

Holly police chief offers helpful tips to keep our motorcycle driving friends and family safe



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Argentine Township man drowns in McKane Lake



Argentine Township police and the Genesee County Sheriff's Office dive team stage near the south end of McKane Lake in Argentine Township for a water rescue at 5:20 p.m., Sunday, July 26. Ralph Roberts of Argentine Township drowned after diving in from a pontoon. **Photo: Erick Ward**

By Sharon Stone

Ralph Roberts, 63, of Argentine Township, drowned in McKane Lake in Argentine Township on Sunday, July 26.



Ralph Roberts

Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen said police were alerted to the situation at approximately 5:20 p.m. Argentine Township police and the Genesee County Sheriff's Office Dive Team responded to the south end of McKane Lake. See **MCKANE LAKE** on 6

Fenton area hit with power outage

■ Consumers Energy reports underground electric line failure Sunday, July 26

By Sharon Stone

Nearly 1,250 local Consumers Energy customers lost power Sunday, July 26.

Consumers Energy reported that an underground electric line failure initially caused an interruption in electric service for about 1,245 customers in the Fenton area at 11:40 a.m. Sunday, July 26. The affected

See **POWER OUTAGE** on 7

Fenton Township man is write-in candidate

■ Will be Democratic choice for Genesee County Board of Commissioners for 6th District

By Sharon Stone

Tim Draeger, 56, of Fenton Township is a write-in candidate in the Democratic Primary for the 6th District County Commission seat in Genesee County. Draeger is a 21-year resident of Fenton Township.

Draeger said, "Our incumbent commissioner is running unopposed in the

See **WRITE-IN** on 8

Pandemic prom



Three attendees at The Senior Pandemic Prom 2020: '20s Gatsby Gala pose for photos at the Ponemah Lakeside Lodge on Thursday, July 23. Local students organized the event because the school-sanctioned proms were canceled this spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic. See story on Page 11. **Photos: Trinity Yost, Fenton High School student**



“I couldn’t wait for baseball to start to get away from watching politics. I turned on the game and saw a bunch of protesters dressed in baseball uniforms. No more baseball for me. The NFL is hopeless. Let’s hope that all of the foreigners playing hockey will respect our flag.”



“I am sorry but why are we using thousands of tests per day for professional and college sports when people are waiting hours for a test that cannot be read for two weeks. Lives are at stake and we use short resources on sports? Money talks, others die.”

“As a Christian, I’m nice to non-believers. If I act rudely, ‘in the name of God,’ they won’t want to go to God.”





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COVID hasn't canceled art

■Fenton art gallery holding showcase through Aug. 8; features local students

By Hannah Ball

The COVID-19 pandemic forced many events to cancel this summer, but the Cause & Affect Gallery in Fenton is still open with showcases and artwork. Currently, the ongoing art show, the Fenton Arts Council Member Art Exhibition, features art from 29 artists. It runs from July 10 to Aug. 8. Owner of the gallery, Annie Anglim, said they weren't able to have an opening event due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and operations have been changed to implement safety measures.

"That's tough. This not only is an art gallery, but it's also a venue space. I can't do that anymore, just because of the sheer quantity of people that would be in here," Anglim said. "Whenever we have an opening for a show, we have a large reception. It is extremely well attended. We weren't able to do that with this show. That See **ART** on 9



Annie Anglim, owner of the Cause & Affect Gallery in Fenton, said running the venue and gallery is different in a pandemic, but operations continue and art is being shown.
Photo: Hannah Ball

“I want everyone to be able to come in here and experience art, whether you’re creating it or visually looking at it.”
Annie Anglim
Cause & Affect Gallery owner

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Building Brands

In the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, we all came to hate particular terms — “unprecedented,” “new normal,” “uncertain times,” and now there is a new term I don’t so much hate but somewhat fear: “Bigger and Better!”

With so many events being canceled because of the pandemic, organizers want to stress the point that they will be back in 2021 and they will be “Bigger and Better” than ever. I have even said it myself. And while I love optimism, as a brand professional and event planner, I’m hearing the phrase so much that I’m starting to sweat a little.

As a natural optimist, I’m not always best at being a realist, but as the months tick on, the toll of a worldwide pandemic is hard to ignore. The truth is that some events may not return, some events will be smaller, some will be missing familiar faces and some will just be the same as they’ve always been. And it’s not just events. It’s companies, towns, your own bank account. “Bigger and Better” may not be the case in the months to come and while that’s not

‘Stronger’ is the new ‘Bigger and Better’

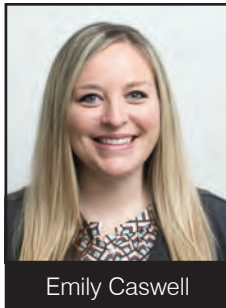
a super-fun concept to grab a hold of, there is a concept I think we should all grab onto.

