building.

Disappointed we didn't get the info we wanted, Matt reminded me that I work for a newspaper and if I really want to know what's going on I should ask a reporter.

I did just that and had an answer within an hour to share with our neighbors.

Although I grew up in a newspaper family and have worked in the industry almost my entire career, sometimes I forget the power of the press. Our city

## A reason to celebrate

officials are pretty awesome, so even if I called as a concerned citizen, I likely would have gotten an answer, but a reporter calling guarantees a response.

This story is just one way to illustrate the importance of newspapers — something that was celebrated during National Newspaper Week. While the weeklong celebration officially ended Oct. 12, I liken it to my birthday celebration, which won't officially end until the month of October ends.

The theme of this year's 79th annual National Newspaper Week was "Think First — Know Your 5 Freedoms." Those five

freedoms as noted in the First Amendment are: freedom of religion; freedom of speech; freedom of the press; free-

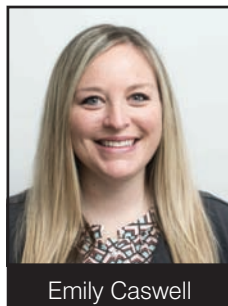
dom to peaceably assemble and freedom to petition.

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If you're reading this, you know all of this, so for my birthday — I mean, in celebration of National Newspaper Week — I ask that you please share this column and this information with someone who may not know or believe the importance of newspapers.

*Emily Caswell is the Brand Manager for VIEW Group, the branding division of View Newspaper Group.*



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**BILL GATES, JEFF Bezos** and Warren Buffett are each richer than half of all Americans.

■■■■ **I THINK BIDEN** bragging on video is evidence enough to inquire. And one candidate paid foreign spies to dig up dirt on her opponent (facts in evidence) yet she walks free. Whatever they are accusing Trump of, they themselves are doing or have done. No more Kool-Aid for you.

■■■■ **FANCY REHABILITATION/ ASSISTED** living facilities are not all what they seem. Most are understaffed in areas where needed, nurses and aides. These people are underpaid for the jobs they do. Personally check these places out before you admit a loved one.

■■■■ **AFGHANISTAN HAS NEVER** been conquered. The Taliban will fail there as well. Let them have their turn. Better they waste their people there than one more American life be spent in a futile attempt to bring 'freedom' to a people who only want to be left alone. Not every country wants to be like the U.S.

■■■■ **IT WOULD BE** great if chaperones refrained from drinking and sitting at bars on school field trips. Seemed to create some talk among kids after recent field trip to D.C.

Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor

## What is your favorite comfort food?



"All of it comforts me. I eat the frozen breakfast sandwiches most days. It has Canadian bacon and cheese."

— **Mark Crane**  
Fenton Township



"Chicken, and macaroni and cheese; all that stuff. But I don't eat much that I'm not supposed to anymore."

— **Stanley Merrill**  
Tyronne Township



"We're obsessed with Taco Bell. We had it brought to our wedding. When we get gift cards, it's always Taco Bell."

— **Tara Maksymowski**  
Fenton



"Chocolate. Reese's Peanut Butter Cups."

— **Jessica Day**  
Flint Township



"My mom's homemade shepherd's pie."

— **Hailey Worrell**  
Grand Blanc Township

## street talk

## NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### Community Conversations on 'Hunger and Food Insecurity' on Oct. 24

A community collaboration of faith-based and community partners will hold its third Community Conversations on social justice topics affecting the tri-county area. This Community Conversation is on "Hunger and Food Insecurity" in the communities of Fenton, Lake Fenton, Holly and Linden on Thursday, Oct. 24. This program will take place in the library of the Ellen Street World of Wonder building, part of the Fenton Area Public Schools, 404 W. Ellen St., in Fenton.

This event is free and open to the public. Details about the event objectives are below:

- To facilitate a community conversation on the topic of hunger and food insecurity in our community
- To raise awareness and dispel myths
- To define the issue, identify and understand the causes and exacerbating factors of hunger and food insecurity
- To better understand the prevalence of hunger and food insecurity in

surrounding communities

- To talk about gaps in services and potential solutions to end or reduce hunger and food insecurity

The program is from 7 to 8:30 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m.; Resource Fair: 6:30 to 7 p.m. and 8:30 to 9 p.m.

Keynote Speakers from the Livingston County Hunger Council and the World of Wonder, and a panel of local food pantry representatives will address the causes and an overview of

hunger and food insecurity in our communities and share information on some of the services and resources available to help people dealing with hunger.

Please join us as we learn more about this critical community issue

No registration required. Non-perishable food donations, including non-SNAP essentials (such as feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry soap) will be gratefully accepted and will be distributed to our local

food pantries. If you would like more information on this program, contact Polly Sheppard at (810) 938-3020 or the First Presbyterian Church at (810) 629-7801.

