

# Sinking fund proposal on Aug. 4 ballot

■ Voters in Lake Fenton Community Schools to decide three-year, 1-mill bond

By Sharon Stone

Lake Fenton Community Schools will be asking voters within the school district to vote

on a sinking fund millage proposal Tuesday, Aug. 4.

Local clerks are advising residents to request an absentee voter ballot this year due to coronavirus concerns.

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the build-

ing and site sinking fund millage that expired with the 2019 tax levy.

Superintendent Julie Williams said, "Sinking fund dollars provide the school district with funding necessary to properly maintain and improve our school facilities and grounds. It also helps limit

our use of general fund dollars for these types of expenses and this allows Lake Fenton Community Schools to continue to offer quality educational programming and maintain smaller class sizes in our K-5 classrooms."

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**TIPS TO KEEP YOUR HOME COOL AND KEEP YOUR FAMILY COMFORTABLE**

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## Fenton artist creates portraits of foster children

■ Focuses on older children; artwork can be viewed at her website

By Hannah Ball

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected many professions, including art. One local artist has found a way to stay busy while helping those in need.

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“Older youth in foster care are less likely to be adopted, so I chose to focus on creating portraits for them.”

**Kim Bonner**  
Fenton artist

## Canceled Memorial Day event gets a 'do-over' on July 4



Members of Holly American Legion Post 149 and Holly VFW Post 5587 march down Maple Street on Saturday, July 4, along with several other parade participants. The event normally held on Memorial Day was canceled due to COVID-19. See story on page 11. Photo by Tim Jagiello



■ Heed the warnings of veterinarians and keep your pets off hot pavement, out of parked cars

By Sharon Stone

Have you ever walked down your asphalt-paved driveway to your mailbox or walked down your dock barefoot on a really hot day? It hurts.

This week, with temperatures in the 90s, every pet owner needs to keep in mind that their pet's paws and foot pads are delicate to that hot and dangerous surface.

A dog's tolerance to heat and cold varies based on their size, body composition, hair coat, health and other factors,

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“To the Hot-liner who doesn't want to go to the farmers market because dogs are banned.

Do you not realize that many people are allergic to cats and dogs? And many find it just plain intrusive. I'm sorry but you don't need to take your fur babies everywhere.”



“What are you doing to make things better? Please

use whatever talents you have or skills you do best to help someone else today.”

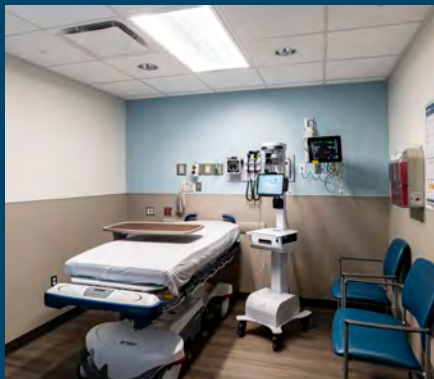
“I'm a poll worker. I am also 76 with underlying health conditions. Please strongly consider voting by mail this year. We take enormous care with your ballots and it will help keep both of us healthy.”





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# Win a 'Wonder Woman 1984' prop replica

■ Red Cross joins forces with new movie throughout July to save the day for patients in need

By Sharon Stone

Throughout July, the American Red Cross and "Wonder Woman 1984" are joining forces to save the day for patients in need of lifesaving blood transfusions.

The Red Cross has an urgent need for blood donors this summer, as the COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented supply challenges amid this uncertain environment. Additionally, despite states lifting stay-at-home orders and reopening, many blood drives at businesses and community organizations continue to be canceled as these locations remain closed or restrict the number of individuals at any location.

As part of the partnership, the Red Cross is organizing an epic prop replica giveaway from the new Warner Bros. Pictures film, "Wonder Woman 1984," to be released nationwide Oct. 2, to thank those who roll up a sleeve and help patients battling illness and injury.

Those who present to donate July



Donate blood up to five times in July to the Red Cross and be entered to win a replica prop from the new movie, "Wonder Woman 1984," which opens Oct. 2.

Photo: HollywoodReporter.com

1-31 will automatically be entered for a chance to win an authentic Wonder Woman 1984 movie prop replica package, which includes the Golden Lasso and a pair of gauntlets, identical to Wonder Woman's from the film. Limit five entries per presenting blood donor.

Now is the time to help patients fight back. If you are feeling well, please make an appointment to give by using the Blood Donor app, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

"In times of crisis, new superheroes often emerge, and new alliances are forged," said Paul Sullivan, senior vice president of the American Red Cross Biomedical Services. "The Red Cross is thrilled to partner with Wonder Woman 1984 to encourage and thank fans and blood donors alike for being superheroes for patients in need by giving blood in July. Blood donors have a unique superpower—lifesaving blood. Blood cannot be manufactured, and donors are the only source for patients in need."