I saw a sign the other day that read “The comeback is always stronger than the setback.” I did a little online search of the phrase and stumbled upon an inc.com article about setbacks. Author and business coach Amanda Abella’s advice for a strong rebound from setbacks was so simple that it resonated with me. Here is what she says and how I see it as it relates to current circumstances:

Accept what you cannot control: When the pan-

demic first started, a strange wave of calm washed over me knowing that this was a problem I could not fix. Abella wrote about a time that a hurricane hit her business and how she experienced that same calm, knowing she could not stop nature. She used that time to her advantage, relaxing a bit before the real work of rebuilding began.

Focus on the things you can control: I can’t control when we cancel an event, but I can control the message.



Emily Caswell

Look for the lessons: Abella writes that the best remedy to a setback is to “look for the lessons without judgment so you can improve.” It’s a little too early to look for all of the lessons learned during Coronavirus since we are still so deep into it, but so far, the above items in bold, along with having a positive attitude and team work, are lessons that come to mind. I look forward to the day when we can sit back and list everything that we’ve learned and move forward in a positive way.

COVID-19 has presented everyone a set of unimaginable setbacks and while we may not emerge “Bigger and Better,” the hope is that we will be stronger.

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A LITTLE PERSPECTIVE: Obama took 153 days to get a handle on the BP Gulf of Mexico environmental disaster. In contrast, we have yet to hit 153 days since the first COVID-19 deaths were reported in Washington State on Feb. 28, 2020.

THANK GOD, TRUMP said that masks are patriotic. Now these medical conditions that prevent people from wearing masks will be cured.

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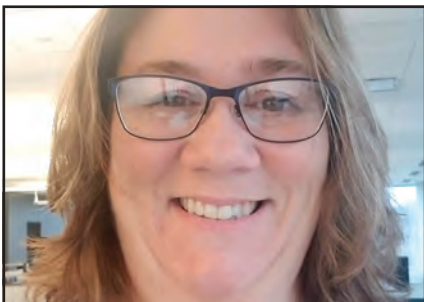
LEAVING YOUR NOSE uncovered defeats the purpose of wearing a mask. Covering your nose is critical to preventing spread of COVID-19.

WHY ARE WE still wearing masks despite eight deaths a month? Well, there have been more than eight deaths a month. Masks are mandated and they help keep people safe. Check the facts.

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

How comfortable/safe do you feel shopping at stores?

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“Not very. Only been in two since this all started. I don’t trust that people are respecting others and keeping a distance and wearing masks.”

Brenda Coleman
Detroit



“I feel comfortable in Fenton because everyone is wearing masks and respecting distance. We just spent the last three weeks in north-west Wisconsin and saw no masks on customers!”

Mary T. Johnson
Fenton



“Stores that do not enforce the mask rule do not get my business. The mouth breathers have some accountability for not following the rules but at the same time the stores need to enforce them as well.”

Tony Engelberg
Holly



“Completely safe and comfortable since there is nothing to be uncomfortable or unsafe about.”

Dawn Sulkowski
Fenton

If it's bumpers vs. bones, bumpers always win

■ Holly police chief offers helpful tips to keep our motorcycle driving friends and family safe

Compiled by Sharon Stone

It's summertime and for many it's also motorcycle riding time.

Holly Police Chief Jerry Narsh is asking everyone to take a moment to consider some scary and some interesting data that tells us cycle riders and crash statistics are changing – and we have some simple safety ideas to help mentally look for motorcycles before we pull out or turn.

CRASH FACTS AND DATA

- In 2018, 4,985 people died in motorcycle crashes, and 88,000 motorcyclists were injured according to a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) report.

Motorcyclists were about 28 times more likely than passenger car occupants to die in a crash per vehicle mile traveled and five times more likely to be injured.

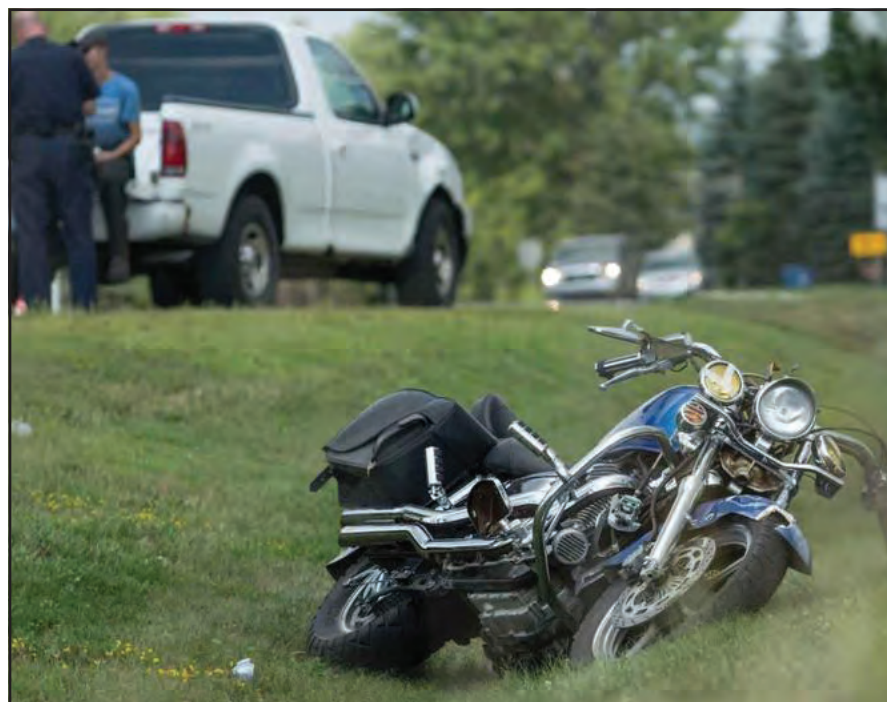
- Majority of fatal crashes are a result of impact with passenger cars.
- Most dangerous time: 3 to 6 p.m.
- Michigan has the 10th highest rider fatalities in the USA with 142 killed in 2017. Florida is the highest with 574.

