

# Unknown issues lead to more work, costs

## ■ Shiawassee Avenue water project reveals lead pipes, small mains that must be fixed

By Sharon Stone

The Shiawassee Avenue water project was a topic of discussion during the Fenton City Council work session on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

In a memo from Stephen Guy, supervisor for the city of Fenton's water plant, the water main improvements, which need to be completed prior to the road

projects, began with several unknowns that would need to be discovered through exploratory work.

The GIS mapping system showed some situations that were believed to be inaccurate. In response, a review of pertinent records was conducted and retired individuals were interviewed.

Additional information revealed that more work needs to be done, at an additional cost. Fenton City Council originally approved expenses of \$393,730. According to OHM, the city's engineering firm, an additional estimated cost of \$191,785 brings the project up to \$585,515.

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## ‘This is what reform looks like’

■ I.G.N.I.T.E. program aims to reduce Genesee County Jail population

By Hannah Ball

**Flint** — Genesee County Jail inmates are going to school.

Thanks to the new I.G.N.I.T.E. program, which stands for Inmate Growth Naturally and Intentionally Through Education, the 571 inmates have the option to take online courses while behind bars so they can create a better life when they're released.

On Tuesday, Sept. 8, standing alongside a group of community leaders, Sheriff Chris

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Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson celebrates after the ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday, Sept. 8, marking the start of I.G.N.I.T.E. at the county jail. The program, which allows inmates to learn while they're serving time, is aimed at helping inmates create a better life for themselves once they're released. The average grade completed of prisoners in the Genesee County Jail is sixth to ninth grade. Speakers at Tuesday's press conference stressed the importance of education. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

## Linden schools \$55-million bond to be on November ballot

■ Funds would go to security, upgrades, new building and more

Compiled by Hannah Ball

Voters in the Linden Community Schools district will see a \$55-million bond proposal on the Nov. 3 General Election ballot.

In early spring, the Linden Board of Education approved moving the proposal from the May election to November due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The November ballot proposal contains the same projects as the May 5 proposal, and the net tax rate increase will also remain the same — 1.0 mill. To reduce overall bond interest cost, the bonds will be sold in three series,” according to a press release.

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“I would like to thank the young lady who helped me pay for my prescriptions at Rite-Aid in Linden on Sept. 9. She will be in my prayers for the future. Thank you, my dear.”



“Would it be too much to ask that our political leaders

have exactly the same health insurance options that are available for the rest of us?”



“We love seeing all of the veterans featured in the Times. We were proud to see our grandpa featured. Thanks to the Times staff and Sharp Funeral Homes

for doing this. *Editor's note: Email your veteran's information and photo to sstone@tctimes.com so that it can be featured in an upcoming issue.*”



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# Flu vaccine is still important, experts say

■ 'Getting a flu vaccine will be more important than ever'

By Hannah Ball

As fall and the flu season begin during the COVID-19 pandemic, medical experts are stressing the importance of receiving the influenza vaccine.

Joseph Starrs, pharmacist/manager at VG's Pharmacy off Silver Parkway, said they've been administering the flu vaccine for a few weeks now.

"The flu vaccine is the best way to prevent the virus," he said, adding that the flu can lead to hospitalization and severe respiratory issues. "We want to prevent it."

Older people and those with underlying illnesses are at greater risk for the virus.

"The flu vaccine is serious every year. It's something you don't hear about all the time. You can have thou-



Joseph Starrs, VG's Pharmacy manager, recommends the influenza vaccine for everyone, with some exceptions. *Times file photo*

**“People should be aware that the flu virus is still a very serious thing.”**

**Joseph Starrs**  
VG's Pharmacy  
pharmacist/manager

sands of deaths just from the flu. If we can give the flu shot and help prevent some of that, it's great," Starrs said.

The vaccine has been highlighted this year due to the pandemic, he said, but it's important to get the flu shot every year.

More people are wearing masks inside while in public because of COVID, which Starrs said could help prevent the flu from transmitting. Both

viruses are transmitted by water droplets, and masks have shown to help slow the spread.

"People should be aware that the flu virus is still a very serious thing," he said.

An appointment is not necessary to receive the shot at VG's Pharmacy.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released information and guidelines on the upcoming flu season and how it will be affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"While it's not possible to say with certainty what will happen in the fall and winter, CDC believes it's likely that flu viruses and the virus that causes COVID-19 will both be spreading. In this context, getting a flu vaccine will be more important than ever," according to the CDC.

Efforts to slow the spread, including stay-at-home orders, have led to a decrease in people seeking routine preventive medical services, including immunizations.

"Ensuring that people continue or start getting routine vaccinations during the COVID-19 pandemic is essential for protecting people and communities from vaccine-preventable diseases and

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## A message from the superintendent

**W**e have used the analogy, building a plane in the air, regarding our work and experiences since the shutdown of all schools in March. Now that we have a flight plan and we are well on our way to a finished product, we are finding many challenges along the way that have taken a team to solve. The team consists of our hard working staff, our supportive and caring parents and our dedicated community members.

On July 31, Fenton Area Public Schools announced we were delaying face-to-face instruction based on both safety measures and maintaining the continuity of teaching and learning.

Our team of staff, parents and community members have stepped up and are doing what it takes to make the flight as successful as possible.

The key to moving forward is understanding that this school year will be full of challenges that we have never experienced before.

When FAPS does return for face-to-face instruction, we will



**Adam Hartley**  
Fenton Area  
Public Schools  
superintendent

have challenges inside our buildings and will still be providing instruction online for a number of our learners. Returning to school is what we all want and is what we are all working toward. We have experienced turbulence while building the plane in the air and we know there will be more, however, being resilient, adapting to new challenges and working to solve problems will help us make the 2020-21 school year a year to remember.

## Making the flight as successful as possible

Many Genesee County schools, including FAPS, have set a return date in the near future, and FAPS, like many others, are ready to take on the challenges ahead. Safety and continuity will remain our priority and we will continue to work with our team of staff, parents and community members eventually to land the plane we have built and get back to a sense of normalcy.

On behalf of the FAPS Board of Education and the FAPS administration, thank you to our families for their continued support and for being a part of the team.



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**TO THE HOT-LINER** who thinks impeachment means anything without conviction. Being accused of something doesn't make you guilty of it. Trump was convicted of nothing. Democrats shot themselves in the foot and blew it off.

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■■■  
**WHY ARE WE** seeing so many news reports in recent weeks of federal agents rescuing trafficked children? This is really disturbing and I'd like to know where the local authorities were, as well as their parents.

■■■  
**ONE HUNDRED AND** sixty-plus executive orders by Gretchen Whitmer is bullying, plain and simple. She will not even tell us what science she's using for these bullying tactics. Could it be the science in the hands of the people will expose the bully she is?

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

## Do you prefer winter or summer?

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"Summer. It's hot, no clothes, flowers, grass and trees are all bloomed, nice tan and the lake."

**Heather Stewart**  
Linden



"I prefer fall. The scenery is better, the weather is acceptable and it's football and deer season."

**Matthew Robinson**  
Linden



"I'm gonna' go out on a limb — winter, but I live in the U.P. now and I am hunting, ice fishing, snowmobiling, and my busy town is quiet and nice without a bunch of tourists."

**Jeffrey Nelson**  
Marquette



"Summer. We can be outside all day, go swimming, have people around more often because there is more space, and the fact that sunshine makes everything better."

**Jeanie Bothell**  
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## Some residents could see water bill relief

■ Water Assistance Program has \$25 million to help during COVID-19 pandemic

By Sharon Stone

Some Fenton City residents could see relief in their water and sewer bills.

A \$25 million Water Assistance Program by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Bureau of Community Action and Economic Opportunity (BCAEO) aids eligible water customers during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligible customers are any water and sewer customers who receive food assistance. Eligible dollars pay any arrearages up to \$700 per customer starting in March 2020 through the end of December

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# Local county commissioner secures funds for road repairs

■ Village manager says improving local streets not possible without these types of funds

On July 23, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution sponsored by Commissioner Bob Hoffman (R-Highland Twp.) securing \$15,210 for the village of Holly through the county's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP).