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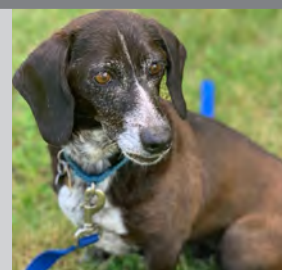
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# Sharin' the spotlight It's a scorcher out there

By Editor Sharon Stone

**M**y birthday week came to a close Sunday. The weather was hot, just like I like it, and I was able to spend much of my weekend on the lake with my family and some close friends. My husband and I even found a sandy spot on Tupper Lake to beach our pontoon so that our dog could spend some time in the water with us. By the time we got home and ate dinner, I was absolutely exhausted. The sun and heat had kicked our butts. The ironic part is that I chose to spend all that time in the sun, partly because as a lifelong resident of Michigan, I've come to appreciate a beautiful day.

When I thought about my exhaustion, I started thinking about all of the people I see working outside for a paycheck. Looking at this week's

weather forecast, it's going to be hot all week long.

I know I am spoiled. Whether I am working from home or venture to the office, I've comfortable with my air conditioning.

Not everyone is so lucky. My thoughts immediately go to our firefighters who must wear several pounds of gear if they have to respond to a structure fire or car crash. I also think about our police officers who respond to any 911 call to keep us safe.

The list of workers I feel compassion for this week also include the employees who have to round up

shopping carts left in store parking lots. Once they push them all back into the store, they then have to sanitize them to keep future shoppers safe from the coronavirus. That cycle will continue all day long.

I know I have to mow our lawn this week. It's a chore my husband and I share to get it done quickly.



Sharon Stone

Landscapers and lawn care businesses will surely be hydrating on lots of cold water to beat the heat this week. I remember years ago a landscaper who collapsed from heat exhaustion while working at a neighbor's home. He was fine but I still ran over and offered him a big glass of water.

To all of our farmers who are working overtime to keep their crops growing for us, DWP workers, roofers, construction crews, golf course beverage cart workers, postal carriers, lifeguards, sheriff's office marine patrol officers, campground workers, delivery people and reporters who respond to cover breaking news, I feel for you.

I know I've missed some types of workers, and I apologize.

Being hot can make one grumpy and add to that a pandemic and facemasks, the level of grumpiness is sure to skyrocket this week.

To all of our friends and neighbors who must work outdoors this week, I'm going to try extra hard to be extra kind. If you see someone struggling this week, offer a bottle or glass of refreshing water.

## Hotlines

Submit Hot lines online at [myfenton.com](http://myfenton.com)  
or text to 507-777-5295

All submissions, if approved for publication, must be 50 words or less and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Tri-County Times. We reserve the right to edit for clarity, length and liability.

**TO THE HOT-LINER** looking for an organization that will take their beverage cans. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1025 Main St., Fenton is. Just drop them bagged up by the entrance door by the parking lot. They are being collected for our youth and Sunday School programs. Thank you, in advance.

**REDUCING THE SPEED** limit on Owen Road is fine but the greater dangers are at the intersections of Owen and Linden roads and at Lobdell and Linden roads. We need lights at these intersections.

**NEW RESIDENT TO Fenton.** We love the town, but dismayed by the streets. Many have more patches than street.

**HOT ASPHALT WILL** burn your dogs' feet. If it's too hot on your bare feet, it's too hot for your dogs' feet. Keep them off the asphalt in these hot temperatures.

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter — Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers

## Are you having trouble finding everything you need at grocery stores? | streettalk



"I have better luck finding stuff at Kroger in Hartland. Whenever I do a pick up an order, they are updating site and one day they didn't have the simplest things. I went in store and got all of them right after. I think Kroger did a great job stocking. I'll stick to that."

**Carrie Lyn Bard**  
Fenton



"Alpine in Linden has everything I need."

**Miriam Dauer**  
Byron



"Ice is often hard to find around Fenton. There's days where every store is out. I bet it'll be hard to find again this week with the heat."

**Michael Edward**  
Fenton



"A week ago, pop was on sale so I bought all the Coke I needed. I had to buy five to get a deal, but it's not that bad yet. I did have to order toilet paper online but never got it, so I had to get my money back through PayPal."

**Brian Wilcox**  
Swartz Creek



# IT'S A HOT ONE

## ■ Tips to keep your home cool and keep your family comfortable

By Sally Rummel

Air conditioning is one of those “must-haves” during a hot, humid Michigan summer so you can beat the summer heat.

Mid-Michigan is experiencing a several-day stretch of days with temperatures reaching well into the 90s. According to the Weather Channel, Thursday should top out at 97 degrees and Friday will be in the high 80s. After a couple days of mid-80s, next week will again be in the 90s, with not much rain in the forecast.

Take a tip or two from local experts who know the most efficient way to operate your A/C unit.