Partners include Delivering Hope, Fenton Area Public Schools World of Wonder, Fenton Area Resource and Referral (FARR), Fenton United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church of Fenton, Linden Presbyterian Church, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, and St. Jude Episcopal Church.

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO ALL THE parents and anyone else that picks up their kids at West Shore Elementary, please don't drive between the two lanes of cars that are parked. You are going to hurt someone or run over a kid. Use common sense, people.

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**CRASH****Continued from Front Page**

A male and female in the car sustained minor injuries.

According to Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz, a Canadian National Railway (CN) train struck the rear of the vehicle as they drove up the hill from Silver Lake Road. "They were lucky," Volz said. This crossing has lights, but no crossbars in an intersection where the view of the road and the train is disrupted by the hill.

The CN Police Service are in charge of the investigation and the Genesee County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) was the other police agency on scene.

*Editor Sharon Stone contributed to this story.*

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# Erecting Fenton's next new building

■ 111 Leroy Place will be four stories with apartments; finish delayed to winter 2020

**By Tim Jagielo**

**Fenton** — Construction of the next big multi-purpose building in downtown Fenton is underway as of early September.

On Friday, Oct. 18, crews with several contractors, including Fessler & Bowman, Inc., worked on the storm sewer system and an excavator cleared dirt for the laborers working in the ditches preparing water pipes.

The 41,000-square-foot building was first known as "Cornerstone II" and is now called 111 Leroy Place. It will feature up to five retail spaces at the ground level. The second level will be office space on demand and the third and fourth will be one and two bedroom apartments.

Ghassan Saab of developer Corlin Builders, Inc. said the building is expected to be ready for tenants in the fall or winter

of 2020. He said there were delays due to redesigns that pushed back the start of construction. Spring 2020 was the initial expected completion date.

111 Leroy Place is the third in a series of new mixed use downtown buildings. The Cornerstone building was completed in 2014 and the Horizon Building was completed in 2018.

This building will have a 10,000-square-foot footprint and four 10,000-square-foot floors. Unlike the Cornerstone building, the third and fourth floors will be apartments, not condominiums. Saab said there will be 14 dedicated parking spots for apartment tenants.

The Cornerstone building has sustained flooding due to burst fire suppression pipes in the winter.

Corlin Builders was the developer, and Sorensen Gross Construction handled the construction of that building as well. Saab said they're building the suppression system to code. "We're making sure that everything is being followed by the book," Saab said.

He said up to five retailers will use the



Footing work continues this week.

Photo: Tim Jagielo

bottom floor, and the second floor office space will be built out based on tenant demand. He said they do not currently have any leases signed, but he has five letters of intent from businesses for the first two floors.

Interested parties can contact Saab at (810) 691-9314 or email [gjsaab@gmail.com](mailto:gjsaab@gmail.com).

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

**HURLEY FOUNDATION UNVEILS  
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Hurley Foundation has unveiled the new Dr. R. Roderic Abbott Medical Education Center. The center provides technology enhanced rooms for trainings and conferences within the hospital. Abbott was known as a selfless oncologist who believed every

patient had the right to the best care possible, regardless of their ability to pay. Fundraising Committee Chair Dr. Jitendra P. Katneni said, "Dr. Abbott respected everybody. We learned a lot of things from him, not just medicine, but how to be as a person." Dr. Margaret Setter-Abbott, wife of the late Dr. Abbott, said, "He truly was selfless in what he did. Everyone was his friend and that meant so much to him."

Donations can be made at [hurleyfoundation.org/donate](http://hurleyfoundation.org/donate).



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### RAISING THE AGE FOR ADULT PROSECUTIONS IN MICHIGAN – PART I

In 1972, Michigan's Age of Majority Act changed existing law to provide that a person who was 18 years of age (instead of 21) was considered to be an adult for all purposes.

The reasons given for this included that if one was old enough to serve in the military they should be considered to be an adult and the voting age had been lowered to 18.

Exceptions to this law were eventually made including raising the legal drinking age back to 21 in 1978.

Another exception occurred in the opposite direction, when Michigan enacted legislation in 1988 making 17 year olds adults in criminal cases.

As a result, our current laws provide that those who are at least 17 years old are prosecuted in adult criminal courts and those 14 to 16 years old in the Family Division of Circuit Court.

There are exceptions to these rules called "Automatic Waivers" for 18 specified felonies (such as murder), when juveniles are automatically subject to Circuit Court jurisdiction.

A prosecutor can also petition the

family division to have a juvenile tried as an adult for other felony offenses.