These funds will be used to help with road maintenance requirements and other road repairs. Holly plans to use the funds to help with crack sealing on various roads.

"This program has been an excellent way for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners to partner with local units of government to assist them in needed road repairs," Hoffman said.

Oakland County's LRIP provides limited financial assistance to Oakland County cities and villages for repairs and improvements on roadways



Jerry Walker  
Holly Village  
manager



Bob Hoffman  
Oakland County  
commissioner

under their jurisdiction. The program ensures that the county investment in roads is multiplied by requiring local municipalities to match funding from Oakland County. Launched in 2016, the LRIP has driven an estimated \$89 million investment in local roads across Oakland County.

The program is an effective means for encouraging investment in local roads, which continue to be underfunded by the State of Michigan. This lack of funding from the state and federal government has resulted in poor road conditions, which negatively impact

safety, quality of life and economic development in the region.

"The village of Holly is very fortunate to have support and to partner with the Board of Commissioners, as they provide additional funds for local road repairs," Jerry Walker, village manager, said.

"Especially as we feel the effects of the pandemic, funds for repair of local streets would not be possible without funds like these being allocated. The residents in the village of Holly are represented very well by Commissioner Hoffman, and ultimately by support of the entire Board of Commissioners."

In 2017, the Board of Commissioners' LRIP received national recognition when it was selected for a National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award in the category of Community and Economic Development.

Hoffman represents the second county commission district, which includes Groveland, Highland, Holly, Rose and Springfield townships, in addition to the village of Holly.

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# FHS senior takes step toward Merit Scholar title

■ School learns Caroline Weaver qualifies as semifinalist in national scholarship program

By Sharon Stone

Caroline Weaver, a senior at Fenton High School, qualified as a semifinalist in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program. She is one of 16,000 high school seniors who qualified as a semifinalist and will continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships to be offered next spring.

Weaver will have to complete the next

application by Oct. 7.

The National Merit Scholarship Corp. (NMSC), which announced the semifinalists, is a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance. It was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual scholarship program.

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## BRIEFS

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### Public hearing Sept. 17 on grant application for Silver Lake Road Connector Trail

The Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks and Recreation Commission (SLPR) is developing a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application for the development of the Silver Lake Road Connector Trail. The pathway will be constructed along the south side of Silver Lake Road through the communities of Linden, Fenton and Fenton Township and connects Triangle Park in the city of Linden with Silver Lake Park in the city of Fenton. The proposed pathway benefits the southern lakes area communities by providing alternate transportation, recreational opportunities, and regional connectivity with an overall goal to develop non-motorized connectivity within these southern Genesee County communities and beyond. SLPR will hold an informational public hearing Thursday, Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. to explain the proposed project and grant application and seek input from the community. Due to COVID restrictions, the public hearing will be held using the Zoom meeting platform. If you have any questions, please contact SLPR Executive Director Ed Koledo at (810) 714-2011 or email him at [ekoledo@slpr.net](mailto:ekoledo@slpr.net).

### Hogan Road to close for one week for railroad track repairs

The Genesee County Road Commission announced that CN Railroad will close Hogan Road between Lahring and Rolston roads in Fenton Township to thru-traffic Monday, Sept. 14 at the CN railroad crossing for track repairs. The closure will last approximately seven days. A detour will be posted using Rolston Road, Linden Road/Bridge Street and Lahring Road.

LOOKING BACK

at this week in

## HISTORY

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### SEPT. 13

**1993:** After decades of bloody animosity, representatives of Israel and Palestine meet on the South Lawn of the White House and sign a framework for peace.

### SEPT. 14

**1814:** Francis Scott Key pens a poem, which is later set to music and in 1931 becomes America's national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner."

### SEPT. 15

**1858:** The new Overland Mail Company sends out its first two stages, inaugurating government mail service between the eastern and western regions of the nation.

### SEPT. 16

**1620:** The Mayflower sails from Plymouth, England, bound for the New World with 102 passengers. The ship was headed for Virginia, where the colonists, half religious dissenters and half entrepreneurs, had been authorized to settle by the British crown.

### SEPT. 17

**1976:** NASA publicly unveils its first space shuttle, the Enterprise, during a ceremony in Palmdale, California. Development of the aircraft-like spacecraft cost almost \$10 billion and took nearly a decade.

### SEPT. 18

**1975:** Newspaper heiress and wanted fugitive Patty Hearst is captured in a San Francisco apartment and arrested for armed robbery.

### SEPT. 19

**1957:** The United States detonates a 1.7 kiloton nuclear weapon in an underground tunnel at the Nevada Test Site (NTS), a 1,375 square mile research center located 65 miles north of Las Vegas. The test, known as Rainier, was the first fully contained underground detonation and produced no radioactive fallout.

Source: history.com



## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### BREAKING AND ENTERING ON APOLLO CIRCLE

On Tuesday, Sept. 1, at 7:53 a.m., Holly police officers were dispatched to an Apollo Circle business after the owner reported that he arrived to work and discovered a door forced open and cash missing. One of the officers had an idea on a possible suspect through his knowledge of the community and this individual's recent patterns. Officers were able to determine from other sources that this person suddenly had extra cash. The officer located the juvenile suspect and interviewed him with his father present. The suspect admitted to the crime and took the officers to where the remainder of the money was hidden. A petition request was filed with the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office on the juvenile suspect.

### ASSAULT AND BATTERY IN HOLLY

On Thursday, Sept. 3, at 4:35 p.m., a Holly police officer was dispatched to the police station to speak with the victim of an assault and battery that was reported to have occurred at Crapo Park. The victim reported she was asked to meet a person at the park. When she arrived, there were several teens present and one of the juveniles slapped the victim. Officers are completing their investigation of the incident.

### HOLLY WOMAN ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT AND BATTERY

On Friday, Sept. 4, at 2:54 p.m., a Grange Hall Road resident reported that her neighbor had placed items in her driveway to block her entrance and then confronted the victim, calling her names. The victim reported the suspect then punched her in the face. The suspect was identified as a 48-year-old Holly woman, who according to the victim, began damaging flowerpots and other property as the victim called police. Responding Holly police officers were able to secure the suspect in her home and arrested her on charges of assault and battery and malicious damage. A court date is pending.

### RECKLESS MOTORCYCLE AND ATV OPERATION IN HOLLY

On Saturday, Sept. 5, at 1:35 p.m., residents of Crescent and Fairfield reported constant and numerous young operators on motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles (ATV) exceeding speed limits, running stop signs and operating recklessly in the area. Holly police officers were able to locate two operators and impounded their motorcycles. Parents have been notified and officers will be continuing directed patrols in the area.

### FENTON WOMAN FAILS TO SCAN MERCHANDISE AT SELF-CHECKOUT

At 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 3, Fenton police were dispatched to a retail store in the 3200 block of Owen Road for a retail fraud complaint. The loss prevention employee told police that a male and female shopper were together. The woman failed to scan and pay for 16 items (\$300 value) in the self-checkout line. The couple was detained until police arrived. She did purchase a few other things with her credit card, which led police to her identity. Fenton police arrested the 49-year-old Fenton woman and issued her a Nov. 5 court appearance ticket for retail fraud.

### HOLLY WOMAN FAILS TO SCAN MERCHANDISE AT SELF-CHECKOUT

On Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m., Fenton police were dispatched to a big box store in the 3700 block of Owen Road for a retail fraud complaint. Loss prevention had a 47-year-old Holly woman in custody. Police learned that the woman failed to scan and pay for 18 items (\$127 value) and exited the store. Lt. Jeff Cross said retail fraud suspects will scan an item and toss extra items in their bag at the self-checkout lines. Loss prevention employees monitor these self-checkouts. The woman was taken to the police station for booking and was issued a Nov. 5 court appearance citation.