*Editor Sharon Stone contributed to this story.*

### How often should I change my A/C's air filter?

“The first thing you should do this season is put in a new air filter. Then change your air filter every three to four months, especially if you have pets. Get a high quality filter rated for allergens if you are very concerned about air quality in your home.”

*Wayne Macklin  
Macklin Heating & Cooling owner*



### How do I know if my A/C unit is doing the job it needs to do, or if it needs to be replaced?

“Depending on how much it’s used and how well it has been maintained, your A/C unit can last about 20 years. We use a furnace in Michigan a lot more than we use our A/C. If you notice it takes a long time to get it down to temperature, you may need it serviced or replaced. Don’t be afraid to let your A/C run a long time, because it’s adding moisture to your air — it’s basically a big de-humidifier. Simply pick a temperature and keep it there. Today’s units are energy-efficient and less expensive to run.”

*Dave Lamb  
Dave Lamb Heating & Cooling owner*

### What temperature should my A/C unit be set at to work at peak efficiency?

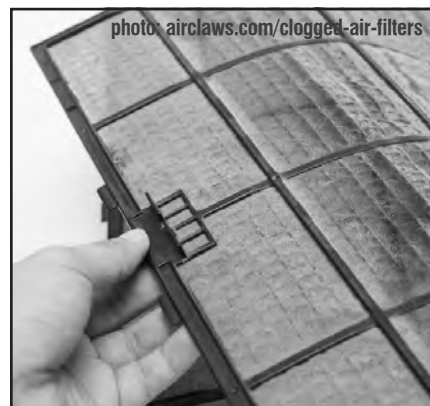
“Keep your temperature steady day and night to run your unit most efficiently. That way, the system won’t have to overwork trying to catch up to the lower desired temperature when you get home. About 74 degrees is a good place to start. It’s cool enough, because we’ve pulled the moisture out of the air. Anything more than a 15-degree drop from what the temperature is outside can be kind of a shock to a person’s system.”

*Dan Lamb  
D&T Heating & Cooling owner*

### What's the most important thing people should know about their A/C unit?

“Most importantly, have a maintenance check or DIY prior to the demand of the season. Maintenance will save you money over the long haul. Your HVAC system is in the top four purchases you make during your lifetime — from your home and car to your roof. If you maintain all those, they’ll last a long time.”

*Mike Anson  
Goyette Mechanical Co. service manager*



## Ways to keep your home cool if you don't have AC

### • Close the blinds

Windows can let in about 25 percent of summer heat. Block the heat with shades or blinds during the sunniest hours to keep your home cool sans air conditioning.

### • Set your ceiling fans to rotate counter-clockwise

A ceiling fan isn't a set-it-and-forget-it appliance. In the summer, the fan blades should rotate counter-

clockwise (as you look up at it) to push the air straight down. Increase the fan speed on really hot days.

### • Strip in the cool

Weather stripping keeps cool air from escaping through doors and windows. Weather stripping is very inexpensive and doesn't take much time to install; you can strip the area around a door in less than half an hour.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PAVING PROJECT FOR PONEMAH 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, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

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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 \$1,045,000, 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 during regular business hours from the date of this Notice through the date of the public hearing and may also be examined online at [www.fentontownship.org](http://www.fentontownship.org).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such petitions, plans, district and estimate of costs will be held by telephone conference call (Phone Number: (844) 855-4444, Access code: 323110#), commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday July 13, 2020.

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 attend the hearing by telephone and to submit any comments they may have. Comments may also be submitted by mail or by email at [info@fentontownship.org](mailto:info@fentontownship.org).

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Ask the

**judge****Probation — Part I**

The term probation comes to us from the Latin verb “probare,” which means to prove or to test.

It has several definitions and for court proceedings means a criminal sentence imposed by a judge on a convicted felon or misdemeanor which provides for a term of supervision as an alternative to jail or prison.

Its origins can be traced back to English criminal law in the Middle Ages when harsh penalties were imposed on both adults and children for crimes which weren’t necessarily serious.

For example “poaching,” which was hunting on royal lands, was a death penalty offense.

The will of the English people changed the justice system to allow

for less severe punishments and the initiation of the practice of “binding over for good behavior,” a form of temporary release, which allowed defendants to prove over time that they deserved a lesser sentence.

In the United States, the concept of probation was first introduced in the Boston, Massachusetts Police Court by a man named John Augustus who is considered to be the “Father of Probation.” He believed in abstinence and that alcohol abusers could be rehabilitated. In 1841, he bailed out a “common drunkard” to prove the point.

When the defendant appeared back in court for his sentencing, his appearance had drastically changed for the better in both appearance and demeanor as a result of Mr. Augustus’ counseling efforts.

After that, Mr. Augustus began an 18-year career as a volunteer probation officer for some 1,946 people charged with various

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according to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

Brachycephalic (short-nosed) and overweight dogs seem to have a tougher time in hot weather and may require more frequent rests, shorter walks, or a change in walk schedule to avoid the hottest hours of the day.

