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Where do we go from here?

An in-depth look into the new decade with our communities, schools and local businesses.
Tell your story in 2020 with custom pieces by Sawyer Jewelers

Hometown Fenton jeweler focuses on custom, quality one-of-a-kind pieces for customers of every generation

By Sally Rummel

It all starts with love and finding a way to express that love forever with diamonds, colored gemstones and precious metals.

That’s why Sawyer Jewelers owner Chip Beltinck is so passionate about the vision he has for his downtown Fenton jewelry store.

Sawyer Jewelers has been a family owned and operated business since 1947, looking confidently into the future of 2020 and beyond.

A vision for quality, custom jewelry

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Talented staff makes all the difference

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Sawyer Jewelers employs 11 people, making this store a big contributor to the economic viability of Fenton’s downtown.

Many of his employees have been here for decades; one employee, Theresa VanAvery, has worked for Sawyer Jewelers since it was owned by the Sawyer family.

Because of the growth of the business since moving into the downtown Cornerstone building in 2016, Beltinck has added two new employees this year.

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In addition to expanding his staff, Beltinck has committed to improved, state-of-the-art technology to bring custom designed pieces to his customers.

He is adding two more offices inside Sawyer Jewelers to house new CAD design equipment that will bring unique, creative designs to life with computer-aided software.

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“We have experience working with most materials and jewelry pieces of all types and sizes,” Beltinck said. “We’ll offer honest, stress-free jewelry appraisals, whether you’re looking to take out insurance on a valuable item, or are trying to determine a piece’s value in an estate sale.”

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“Traditionally, we’d use a torch,” Beltinck said. “A laser allows us to hold the piece of jewelry in our hand while it’s being worked on. Red, white and blue stones (rubies, diamonds and sapphires) will take the heat, nothing else will.”

Repair work is done on-site

Beltinck is pleased that all of the custom design and repair work are done on-site at Sawyer Jewelers. “We are very proud that we don’t send our jewelry out of our store,” he said. “It’s another reason why our customers trust us with their jewelry.”

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Sawyer Jewelers appreciates your support

Beltinck feels honored to have been the trusted jeweler of two and three generations of local families.

“I’m really fortunate to have been well supported here in Fenton, from local residents and those who drive a distance, to do business here. I appreciate every single one of you, and will do everything I can to continue to earn your business.”

Never did he feel this support more personally than in this past year, when he had to re-build much of his store after floodwaters from the third floor of the Cornerstone building caused more than $300,000 worth of damage on Jan. 31.

“This year, more than any other year, taught me the value and importance of these relationships and friendships I’ve built since owning the store since 2007,” Beltinck said.
What’s the LOCAL BUSINESS FORECAST for 2020s?

Local chambers, Downtown Development Authority directors give a ‘thumbs up’

By Sally Rummel

What does our local business landscape look like in 2020? Our local leaders give us their views:

●Michael Hart
Fenton City assistant manager and Fenton DDA director

The city of Fenton and surrounding community will continue to strengthen economically with our ever-improving downtown, well located industrial park off U.S. 23 and excellent public schools.

Even with Amazon as a force to be reckoned with, local boutique shops and businesses and restaurants will continue to be popular and desirable by residents, visitors and our local employers.

In 2020, the Fenton DDA will continue its legislative mandate of strengthening the district’s tax base. Watch for several potential infrastructure projects including additional parking, subject, of course, to having the money to do so.

Our economic challenges might be more related to struggles at the state or federal levels.

●Shelly Day
Executive director of the Fenton Regional Chamber

I foresee economic growth for both Fenton and Linden in the 2020s. Fenton has transitioned into an inviting and walkable community with an abundance of popular restaurants and shops.

Linden’s new downtown building by Dr. Nicole Wax, orthodontist, will offer more retail and restaurant options.

This past year, several new businesses have opened in the downtown district and along Silver Lake Road. The facelift to the Alpine Marketplace plaza encourages more pride in the community.