### SUSPECTED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE FOUND IN VEHICLE

At 5:20 p.m. on Sept. 7, Fenton police responded to a coffee/gas station plaza in the 3400 block of Owen Road on a report of a man staggering around and falling into the door. The man had gotten

into a vehicle. Upon arrival, police located the vehicle and made contact with the man, a 24-year-old Flint resident, who was with another man. The Flint man's speech was slurred, however, police did not believe he had been drinking. A search of the man's vehicle led to a controlled substance and prescription medications. The vehicle was impounded and the man was booked at the police station. He was eventually released with charges pending lab results.

### TAMPERING OF VEHICLE TIRE

On Friday, Sept. 4, at 2:32 p.m. a Grange Hall Road resident reported to Holly police that she left her Holly residence and was driving to another town when she felt the vehicle reacting in an unstable manner. She stopped the vehicle and found four of the six lug nuts on one of her tires were missing. The victim believes someone was trying to steal her tire, which also created a safety hazard. The incident remains under investigation.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■  
**I WAS WAITING** for the Democrat Convention to open with what I think should be their theme song, Sam Cooke's, 'Don't know much about history.'

■■■  
**TO THE PERSON** who said Trump was impeached for a good reason. Can you please at least tell us the good reason? I'll wait.

■■■  
**TO 'WHITE CAUCASIAN** male.' Learn to read. Hot line didn't claim Whitmer's declaration of racism as public health emergency was due to Flint BLM agenda. Comment simply pointed out high profile Democrat leader holds same ideological view as BLM.

■■■  
**BIDEN ACTUALLY CON-**  
**DEMNEED** riots all the way back in June, according to fact-checking website Snopes. Do your research.

■■■

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## 'Adopt a Bench' program underway

■ Businesses, individuals, organizations may adopt a city bench

By Sharon Stone

Would you like to have your name, organization, business or a loved one's name on a bench in the city of Linden? Now is the time to act.

The city of Linden Parks & Recreation Commission is presenting its Adopt a Bench program. This program is for individuals, families, businesses or organizations who wish to help contribute to the beauty and relaxation of our city's parks.

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The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider the application for rezoning:

**Lon and Melody Marshall requests rezoning from AGRE t(Minimum Lot Size 5 Acres) to Rural Estate (Minimum Lot Size 2.5 Acres) for 13205 Oyster Lake Rd., Holly MI 48442, Parcel ID # 1 01-18-100-029.**

The hearing is open to the public to voice their views and/or to submit written comment. Citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in the hearing. The Holly Township Planning Commission will consider any public comments received at this time. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing by writing to: Clerk at 102 Civic Dr., Holly, Michigan 48442.

A copy of the application may be reviewed at the Clerk's office at the above-mentioned address during regular business hours Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday 8:30 to 6:00 p.m. except holidays. PHONE: 248-634-9331 Ext. 301.

**Handicap persons needing assistance to attend or participate in this hearing are asked to contact the Township Clerk at 248-634-9331 x 301 or by writing to the above-mentioned address at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.**

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- **Alua Arthur**, JD, death doula, attorney
- **John Cagle**, PhD, MSW, Assistant Professor, University of Maryland-Baltimore
- Moderator: **Frank Sesno**, George Washington University

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## BOND

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The \$55-million bond proposal is a 1-mill increase on the approximate 3.9 existing mills already paid by those in the school district, totaling 4.8 mills. The money would go toward upgrades in every school building for security, technology, STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) classrooms, and instructional development.

It would also go toward a new multipurpose building that would be constructed between Linden High School and Linden Middle School. It would serve as a hub for gymnastics, team rooms for games, a wrestling room, an area for robotics programs, court space, a walking track and more.

The proposal would fund a media center to Linden Elementary School and expand the Linden High School Media Center, as well as fund secure entrances to Central, Hyatt, and Linden Elementary, Linden Middle School, and Linden High School.

The proposal would relocate the Early Childhood Center from its current Argentine location and move it to Hyatt Elementary.

"The school district worked with construction and architectural specialists to complete an in-depth facility study in early 2019. The overall focus was to identify projects designed to upgrade and enhance the learning environment," according to the press release on [linden-schoolsbond.com](http://linden-schoolsbond.com).

"The bond proposal was developed following a review of the facility study by the school district's Facilities Needs Committee and Strategic Planning Leadership Group that regularly meet to assess Linden's school environment and make recommendations for Board of Education consideration. The assessment process also included conducting a stakeholder survey as part of the school district's strategic planning process."

Superintendent Russ Ciesielski said, "The facility assessment process led to a bond proposal that will affect every classroom and instructional space in the Linden Community Schools. If this proposal is approved by voters, it will address our education and facility priorities. A successful bond proposal will provide the school district with revenue to update and enhance our school facilities and provide a positive learning environment that supports quality instruction."

School Board President Scott Maker said that he and his School Board colleagues believe voter approval of the ballot proposal will be a significant step toward a positive future for Linden students and the Linden community. "We have a long history of community support for schools. Our residents understand that a successful election will have a positive impact on student achievement, homeowner property values, and the Linden community's enviable reputation," he said.

## PROJECT

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The city council approved the added costs to address the issues.

Additional work that needs to be addressed includes:

The 4-inch main that runs down Shiawassee, under Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) rules, must be abandoned due to its small size. There is a 12-inch main that runs down the road as well and most of the service lines were thought to be tapped on the 12-inch main and not the 4-inch main. This turned out to be false, so the majority of the services lines had to be re-tapped to the larger main, which adds a cost of \$74,000.

Guy explained that the revised lead and copper rule added work to the project too. Every galvanized piece of pipe on either side of the service line is required to be replaced. A situation on George Street was not known until recently. The current 2-inch water main

must be upgraded to an 8-inch water main and all seven service lines must be replaced. The entire line is considered to be a lead service line and it must be replaced when it is disconnected.

City Manager Lynn Markland said the 4-inch main was likely installed prior to the 1950s when records for such items were not kept. This work adds \$85,000 in costs.

Abandoning the 4-inch main also means the streets that are connected to the 4-inch main need to be changed over to the later water main at a cost of \$25,000.

Lastly, the 12-inch main that runs down Shiawassee has no valves on it from Fenway Drive to Adelaide Street. Insertion type valves will be installed in order to not disrupt service to all the customers on that section of line during the project. This adds a cost of \$28,920.

Guy said he and OHM recommended the extra costs, not to exceed \$212,920 be approved.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**FOR ALL THE** people who think mail-in voting is 100-percent fool-proof and nothing bad can happen. Here's a way to test it. Go to your bank, withdraw \$5,000 and then put it in an envelope and mail it to yourself. Didn't think so.

**WHAT IF THERE** were a poll workers union? What if they endorsed Trump? People would lose their minds. Well guess what, there is a postal workers union, you know the people collecting your ballots, and guess what, they have endorsed Biden. Sounds fair to me.

**THE TRUMP BOAT** parade on Lake Fenton on Labor Day was awesome. It was a beautiful sight to see so many American flags, as well as Trump flags on display. We heard there were 273 boats in the parade. Go USA.

**MESSING WITH THE** post office is real. My relative works in the post office and overtime is only authorized from Thanksgiving to Christmas to ensure holiday deliveries. No overtime during the election, elimination of sorting machines is an effort to slow delivery impacting all mail, not just ballots.

**PRO-MASKERS WHO** are so upset over those who don't wear them: If masks work, then what are you worried about? You're completely protected from any virus with that face covering, aren't you? Mind your own.

**ISN'T IT ABOUT** time the Democrats had a new tune? I see today the same old tactic of the Republicans are going to cut your Social Security is back in ads. It hasn't happened in 50 years but I know the same old song is sung.