In general, veterinarians say that if you’re warm, the dog is likely much warmer. If your dog seems unexpectedly anxious or weak, seems less responsive to commands than usual, pants harder, drools more, or has a change of gum color, the pet may be suffering from heat stress, which could quickly progress (with or without other signs such as staggering, seizures, vomiting, or diarrhea) to heat exhaustion, heat stroke, and even death without immediate veterinary care.

Hot sidewalks, roads, and other surfaces can burn a dog’s footpads, and walking in the grass may be the best option on really hot days.

Chris Repke, doctor of veterinary medicine and owner of Point Animal Hospital in Fenton, said pavement, especially black asphalt, is really hot on the pads in 90-degree weather. His best advice is to limit your pet’s exposure and to keep them on grass as much as possible.

He said for some dogs with sensitive pads and little hair, walking

around the block on hot days could be too much. He said the first sign that your dog is in distress because of burned footpads is that they lick their paws excessively. There could be swelling and irritation.

If some of the skin has sluffed off, the skin barrier is gone, which could lead to infection. If this happens, consult your veterinarian because your pet might need antibiotics, an anti-inflammatory and pain medicine. Topical medicine and bandages also might be needed.

If you suspect your pet’s paws are burned from the pavement, Repke advises you to cool your pet down, either by getting them in the lake, bathtub, hosing their feet down with the garden hose or even putting their paws in a bowl of water.

**DON’T LEAVE YOUR PET IN A PARKED VEHICLE**

Pet owners also are reminded of how hot our vehicles become when they are parked in the hot sun. According to livescience.com, within one hour, the temperature inside of a car parked in the sun on a day that reached 95 degrees Fahrenheit or hotter, hit an average of 116 degrees.

Cars parked in the shade on a hot day had lower — but still scorching — temperatures. After one hour, the interior temperature of these cars reached an average of 100 degrees F.

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## RED CROSS

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### Be a superhero

Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood — kids battling cancer, accident victims being raced into emergency rooms, and new moms with complicated childbirths. However, superheroes are in short supply as only three out of 100 Americans donate blood.

While tens of thousands of donors gave blood in response to an initial blood shortage caused by this coronavirus outbreak, it's important to remember that red blood cells must be transfused within 42 days of donation, and platelets within just five days, so they must constantly be replenished.

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crimes. Reportedly, only 10 of these defendants failed to comply with his and the court's conditions.

Because of his work, in 1859 Massachusetts became the first state to enact a probation statute. This led to a national movement and now every state and the federal system have probation laws.

Michigan has had a statute since 1913.

The statute allows probation for misdemeanors and felonies with the exception of murder, armed robbery and some other serious offenses.

For felony cases, the Michigan Department of Corrections is the supervisor and the probation term can be for up to five years. For misdemeanor cases, the district court's probation department assumes that role with a term of up to two years.

Next week — Part II — Types of Probation.

## Upcoming blood donation opportunities

### Fowlerville – July 13

12 - 5:45 p.m.  
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855 E. Grand River Avenue

### Brighton – July 14

12 - 5:45 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church,  
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### American Red Cross of East Central Bay-Michigan

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### Blood Donation during COVID-19

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arrival and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Donors can save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by completing a RapidPass. With RapidPass, donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. To complete a RapidPass, follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or use the [Red Cross Blood Donor App](#).

In most states, individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

AS OF MONDAY, July 6, 1,325,066 people have recovered from COVID-19 in America. Don't you think the media should take some time to report that encouraging number?

THE FIREWORKS OVER Lake Ponemah on July 3 and the fireworks over Lake Fenton on July 4 were amazing. The moment of silence in memory of Lexi Simon on Lake Fenton gave us all chills.

## Synopsis of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting June 29, 2020

Call to order @ 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Saad.

Present: Saad, Conner, Schmidt, Hallman, and Graves.

Postponed: Seymour Rd. Drain Hearing.

Conducted: 2020/2021 FY Budget Hearing.

Adopted: 2020/2021 FY Budget

Approved: Minutes of the May 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

Approved: Minutes of the June 2, 2020 Budget Workshop.

Approved: Payment of bills.

Issued: 25 Building and Zoning Permits.

Approved: Purchase of 12 boxes of Narcan Nasal Spray.

Approved: 2020/2021 Board Meeting Schedule.

Adopted: Remote Participation Policy for Board Members.

Adopted: Resolution 2020-3 to Designate GCBG Authorized Signers.

Approved: MEI Elevator Repair Agreement.

Adopted: 2020/2021 Special Assessment Budgets.

Approved: GCRC Transfer of Construction Allocation to Flushing Township.

Re-Appointed: Greg Smith to the Planning Commission.

Re-Appointed: Kim Schaaf to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Approved: Bonus payments to Office Personnel.

Designated: Schmidt and Conner to handle technology upgrade for remote meetings.