CHANGING DATA ON WHO IS RIDING

Older motorcyclists account for more than half of all motorcyclist fatalities. NHTSA data show that 56 percent of motorcyclists killed in crashes were age 40 or over. The number of motorcyclists age 40 and over killed in crashes increased by 63 percent from 2003 to 2017. In contrast, fatalities among young motorcyclists have declined, relative to other age groups.

QUICK TIPS - 10 things all car and truck drivers should know about motorcycles

- Over half of all fatal motorcycle crashes involve another vehicle. Most of the time, the car or truck driver, not the motorcyclist, is at fault. There are a lot more cars and trucks than motorcycles on the road, and some drivers don't "recognize" a motorcycle – they ignore it (usually



Holly police interview the driver of a pick-up truck after a personal injury crash with a motorcyclist in this Times file photo. Police said the driver of the truck was at fault by failing to yield to the biker. The male motorcyclist sustained minor injuries.

unintentionally).

- Because of its narrow profile, a motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots (door/roof pillars) or masked by objects or backgrounds outside a car (bushes, fences, bridges, etc.). Take an extra moment to look for motorcycles, whether you're changing lanes or turning at intersections.

- Because of its small size, a motorcycle may look farther away than it is. It may also be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed. When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or into (or out of) a driveway, predict a motorcycle is closer than it looks.

- Motorcyclists often slow by downshifting or merely rolling off the throttle, thus not activating the brake light. Allow more following distance, say 3 or 4 seconds. At intersections, predict a motorcyclist may slow down without visual warning.

- Motorcyclists often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimize the effects of road debris, passing vehicles, and wind. Understand that motorcyclists adjust lane position for a purpose, not to be reckless or show off or to allow you to

share the lane with them.

- Turn signals on a motorcycle usually are not self-canceling, thus some riders (especially beginners) sometimes forget to turn them off after a turn or lane change. Make sure a motorcycle's signal is for real.

- Maneuverability is one of a motorcycle's better characteristics, especially at slower speeds and with good road conditions, but don't expect a motorcyclist to always be able to dodge out of the way.

- Stopping distance for motorcycles is nearly the same as for cars, but slippery pavement makes stopping quickly difficult. Allow more following distance behind a motorcycle because you can't always stop "on a dime."

- When a motorcycle is in motion, see more than the motorcycle – see the person under the helmet who could be your friend, neighbor, or relative.

- If a driver crashes into a motorcyclist, bicyclist, or pedestrian and causes serious injury, the driver would likely never forgive himself/herself.




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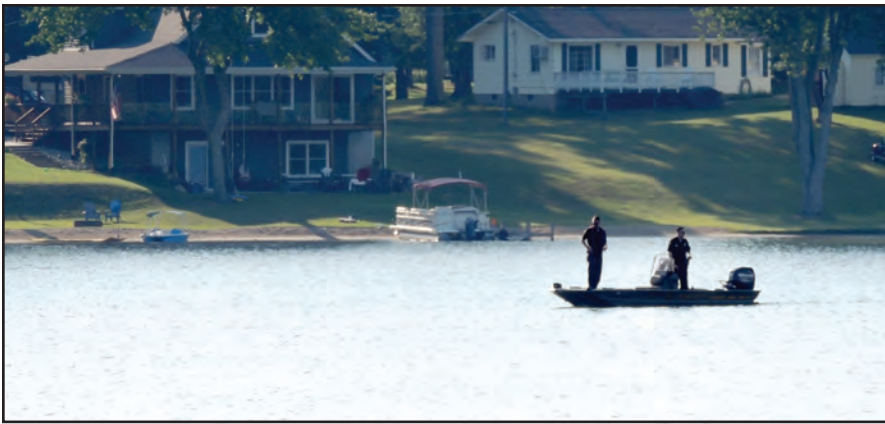
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Argentine Township police work with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office dive team to locate a 63-year-old Argentine Township man who had gone under after diving in from a pontoon on McKane Lake on Sunday, July 26. Photo: Erick Ward

MCKANE LAKE

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Allen said Roberts' 44-year-old stepson and his girlfriend were on the pontoon with Roberts. The police chief said Roberts reportedly dove into the lake and was treading water. When he began to struggle, the woman dove in to help. When she was unable to help, she yelled for help and Roberts' stepson dove into help, at which time Roberts

went under. They called 911 for help.