The Chamber is working with new Linden City Manager Ellen Glass. She has already established a good rapport with businesses, the municipality and community as a whole.

The Fenton Regional Chamber will mark its 100th Anniversary as a Chamber of Commerce in 2020 with many celebratory plans.

We continue fundraising and saving for our remodel project that includes a technology room for Chamber members to use for training, workshops, client presentations and more.

Next year’s goals include four core areas: Our Chamber’s Brand, Business Resources, Workforce Development and Public Policy/Advocacy.

●Katy Golden
Holly Village assistant manager and Holly DDA director

With so many projects completed in 2019, we are looking forward to the future with big plans for next year.

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Abbey Park — ‘Live here … for the best of your life’

‘Community’ best describes this independent senior living facility in Grand Blanc

By Sally Rummel

Community. It is the first word that comes to mind when describing Abbey Park Independent Senior Living in Grand Blanc, said Administrator Kathleen Felix.

This sentiment is shared by the local partners who own Abbey Park and believe strongly in the power of fellowship, security, kindness, polite manners, humor, humility and a good old-fashioned philosophy known as the “Golden Rule.”

“As administrator, I count my blessings daily to serve for 10 years at the helm of such an amazing and beautiful place,” Felix said. “We absolutely are a community working together to create a wonderful home and place of employment for all. We communicate with our residents. We know every one of our residents’ names and we treat them as family.”

Felix credits a hardworking and friendly staff for the warm relationships found at Abbey Park.

“Housekeeping and maintenance crews are both top notch. They take pride in maintaining an environment that is kept spotlessly clean and repairs are completed as quickly and efficiently as possible,” Felix said. “Our cooks and dining room teams work tirelessly to prepare and serve hot, nutritious, healthy meals, while always wearing a smile. Our onsite medical team supervisor, nurse and caregivers are among the best. Life enrichment services, activities and trips engage even the less active seniors.”

Felix believes that the partners “thought of everything” when they created Abbey Park. “Promoting the independent senior lifestyle while allowing for the ‘as needed’ personal care assistance is genius,” she said. “None of us are getting any younger and sooner or later most will need some sort of help, be it with taking medications, with showering and grooming or getting in and out of bed.”

Nearly everything offered in an assisted living facility is available here, right in the comfort of one’s own apartment at Abbey Park. The cost for enhanced independent living is reasonable, much less than one finds in a comparable assisted living facility.

The apartments are spacious and well laid out with complete kitchens and ample closet space. The common areas such as the lobby, library, country store, hair salon, activities room, coffee shop, dining room, exercise room and movie theater promote companionship and provide extra services.

An affordable monthly rent includes most utilities, beds made and trash removed daily, apartments cleaned each week and linen service with a freshly made bed.

If you have not yet checked out Abbey Park, you are missing out. But … our residents already know that. Ask one of them, and they just may recite our motto, “Live here … for the best of your life.”
What the future may hold for The city of Fenton

By Lynn Markland, Fenton City manager

The following are my thoughts on where the city of Fenton may be in a few years. Early next year we will be building a new website that will be more advanced than our current site. The new site will be able to automatically detect the type of electronic device (cell phone, tablet or other) you are using and then adapt the site to the device. This will make the website easier to use. It will also allow it to be ADA accessible. A number of sites already have these features, but they will be new for the city.

In the next few years we will have a couple of major road improvements that will include a large portion of Shiawassee Avenue and Silver Lake Road. These will be paid for with federal grants. I am in hopes that the state legislature and the governor’s office will come to some agreement for funding road improvements, however, I wouldn’t count on that happening.

This is an issue that has been hotly debated this year with no solution being enacted. Everyone seems to agree that the roads need to be improved, however, there doesn’t seem to be any agreed upon funding solution. I’m skeptical that a real solution will be found that will provide sufficient funding.