Adjourned @ 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Graves  
Argentine Township Clerk



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## Unlock Michigan's petitions approved by state

■ Group attempting to curtail governor's authority, require vote of legislature every 28 days to extend 'state of emergency'

By Sharon Stone

Unlock Michigan, a coalition of concerned Michiganders who believe that Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's lockdown of life and businesses across the state is a dangerous threat to livelihoods and constitutional liberties, received final approval of its petition forms from state regulators this week.

The group's mission is to repeal the Emergency Powers of Governor Act of 1945. They claim Gov. Whitmer has misused this law to assume sweeping, permanent powers the legislature never intended a governor to have, in violation of the Separation of Powers doctrine.

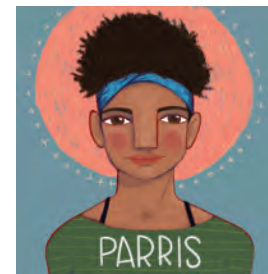
The governor would still have certain powers under the 1976 Emergency Management Act, but that law requires approval from the legislature every 28 days to extend a "state of emergency."

Through their social media sites, Unlock Michigan says no governor should have the power to endlessly rule by decree.

"Our proposal puts before the Legislature a simple up or down vote over the antiquated 1945 law that Governor Whitmer has used to escape accountability — and even escape that messy thing called representative government," as posted on their social media.

Petition forms are being printed this week and will be mailed soon.

For more information, go to [UnlockMichigan.com](http://UnlockMichigan.com).



Fenton artist Kim Bonner has created more than a dozen portraits of children in the Michigan foster care system. She hopes to raise awareness for adoption and help these children find permanent homes. **Submitted photo**

## ARTWORK

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Kim Bonner, a Fenton artist, is creating portraits of children in foster care in the hopes to help them be adopted. She started making them in March.

"When everything shut down due to COVID-19, I wanted to stay busy with some creative work since all of my spring shows and events had been canceled. I'm always looking for ways to use art to help people, and this project felt like a good fit. Older youth in foster care are less likely to be adopted, so I chose to focus on creating portraits for them," she said.

People are often hesitant to adopt an older child, Bonner said, but they shouldn't be. She used to teach middle and high school art, and some of her students were in the foster care system.

"They were awesome kids who wanted to be loved and accepted just like every teenager does," she said. "The main goal of this series is to give people an opportunity to learn more about adopting from the foster care system and hopefully lead to forever families for these amazing teens."

Bonner uses profiles of children involved with the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) for the project. It's a state-wide resource for people interested in adopting children from the foster care system. On her website, [kimbonner.com](http://kimbonner.com), she

links the portraits to the children's profiles on [mare.org](http://mare.org). The profiles include photos, a brief bio, and a video interview that helps her get a feel for who each child is.

Go to [kimbonner.com/foster-youth-portraits](http://kimbonner.com/foster-youth-portraits) to see the portraits.

It takes Bonner about three to six hours to create one piece, depending on what style she uses. Most of the illustrations are pen and ink drawings that she scans and then adds color to in Photoshop. She's also been experimenting with completely digital illustrations.

"I use digital brushes that mimic all types of media including oils, watercolor, and pastels. Sometimes I'll do multiple versions of a portrait before I settle on one that feels right. This project has definitely been a learning experience for me, so I might end up going back and redoing some of the earlier illustrations in the series now that I'm getting more comfortable with the process," she said.

This isn't the only project she's doing to help foster kids. In 2017, she created a coloring workbook for teen girls called Courageous Coloring.

"For each copy I sell, I give another one to a girl in foster care. In June of this year, I launched a new version of Courageous Coloring with all-new illustrations. Now that the new workbook is printed, I've returned to working on more portraits and plan to continue posting them throughout the rest of 2020," she said.

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- **Bake and wash at night**

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- **Consider a dehumidifier**

Moist heat is much more uncomfortable for people and pets than dry heat. Dehumidifiers suck the moisture out of balmy summer air in your home, making it much more comfortable, even at higher temperatures. Ideally, keep indoor humidity under 60 per cent. Use the water gathered by the humidifier to water your plants.

- **Shut doors to unused rooms**

If you absolutely must use your air conditioner, confine the coolness to where it's most needed—rooms that you spend most of your day in or bedrooms at night. Shut doors to areas that do not need to be cooled.

- **Hack a fan**

With a bowl of ice and a fan, you can create a faux ocean breeze. Simply fill a mixing bowl with ice or an ice pack, and put the bowl in front of a fan. Turn the fan on, and the air will mimic a chilly, misty breeze.

- **Try insulated window films**

Window films offer a ton of benefits, from cutting energy costs to providing you privacy while still enjoying the view and light of the great outdoors. They can provide up to 98 per cent infrared heat reduction compared to unprotected windows, and reduce temperature imbalances in your home.