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## JAIL

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Swanson unveiled stacks of new Chromebooks that will help Genesee County inmates further their education. The I.G.N.I.T.E. program is aimed at reducing the recidivism rate, which is the percentage of released prisoners who relapse into criminal behavior and return to jail.

"We all make mistakes. Every one of us has made a mistake that could cost us dearly or has cost us dearly," Swanson said. "Every one of us has an opportunity, and based on what we do with that opportunity, brings us to where we are today."

Swanson said with the county jail population, the average grade completed is sixth to ninth grade. Half of them struggle to read and write, he said, nine out of 10 are addicted or co-addicted to a substance, and five out of 10 are treated for mental health issues.

"All of them deserve dignity. All of them deserve another opportunity. Whether they want it or not, they deserve the opportunity," he said. "It's about changing their mindset so they never come back again."

The state of Michigan Department of Corrections budget is \$2 billion, Swanson said, and this doesn't include what people pay per county for their county jail. If fewer people are housed in jails, the cost to taxpayers reduces.

"That means that we're going to school, and school started here in this jail this morning at 8 a.m.," he said. This program was beta tested this past year.

There are three tiers based on their education level: beginner, intermediate or advanced. In these curriculums, in-



University of Michigan football coach Jim Harbaugh commends Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson on the opening of the I.G.N.I.T.E. Program on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Photos: Hannah Ball

mates go to school an hour before lunch and an hour before dinner five days a week. The studies can encompass sign language, French literature, culinary arts, skilled trades taught through virtual reality, and more.

"There is not one thing that we can't teach them," he said.

Swanson said the cost to taxpayers is \$0. The inmates already have tablets, through GTL, that allow them to stream music and games, which generates revenue. That revenue will pay for the I.G.N.I.T.E. program.

Percy Glover, a former inmate of the Genesee County Jail, first met Swanson when he was an inmate. He told the crowd how when he got out of jail, he was lost and had no resources. Glover went to Mott Community College, he's worked with inmates and those on probation

**“It's about changing their mindset so they never come back again.”**

**Chris Swanson**  
Genesee County sheriff



This stack of Chromebooks will be used by Genesee County Jail inmates while they serve time. They can learn a variety of subjects, including skilled trades, literature, math and more.

as a reentry specialist, and he now has a master's degree.

"Without the training, without the education, without the resources, a person cannot get ahead," he said.

Genesee Intermediate School District

Superintendent Lisa Hagel, Ph.D. spoke in favor of the I.G.N.I.T.E. program. "As children grow into adults, we still hold this belief that education changes lives," she said. "No matter what the reality or what the situation, education and the skills and knowledge that comes along with it provide the men and the women the freedom to contribute back to society, and that is what we believe this program will do."

Chief Justice Bridget McCormack of the Michigan Supreme Court commended Swanson, the previous sheriff Robert Pickell and the new program. She's on a state task force aimed at criminal justice reform. County jail populations have tripled over the last three years "even though crime is at a 50-year low," she said.

She told a story she heard while doing work for the task force about a police officer who pulled over a man who had been arrested eight times for driving without a license. The man said he'd been wanting to take the test, but he can't read.

McCormack spoke of thinking "upstream" to create better solutions to help people.

University of Michigan football coach Jim Harbaugh spoke at the event.

"We have a saying on our team — your actions speak so loudly that we cannot even hear what you're saying," he said. "This is action. This is what change looks like. This is what reform looks like."

Swanson read a note from an inmate about how they're hopeful for the I.G.N.I.T.E. program.

"No one wants to hire an uneducated criminal. They have never had options for us ... We run back to what we know best, which leads us right back to jail, the revolving door. Some of us just need that extra push. Some of us just need someone to say, 'you got this,'" he read.

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## Deadline is Friday for USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

**RICHFIELD TWP.** — U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Farm Service Agency reminds Genesee County farmers that the deadline to apply for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program is Sept. 11, 2020.

This program provides direct relief to mid-Michigan producers who faced price declines and additional marketing costs due to COVID-19. More than 160 commodities are eligible for CFAP, including certain non-specialty crops, livestock, dairy, wool, specialty crops, eggs, aquaculture, and nursery crops and cut flowers.

All eligible commodities, payment rates, and calculations can be found on [farmers.gov/cfap](https://farmers.gov/cfap).

"FSA offers several options for farmers and ranchers to apply for CFAP, including a call center where employees can answer your questions and help you get started on your application," stated Richard Fordyce, Farm Service Agency administrator. "With only two weeks before the deadline, now is the time to check out the resources on our website and contact the call center or your local office for your last-minute questions."

Customers seeking one-on-one support with the CFAP application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer general assistance. This is a recommended first step before a producer engages the team at the FSA county office at their local USDA Service Center.

Producers have several options for applying to the CFAP program by the Sept. 11 deadline:

- Using an online portal, accessible at [farmers.gov/cfap](https://farmers.gov/cfap). This allows producers with secure USDA login credentials, known as eAuthentication, to certify eligible commodities online, digitally sign applications, and submit directly to the local USDA Service Center.
- Completing the application form using our CFAP Application Generator and Payment Calculator found at [farmers.gov/cfap](https://farmers.gov/cfap). This Excel workbook allows customers to input information specific to their operation to determine estimated payments and populate the application form, which can be printed, then signed, and submitted to their local USDA Service Center.
- Downloading the AD-3114 application form from [farmers.gov/cfap](https://farmers.gov/cfap) and manually completing the form to submit to the local USDA Service Center by mail, electronically, or by hand delivery to an office drop box. In some limited cases, the office may be open for in-person business by appointment.

## Appeals court rules against farmworkers, farmers

By MITCH GALLOWAY

Farm News Media

**LANSING** — A nine-page filing Sept. 2 by the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against farmworkers and farm owners, plaintiffs in a case against the Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services.

Previously, plaintiffs argued the state's emergency order requiring COVID-19 testing at certain-sized operations infringed on migrant workers' civil rights. When U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan upheld state testing requirements in August, farm employers had until Aug. 24 to implement mandatory testing and protocols.

Grand Rapids-based law firm Varnum LLP first filed a complaint Aug. 12 on behalf of the farmworkers. Later, they filed a preliminary injunction, which the appeals court denied, in part, because "proffered evidence is insufficient."

"(C)onsidering the effects of government action on various racial groups is not evidence of improper Purpose," the court wrote in the filing.

"Put simply, Plaintiffs' argument requires us to view disparate impact as evidence of discriminatory motive," the court continued. "That is inconsistent with longstanding Supreme Court precedent requiring those asserting equal protection violations to show both impact and intent."

Previously, Michigan Farm News reported Michigan has about 75,000 Latino farmworkers. Plaintiffs in the case include True Blue Berry Management LLC, Smeltzer Orchards Co. LLC, and six farm workers.

"We are obviously disappointed in the Sixth Circuit opinion," said Rob Anderson, manager of government relations for Michigan Farm Bureau. "We will wait to hear what the next steps are for the plaintiff farmworkers and employers. We just received the opinion ourselves but the ultimate decision to move forward is that of the plaintiffs and their counsel at Varnum LLP."

Anderson said that despite the targeting of certain employees in the ag workforce, "Our growers will continue to provide safe workplaces for their employees, as they have since the beginning of the pandemic."

## MDARD reminds U-pick, corn mazes and agri-tourism operators to follow COVID-19 safety guidance

**GENESEE COUNTY** — As Michigan moves into autumn, the Michigan Dept. of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) reminds U-pick, corn mazes and other agri-tourism operations in and around Genesee County opening up to implement and follow plans to protect themselves and their customers in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Fall harvest in Michigan brings a bounty of delicious food and products highlighting Pure Michigan agriculture. U-pick and other agri-tourism farming operations are part of the foundation of our food supply chain," said Gary McDowell, MDARD director. "These businesses need to continue adhering to specific guidance such as social distancing in the retail and field areas, using masks, and taking the necessary steps to protect public health as they open for the season."