In the law things can change, and in the last few years there has been growing support from case law, research, and public opinion to increase the age for adult criminal prosecutions in Michigan (and elsewhere) to 18.

The case law comes from the United States Supreme Court, which has recognized the difference between 17 year olds and adults in a number of its decisions.

The research shows that an adolescent's brain is different from an adult's and young defendants should be viewed differently in appropriate cases.

Public opinion has been positive with a number of groups and individuals calling for the increase.

As a result, on Oct. 16, the Michigan legislature passed a 16-bill package by an overwhelming bipartisan vote, raising the age to 18, which has been sent to Governor Whitmer for her approval.

This is part of a recent national trend, which has seen the number of states with a lower age for adult prosecutions reduced from 15 to 3 (if the bills are signed). The remaining states are Georgia, Texas and Wisconsin.

Next week Part II — what the bills provide.

## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### POSSIBLE ROAD RAGE IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

On Sept. 17 at 8:18 p.m., Genesee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a Fenton Township resident's home to investigate a disorderly complaint. The mother of a juvenile reported that a Fenton Township man allegedly followed and assaulted her son following a traffic situation on N. Fenton Road in Fenton Township. According to the police report, the woman's son, and his passenger, passed the Fenton Township man's vehicle in their pickup truck, allegedly throwing gravel onto his vehicle. The

Fenton Township man followed the truck, which was traveling in the same direction. The driver of the truck told deputies he pulled over to stop on a side street because he didn't want the other driver to know where he lived. The Fenton Township man also turned onto the side street and stopped. The driver of the pickup reported that the man got out of his car and attempted to choke him. However, the Fenton Township man told deputies he only grabbed the pickup truck driver's shirt, according to the police report. The Fenton Township man was placed under arrest for assault and battery. A breathalyzer indicated his blood alcohol content was above the legal limit. This case is pending. There were no visible signs or injury or damage to the man's vehicle.

## HEROES

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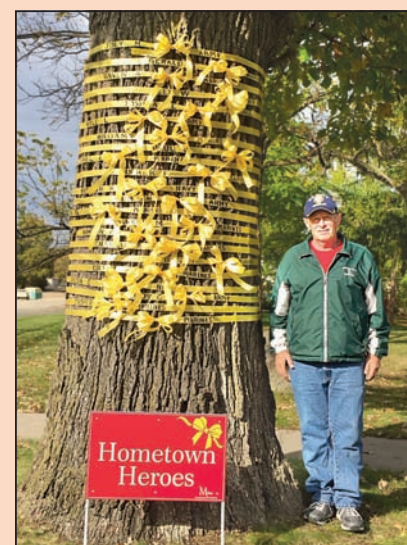
packages and to pay for shipping them to active duty military personnel.

### Drop-off locations

- Holly Area Veterans' Resource Center
- Holly Township Library
- Metro North Credit Union
- The State Bank

### Items needed for the Care Packages

Items include over-the-ankle cotton socks (any color), foot care products, flip flops, bandanas, stocking hats, sunglasses, Holly hooded sweatshirts, Holly T-shirts, anything Holly or Michigan related, baseball gloves and baseballs, Frisbees, playing cards, paperback books, Chapstick, disposable razors, bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, stick deodorant, feminine hygiene products, sewing kits, beef jerky, Slim Jims, meat sticks, Crystal Light, Kool-Aid, Swiss Miss, stainless steel drinking cups with lids, chewing gum/bubble gum, non-chocolate snacks, spices to season food, pictures of anything back home,



Jim Golden stands beside the oak tree decorated with 18 ribbons, recognizing local service members.

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envelopes and stamps and batteries.

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# 'Shop with a Cop' fundraiser coming to Holly on Nov. 15

■ Live action pirate-themed mystery will help raise Christmas funds for Holly kids

By Sally Rummel

"Murder and Mutiny" will be coming to The Holly Vault on Friday, Nov. 15, as a fundraiser for the fourth annual Shop with a Cop event that benefits kids in the Holly area who might not otherwise have a Christmas.

The Holly Vault is at 202 Saginaw St., on the corner at Civic Drive.

This live action mystery with a pirate theme will involve participants who will help solve the murder mystery. They will decode a message that can reverse the Curse of the Holly Vault Treasure. Pirate costumes are encouraged, but not required.

The event starts at 6:30 p.m. with a cash bar featuring light hors d'oeuvres at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and available on eventbrite.com or purchased at the Holly Police Department, 315 S. Broad St., Monday through Saturday,



During last year's fundraiser for Shop with a Cop, Richard "Scarf Face" Kinnamon (right) seeks to learn the identity of the killer at the 1920s Speakeasy Murder Mystery, held at The Holly Vault. Last year's event raised approximately \$5,000, which went toward providing gifts for 40 local children. *Times file photo*

from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"The Holly Police Department has a great time putting together this event

every year," Det. Steve Legant said.