- **Purchase a chill pillow**

You've switched out your flannel sheets for a lightweight set, and there's another way to cool down at bedtime. Consider purchasing a special pillow that contains cooling gel that disperses your body heat.

- **Hack your windows**

Open the top section of your windows on the downwind side of your house and the bottom section on the upwind side. This will create a cooling pressure current. You can make things even cooler by facing a box fan out the window.

- **Open windows at night**

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evenings and open your windows at night to promote a cross-breeze that will help you and your family sleep better. The cooler air will circulate all night, allowing you to start fresh with a cool home in the morning.

- **Get rid of incandescent lights**

Incandescent bulbs waste an estimated 90 percent of their energy in the heat they emit. Switching to compact fluorescent lamps can cool your home while also lowering your energy bill.

*Source: Readers Digest*

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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**VIRTUE SHAMING ISN'T** going to work. If I'm not wearing a mask, I'm obviously not concerned about your opinion. I never wore a mask during flu season either. Keep your distance.

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**FAKE NEWS: SOUTH** Korea did not contain COVID-19 by wearing masks and social distancing. Extensive testing and warrantless use of citizens' phone location information were used to conduct extreme contact tracing and enforce quarantine.

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**HOT LINE** CONTINUED

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**YOUR WIFE'S FRIEND** did not get seven absentee ballots in the mail, but the friend may have gotten seven absentee applications. And, the state does not mail ballots, ever. Understand the process.

**HAVE YOU EVEN** looked at what you've received in the mail? It is not an absentee ballot. It is an application for a ballot.

**TO ALL OF** those who told stories about multiple absentee ballots. Can you tell us which side they will be voting for so that the other side can be outraged?

**OPEN THE SCHOOLS** this fall. Do not fail our children.

**STAND UP MICHIGAN.** It's time to start signing the petition to pull in the power of any governor in Michigan, including the one we have right now.

**IF YOU MISSED** either the president's, or the Democratic nominee's Fourth of July addresses, I highly encourage you to Google both. See who you think is proud to be an American and who seems to think we are an evil society.

**MY HEART BREAKS** for Horace Anderson Sr., the man whose 19-year-old son was shot to death in Chop, that area blocked off by misguided protesters. That teen's death was preventable.

**LOVED THE FIRST** Lady's dress on the Fourth of July. I was curious about the design and checked Snopes to see what the meaning behind it was. Turns out art students drew the sketches and then a team hand-stitched the designs into the fabric.

**IF YOU DON'T** believe this whole thing is about controlling the masses, you are not thinking. Don't drink the Kool-Aid.

**HEY, THANKS FOR** being honest and acknowledging South Korea contained COVID-19 without a draconian lock down. Wish we had been that smart.

## Munger Road between Fish Lake and Buckhorn Lake roads to close for pipeline replacement

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) has approved a permit allowing Consumers Energy to close Munger Road between Fish Lake and Buckhorn Lake roads in Rose Township for a pipeline replacement from Tuesday, July 14, through Friday, July 17. During the closure, traffic heading to and from

homes and businesses within the closure will be allowed access. The detour for through traffic is Fish Lake Road to Clyde Road to Buckhorn Lake Road, back to Munger Road and vice versa. The work is being done by Snelson Companies, Inc. This section of Munger Road carries approximately 220 vehicles per day.

## SINKING FUND

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## BALLOT LANGUAGE

### Lake Fenton Community Schools Sinking Fund Millage Proposal

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Lake Fenton Community Schools, Genesee County, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 3 years, 2020 to 2022, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the purchase of real estate for sites for, and the construction or repair of, school buildings, for school security improvements, for the acquisition or upgrading of technology and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2020 is approximately \$612,630.00.

### What is a sinking fund?

A sinking fund is a millage approved by the community and levied to support the maintenance, repair and construction of school buildings. Districts can now use Sinking Fund dollars for safety and security updates and technology infrastructure and devices.

A sinking fund does not require a school district to borrow money or pay interest.

These funds are used to continue to maintain our facilities and protect the general fund when it comes to keeping our buildings up to date.

Sinking funds cannot be used for purchasing teaching supplies or textbooks, paying teacher and administrator salaries.

The law requires districts with sinking funds to keep the funds separate from other district accounts.

Sinking funds receive a separate review each year to ensure they are being spent appropriately.

### How will the passage of the sinking fund benefit students and the community?

It will protect the community's prior investments in the school district's buildings and facilities. It will continue to provide our students a safe, secure and healthy environment.

It will reduce pressure on the general fund so more of the school district's limited educational operating funds are available to support student learning (i.e. curriculum and staffing).

It will maintain our goals to provide high quality learning facilities for staff and students. This represents a major part of the district's effort to keep and attract residents.

If the renewal does not pass, building and grounds repair and maintenance costs would have to come from the general fund.

### What does a sinking fund renewal mean?

The school district's current sinking fund expired in December 2019.