A couple of key items to note:

- Operators must have a COVID-19 preparedness and response plan and make it readily available to employees and customers; train employees; and supervise implementation.
- U-pick and agri-tourism operations must screen staff daily for symptoms and those with symptoms should not be permitted to work until they subside.
- The use of personal protective equipment such as gloves, goggles, face shields, and face coverings as appropriate for the activity being performed is required and must be provided.
- Limit in-person interaction with clients and patrons to the maximum extent possible, and bar any such interaction in which people cannot maintain six feet of distance from one another.
- Customers must take steps to maintain social distancing in sale and retail areas and in fields.
- Spacing out guests in U-pick areas is critical to the safety of all guests. A minimum of six feet between guests must always be maintained. This also means avoiding crowds waiting to enter sales or field areas and providing for six feet between each guest standing in any lines.
- Family units should stay together and six feet apart from others. Customers should only be accompanied with family members and should limit the numbers in their groups.



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Eligible residents will be found by the city partnering with the Genesee County Community Action Response Department (GCCARD) to share billing data. The GCCARD will match the data with the data base that includes people on the food assistance program. There will be a challenge in that the data GCCARD uses most successfully to match one account to the other is data the city does not have access to, which is a Social Security number.

Stephen Guy, director of the city's water plant, recommended that the city enter into the data sharing agreement with GCCARD in order to help eligible customers with their water and sewer bills.

## FLU VACCINE

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outbreaks, including flu. Routine vaccination prevents illnesses that lead to unnecessary medical visits and hospitalizations, which further strain the healthcare system," according to the CDC.

The flu vaccination will help reduce the overall impact of respiratory illness on populations, which will lessen the burden on the U.S. healthcare system during this pandemic. It is recommended that everyone 6 months of age and older, with a few exceptions, receive the vaccine.

The CDC is working with healthcare providers and state health departments

to develop contingency plans on how people can get the flu vaccine without increasing their risk of being exposed to COVID-19.

Influenza and COVID-19 are different.

"Influenza (flu) and COVID-19 are both contagious respiratory illnesses, but they are caused by different viruses. COVID-19 is caused by infection with a new coronavirus (called SARS-CoV-2) and flu is caused by infection with influenza viruses. Because some of the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are similar, it may be hard to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone, and testing may be needed to help confirm a diagnosis," according to the CDC.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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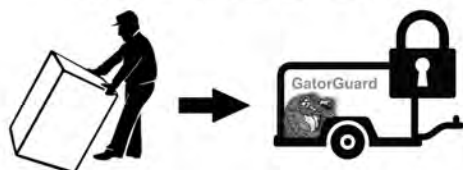
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## Gyms, fitness centers, pools reopen

■ Closed since mid-March, staff and members adjust to pandemic guidelines

By Sharon Stone

Area gyms, fitness centers and pools were allowed to reopen Wednesday, Sept. 9. This comes after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-176 on Thursday, Sept. 3.

In addition to gyms being allowed to open their doors, organized sports were allowed to resume.

Whitmer also signed an executive order that outlines strict workplace safety measures that gyms and pools must follow to protect people from the spread of COVID-19.

Gyms must require wearing of masks at all times, including times of exercise, configure workout stations or implement protocols to enable 6 feet of distance between individuals during exercise sessions, reduce class sizes to enable at least 6 feet of separation between individuals, provide equipment-cleaning products throughout the gym, and more.

Planet Fitness on Owen Road in Fenton reopened Wednesday. Employees



A member of the Planet Fitness in Fenton shares a photo of the gym, which was allowed to reopen Wednesday, Sept. 9. Submitted photo

at the Fenton location have worked hard to welcome guests back and to provide a clean, sanitary and judgment free workout members expect, according to the

gym's Facebook page. Because of the local requirements, they are only able to accommodate 138 members at a time and masks are required for members and

guests at all times.

Members who paid dues in March, when the governor shut the state down, will have those dues credited toward their first monthly bill.

Coreena Storms of Fenton said her gym, Libratum Strength & Conditioning, is an "awesome gym with amazing coaches."

Ed McNulty, who owns Tri County Ninja with his wife Megan, said business is going "OK, but no where near as well as pre-covid."

McNulty said they are starting to see interest return a little bit.

"We were able to host camps and things earlier, but we weren't classified as a gym in the same way as Planet Fitness. Even though we did get under most of the same restrictions. The governor would allow us to have almost 50 people inside based on occupancy guidelines, but we have instituted a self-imposed cap of 10."

To offset their lost revenue, the McNultys are offering some distance learning assistance. "We have staff on hand to help the kids with homework

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# Holly tennis off to strong start in Flint Metro League action

By David Troppens

**Holly** — COVID-19 does pose a few issues when it comes to the Holly varsity boys tennis season.

“For one, we have to wear a mask when we get off the court,” senior Garrett Reid said. “We have to try to stay away from

each other and that’s kind of a bummer because we all want to talk to each other. ... But one nice thing is we don’t have to wear a mask when we are playing anymore. It’s great that we have that freedom to be able to take off our mask when we are playing.”

Whatever the issues may be

during a meet, they don’t seem to be stopping the Bronchos. Holly improved to 3-0 in Metro League action on Thursday, defeating Owosso by an easy 8-0 score.

“I feel like we are doing pretty good,” senior Joe Kittle said. “It’s a little weird having to wear masks and almost having to

wear them while playing, but I think we are doing well.

“I like this team because I think a lot of kids have potential over the next couple of years. I am good buddies with everyone on the team. It’s a pretty good team. I love it.”

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## Sports Times

Holly's  
Garrett Reid



# Tigers open soccer season with impressive 7-0 win vs. Owosso



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Fenton's Calvin Curtis (right) scored two goals in the Tigers' 7-0 season-opening victory against the Owosso Trojans on Wednesday.

By David Troppens

**Fenton** — On Aug. 12, the Fenton varsity boys soccer team started practicing for its 2020 fall season.

But just like so many other fall sports teams, the journey to a first game took much longer than hoped due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the state guidelines preventing play.

First, a game against area rival Linden was canceled, and following that was the cancellation of a few other games. But, on Wednesday, the wait was finally over. The Fenton Tigers were able to begin their season with a home game against Owosso.

And while playing the first

game took nearly a month, it didn't take senior Desmond Coughlin long to give the Tigers their first lead of the season. It took just 34 seconds. Coughlin gave the Tigers an early 1-0 lead and Fenton never lost control of the contest earning a 7-0 win at home in their first Flint Metro League game of the season.

“It was pretty tough because we thought the games were going to start but then we had to wait,” Coughlin said. “We were having fun practicing but we are really glad that the season is starting.”

“It feels great now because we have been working so hard. And coming off such a good season last year we just

want to get out here and play as good as we can and have a good time with our brother-ship.”

The Tigers struck quickly. A pass from Ashton McKellar set up a nice shot to the far-side corner by Coughlin for the first goal of the season.

“It does feel pretty exciting and exhilarating,” Coughlin said about the goal. “We are just ready to get the season going.”

The score remained 1-0 until Andrew Hutchins dished a pass to Calvin Curtis. Curtis dribbled up the field for about five yards before taking the shot and scoring, making it a 2-0 lead. Before the half was

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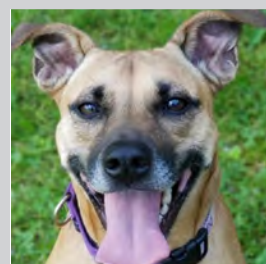
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## Fenton girls golf team earns two more wins

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls golf team is now more than halfway through the Flint Metro League's dual meet portion of the season, and they remain perfect in league play.

The Tigers improved to 5-0 in Metro action by beating Kearsley and Brandon at Goodrich Country Club on Wednesday. Actually, the Tigers dominated their competition, posting a team score of 169 while Kearsley (241) and Brandon (245) were more than 70 strokes behind the victors.