Neighborhood parks will be improved as the rest of the infrastructure (roads, water, sewer) continues to be upgraded and repaired.

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Vision 2020 - Linden City
Projects and celebrations underway

By Ellen Glass, Linden City manager

“The year 2020 will be a year of positive change for the city of Linden. The city will continue to collaborate and build partnerships to offer more opportunities for our residents and businesses. The downtown will see the completion of the Dr. Wax development in early spring and the Beacon and Bridge project is slated to start early spring and wrap up summer of 2020.

“The planning of our Sesquicentennial (150-year) celebration will be underway and we will continue to improve and grow our community events. Our roads will be one of our top priorities as well as the relocation of our DPW facility.

“Additionally, the city will be moving through the Redevelopment Ready Certification process with Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The process will help align our planning, zoning, and economic development processes to build a strong foundation for the future of our city.”
Mott Community College
$8.1-million expansion is ‘integral part of our future’

Southern Lakes Branch Center on Thompson Road serves education needs of local community

By Sally Rummel

Mott Community College’s (MCC) presence in Fenton Township keeps getting stronger with an $8.1-million expansion project of its Southern Lakes Branch Center.

The substantial renovation of this Thompson Road campus will provide state-of-the-art educational opportunities in your own backyard.

“We are the college in your neighborhood,” said Doris Stromer, site director of the Southern Lakes Branch Center. “We are economical and proud to be here locally.”

MCC’s presence here in southern Genesee County just may be one of the best-kept local secrets in education.

However, this community college is getting noticed nationally, too.

MCC was named one of 150 community colleges nationwide eligible to compete for the $1 million 2021 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence — the nation’s signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America’s community colleges.

The Southern Lakes Branch Center offers a wide variety of courses for MCC students and is the only program site for Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapy Assistant and Law Enforcement Regional Training Academy (L.E.R.T.A.) programs.

The majority of the renovations are taking place in these programs, including state-of-the-art equipment and classrooms.

The building that houses L.E.R.T.A. is being completely renovated from top to bottom. This 16-week intensive program trains up to 25 recruits in two sessions throughout the year. “Almost all of the recruits are hired by graduation,” Stromer said.

The renovation projects are expected to be completed by early March.

MCC, through its main campus in Flint and satellite branches in Fenton, Lapeer, Brighton/Howell, Clio and Owosso, offers more than 100 degree programs or opportunities to transfer to a four-year university. Depending on the educational pathway you use, you can receive an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or an Associate of Fine Arts degree.

In addition, local high school students in Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden school districts are able to dual enroll at MCC, enabling them to earn college credit while still in high school.

Whether you are looking for a two-year degree, searching for a pathway to a four-year college or university, learn new job skills or enrich your personal knowledge, you will find award-winning, quality classroom instruction at this local campus.

The Southern Lakes Branch Center office can also assist you with your admissions, placement testing, orientation, advising, counseling, registration and financial activities.

This campus is at 2100 W. Thompson Rd. in Fenton Township.
Scott Tarkleson builds each custom home with the client’s vision and his design expertise

By Sally Rummel

Scott Tarkleson’s 40 years of experience as a design and building contractor shows in every single one of his custom-built homes.

It’s in every detail, every aspect of quality workmanship that is the hallmark of his company, Fenton Lakes Building and Design.

While many builders have come and gone over the years, Tarkleson’s reputation and his close relationship with clients during the building process have kept him busy throughout the decades of his career.

Tarkleson is not a production builder; no two of his homes are ever the same. Instead, he collaborates with the homeowner on the design of his or her dream home, and then makes it a reality with his own research and skills.

“I do projects that are a little different,” Tarkleson said. “I’m not afraid to experiment with new products and techniques.”

Tarkleson is also personally involved with every home project, leading a team of skilled tradespeople who have his same work ethic and attention to detail.