Divers searched for several hours Sunday evening and resumed their search Monday morning, July 27. Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson said the sheriff's dive team recovered Roberts' body at approximately 11:30 a.m., in 20-foot deep water and about 250 to 300 yards from shore.

This incident remains under investigation.

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Here's how it generally works.

Michigan has a statute, which provides that a complaint may be filed in the District Court as a small claims if the amount in controversy does not exceed \$6,000. Over the years, this amount has steadily increased and is scheduled to go up to \$6,500 on Jan. 1, 2021. Claims cannot be filed for intentional harm such as fraud, libel, and assault and battery.

When there is a trial, the judge first informs both parties, orally or in writing, that either of them has the right to remove the case to the general civil division and if the case remains in small claims

court, they waive their right to an attorney, a jury trial, and to appeal the court's decision.

If the case is heard in small claims, the statute also provides that the trial is to be conducted in an informal manner to do substantial justice between the parties according to substantive law.

The procedural rules of practice, procedure, pleading, and evidence do not apply except for privileged communications.

The sole object of the trial is to dispense expeditious justice between the parties.

The witnesses are sworn and testimony is taken from the parties and any witnesses they may have. The judge then makes a decision based on the evidence.

If a judgment is granted, the plaintiff may attempt to collect it as any other civil judgment including setting up an installment payment plan for the defendant to pay it off over time.

Over the past 50 plus years, small claims court has been proven to be a successful alternative to traditional court proceedings and has been structured to be a quick, informal, and inexpensive way of resolving disputes.

For a more in depth explanation of small claims practice and procedure, I recommend going to the "Michigan Legal Help" website under "small claims."

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HARTLAND TAXPAYERS, VOTE 'no' August 4. The tax millage is huge. The ISD millage raised my taxes \$900. They had the sinking fund renewal in 2017. People losing their jobs along with pay cuts. Enough.

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STOP THE COMPLAINING about masks. We can work, shop and go to school only when safe. Early on, medical people asked that we not use masks needed for medical staff. Six months of exposure has proven masks for all will slow the spread to protect all.

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THE DATA IS bad. The experts are guessing. At the pandemic's half-time, no one knows which decisions are best. The backlash to Gov. Whitmer's heavy-handed methods likely made things worse. Masks, social distance and hand washing seem prudent.

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THE PROPAGANDA MEDIA are all fake news. All of the media, liberal and conservative, first get their audience worked up. Then they push their agenda. If you only watch one media, their opinion soon becomes your opinion.

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MAYBE MOST MEN are 'created equal' because when I talk to women I know they will say there are so many similarities in the men they know. Some men will say that about the women they know. I do get your point otherwise.

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SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE just as essential as grocery store, hospital, utility workers and more. If any teachers' union balks at the return of in-person teaching, that is very telling. If all the other essential workers can go to work, so can teachers. We owe it to our kids.

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POWER OUTAGE

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customers are served by the Steel Substation.

Terry DeDoes, senior public information officer for Consumers Energy, said crews were able to restore 659 of those customers by about 9:10 p.m. Sunday, July 26.

Crews continued to work to restore the final 623 customers by 3 p.m., Monday, July 27.

Sheriff seeks identity of hit-and-run driver

■ **Newer model white Ford pickup truck strikes bicyclist on Bull Run Road in Livingston County**

On Sunday, July 26, at approximately 9:30 p.m., deputies with the Livingston County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to Bull Run Road near Munsell Road for a hit and run crash involving a bicycle and a white Ford pick-up truck.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that a 17-year-old Howell resident was southbound on Bull Road riding a bicycle when he was struck by what witnesses said was a newer model white Ford F150 crew cab pick-up. Witnesses said the pick-up had damage to the front passenger head light area.

After witnesses spoke to the driver of the pick-up, it left the scene southbound on Bull Run Road.

The injured bicyclist was transported to the University of Michigan Hospital with life threatening injuries by Livingston County Ambulance.

Bull Run Road was closed for approximately three hours during the investigation. Deputies were assisted at the scene by Livingston County Ambulance and the Fowlerville Area Fire Department.

Anyone with information reference this crash is asked to contact Dep. Brad Neff at (517) 540-7984. This crash remains under investigation by the Livingston County Major Crash Team.

Linden Library has new librarian

■ **Eager to start children's and adult programs as soon as pandemic allows for them**

The Genesee District Library (GDL) has named Katie Badgley as the new branch librarian at the Linden Library. Badgley's 25-year career in libraries includes 12 years at GDL, six as the children's librarian. She also served as head of Children's Services at the Orion Township Public Library, and as a school media specialist for Mill Valley Schools in California. She also is a storyteller for the Michigan Humanities Council grant-funded Prime Time program.

She replaces John Ekleberry, who was named technical services manager of the GDL.

"The challenges we are facing in 2020 are making the library more important than ever," Badgley said.