Brook Herbstreit helped lead the Tigers' domination with a match med-

alist nine-hole score of 39. However, she wasn't the only strong performer as the Tigers had all six of their golfers post scores under 50.

Katelyn Burkett was the meet's next-best golfer, shooting a 42. Meanwhile, Olivia Herbert carded a 43 and Victoria Carnell shot a 45. Fenton's fifth and sixth scorers also had strong days as Jilian Roberts shot a 46 and Elise Roberts carded a 47.

The only other team with an undefeated record in the Flint Metro League is Goodrich. The Tigers host them in a key Metro dual Wednesday.

## TIGERS

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up, Benjamin Chapple and Zander Fulton also scored, giving the Tigers a 4-0 half-time lead.

The Tigers continued to dominate in the second half, flirting with the eight-goal mercy rule. McKellar scored two second-half goals and Curtis scored another goal in the second half, however, the Tigers were unable to get the eighth goal that would've called the game early. Still, a 7-0 victory was pretty impressive.

"I like most that we were out here having fun and playing good soccer for our first game," Coughlin said. "We had great brother-ship out there today."

The Tigers have a good nucleus of players returning from last year's team that not only shared the Metro League title with Linden and Goodrich, but also advanced to the D2 state semifinals before falling in an over-time game. This season, the Tigers will be competing at the Division I



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Fenton's Zander Fulton (right) scored a goal in the Tigers' 7-0 victory against Owosso.

level in the state tournament.

"We are just trying to go as far as we can, play as long together as we can as a team and stay together," Coughlin said. "We are in D1 in districts this year so it's going to be tougher. We are just going to have to play tougher."

The game was played with every participant wearing a mask due to the pandemic.

## PREP REPORT

### GIRLS GOLF

► **Goodrich 182, Holly 224:** The Bronchos (1-2) were led by Kendall Stilwell's 50 at Flint Elks Golf Course. Makenna McGee shot a 54 while Ella Bush carded a 57. Emma Tooley shot a 63.

Holly hosts Brandon on Monday.

### BOYS SOCCER

► **Linden 4, Brandon 3:** The Eagles opened the Flint Metro League season with a victory against the Brandon Blackhawks. The Eagles led 2-1 at halftime and the game was tied 2-2 early in the second half.

## LF soccer off to unbeaten start

By David Troppens

A year ago, the Lake Fenton varsity boys soccer team only had 15 players and lacked serious depth.

Consequently, the Blue Devils were able to only win two games and record two draws in 17 contests.

Just two games into this season, things have changed. The Blue Devils not only have more players (22 on the roster) but they also have more talented players within that depth. Many of those players that were on last year's team also have more experience as well. The results? The Blue Devils have a win and a tie in their first two games of the 2020 fall season.

Lake Fenton drew Genesee Christian 1-1 in its first game and then beat Flushing in a Flint Metro League contest 2-0 on Wednesday.

"Both of those teams beat us 3-0 last year," Lake Fenton varsity boys soccer coach Sam Jawhari said. "But I have some really good ninth-graders that came up this year and three are getting a lot of playing time. ... Last year we had 15 players and there weren't



Lake Fenton keeper Jacob Haugh recorded a shutout against Flushing.

11 key players out there. I hardly knew who to bring in when people got tired. Now we have people coming off the bench and we aren't missing anything."

The Blue Devils looked on the verge of losing its first game of the season against Genesee Christian but showed some mental fortitude, earning the draw. With 57 seconds left, captain Johnny Rubey scored off a free kick, tying the game.

"It was a beautiful kick from about 30 yards out," Jawhari said.

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Sealed proposals must be submitted to Fenton Township no later than 3:00 p.m. Thursday October 1, 2020. Any questions should be directed to the Fenton Township Operations Manager by email at [info@fentontownship.org](mailto:info@fentontownship.org) or by phone at (810) 629-1537.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed Silver Lake Road Connector Trail M.D.N.R. Grant Application

The Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks and Recreation Commission (SLPR) is developing a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application for the development of the Silver Lake Road Connector Trail. The pathway will be constructed along the south side of Silver Lake Road through the communities of Linden, Fenton and Fenton Township and connects Triangle Park in the City of Linden with Silver Lake Park in the City of Fenton. The proposed pathway benefits the southern lakes area communities by providing alternate transportation, recreational opportunities, and regional connectivity with an overall goal to develop non-motorized connectivity within these southern Genesee County communities and beyond.

SLPR will be holding an informational public hearing on Thursday, September 17th at 6 PM to explain the proposed project and grant application and seek input from the community. Due to COVID restrictions, the public hearing will be held using the Zoom meeting platform. Use the following link to attend the meeting, ask questions and/or show your support:

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## Just sayin'...

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### What's 'up' with that

When I was in college many moons ago, my rhetoric classes were among my favorites. The lessons that really stuck with me were the use and misuse of certain words. My professor would say it is awkward to write, "There were over 100,000 people in the crowd." She said using the word "over" instead of "more than" made one immediately look to the sky and ask "over what?"

In the newspaper business, we follow the AP Style guidelines in our writing and in recent years, writing "over" instead of "more than" has become acceptable. I still can't do it.

I take issue with the overuse of another little word — up! My friends and coworkers know that I literally cringe when I hear someone ask, "Did you see the write-up in the paper?" Even though write-up is technically one correct way to refer to a story or an article, it just doesn't sound right to me so I avoid it. I live by the motto, "When in doubt, throw it out."

But every day, I hear or read sentences like, "The restaurant is serving up hamburgers tonight," or "Let's grill up some steaks." Afterwards we need to "clean up the mess." Later, we can "bake up some cookies." I could

list hundreds of examples like this. Like my old professor said, I want to look to the sky and say "up where?" Take out the word "up" — does the sentence work? Of course it does. Again, it is not wrong to use "up" like this, just unnecessary.

I'm wondering if this is a Michigan thing because I don't recall using "up" like I described here when I lived in the Chicago area. I could be wrong but I just don't remember saying things like "Can we meet up at the restaurant?"

Our former features editor, the late Jan Ryneerson, used to say things in what I thought was a strange way and it turns out it really is a Michigan thing. Instead

of saying "We were having cocktails at the hotel (like everyone knows that the Hotel is the Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille)," she would say, "We were having cocktails 'over to' the hotel."

She said "over to" instead of "at" all the time. When I brought it to her attention, she would simply smile and say that she's right and I'm wrong.

Oh well, maybe I'm too picky about things like this. Maybe I should just get liquored up somewhere and forget about it. Just sayin'!

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VERA HOGAN

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**SNYDER BACKS BIDEN.** First the water, now this. Will his stream of mistakes never end?

**BILLIONS OF CHRISTMAS** cards get delivered. What about my gift cards, pictures of my grandchildren or the car tabs I renewed by mail that I never got? No, wait, I did get the tabs, but found them in the dirt down the road. No, I'm not worried. No hoax, facts.

**I'M SO NOT** ready for the season to change. Sunshine, warm air and green trees are so soothing to the soul. The gray skies, bare trees and ice cold wind doesn't do much for me.

**THE ULTIMATE HYPOCRISY**, Linden is allowing full contact sports but will not provide a quality in-person education for its students. Wake up Linden. No school, no bond.

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**DEAR HOT-LINER, CALLING** someone bigoted and sexist because of their race is racism.

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**SO, OUR HIGH** school football players have to wear a mask the entire time they are practicing and playing a game — outside? How's that going to work when it's raining out? How will they possibly keep the mask clean when they get splattered with mud? Whose idea was this?

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## GUIDELINES

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and technical issues, so parents can work and the kids can get socialization until school resumes," he said.

Nick Rizzo, fitness research director for RunRepeat.com said just 30.98 percent of gym members have returned to their gym, according to a survey involving 5,055 respondents.