Families living within the Lake Fenton Community School District will continue to be levied 1 mill each year for the next three years (2020, 2021, 2022). Example: A person owning a home worth \$200,000 (taxable value of \$100,000) will be assessed approximately \$100 a year.

The estimated \$612,000 levied through the sinking fund by the school district each year, that is earmarked for buildings and grounds, safety, and security and technology, will allow for the school district to continue using general fund dollars given by the state to invest in teaching and learning resources, curriculum and staffing.

**Additional questions answered at lakefentonschools.org**

## Now accepting new patients

■ Measures taken to provide safe environment for patients and employees

By Sharon Stone

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# Canceled Memorial Day event gets a 'do-over'

■Holly VFW and American Legion host July 4 parade and veteran memorial

By Tim Jagielo

**Holly** — Memorial Day is important to the Holly VFW and American Legion.

Their parade down Maple Street and following program at Lakeside Memorial Park both recognize student achievement by rewarding local scholarships to high school students, and memorializing the loss of local service members from World War I to the Vietnam era.

"We feel deeply about those two things," said American Legion Post 149 member Steve Striggow.

Memorial Day gatherings were canceled due to COVID-19, but American Legion and VFW Post 5587 jumped at the chance to have a "do-over" for such an important event on July 4.

This year's parade included businesses, classic farm tractors and candidates for local office. Spectators gathered along sidewalks to applaud and appreciate the participants.

Striggow said since 1946, a health crisis has never disrupted a Holly Memorial Day ceremony. The attendance this past Saturday was lighter than a typical parade. Several of the spectators wore masks, including some members of the Honor Guard.

Striggow appreciated the attendance despite the looming health crisis. "It was overwhelming," he said. "I appreciate each and every person who showed up."



Jim Golden pilots his Farmall tractor through downtown Holly as part of the parade on Saturday, July 4.



On Saturday, July 4, at Lakeside Memorial Cemetery, members of Holly American Legion Post 149 and Holly VFW Post 5587 conduct the basket ceremony, where more than 60 roses are placed to remember Holly veterans' lives lost from World War I to Vietnam. A flower is placed after each name is read aloud. The event, normally held on Memorial Day, was canceled due to COVID-19. **Photo by Tim Jagielo**

Clay Philpot of Holly attended with his wife and three children. He usually attends the Memorial Day parade. He was a little nervous about the virus threat, though he'd been working throughout the pandemic.

"It's really nice to see people out and enjoying their time," he said.

After the parade, students were recognized with local scholarships and the veterans lost to war and conflict were memorialized.



There were stars and stripes aplenty at the July 4 parade in Holly. **Photos by Tim Jagielo**

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

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# Sports Times

## Looking back: Linden's Buchanan wins third straight league title

By David Troppens

**Davisburg** — Tyler Buchanan has been the king of the cross country circuit the last two seasons, coming into the Metro League Cross Country Championship on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019 as the two-time defending title holder.

By the time the event was over, the Linden senior made it three league championships.

Buchanan beat the field by almost 30 seconds at the event held at Springfield Oaks County Park en route to this third

title. He finished the 3.1-mile race in wet, muddy and windy conditions in a time of 16:17.4. Lake Fenton's Joseph Gilbert also had a strong showing, placing second with a time of 16:46.1.

Linden finished in second at the meet, placing second overall. Lake Fenton jumped to fourth at Wednesday's meet while Holly placed fifth. The two squads finished the season tied for fourth.

In the women's event, Linden placed third at the meet and third in the final standings. Lake Fenton took ninth at the

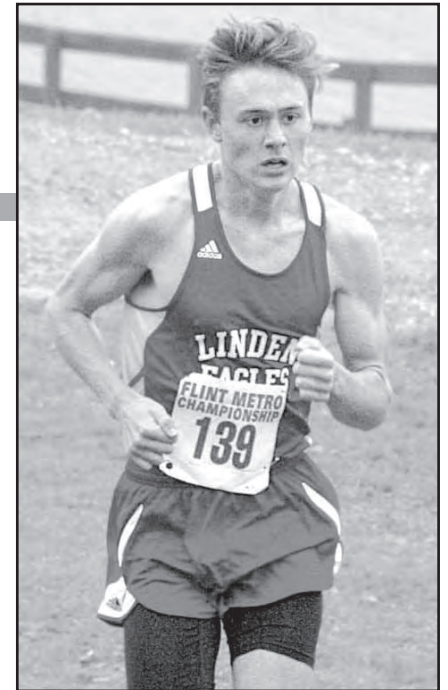
Linden's Tyler Buchanan won the boys race at the 2019 Metro League Cross Country Championship. Photo: David Troppens

meet and finished ninth overall. Holly was unable to field a complete women's team.

Buchanan ended his Metro League cross country career with nine straight Metro League jamboree or event victories. He never was seriously threatened Wednesday.

"It means a lot," Buchanan said. "For myself it shows that I'm really dedicated to the sport. I love the sport."