The library provides free digital access to ebooks, audiobooks, music, magazines, videos, and a variety of educational materials and databases that people can access right from their homes, 24/7, during a quarantine.

"I like the size and small town feel and beautiful setting of the Linden Library," Badgley said. "I love it when teens come in to cool off and hang out after swimming or having fun in the sun and the park by the river. I love helping families find great books to share together. I enjoy discussing books, movies and podcasts with other people."

When programming returns, she hopes to add a baby story time in addition to the regular preschool story times that they offer.

"My certified therapy dog, Dasher, is happy to visit the library for special programs and have kids cuddle up and read to him."

Badgley also would like to start a monthly book club for adults, and have programs for teens exploring their creativity through things like green screen videos, painting, and henna body art.

Badgley holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Michigan-Flint, and a Master of Library Information Science from Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois.



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WRITE-IN

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Republican primary on Aug. 4 and there is no Democratic candidate running in the primary to challenge him.

"I believe a strong democracy requires vigorous debate with healthy competition. If I am successful in this write-in campaign, I look forward to a positive discussion about growing our region and meeting all of its residents' needs.



Tim Draeger

"Please, visit my website timdraeger.com to learn more about me and what I hope to deliver for you. I will appreciate your WRITE-IN vote in the Democratic Primary on Aug. 4. Thank you."

Fenton's Open Book plans 10-year celebration

■ Bookstore owner plans day of discounts, prizes and giveaways

By Hannah Ball

After years of selling books, hosting events and being involved in city activities, Fenton's Open Book will celebrate its 10th anniversary Aug. 29.

Owner Karen Piacentini is planning a 10th anniversary celebration to take place at her Dibbleville store from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"It feels great," she said. When her husband died seven years ago, she wasn't sure if she was going to keep up the store. Piacentini said she's "glad" she kept running it. "It keeps me busy and I just love working with books and customers. I've got great employees who do a lot when I'm not here. You couldn't do it without everyone," she said.

Piacentini also works with local schools as a paraprofessional teacher for special needs students. She's done this for more than 18 years.

"I always said I had the two best jobs,



Stormy, the friendly dalmatian, accompanies Karen Piacentini, owner of Fenton's Open Book, to the shop most days. *Times file photo*

working with kids and then coming to the store," she said. "I think the town just needs a bookstore. I just can't believe it's been 10 years."

Even people who don't live in Fenton will come to support Fenton's Open Book. They can ask Piacentini to order books or they can order them online through the store's website.

"It helps to make people aware that there are other options," she said.

In these past 10 years, Piacentini has done more than sell books. She puts on events, such as Witches Night, she promotes local authors, she sells tickets for the Fenton Village Players and is involved in Fenton City activities.

"I just get so excited. Everyone is excited when they do what they're pas-

sionate about," she said. "And everyone loves Stormy. Maybe that's why I've been in business for 10 years."

Stormy is Piacentini's friendly dalmatian who she brings into the store.

"She likes going up to people, and it's a welcoming thing. I couldn't have a better bookstore dog," she said.

Since the pandemic began, she's required masks to be worn inside the store, and she hasn't had any issues with customers refusing to wear one.

"In this community, pretty much everyone is good with it," she said.

For the 10-year anniversary on Aug. 29, Piacentini said they're also celebrating Independent Bookstore Day. It's a nationwide recognition of independent bookstores, which is usually celebrated in April. However, it was moved to August due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Piacentini is planning a Harry Potter theme for Aug. 29. She'll have merchandise she's been saving for the event, as well as games, prizes, giveaways and discounts on many store items. Piacentini invited a few local authors, including Brenda Hasse, Sara Shanning, Kristiana Sfirlea and Chris Vitarelli, to sign and sell books.

"Got a lot of good stuff that we kind of hid away," she said. "It's going to be a fun day for everyone to come out."

Because of the pandemic, they won't be able to have food and drinks available like they wanted, but Piacentini said it's a challenge to get creative.

Expect more information to be posted on the Fenton's Open Book social media. Piacentini also said she's planning to host Witches Night this year, and she's reached out to multiple businesses about it.

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Local artist Sally Bright stands next to her piece that is currently being shown in the Fenton Arts Council Member Art Exhibition at the Cause & Affect Gallery in Fenton. Photo: Hannah Ball

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was really tough for the artists as well as the patrons because the patrons want to interact with the artists.”

On the floor of the gallery are markers spaced 6 feet apart. Instead of normal black dots, these markers are images of artwork provided by Mural Arts Philadelphia. Wearing masks inside is required, and walk-ins are allowed, but residents are encouraged to call and make an appointment.

It ends Aug. 8, and Anglim said if conditions improve, they might have a closing reception, but it’s unlikely.

Sally Bright, local artist, has a piece in the show. She’s been showing at The Cause & Affect Gallery since Anglim opened it.

“It’s about the art and about the community. Annie’s just a wonderful person. She includes everyone. She makes donations to the local community organizations,” she said. Every quarter, the gallery donates 10 percent of sales to a local non-profit.