Two of his latest custom home builds in the tri-county area showcase Tarkleson’s ability to create unique living spaces that meet the needs of clients who have a vision for their home.

**Scandinavian modern lake house**

Constructed in a minimalist Scandinavian style, this custom-built home on Runyan Lake literally lets the sunshine in, from all angles and in every room.

“The most notable feature of this home is light,” Tarkleson said. “This is with it in mind that he built the home to take advantage of both natural light and designed light. “The sunsets are magical and can be viewed from almost the entire home.”

Using a minimal amount of interior trim, the custom birch details really “pop.” The exterior steel siding is also very attractive and durable, Tarkleson added.

**Lakefront cottage remodel**

A lakefront cottage remodel took the humble beginning of a tiny cottage to the next level of a sprawling rustic log lodge on Byram Lake in Fenton Township.

The detached garage with a walkout basement connected with a 20-foot walkway to the existing cottage with a two-story addition. “We added 3,500 square feet to it on three different levels,” Tarkleson said. “We used cedar trees to hold up the decks and the interior stairways.”

These kinds of innovative projects are now the mainstay of Tarkleson’s custom work. For more information on how Fenton Lakes Building and Design can turn your dream home into reality, call Tarkleson at (810) 655-6220.
Fenton Township
By Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk

Fenton Township will enter the new decade on the upswing, as new housing construction has steadily increased for the past several years. It appears that the total new housing starts for 2019 will top 130 for the first time since 2004.

As we move into the 2020s, Fenton Township expects the housing construction numbers to level off, but remain strong throughout the decade. We also anticipate more commercial and industrial development along the Thompson Road corridor, following the lead of Miller Industries, which built its world headquarters here in 2016.

The Thompson Road Regional Dog Park, which opened in 2017, has been very popular with the dogs of our communities and their owners. The township will continue to look for funding opportunities and recreational partners in the coming years to develop the remainder of the planned multi-use park to complement the dog park.

Other potential projects on the horizon in the next decade include upgrades to the Fenton Township fire stations and improving local roads throughout the township.

Argentine Township
By Brian Saad, supervisor

Argentine Township is building the pathway in 2020, funded by grants from the Michigan Department of Education and Safe Routes to School. No taxes will be raised by the township. The year 2020 brings about a new decade filled with high expectations. The township will complete an update to our Master Plan by July of this year. Also, a recreation plan will be modified after the pathway is built.

The township will maintain its fidelity as a rural bedroom community and consider programs and policies that reflect the quiet, welcoming nature of our great residents. We are in need of daytime-available first responders for our fire department.

The Argentine Township Board of Trustees has an improving relationship with county agencies, and the county has been helpful in communicating infrastructure improvements and maintenance. We have paved a lot of roads in the last three years.

There is always more work to be done. We are thankful and focused in our civic responsibilities and are committed to making the most valuable community we can for our neighbors.
Vision 2020 – HOLLY

Responses from Holly and Rose townships

By Katy Golden, Holly DDA director

Looking forward to the future, we have some big plans for next year. The year 2020 will be full of events, inviting people to experience our historic Downtown.

These free public events include concerts in the park, movies in Battle Alley, spring and fall Ladies Night Out, our Fourth of July fireworks, HollyDays, Hollyween, Small Business Saturday and the Dickens Festival.

Business is booming in the village of Holly. The downtown is at nearly 100-percent occupancy and several new businesses have moved in including Holly Urgent Care, ELGA Credit Union. Tim Hortons will be opening soon.

We will continue our customer-friendly relationship in the village to attract new development. In 2020, we will address significant road issues that may include a road bond in the future. We are also updating our master plan and working on renewal of our TIF plan for the DDA.

We’ll add new banners on our light poles and enhanced entrance signs to warmly welcome visitors and residents alike. We’ll also build a pavilion in Water Works Park and make progress toward moving our historic Holly Union Depot to its new location. It will surely be a busy year for the village of Holly.