"Shop with a Cop is a great way that we can give back to the community."

## TRACTOR

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in his family for decades. Ashley has driven some of them across the Mackinac Bridge in an annual event. He was glad to see kids roaming around and climbing onto the machines.

"They love it on the tractors. They turn on the lights and shift the gears," he said.

The event showed the community its farming roots.

Argentine Township resident and former township supervisor, Bob Cole, brought about half a dozen tractors.

"I was brought up with a grandpa that had enjoyed tractors," he said.

Cole joined the Genesee Valley Tractors Collectors Club, which was originally called the John Deere Two Cylinder Club, years ago and works to spread information about the importance of tractors and farming equipment.

"It's a way to promote all the tractors," he said.

Throughout the weekend, Cole encouraged to have the kids sit on a tractor and take photos.

"I enjoy watching the kids smile. I enjoy watching the parents smile. This is close to home," he said.



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**EXPLAIN THIS:** THE Democrats want U.S. soldiers on the Turkish Syrian border but want our borders open.

**TO THE PERSON** who wondered how much Holly Academy's trip to Lansing cost. It was \$5 per student, just like last year when we did not protest. We toured the Capitol building, Hall of Justice, and paid to park the cars driven by our parent volunteer chaperones because we do not have buses.

**FENTON'S MASTER PLAN** needs to be updated with a plan to fix and add sidewalks in the communities.

**YES, TRUMP TAKES \$1** for salary. All the residents in the White House live tax free and expenses are paid by taxpayers. Difference is they also take a paycheck, which President Trump does not. Michelle Obama wanted a paycheck for being in

the White House. Maybe it's you with the blinders on.

**'WORKERS WILL BANKRUPT** a company.' Ridiculous. GM doesn't give eye or dental care to any of its workers. The \$32 an hour pales compared to \$2 million or more executives get. President Obama saved GM and Chrysler from bankruptcy, which happened because of the 'Great Recession.'

## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

**FLORIDA MAN DRIVES WRONG WAY IN ROUNDABOUT**

On Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 5:36 p.m., a Fenton police officer was observing the Torrey and North roads roundabout construction and traffic. The officer observed a vehicle traveling south on Torrey Road and then turn left into the roundabout to travel eastbound on North Road. This was against the traffic. A traffic stop was initiated and the driver, a 65-year-old Florida resident, admitted to drinking alcohol at a nearby restaurant. Sobriety tests were administered and a search of the man's car was conducted. During the inventory search, the officer found two loaded handguns and one unloaded shotgun. The man had an out-of-state concealed pistol license (CPL), however, Cross said you cannot be in possession of the firearms while under the influence of alcohol. The firearms were confiscated for safe-keeping and the man was arrested for drunk driving. He was lodged at the police station until sober and will be charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and the use of a firearm while under the influence of alcohol, a misdemeanor.

**POLICE SEEK TIPS ON GRAFFITI**

The Fenton Police Department is investigating multiple reports of graffiti, most recently painted drawings of male body parts, on the dumpster and fencing at Bush Park. Residents in other areas have reported similar vandalism. If anyone has information, they are asked to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311 or submit an anonymous tip on the Fenton Police Department's website at cityoffenton.org.

**LISTENING PHONES**

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your screen and whatever you type, which includes user names and passwords.

In one Forbes article, one journalist wrote, "When the Wall Street Journal investigated the world of iPhone privacy controls it discovered that, frankly, those controls are about as much use as a chocolate teapot."

The Wall Street Journal report found that most options in the App Store under "Apps We Love" were using third-party trackers to collect data about the user and how they use their phone.

**Privacy settings**

If you want to stop your phone from listening to you, the easiest way is to turn off Siri. Go to, Settings, then General, to Siri, then toggle Allow "Hey Siri" to off.

To disable "Okay Google," go to Settings, then Google, then Search & Now and turn "Okay Google" detection off.

Android customers who use the "Okay Google" feature will find that their voice commands are saved on their account. They can also delete these commands saved by Google by going to your account and going to the voice command setting.

To stop seeing targeted ads, go to Settings, Privacy, and Advertising to limit the ad tracking function. You'll still see ads, but they will be random.

For even more privacy, use the "nuclear" option. According to Forbes, the nuclear option means uninstalling apps that you don't find 100 percent essential. Switching off Wi-Fi, GPS and Bluetooth when you don't need them will help ensure less data about you is collected.