Anglim was inspired to open the Cause & Affect Gallery more than a year ago because she wanted to create a place for art that was accessible. She has a friend in a wheelchair who can’t access certain spaces.

“There are a lot of places here in town that are not accessible,” she said. “I try to be as accommodating as possible. I want everyone to be able to come in here and experience art, whether you’re creating it or visually looking at it.”

Anglim, a silversmith, has her own working art studio, Anglim Art & De-

sign, inside the gallery, where she holds workshops. She does jewelry design and has a few pieces shown in the front of the building. She also personally represents 57 artists.

Anglim has been busy applying for grants that help businesses hurt by COVID-19. However, the pandemic hasn’t halted operations or shows.

On Sunday, July 26, the Cause & Affect Gallery had a show on healing and loss, and more showcases are being planned for fall.

“Art does a lot of positive stuff in the world,” Anglim said. “This gallery, to me, is all about community and how can we bring everyone together. Art is a common denominator.”

Cause & Affect Gallery is also featuring art by students from nearly all of the local schools in the Virtual Gallery & Virtual Student Show. A monitor is set up to display the artwork, which is also shown on the Cause & Affect Gallery website and social media.

“It’s really positive. It’s a big deal for these kids,” Anglim said.

Kids often come in to show her their artwork. One local 11-year-old, whose work is featured in the virtual show, brought in her sketchbooks.

“I was blown away by the quality of her drawings. I asked her if she wanted to join the gallery,” Anglim said, adding that she talks with students about how a career in art is possible.

Last summer, an 8-year-old walked in and asked how he could learn to draw. His artwork was eventually featured in the gallery for a year.



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EXTREMELY INTERESTING VIDEO of American doctors talking about the COVID-19 virus. They say there is treatment now. This message has been silenced by some. Why? They say the fear some feel needs to be overcome. Check out their video. Dr. Bob Hamilton has encouraging news too for kids.

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THE POINT OF wearing orange when you're hunting is so other hunters know that you're there. Do you want to get shot or do you want to wear an orange hat?

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SO THEY SET the bar at 50-percent effective for the vaccine. That seems a little low. I'd say your chances are about the same with or without.

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HEY SECOND AMENDMENT folks, you say you need your guns to protect us against government over-reach; why aren't you in Portland and Seattle protecting your fellow citizens' right to protest?

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I WORKED IN the absentee ballots and there is no way a dead person can vote. They are flagged immediately when the person dies. We had a husband send in his dead wife's ballot but it got caught right away.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

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PROPERTY, LAWN DAMAGED IN HOLLY

On Wednesday, July 22, at 4:14 p.m., a resident on Odessa Drive in Holly Village reported to Holly police that a dark blue four-door vehicle pulled into her driveway, then backed up, damaging her fence and then did more damage by driving over a portion of her lawn. The caller reported there were three young people in the car. There are no suspects at this time.

POLITICAL SIGNS STOLEN IN HOLLY

On Saturday, July 25, at 9:36 a.m., a Holly Village resident reported that she had three political signs in her yard for various candidates. Someone entered her property July 23, between 5 and 9 p.m. and took the signs. Officers are checking area surveillance cameras to see if the event was captured so that police can identify the suspect or suspects.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

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FENTON WINERY & BREWERY HONORED AS A 2020 MICHIGAN CELEBRATES AWARDEE

Fenton Winery & Brewery (FWB) of Fenton Township is being recognized as one of the 2020 awardees for the Michigan 50 Companies to Watch award, presented by Michigan Celebrates Small Business. Fenton Winery & Brewery will be honored at an awards ceremony during the 16th annual Michigan Celebrates Small Business virtual gala event, July 28. "The FWB journey includes moments of triumph and challenges and our amazing team gets it and does what it takes; this award celebrates all those who are a part of our story, making FWB what it is today and what it will be in the future. Cheers!" said Ginny Sherrow, owner.



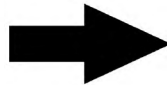
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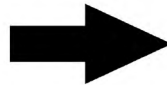
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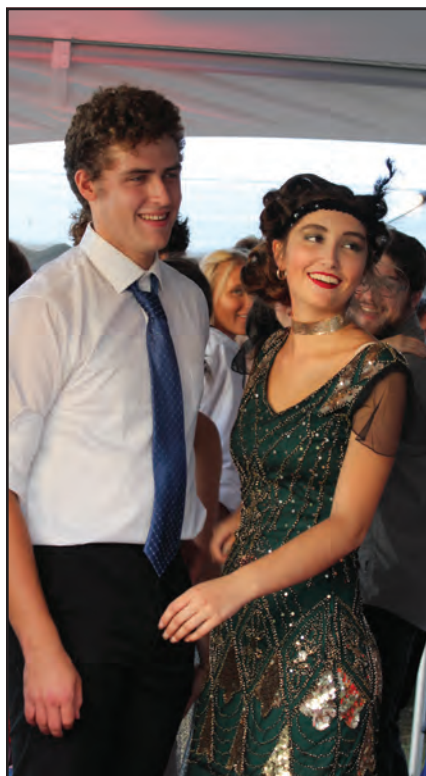
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Dozens attend 'Pandemic Prom'



■ Organized by local students to have one classic high school experience

By Hannah Ball

Dozens of area students were able to have one classic high school experience after COVID-19 forced many to cancel.