By Scott Roper, Holly Area Schools superintendent

The New Year will usher in a wide range of new and diverse learning opportunities at Holly Area Schools (HAS) as we continue providing a 21st century education that helps all Bronchos achieve and succeed.

I am particularly excited to announce the Holly Construction Trades program, which will offer our high school students the opportunity to earn professional certifications that lay the groundwork for successful careers in the skilled trades.

We’re currently working with local business and industry partners with the goal of offering the nationally endorsed program as early as next school year.

We’re also working with our community partners to begin offering Firefighter Academy courses in the future, which will provide students with a leg up on careers that help keep our community safe.

Also in 2020, we will expand our Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) instruction into our middle school and offer new college-credit courses that give students a head start on college and careers.

Our “Leader in Me” program will continue in all our elementary buildings and the middle school, providing students with life skills, such as leadership, taking responsibility, problem solving and teamwork that will serve them throughout their lives.

In all cases, we’ll continue providing cutting-edge instructional technology that helps prepare our Bronchos for the jobs of the future.

In 2020 and beyond, we will continue promoting a culture of kindness, compassion and respect in a positive, safe and nurturing learning environment that encourages #BronchoPride before, during and after school.

Finally, I look forward to working with our dedicated school board as we embark on what promises to be an exciting 2020 for our Bronchos.

There’s truly never been a better time to be a Broncho.

By Dianne Scheib-Snider, Rose Township supervisor

Rose Township’s vision for 2020 and beyond is to maintain and improve what is inviting to the people who call Rose Township home. Those who want to live in a community that has rural and natural features, large residential parcels, productive farms, lakes, unique wetlands and wildlife habitats.

In 2020, a conservation committee will be formed to protect and preserve what the people who live in Rose Township value.
Fenton schools look to the future and ‘educating the whole child’

By Vera Hogan

Adam Hartley, superintendent for Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS), says the future of the district is guided by its Strategic Plan.

“Our Strategic Plan, FAPS 2021, continues to guide us as we strive to educate the whole child,” Hartley said. “FAPS 2021 was created by bringing the school community together to pinpoint and prioritize our work so we may experience growth in the areas of Support and Development, Community, and Stability. Educating the whole child means putting resources in place to help each child succeed in both their academics and their social emotional learning.”

The district’s work in the area of “Support and Development” while implementing its multi-tiered system of support allows them to individualize learning for each student and set a standard of care across the school district. “The full implementation of the ‘Positivity Project,’ thanks to the support we received from the Fenton Education Foundation, provides our students with the mindset and skill set needed to be resilient and collaborative,” Hartley said. “With over 3,400 students, finding each learner’s strengths and areas of improvement is a goal that must be shared by both staff and families.”

The area of “Community” points to us being a resource for our families, Hartley said. “We are excited about the Parent Universities we have held, and will hold, to help families become more knowledgeable on topics such as student safety and effective use of instructional technology. We are also proud of our community partnerships with local businesses, the city of Fenton and local universities.”

A strategic plan is only as strong as the people and resources that are available to achieve the goals, Hartley said. “Stability” is important as both the financial and political landscape of the state of Michigan and the nation is ever changing. Public school funding is a moving target. “Being in a position to attract and retain both students and staff is imperative for FAPS now and in the future,” Hartley said. “A strong community leads to a strong school system and an innovative school system leads to an innovative community.”

“On behalf of the Board of Education and all of us within the Fenton Area Public Schools community, Happy New Year and thank you for your continued support,” Hartley said.
Moving forward, LCS remains focused on creating a successful environment for every student.

In 2018, LCS developed a strategic plan that helps guide the district in the current years, but also looks to guide the district into the next generation. LCS has five goal areas that we remain committed to.