"There were a lot of muddy corners, and going down hills I had to slow my-



self up to make sure I wouldn't slide. It was pretty messy out there."

Linden's boys had all of its top five  
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## Holly's Tickle return to Supercross ends on a positive note

By David Troppens

In recent years, professional supercross rider and Holly resident Broc Tickle has seen his share of ups and downs.

The 2020 Monster Energy Supercross season would have to be considered a high point over the last couple of years. Tickle saw a two-year suspension uplifted on Feb 10, 2020. Now racing for the JGR/Yoshimura Suzuki race team, Tickle had a pretty successful winter/spring series during the supercross season in the 450 division.

In his first event back at Tampa Bay, Tickle placed 12th in the main, however, the next week he faced some more adversity when he broke his hand at the Arlington Supercross. He qualified for the main event, but was unable to continue.

"It has been awesome being back at the races and I'm thankful for the opportunities that have put myself back behind the gate," Tickle said on social media. "After getting my X-rays, I'm going to miss some races and be back as soon as I'm healed up."

Tickle was able to heal. When the

supercross season continued after the COVID-19 pandemic with four supercross events in 11 days at Salt Lake City, Tickle competed on his Suzuki RM-Z450 bike for each of them, with modest results. However, when the season ended June 21 with the fifth straight event at Salt Lake City (due to the

schedule change from COVID-19), the Holly resident ended the season with his best performance of the season, taking sixth in the main. During his qualifying race, Tickle led the field out of the gate, getting the holeshot. From there, he was able to easily qualify for the season's final main event. In it, he

ended up placing sixth, 19.938 seconds behind the pace.

"Today was a huge step in the right direction for me," Tickle said. "I started the day off better in practice and improved throughout practice and qualifying. In the heat, I grabbed my first holeshot in a long time. I started sixth in the main and managed to stay strong and steady. This was huge for me and the JGR squad. Thank you to everyone who has made the Salt Lake City racing possible and for the support in getting me back to where I belong."

Despite running a limited season, Tickle placed 20th in the overall standings, with 59 season points.

"I was really happy to be back at the races," Tickle said in a statement.

Tickle spent most of the 2010s as a regular on the Monster Energy Supercross scene, his life dramatically changed April 18, 2018 when the FIM announced that Tickle had failed an anti-doping test conducted at the San Diego Supercross held on Feb. 10, 2018 and was being suspended from further competition.

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Holly resident Broc Tickle (#20) races in the 2020 Tampa Supercross. Submitted photo






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Obituaries

Times

Carolyn Sue Moller

1939 – 2020

Carolyn Sue Moller - age 80, of Fenton, passed away Saturday, July 4, 2020. A private family funeral service will be held Thursday, July 9, 2020 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Public visitation will be held 4 - 8 PM Wednesday, July 6 at the funeral home. Those desiring may make contributions to the Alzheimer's Association or Arabian Horsemen's Distress Fund. Carolyn was born December 23, 1939 in Essex, MO the daughter of Carl Benjamin and Viola (Byrd) Watson. She was a 1958 graduate of Beecher High School. Carolyn married Richard W. on October 11, 1958 in Flint. They lived in Fenton since 1977 coming from Grand Blanc. She and her husband, Richard owned and operated HydeClaim Corp in Fenton.



Carolyn had also worked for the Michigan Republican Party in Lansing. She was the President of Arabian Horse Association of Michigan for several years; and had a seat on the board of Arabian Horse Trust. Surviving are her beloved husband of 61 years, Richard; two children, Richard Moller and Carmelle (Shawn) Rooker; six grandchildren, William Moller, Austin Moller, Leah (Brett) Alberda, Matthew Moller, Makenna Rooker, Noah Rooker; three brothers, Jim (Janice) Watson, Ron Watson, Leon (Annette) Watson; sister, Donna (Jess) Stedl; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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Jacob S. "Izzy" Austin

1998 – 2020

Jacob S. "Izzy" Austin - age 22, of Flushing formerly of Fenton, died Friday, July 3, 2020. Memorial visitation will be held Friday, July 10, 2020 from 4 - 8 PM at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Those desiring may make contributions to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 24359 Northwestern Hwy #125, Southfield, MI 48075. Izzy was born March 1, 1998 in Fenton, the child of Bradley Scott and Deanna Lynn (Carpenter) Austin. He was a 2016 graduate of Fenton High School and attended Kettering University. He had been employed by Grid, LLC since 2016. Surviving are his mother,



Deanna (Gerald) Scherer of Flushing; father, Bradley Scott Austin of Sterling Heights; siblings, Evan Austin of Livonia, Erin (Robin) Silas of Macomb, and Jonathon Austin of Lansing; grandmothers, Jean Carpenter of Greenville and Dorothy Scherer of Owosso; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Marvin Carpenter, Albert Austin, Lauren Jean Austin, and Vincent Scherer. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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