Approximately 80 students from Fenton, Lake Fenton, Linden, Lapeer and other school districts attended The Senior Pandemic Prom 2020: '20s Gatsby Gala at the Ponemah Lake-side Lodge on Thursday, July 23.

It was organized by Gracie Warda, Fenton High School gradu-

ate, and sponsored by The Warda Foundation.

“Obviously, we were all super excited to actually get a prom, so I would say everyone had a great attitude.”

Gracie Warda
The Senior Pandemic Prom 2020 organizer

“It went really well,” Gracie Warda said. “I’m really happy with how everything came together. It seemed like everyone had a really great time. Obviously, we were all super excited to actually get a prom, so I would say everyone had a great attitude. We also had support from the community, and they all had a great attitude as well.”

The event had a DJ, photographer, dinner, dancing and fireworks.

Gracie Warda planned the event because she wanted to have this high school experience.

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Looking back: Fenton girls golf team places fifth at team state meet

The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) expects to begin the fall sports season as traditionally scheduled based on a press release dated July 17.

However, the MHSAA Representative Council, a 19-member legislative body, will meet again July 29, so things could change. At this time though, high school football practices are expected to begin

Aug. 10 while other fall sports will start practices Aug. 12.

The MHSAA is moving forward with a plan that first calls for fall sports to be played as scheduled with the idea that if it's necessary, seasons can be suspended or postponed until later in the school year. The MHSAA's plans remain reliant on progression by schools and regions across the state according to Governor Gretchen

Whitmer's MI Safe Start Plan.

"Our student-athletes just want to play, and we've gone far too long without them playing. But doing so safely, of course, remains the priority," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said. "Our plan moving forward is Fall in the Fall, starting on time. We're excited to continue moving forward to bring back sports safely. It's important for keeping students in our

schools and keeping students in our sports programs.

"We remain grateful to the governor for the opportunity to build the schedule and policies for returning sports to schools. We will continue to support her directives and those of the state and local health departments as we work to create the safest environment for all involved in our activities."

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Sports Times

Looking back: Fenton XC teams earn state trips at regional meet

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity cross country programs may have had the greatest regional meet performance in school history.

All the teams did was have one squad win a regional title, both teams comfortably qualify for the Division 1 state meet and both had an individual regional champion. If that wasn't enough, 12 runners had personal best times between the two teams.

Fenton's Alexa Keiser and Adam Jesse won individual regional championships and the Fenton varsity boys won their team regional championship highlighting an outstanding Saturday for the Tigers at the Saginaw Heritage regional meet. The girls also qualified by taking a very comfortable third-place team finish.

"We had one individual and one team champ in 2006 with Joe Dimambro and the guys in D2," Fenton varsity cross country coach Jesse Anderson said. "So to have both teams go, one win and two individual champs probably becomes our most successful regional weekend in our history."

On a weekend with a bunch of highlights, Jesse and Keiser were the two biggest stars. Jesse won his first race since his sophomore season, taking the boys' race in 16:01.36, about three seconds ahead of Saginaw Heritage's Brady Neumann. Meanwhile, Kesier, who has won 24 races during her Fenton career, won her first regional race ever, taking the top spot with

a time of 18:13.81, about 30 seconds ahead of Bay City Western's Ashlyn Nagel.

"I was very happy for Adam," Anderson said. "His last and only win in a high school cross country 5K race was his sophomore year in an early season race, but he was all-state last year and slowed the early part of this season by an injury. His workouts had started coming around and he showed a lot of faith in his abilities to set himself well over the first mile to compete for the win. Once he took the lead at about the halfway mark, the race was not in the bag as a couple athletes behind him also ran negative splits in pursuit. Adam hammered extremely hard the last half of the proceedings and simply ran the legs out from those behind him. He didn't want to leave it up to a kick, and he didn't let it come down to one. Very tough, strong race for him."

Keiser's race helped bring one honor she had yet to win — an individual regional title.

"This was a huge day for her," Anderson said. "She'd won 23 races headed into this weekend, but never a regional. No girl in our history had, actually. She executed remarkably, running a textbook race

and really pouring it on over the last half of the race. Twenty-seven seconds of her eventual 30-second margin was accrued over the last 1.1 mile, she really showed her unerring determination and toughness to keep hammering over the muddiest part of the course, all alone up front. I'm super proud of her career and so happy for her to get this huge accomplishment her senior season."

The Fenton boys were dominant, earning each of their five scoring runners in the top 20, scoring just 55 points. That was 29 points better than second-place Davison.

Logan Canada took seventh (16:23.99) while Samuel Cox placed ninth (16:26.30). The rest of the top five were Micah Dekraker (18th in 16:58.74) and Remington Stapp (20th in 17:03.57). The other two varsity runners were Josh Maier (24th in 17:07.94) and Gage Bond (26th in 17:13.19). This was the program's fourth regional title in history and second in Division 1.