Sources: komando.com, topclassactions.com, forbes.com

**PUBLIC NOTICE****NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING****PAVING PROJECT FOR MARGARET DRIVE AND RUTH DRIVE  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**To the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested persons:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions of property owners within the township signed by the record owners of land whose frontage constitutes more than 50% of the total frontage of the proposed district, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton proposes to repave Margaret Drive and Ruth Drive, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:

**All parcels of land with frontage on Margaret Drive and/or Ruth Drive**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received preliminary plans showing the improvements and an estimate of the costs of such construction in the approximate amount of \$1,425,000, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the special assessment district. The Township Board has also tentatively found the petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of cost, proposed special assessment district and petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this Notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such petitions, plans, district and estimate of costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday November 4, 2019.

At the hearing, the board will also consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters filed with the board at or before the hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments or changes to said plans, estimates, costs or special assessment district.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing and to submit any comments they may have.

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# Fenton tennis headed to D2 state meet, takes second at regionals

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity boys tennis team captured three points and finished in a tie for 18th place at the Division 2 state meet last weekend.

No. 1 singles player Gabe Hand and No. 2 doubles team Trevor Bloss and Mitchell Scheer earned Fenton's points.

Hand, a four-time No. 1 singles Metro League champion, won his first match against South Lyon's Josiah Ayudante 7-5, 1-6, 6-4. He lost in straight sets to the top-seeded Nathaniel Webster (Mat-tawan), 6-0, 6-0.

Bloss and Carlson won their first match

against Gabriel Carlson's flight 6-4, 6-2 and then lost to U-D Jesuit 6-0, 6-0.

The Tigers had plenty of flights that had strong showings despite losing their match. No. 3 singles Jordan Conn lost a tight 6-4, 7-5 verdict.

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## Sports

Fenton's  
Gabe Hand

# Tigers make history, win Metro title game

By David Troppens

**Goodrich** — A year ago Brady Triola experienced something that the previous seven Fenton varsity football teams didn't.

The Tigers seven-year run as either outright Metro champs or co-Metro champions ended.

"We were heartbroken last year when we lost it," Triola said. "All of the seniors on the team last year were heartbroken when we lost it. We all felt bad and we all had to redeem ourselves this year. We had to come out stronger than ever. All offseason we had to put in the work."

The Tigers put in

the work and got their reward Friday against the Goodrich Martians on Goodrich's home field. Fenton won the first-ever Metro League Championship Game, defeating the Martians 42-21.

"It's crazy. Nobody has done it before," Triola said. "It's just special for us. Our coaches have been saying all year nobody is going to be the first champion, except for us. Nobody can take that way."

"It's different because the joint league they created this year," Fenton starting quarterback Dylan David-

See **TIGERS** on 12



(Above) The Fenton Tigers celebrate their 42-21 Metro League championship victory against the Goodrich Martians. Fenton's (left) Brandon Miller drives to the end zone for a touchdown.

Photo: Mark Bolen



Linden's Colby Kohmescher threw four touchdown passes in the Eagles' 63-27 victory against Corunna. Photo: Mark Bolen

## Linden's offense sparks blowout victory vs. Corunna

By David Troppens

If Linden's offense was looking for a confidence builder entering the Eagles' final matchup of the season with the Lake Fenton Blue Devils this week, they got it against Corunna on Friday night.

Linden scored the most points the Eagles have since scoring 65 against Clio on Sept. 29, 2006, defeating Corunna 63-27 during the two teams' Metro League crossover contest.

"That's not too bad," Linden varsity football coach Denny Hopkins said about the offensive output. "We threw the ball really well tonight. Everybody got a chance to play and we ran for 100 yards which is a plus for us. We had three receivers over 100 yards."

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# Fenton golfers place fifth at state meet

By David Troppens

It was hard to figure out what to expect out of the Fenton varsity girls golf team this fall.

The squad had lost a large chunk of the roster that made last year's sixth-place team finish at the D2 state meet due to graduation.

But as the season continued, it became apparent this team was pretty talented as well. And now, the Tigers have actually surpassed last year's squad with at least one very important metric.

The Tigers capped the season by finishing in a tie for fifth place at the Division 2 state golf tournament, posting a team score of 732, just two strokes behind fourth-place Farmington Hills Mercy and tied with Birmingham Groves. Last season's squad finished sixth. Individually, Brook Herbstreit capped what was a season of great improvement by earning a tie for sixth in the individual competition, recording a two-day 36-hole score of 82-80-162. The event was held at Michigan



The Fenton varsity girls golf team placed fifth at the Division 2 state golf meet.

Photo submitted

State's Forest Akers East Golf Course.

"The goal for our team was to try and meet or improve our sixth-place finish from last season," Herbstreit said. "Going in, we were ranked ninth in the state and we definitely were hoping to improve on that. I was su-

per-excited about how the tournament played out for me personally as well. My personal goal going in was top 15, and when I found out I was tied for 10th at the end of the first day, I was really excited and it changed my goal.