The survey showed that Michigan had the least amount of gym members having returned to their gyms since the initial lockdown, with only 10.34 percent returning.

Gym members from Michigan were the third most likely of any state to have already canceled or are considering canceling their memberships (64.66 percent).

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- Indoor class sizes must be reduced to 10 or fewer.
- Limit capacity in the facility to 25 percent of the total occupancy limits.
- Mandate wearing of facial coverings at all times except when swimming. Face shields are not sufficient.
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- Ensure that ventilation systems operate properly.
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## TYRONE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held on Monday, September 28, 2020 by the Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals at the Tyrone Township Hall, 8420 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton, Michigan, and via Zoom (A meeting link will be provided on the township's website for public participation), at 7:00 p.m., to consider the following variance application:

**APPEAL NO. 1:** Ref. Tyrone Township Zoning Ordinance No. 36 - Section 20.01 Schedule of Regulations (inclusive of building setbacks, height, and minimum lot width & lot area), Section 8.02 Cluster Development Option, and Section 21.51 Open Space Design Requirements

A request by Tyrone Four, LLC for a minimum lot width variance, a lot area variance, a 100' front yard setback variance, a 75' rear yard setback variance, a variance to allow open space on lots, and a setback variance from the open space boundary of 75' in order to utilize a CDO (Cluster Development Option) to develop a 61.82 acre parcel and a 10.06 acre parcel located on Runyan Lake Road, south of Center Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430, Parcel IDs: 4704-21-100-021 and 4704-21-100-22. The properties are zoned FR, Farming Residential.

Additional information, legal descriptions, and location maps are available at the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office, 8420 Runyan Lake Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Tyrone Township Clerk, at (810) 629 -8631, at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Gregory Carnes, Chairman  
 Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals

## TYRONE TOWNSHIP SEEKING APPOINTEE FOR BOARD OF REVIEW AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Tyrone Township is seeking appointees to fill a vacated term on the Board of Review and another term as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals. If interested, please submit your resume and completed application found at [www.tyronetownship.us](http://www.tyronetownship.us) to Clerk Marcie Husted at [clerk@tyronetownship.us](mailto:clerk@tyronetownship.us) by 5:00 pm. on September 28, 2020.



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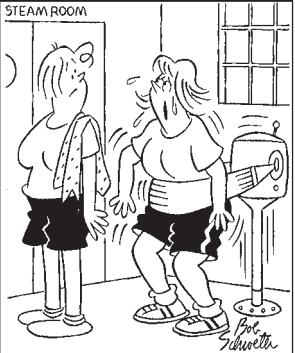
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Scold  
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Origin  
**ACUSE**

Adorn  
**SHARING**

Emanate  
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WNI  
LETL  
CRAD  
NUDK

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Jumbles: WIN  
TELL  
CARD  
DUNK  
Answer: being TRAINED  
It was the railroad employee's first day, so he was

The buck stays here!

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## Word Search

U E X L C U I S B L U B H O J X P J B C  
K Y J T V O C B F L A D B W P U M V I O  
C D C D A O L N W O D N E G T G E L O G  
H S Y H P A R G O I L B I B H F E D G J  
E X N M X I D N E P P A V M G K K K R X  
C E B Y I N D E X R P E D R I B B Y A K  
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KING  
FEATURES

ACROSS

1 Neighbor of Niger

5 Comical bits

9 Work group

14 PLO chairman Mahmoud

19 Europe's "Eternal City"

20 Blind as —

21 Common typeface

22 — Polo

23 App-based ride option

24 — fide (real)

25 Grilled steak with thin, diagonal cuts

27 Neighbor of Niger

28 Alternative to toffee

30 County in New Mexico or Colorado

31 Aeneas' lover, in myth

32 Link two disparate things

35 Once — while

37 Gp. backing firearms

38 Has the helm

39 Revered one

40 Terminated

42 "Wild Thing" rapper

56 Internet ID

57 Goggles

58 Not breaking the rules

61 Fast glance

63 Lizard that may be a pet

64 Terrible fate

65 Refuses, as a chance

69 "Norma —" (Field film)

70 Initial amount required by a creditor

74 Suffix of sugars

75 Hold sacred

78 Verse writer

79 One dodging

82 Slovak coin

83 1969 Stevie Wonder hit

86 "Geez!"

89 — Paulo

90 Crooner

91 Exaggerated and

92 Reasonable advance notice

96 Facial locale

98 Prefix with gender

99 Ringlike isle

100 Soda shop drink

104 Sells virtually

109 Surg. locales

110 Vote in favor

111 England's "Nine Days' Queen"

113 Tel. or elec.

115 Statesman Stevenson

118 High points

119 Advance

120 Watercourse associated with the starts of eight long answers in this puzzle

123 Rabbit's kin

124 Part of A.D.

125 Attend

126 Greek vowel

127 Clear out of

128 Marsh plant

129 Elia piece

130 "The Balcony" playwright Jean

131 Old flames

132 Slips up

DOWN

1 Cookie bits

2 Tasmania's capital

3 2001 Audrey Tautou film

4 Sneer at

5 Rap session

6 See

7 76-Down

7 India's Rajiv

8 Like plays

9 Mineo of movies

10 Outpost unit

11 "That — happenin'!"

12 Get dimmer

13 Ocala's state

14 Envoy: Abbr.

15 Verse writer

16 Sib acquired via marriage

17 Late-'60s music genre

18 One-person bands, e.g.

26 Nine-person band, e.g.

29 Self-image

33 Potatoes au —

34 Frazier foe

36 Folk sayings

40 To be, to Fifi

41 Flames' org.

44 Car ad abbr.

46 SPF part

47 Ersatz

48 Blazing

49 Astronomer Carl

50 Hints

51 Schnozz or boff ender

53 "Where — go wrong?"

54 Auth. unknown

55 Feed in a sty

59 Low point

60 Windows ad statement

61 Frying vessel

62 Perfumer

65 — dish (lab item)

66 City that Lot fled from

67 Deplete

68 Matthew of "Friends"

71 Tokyo-born Yoko

72 Pirate chant opener

73 Run across

76 With 6-Down, catch wind of

77 Airport strip

80 Clear out of

81 Dr.'s gp.

83 Postal stack

84 Over there

85 Mag. printing

86 "Naturally!"

87 Scrunchies

88 Long letters

89 TV inits.

93 Vexed a lot since 1975

94 Selfish driver of a sort

95 TV inits. since 1975

97 Multi-piece gifts for calligraphers

101 Cavity-fighting org.

102 Fruit of a Chinese tree

103 Discount department store chain

105 Blazing

106 Clothes smoother

107 Less fatty

108 Church councils

111 Feudal lord

112 Eagle's nest

114 "— hundred flowers bloom"

116 Half-baked

117 Prayer ender

121 "Hee Haw" co-host

122 Used a chair

PUZZLE CLUE:  
SONG SPAN

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Puzzle Answers

Midweek Sudoku, Crossword Puzzle and Jumbles are located in the last Midweek's issue. All other puzzles are located throughout this edition of the Tri-County Times.

MIDWEEK SUDOKU ANSWERS

7	6	4	1	5	8	3	9	2
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5	8	6	9	2	1	7	4	3
1	4	9	5	3	7	6	2	8
3	2	7	6	8	4	1	5	9

MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:

PLANK, AWAKE, SOOTHE, BUDGET

Answer: When the ox-like antelope met up with his friends, he said — **WHAT'S "GNU"?**

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

1	3	5	6	7	4	2	9	8
9	7	8	2	1	3	6	4	5
2	4	6	8	5	9	7	1	3
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7	8	1	9	4	5	3	6	2
4	2	9	3	8	7	1	5	6
6	1	7	5	9	2	8	3	4
8	5	3	4	6	1	9	2	7

WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:

BERATE, CAUSE, GARNISH, EXUDE

Answer: **HUSBAND**

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 21 min.