- **Goal Area #1: Student achievement and engagement.** We want to continue building dedicated learning environments that allow students and staff to engage in diverse learning that promotes the whole child and 21st century skills.
- **Goal Area #2: Facility improvements (infrastructure).** This goal keeps the focus on creating and maintaining educational facilities that provide a safe, state-of-the-art learning environment.
- **Goal Area #3: Educational and instructional technology.** Linden is committed to the advancement of technology that will enhance opportunities for students to compete in the 21st century global marketplace.
- **Goal Area #4: Sustainability.** Operate in a fiscally responsible manner that allows LCS to provide advancements to programs, systems, facilities and personnel.
- **Goal Area #5: Communication.** Communicate the value of services LCS provides to all stakeholders within the district to effectively maintain an accomplished learning institution.

LCS will remain committed to the students, staff, and community of the Linden school district. We will continue to provide a successful environment that is a benefit to all of our stakeholders, and we are thankful for the support of our community.
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the most. We will also continue with our park and recreation improvements, old hall improvements and the Rose Heritage Committee will plan educational and family friendly events.

I would like to make frequent power outages a thing of the past by continuing to work with DTE, ensuring that they make infrastructure improvements for the residents of Rose Township.

Paving of our primary roads that qualify for federal aid will be presented to the Township Board for its consideration when I create the budget starting in fiscal year 2020 and for several years to follow.

In order to have the necessary funds available for the federal match for paving projects, budget preparations will have to be done years in advance for Rose Township to be able to participate in any of these projects due to the high costs.

**Holly Township**

By George Kullis, Holly Township supervisor

Holly Township is on the verge of exploding. New homes are being built in three different subdivisions as well as private properties. Holly Hills is expanding from just under 300 homes to more than 600 homes.

Shannon Precision Fastener with their 1-million-square-foot industrial development along with the grand opening of the DNR’s ORV park will prove to be the catalyst to the development of the Dixie Corridor.

We are currently working on a project with Groveland Township to bring sewers to this corridor from Genesee County south to Grange Hall Road.

Great Lakes National Cemetery will begin a $35-million expansion along with the $3.75-million road project to rebuild North Holly Road to take place in the summer of 2020.

We will be revisiting the township’s master plan and approving the master plan for the development of the Hawley farmstead project as well.

Over the next 10 years, we will be looking at our infrastructure, such as paving some of our dirt roads, which will be carrying more traffic as the township grows. Quick Road will be at the forefront of that list. The Kurtz Road bridge will need to be replaced as well.

With the Shiawassee River on the brink of gaining national status, we will be looking at having access to the river off Fish Lake Road along with working on bike and walkways in the township.

Our cemetery needs a new fence and landscaping. Adding a columbarium to the cemetery is also possible, because the percentage of cremation burials is reaching 50 percent. This is not available in Holly Township other than at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

These are exciting times to live and play. and be a part of Holly Township.

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Probably in the next five to 10 years new development in the downtown area will include more housing. The national trend of more people wanting to live in a walkable downtown will continue and downtown Fenton will continue to become a place where people want to shop and live.

Downtown Fenton will continue to offer events and opportunities for dining and shopping. The Fenton Community and Cultural Center will offer more opportunities for experiencing arts and culture. The downtown area may have a performing arts center. The business district on N. Leroy Street the Silver Parkway community will continue to be redeveloped. Several of the shopping centers on Silver Parkway are being updated with new facades and stores. This trend will continue. They will continue to add features that offer an experience for the shopper.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) will advance at a rapid pace. Self-driving cars will become common in five to 10 years; this will make pedestrian traffic safer. A significant number of people will no longer own a car; they will own a subscription to a car or they will use a self-driving car service. This will be especially beneficial to younger people who cannot drive and to others who no longer can or want to drive.

I think homes will change as well. They will become more energy efficient and solar panels along with roof top wind turbines (not windmills) will provide energy for homes. Home energy use will decline. We already have more energy efficient appliances and lighting, this trend will continue.