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Linden finished with 563 total yards with quarterback Colby Kohmescher completing 23-of-28 passes for 437 yards and four touchdowns. Seeger DeGayner caught nine of those passes for 205 yards and three TDs. He caught a 40-yard pass for a score in the first quarter, putting Linden up 14-0 at the time. He had a 20-yard TD reception late in the second quarter, giving the Eagles a 35-14 halftime lead. Finally, the Eagles started the second half with three unanswered touchdowns with the second of those scores coming on DeGayner's 49-yard TD reception.

Gavin Wildeman caught seven passes for 141 yards while Brenden Miller caught seven passes for 107 yards. One of those receptions was the last TD of Linden's three in the third quarter — a 36-yard score. At that time, the Eagles led 56-14. Miller also started the second half with a bang when he returned the kickoff 60 yards for a score.

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## Tigers break Owosso pool records in easy Metro League victory

By David Troppens

Five pool records went down at Owosso High School's pool recently.

The Fenton Tigers were the ones to accomplish the task.

All three Fenton relays broke pool records and Gracie Olsen broke two individual pool records, helping lead the Fenton varsity girls swim team to an easy 112-73 victory in Metro League dual action.

"We swam well," Fenton varsity girls swim coach Brad Jones said. "It was nice to move girls around and see some different events."

Olsen took part in each relay. She teamed with Abigail Dolliver, Halee Alexander and Lillie Kromer to win the 200 medley relay (1:55.75) and with Kromer, Dolliver and Sophie Stefanac to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:42.90) and the 400 freestyle relay (3:47.76). Olsen's lead off time of 55



Emma Jump led a sweep of the top three positions in diving against Owosso.

Photo: Christopher Summers

seconds in the 400 freestyle relay also earned her the 100 freestyle pool record. She also competed in the 50 freestyle, breaking the pool record with a first-place time of 24.71 seconds.

Fenton had four other firsts.

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# Blue Devils fall to : Bronchos defeat Owosso in thriller, 21-20

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton's playoff hopes ended Friday night during the Blue Devils' Metro League crossover contest against Flushing.

The Raiders defeated the Blue Devils 27-6.

The Raiders used a variety of big plays to take the lead. Flushing's first score came on a 32-yard pass from Nick Powers to Joe Jauzel, putting the Raiders up 7-0. The pair connected for Flushing's second score as well from the same 32-yard distance. Flushing led 14-0 with 5:41 left in the opening quarter.

A 46-yard completion set up Nick Powers's short TD plunge, raising the gap to 21-0 by halftime. Early in the second half, Cole Dunstan scored from three yards out, making it a 27-0 lead.

Lake Fenton (3-5) scored its only touchdown on a 45-yard TD pass from Reid Shumacher to Michael O'Brien. Lake Fenton had 175 yards total offense.

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By David Troppens

The Holly varsity football team is putting together a little win streak at the end of the season.

A week after beating Swartz Creek 37-7, the Bronchos (3-5) edged out Owosso by a 21-20 score Friday night.

Holly trailed 19-7 entering the fourth quarter, but scored the final period's only two TDs to earn the victory. Kolten Steele scored on a four-yard run, cutting the gap to 20-14 after Ben Gramer's second of three extra-point kicks. Then with less than two minutes remaining, Jacob Hild scored on a one-yard run, giving the Bronchos the 21-20 victory.

"It feels really good," Holly varsity football coach Dallas Lesperance said. "These are the tough battles we learned we can win. Just like everyone we have had a rash of injuries. We were down five starters tonight and our top two receivers were down. Owosso is a tough team. ... It was a great effort by our guys."

Holly never had the lead until the final score. Owosso scored during the first quarter on a one-yard TD run. Hol-

ly tied it at 7-all in the second quarter when Ryan Morgan threw a 28-yard touchdown pass to Sebastien Bemman. However, Owosso took a 13-7 lead into halftime after a 25-yard TD run. Owosso upped the gap to 20-7 in the third quarter on a five-yard TD run. However, the fourth quarter was all Holly.

Holly had 207 rushing yards and collected 17 first downs. Hild ran for 107 yards on 19 carries while Steele had 70 ground yards on 14 carries. Defensively, Steele had eight total tackles while Michael Aguilar and Luke Leighty had interceptions.

"I'm really proud of our two junior leaders, Kolten Steele and Jacob Hild," Lesperance said. "Jacob had to come when our starting quarterback was hurt in the first quarter. Steele proves every week he deserves to be mentioned on both sides of the ball. If we need a yard, we go to (Steele)."