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WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

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# Obituaries

Times



## Albert (Al) Clayton Williams

1949 – 2020

Albert (Al) Clayton Williams – age 70 passed away at his home in Linden, surrounded by family on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. He was raised in Colorado and graduated from the Colorado School of Mines with a Bachelor of Science in Geological Engineering in December of 1972. He is survived by his wife, Runore Wycoff; children, Donielle Williams, Ryan Williams (Mandi), Wendy (Wayne) Johnson, Marci (Jim) Bird; sister, Beverly Carlson; grandchildren, Kaeli Schiff, Robert Schiff, Chloe Williams, Adam Williams, Benjamin Williams, Kelly Johnson, Summer Johnson, Zinnia Erickson, and Dahlia Erickson; nieces, Jennifer Carlson, Tanya Carlson, and Samantha Klotz. Al was preceded in death by his mother, Yvonne; and his sister, Sandy Klotz. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com).

## Elizabeth “Betty” Freeman

Elizabeth “Betty” Freeman - age 69, died September 3, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Constance Marie Hibbard

1931 – 2020

Constance Marie Hibbard - age 89, of Linden, died Thursday, September 10, 2020. Per her wishes an anatomical donation has been made to University of Michigan Medical



member of St. Jude's Episcopal Church, where she was involved in the choir, prayer shawl ministry and coffee ministry. Constance was a caregiver to friends and strangers alike.

Surviving are

School. A memorial service will be held at a later date at St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Fenton. Contributions may be made to St. Jude's Episcopal Church, 106 E Elizabeth St, Fenton. Constance was born March 8, 1931 in Ann Arbor, the daughter of Thomas and Nellie (Foust) Knowles. She earned a Bachelor Degree in Nursing from University of Michigan. Constance was a Registered Nurse at Hurley Medical Center for 16 years and Advanced Professional Home Health Care of 15 years. She was a very active

four children, Jeff Hibbard, Gerald Hibbard, John Hibbard, and Cynthia Hibbard; many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; sister, Patricia (Grant) DuCharme; dear friend, Marceline Nelson. She was preceded in death by daughter, Julie Mace; and brother, Gerald Knowles. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Susan Collop

Susan Collop - age 56, died September 7, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Terrance McRoberts

Terrance McRoberts - age 80, died September 3, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Jan Lockhart

Jan Lockhart - age 83, died September 8, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Delores Woodham

Delores Woodham - age 72, died September 3, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Gerald Hugh “Jerry” Sprague

1933 – 2020

Gerald Hugh “Jerry” Sprague - age 87, of Holly, died Tuesday, September 8, 2020. He was born in Flint on August 27, 1933, the son of Hugh and Ina (Cruthers) Sprague. He served from 1953 to 1955



in the U.S. Army. He married Marla Jean Beers on June 26, 1954 in Swartz Creek. He was employed 31 years at General Motors Fisher Body Grand Blanc and was a member of U.A.W. Local 1292. He retired in 1987. He liked to fish, hunt, and travel and spent 18 winters in Mission, TX. He also was a volunteer for the Holly Ambulance for nearly 10 years, was a member of the NRA for 25 years, a member of Holly American Legion Post #149, and a member of the Elks for 13 years. Surviving are his wife, Marla; son, Robert of Swartz Creek; Daughter, Sandi (Bill)

Balkwill of Holly; four grandchildren, Jason (Sabrina), Sarah (Napolen), Erika (John Morrish), and Tiffany (Sam LaPlant); nine great-grandchildren, Ares, Aloyla, Abel, Nina Ann, Jackson, Michelle, Nadia, Olivia, and

Quincey; brother, Ellsworth and wife, Vivian of Port Charlotte, FL; one niece, Janet (Bill); and his dog Tilly Mae. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, and sister-in-law. Visitation will be from 2 - 6 PM Thursday, September 10, 2020, with social distancing at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Military honors and graveside services will be held at 2:30 PM Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorial donations may be made to the Leader Dogs for the Blind.

**Dryer Funeral Home**  
[www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

## Phillip Kinzie

Phillip Kinzie - age 80, died September 8, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Sally Tuttle

Sally Tuttle - age 45, died September 7, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Sue Schester

Sue Schester - age 58, died September 5, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Irma Elmore

Irma Elmore - age 98, died September 8, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).





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**Times**
**Dorothy Clark**

Dorothy Clark - age 89, died September 3, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneral-homes.com](http://www.sharpfuneral-homes.com).


**Duane Dart**

Duane Dart - age 81, died September 5, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).


**Frank Harris**

Frank Harris - age 93, died September 3, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneral-homes.com](http://www.sharpfuneral-homes.com).


**Joann Wakeman**

Joann Wakeman - age 73, died September 5, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneral-homes.com](http://www.sharpfuneral-homes.com).


**Laurence Natzel**

Laurence Natzel - age 91, died September 4, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneral-homes.com](http://www.sharpfuneral-homes.com).



**OBITUARIES  
UPDATED  
DAILY  
ONLINE**


**Georgia Lynn Szymanski**

1948 - 2020

Georgia Lynn Szymanski - age 71, of Fenton, passed away Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at home surrounded by her family after an 18 year battle with cancer. She was born November 25, 1948 to George and Marlyn Gilbert in Detroit. She married Tim Szymanski, her husband of 49 years, July 9, 1971 in Livonia. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, especially at her cabin on Mullet Lake. Some of her hobbies were cooking, baking, gardening, crafting, crocheting and boating. She also had a love for dogs and bunnies. Georgia is survived by her husband, Tim Szymanski; children, Tim (Suzy) Szymanski, Teri (Brad) Smith; grandchildren, Brady, Ashlyn, Lauren, Rachel and Brooke; brother, Randy (Joan) Gilbert; cousins; nephews; a niece; and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Share memories at [www.temrowski-familyfuneralhome.com](http://www.temrowski-familyfuneralhome.com).

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**David John "Jack" Bretzke**

1929 - 2020

David John "Jack" Bretzke - age 90, of Fenton, died Thursday, September 3, 2020. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Jack was born October 3, 1929 in Flint, the son of Paul Julius and Eva Maude (Stillwell) Bretzke. He married Rita M. Leggett on July 28, 1951 in Pontiac. Jack retired from Fenton Public Schools in 1985 as the Supervisor of Facilities. He was a member of St. Jude Episcopal Church and managed F.A.R.R. Thrift Store. He loved to travel, work with stained glass and fish. Surviving are wife, Rita of Fenton; son, James Bretzke of Flint; daughter, Wanda (Richard) Spangler of Lancaster, PA; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Ernest, Max and Edward Bretzke; and sister, Ruth Barton. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneral-homes.com](http://www.sharpfuneral-homes.com).


**Chad Earl Buff Jr.**

1999 - 2020

Chad Earl Buff Jr. - age 20, of Holly, died Friday, September 4, 2020 in Daytona Beach, FL. He was born in Grand Blanc on October 2, 1999 to Chad Buff and Tracy Wallace. Chad was a very caring, hardworking young man, with a big heart and beautiful smile. He loved fishing, basketball, and dancing. Surviving are his mother, Tracy Wallace; father, Chad Buff; three sisters, Felisha Buff, Riley Wallace, and Marionna Buff; grandparents, Lois and Patrick Lizzet; and grandmother, Bean Dip; and great-grandfather, Earl Buff. He was preceded in death by his grandfather Michael Denison. Funeral services will be held at 12 Noon Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at the River Church of Holly. Visitation will be from 9 AM until the time of the service at the River Church. Memorial donations may be given to the family.

**Dryer Funeral Home**  
[www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com).

**Bonnie Lewis**

Bonnie Lewis - age 86, died September 8, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneral-homes.com](http://www.sharpfuneral-homes.com).


**Margaret Simen**

Margaret Simen - age 77, died September 10, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).


**Michael White**

Michael White - age 72, died September 10, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneral-homes.com](http://www.sharpfuneral-homes.com).



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