In the next five to 10 years the city of Fenton will continue to be a community where people want to live and where visitors want to stop by and enjoy the many amenities that are offered.
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The regular meeting of the Groveland Township Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Groveland Township Hall, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the following:

BZA 2020-001, Anthony Amico 5300 Groveland Rd. 02-04-300-040. Variance request 38.299(8) land division/combination exceeds 4 to 1

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BZA 2020-002, Walter Dilber 02-20-176-027 and -028 requests variance from 54-506 Schedule of Regulations. Road frontage less than 165 ft.

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Obituaries

Dorothy A. Bregé  

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Betty Burdt  
Betty Burdt - age 90, formerly of Swartz Creek/Lennon, passed away on Wednesday, December 25, 2019. Visitation will be from 2 - 8 PM Sunday, December 29 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Private burial will be in Flint Memorial Park Cemetery. Betty was born on August 26, 1929 to Jacob L. and Louise (Weinman) Ward. She was salutatorian of the Mt. Morris Class of 1947. In 1953 she married Wayne Burdt. He preceded her in death in 2005. She was a charter member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Swartz Creek. Betty was retired from the Genesee County Road Commission. She enjoyed camping, sewing, crocheting and knitting. Surviving are her daughter, Linda (Mark) Smith and grandchildren, Kurt and Denise Smith, all of Holly. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Holly Historical Society, 306 S. Saginaw St., Holly, MI 48442. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Jean Case  

Jimmie Miller  

Mary E. Boan  
Mary E. Boan - age 88, of Linden passed away after a period of declining health surrounded by family on December 23, 2019. Mary was born on May 11, 1931 in Haverhill, MA, the younger daughter of Edward and Linda (Lundholm) Skelley. She was married to the love of her life, Richard H. Boan, from July 15, 1951 until the time of his passing on February 16, 1998. Mary worked at Hartland schools for many years before moving to southern California where she worked in purchasing at PCM Corporation in Laguna Woods. After retirement, Mary and Richard explored the country doing what they loved best, camping and fishing, eventually settling back in Michigan. Mary was a devout Catholic and a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton. She volunteered at Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc and the Loose Senior Center in Linden. Mary is remembered for her great sense of humor and could make anyone smile with her quick wit, even on their darkest day. She was an avid reader, loved her flowers, and was a dear friend to many. But above all else, she was fiercely devoted to her family. Mary is survived by her six children, Michael (Patricia) of White Lake; Timothy of Fenton; Mary (Damon) Murray of Dana Point, CA; Patricia Ann (Nancy) of Ann Arbor; Susan (John) Patch of Grand Blanc; and Linda (Mark) Giangrande of Huntington Beach, CA. She also leaves 15 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Richard; son, Richard; sister, Lillian Martin (Auntie); brother-in-law, William Martin; grandson, Nicholas; and great-grandson, Colton Miller. A memorial service will be held at 1 PM Saturday, January 4, 2020 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton with Father David Harvey officiating. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 11 AM - 1 PM. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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David Charles Forbush  
David Charles Forbush - age 90, of Holly, went to be with our Lord on Wednesday, December 25, 2019. David was employed by General Motors for more than 40 years, where his talents as a machine repairman were so finely honed that he bragged he could “pert near make those machines talk!” He was a 65-year member of Holly Calvary Methodist Church where he enjoyed singing in the choir and serving in many other capacities. David had a great sense of humor and loved nothing more than to laugh, share conversation, and welcome family and friends into his beloved lakeside home. Enter his home and you might find him watching birds from his sunroom, baking his famous peanut butter cup cookies, or repairing just about anything and everything that he could find. In his younger years, he enjoyed camping in his motorhome, motorcycle riding, watersports, and traveling with the love of his life, Gloryann. David was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He is preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Gloryann, as well as five brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his three children, Sandra (Jeff) Smith, Mike (Heike-deceased) Forbush, and Sheri (Matt) Schroeder, nine grandchildren, Dustin (Ashleigh) Smith, Ryan Smith, Adam (Kristine) Forbush, Alyssa (Nick) McDonald, Brooke Forbush, Brent Forbush, Kirsten (Jeff) Phillips, Tyler (Vanessa) Schroeder, and Jessica Schroeder, and six great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews as well as his close companion, Ramona Green. Visitation will take place from 2 - 9 PM on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at Dryer Funeral Home in Holly. Visitation again at 10 - 11 AM on Friday, January 3, 2020 at the Holly Calvary Methodist Church. The funeral will commence at 11 AM at the church, followed by a graveside service and a luncheon at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are gratefully accepted by the Calvary United Methodist Church of Holly. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