The Bronchos will have a challenge to end the season when Holly hosts Metro League Stars Division champion Goodrich on Friday at 7 p.m.



Holly's Sebastien Bemman runs downfield during a recent game. Bemman scored on a TD reception during the Bronchos' victory vs. Owosso.

Photo: Mark Bolen

## Fenton volleyball competes at its own weekend tournament

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity volleyball team competed in its own tournament and finished with a 1-2-2 record, beating Nouvel and splitting matches against Birch Run and Corunna.

Sydney Acho led the team with 87 assists, 18 digs, 13 kills and seven

aces while Sydney Sahr led the offense with 40 kills. Lydia Podlesak collected 23 kills while Anna Weigle had 18 kills. Kate Beverly had 11 kills. On the service line, Sahr had five aces while Abby Lamb collected four aces.

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## TIGERS

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son said. "So to be the first one to come home and bring it home is special. We added four teams (to the league) so to come home being No. 1 out of all of them is cool and is something we'll remember forever."

The teams earned their spots in the title game with undefeated league records in their respective divisions during the season. The teams battled hard like you'd expect from two division champions early on. However, as the game slowly went on, it was apparent that the Tigers were

the stronger team.

Fenton took the lead for good early in the second quarter when Davidson hit Triola with a nine-yard TD reception with 11:14 left in the first half. Braden Moore made the second of six extra-points he'd nail, giving the Tigers a 14-7 lead.

Fenton's defense had to contend with Goodrich's Tyson Davis who had some of the shiftest moves of any prep player in the state. And while he had his moments, the Tigers kept him in check. On Goodrich's next possession, Davis started it with a 12-yard run.

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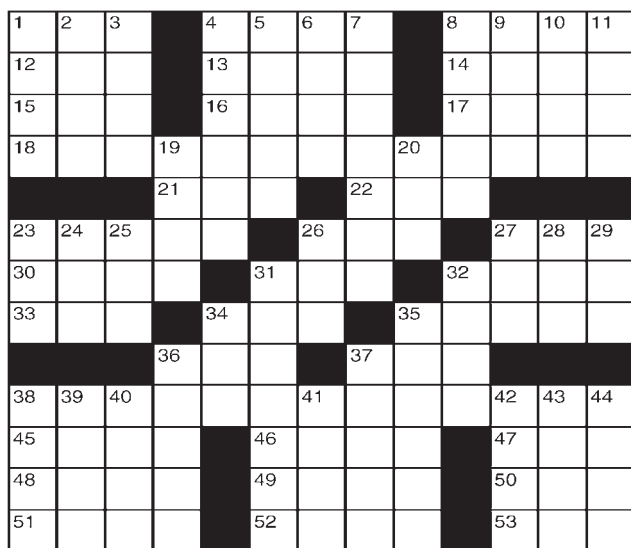


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53 Early bird?  
DOWN  
1 Parks or Bonheur  
2 Calendar  
3 Therefore  
4 Impassive  
5 Bottom  
6 "Once — a  
7 "The Seventh Seal" director  
8 Failing the white glove test  
9 Grooving on  
10 Phaser setting  
11 "The Da Vinci —"  
19 Praise highly  
20 Put into words  
23 "Terrif"  
24 Wish otherwise  
25 Hearty quaff  
26 Joke  
27 Wet wriggler  
28 "Erie Canal" mule  
29 Use a crowbar  
31 Blog  
32 Ointment  
34 Fawn's mom  
35 Random drawing?  
36 Bush  
37 Villain's look  
38 Sea flier  
39 Largest of the seven  
40 Abound  
41 Alluring  
42 Shrek, e.g.  
43 Croon  
44 Hosiery mishap

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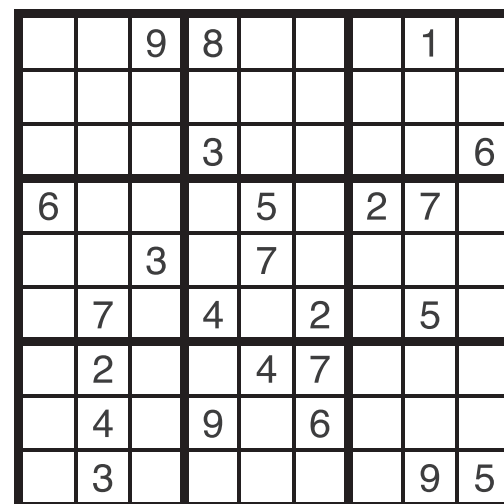
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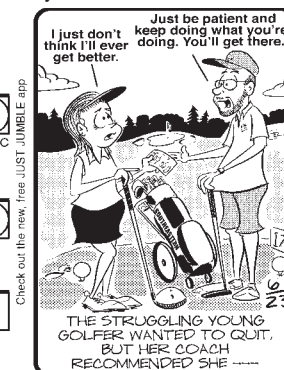
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## Horoscopes

For the week of  
Oct. 21, 2019

## ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, the week ahead is a busy one. You may have a speech to deliver or a private performance to put on and that will focus all eyes on you. Rest up while you can.

## TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, don't schedule any extra activities this week because your schedule is full. Family life also will demand a great deal from you. Make a list of things to do and get started.

## GEMINI

May 22/June 21

Gemini, slow down and invite a friend over for a cup of coffee or a drink after work. You have to get back to some social occasions, or you can run yourself ragged.

## CANCER

June 22/July 22

Cancer, this week you may feel the need to exert some physical energy. If you have a gym membership, spend several hours working up a sweat.

## LEO

July 23/Aug 23

Leo, stop focusing on things that are beyond your control right now and zero in on the ones that you can tend to. You will quickly see how much control you really have.

## VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you are in the process of widening your field of possibilities. Right now traveling far distances could be on your mind. Make it happen.

## LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Resist the temptation to push other people's buttons, Libra. You catch more flies with honey, so take a step back and give others a chance to share their opinions.

## SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

There are some moments when you will feel strongly about big changes on the horizon, Scorpio. This is a week when you will have a clear view of your future goals.

## SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, after a few days of idle coasting, you may get a boost of energy to tackle new things. Others may be amazed at the change.

## CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, this week you may be influenced by someone with a strong personality. Unless you stand behind what this person is offering, do not be swayed by the hard sell.

## AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

You have a tendency to go about your routines with less enthusiasm than in the past, Aquarius. You just may need some new scenery to briefly get you inspired.

## PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

This week may be fairly eventful, Pisces. You may finally address an issue that has been affecting your domestic life.



# Obituaries

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## Alyssa Ann Syphrett

1989-2019

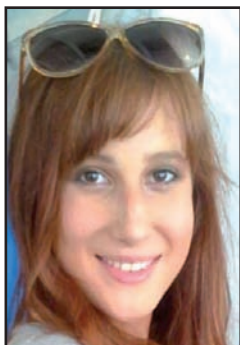
Alyssa Ann Syphrett - age 30, of Fenton, passed away suddenly October 15, 2019 by taking her own life after struggling for many years with mental illness.

A memorial gathering will be held from 12-3 PM, with lunch served at 12:30 PM, Friday, October 25, 2019 at Bakers of Milford Restaurant, 2025 S. Milford Rd., Milford, MI 48381. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. In lieu of flowers, a donation to NAMI, or American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, in Alyssa's name, would be appreciated. Alyssa was born July 25, 1989 in Detroit, the daughter of John D. and Barbara R. (Yabrove) Syphrett. She took classes at Mott Community College and the Flint Institute of Arts. Alyssa had a beautiful soul. She was creative, and had a huge artistic talent. She had a love of birds, a wonderful sense of humor, and a quick wit. Alyssa expressed herself through her art. She painted, using a variety of media, and designed clay beads for her mom to use in her jewelry. Alyssa was her happiest spending time with her cockatiels, creating in her art studio, kayaking, and taking hikes in the park. She will be missed more than words can say by all who knew and loved her. Surviving are parents, John and Barbara Syphrett; brother, Jeremy (Danielle) Syphrett; sister, Erika Syphrett; grandmother, Pearl Moss; nephews, Christian and Jordan. Alyssa was preceded in death by her uncle, Michael Yabrove. Online tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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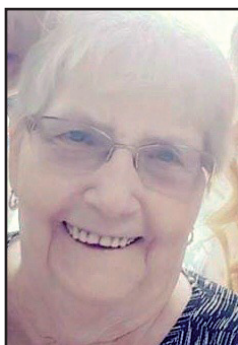
## Nancy Joan Wagner

1937-2019

Nancy Joan Wagner - age 81, died Sunday, October 20, 2019.

A memorial service will be held at 1 PM on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, with Father David Blazek Celebrant. Visitation will be from 11 AM until the time of the service. Nancy was known for always having a smile on her face, a charitable soul, loved her family, and everyone who knew her or met her loved her. She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen; sisters, Mary Ann and Christine; grandson, Dustin. Nancy is survived by her sons, Allen (Jill) and Doug (Michelle); her brother, Richard (Peggy) and her sister, Betsy (Bill); grandchildren, Kristy, Shay, Chelsey, Kelly and LeeAnn; great-grandchildren, Brett, Cameron, Brian, Sommer, Lily, Taylar, Jaxon and Tyler; she is also survived by many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Reverence Hospice or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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