"This was probably the best individual race I've seen our guys race since maybe the Metro League champs in 2016 in terms of expectations going in and just crushing them," Anderson said.

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Fenton's top runners at the regional meet on Oct. 26, 2019 were Adam Jesse (left) and Andrea Keiser (above). Both Fenton varsity teams qualified for the state meet. File photos

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Marjorie Ellen (McCallister) Asbury

1940 - 2020

Marjorie Ellen (McCallister) Asbury – age 79, of Fenton, lost her battle with cancer on Friday, July 24, 2020. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held on a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to your local animal shelter, in Marge's memory. Marge was born in Flint on January 16, 1941, daughter of the late Leo and Mary Louise (Pickett) Demott. She retired from Fernco, Inc. as a corporate level Quality Control Manager in 2012 after 34 years of service. Marge was very accomplished, volunteering for the Davison and Goodrich Area Volunteer Ambulance Service as a Certified EMT. She loved animals and worked as a Veterinary Technician for State Road Veterinary Clinic. Marge was an avid fan of Detroit Tigers baseball, the University



of Michigan and classic rock. She had a passion for camping, traveling and spending time with her family. Marge is survived by her husband of eight years, Larry Asbury; four children, Dawn (Jim) Cartier, Kim McCallister,

Kelly (Gary) Zoromski and Debbie (Bill) Garbacz; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; three step-children, Larry (Amanda) Asbury, Amber (JJ) Timm and Jeremy Asbury; seven step-grandchildren; canine companion, Sweetie; many other loving family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Leo and Mary Louise Demott; infant great-grandson, Dean McCallister; two brothers, Merle Demott and Bill Demott. Please share your thoughts with the family at www.allenfuneralhomeinc.com.

Roland Blair Wykes

1930 - 2020

Roland Blair Wykes - age 89, of Fenton, died Sunday, July 26, 2020. Public visitation will be held Friday July, 31, 2020, from 1 PM to 7 PM at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Graveside service will take place 11 AM, Saturday, August 1, 2020 at Crestwood Memorial Cemetery, Grand Blanc. Roland was born on October 30, 1930, in Flint, the son of Lester and Addie (Blair) Wykes. He graduated from Gaines High School. Roland proudly served in the United States Marines Corps. from 1951 until his honorable discharge in 1953. He and Pauline DeDominces were united in marriage on February 5, 1952 in Angola, IN. Roland



worked for GM for 40 years before his retirement in 1989. Roland enjoyed traveling with his family and hunting. He is survived by his daughter, Terry (Mark) Tibbitts; grandson, Jeremy Tibbitts; great-grandson, Nicholas Tibbitts;

two brothers, Arnold Wykes and Eldon Wykes; sister, Myra Bammel; special friend, Marjorie Hogeson; and many nieces and nephews. Roland was preceded in death by his wife, Pauline Wykes; parents, Lester and Addie Wykes; brother, Wendell; and two sisters, Rosemary and Rosella. Tribute may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP LATER?

In the days and months to come, the family will continue to need your support. Try to write or call on a regular basis. Continue to include them in your social plans, they will let you know when they are ready to participate. It is also nice to remember the family on special occasions during the first year following the death. Don't worry about bringing up the pain and emotion of the loss, they are well aware of that. By remembering such occasions as wedding anniversaries and birthdays, you are not remembering the death, but reaffirming that a life was lived.

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Horoscopes

For the week of
July 27, 2020

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

What seems like innocent fun
can quickly escalate, Aries. Be
sure to rein in the excitement. If
you can't do so on your own, ask
a buddy to assist you.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

This is your time to ramp up the
romance, Taurus. If you are sin-
gle, employ some dating apps to
find a new match. If you're in a
relationship, exchange romantic
texts.

GEMINI

May 22/June 21

No one can make healthy deci-
sions for you, Gemini. It is up
to you to make some changes.
Recommit to healthy eating and
exercise this week.

CANCER

June 22/July 22

Cancer, if your relationship has
been complicated by finances
and power struggles, that will
start to settle in the days to
come. You will find a middle
ground.

LEO

July 23/Aug 23

Your significant other can be the
catalyst for change, Leo. He or
she may help you propel your
career and potentially open up
doors you never considered.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you may need to get
some things of your chest soon.
But don't fret. You'll be able
to get your emotions out and
start over with a fresh and calm
perspective.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Surround yourself with your
favorite things and people, Libra.
This will make daily life that
much better and help you put a
positive spin on anything.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

You may be a little moody and
things may not be going accord-
ing to plan right now, Scorpio.
But all it takes is a minor
adjustment to change all of that
immediately.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, with all the pressure
you have been under lately, it can
be easy to buckle. However, you
have energy reserves in droves
and can muscle your way through.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Miscommunication at work may
lead to confusion and broken
agreements, Capricorn. You
may have to be the level head in
this situation and pull everyone
together.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, keep a level head
through a demanding time.
You're being pulled in many di-
rections, but you've always been
cool under pressure and now is
no different.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

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