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Richard A. Eaton
1945-2019
Richard A. Eaton - age 74, of Linden, formerly of New London, OH passed away at home, Saturday, December 21, 2019. A memorial service will be held 12 PM Saturday, December 28, 2019 at Linden Presbyterian Church, 119 W. Broad St., Linden. Pastor Dawn Russell officiating. Visititation will be 10 AM until the time of service Saturday at church. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Linden Presbyterian Church Lift Fund. Richard was born June 16, 1945 in New London, OH the son of Floyd and Hazel (Phillips) Eaton. He married Suzanne Peltier in Huron, OH October 25, 1969. Richard was a graduate of Wellington High School in Ohio. He proudly served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. Richard was employed as a process engineer in the automotive industry with Sheller - Globe and Wagnor Automotive Companies. He was an Elder at Linden Presbyterian Church. Richard enjoyed fishing, camping and bicycling with friends at the Loose Center. His greatest pleasure however came from watching his granddaughters dance and his grandsons play lacrosse and hockey. He also was a member of the Linden VFW. Surviving are wife, Sue; sons, Rich (Amy) Eaton, and Rodney (Chelsea) Eaton; grandchildren, Jacob, Logan, Liberty, and Georgia; siblings, Ronald (Peg) Eaton, Lewie (Alice) Eaton, David (Cindy) Eaton, Phylis Eaton; sister-in-law, Louise Peltier; many nieces and nephews. Richard was preceded in death by his parents. Online tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Laura Smith

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Margaret Fick

Terry Ostrander
Terry Ostrander - age 64, died December 17, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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**Midweek Crossword**

**ACROSS**
1. Temperate
2. Owns
3. Lovers’ quarrel
4. Sandwich treat
5. Final (Abbr.)
6. Small combo
7. “Desperate Housewives” actress Eva
8. Cincinnati team
9. Ingratiate
10. Warehouse pile
11. Pigpen
12. Deck for a 10-count
13. Wife of Saturn
14. Embrace
15. Become one
16. Addict
17. Shell game item
18. “My Heart Will Go On” singer
19. Ringworm
20. Egypt’s boy king
21. Toss in
22. Transmit
23. Afternoon party
24. “Jane Eyre” author
25. Do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti, do
26. Mongolian magistrates
27. Tent
28. “Get a move on!”
29. Deity
30. Conclude
31. Foreman foe
32. Space flight conclusion
33. Wandered off
34. Job for a Transvaal city medical examiner
35. “My Heart Will Go On” singer
36. Villain’s look
37. Fix, in a way
38. Crafty
39. Young woman
40. Double agent
41. Press
42. Give for a time
43. Venetian
44. No longer
45. Ornega predecessor
46. Derriere
47. No longer
48. Victory
49. Competes
50. Corn spikes
51. Web address

**DOWN**
1. Double agent
2. Press
3. Give for a time
4. Venetian
5. No longer
6. Ornega predecessor
7. Victory
8. Competes
9. Corn spikes
10. Web address

**Word Search**

**Puzzle Answers**

**Weekend Scramble Answers**

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**Weekend Sudoku Answers**

**Midweek Jumble Answers**

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**Midweek Crossword Answers**

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