

Linden girl's story reaches Portland, Oregon

■Linden native compelled to donate \$500 to Macy Common's cause

By Sharon Stone

Inspiring stories can travel far and fast.

The Times published a story Sunday, Oct. 25 about a 9-year-old

girl, Macy Common of Linden, who used birthday money and money she earned doing chores to make a \$250 donation to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

Macy learned that her gift would be matched dollar for dollar during the CHAMPS For Mott virtual



Jim Hnatow

fundraiser on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

After Macy's story was posted on tctimes.com, a 1972 Linden High School graduate living in Portland, Oregon read what she did.

Jim Hnatow reached out to the Times to say how touched he was to hear what a 9-year-old girl was

doing to help others. In response, Hnatow decided to donate \$500 to Macy's cause.

At more than 2,300 miles from Linden, Hnatow said he keeps up with his hometown by reading local Times stories.

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■Better Business Bureau investigates growing number of complaints since COVID-19 began

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start of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to new research by the Better Business Bureau (BBB). A staggering 80.5 percent of consumers reporting online purchase scams in 2020

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Holly cancels Ladies Night, Dickens Fest

■Announcement made Oct. 27 to cancel hugely popular Holly events due to COVID-19

By Hannah Ball

Holly Ladies Night and Dickens Festival have been canceled.

The announcement was made in a letter signed by village of Holly Fire Chief

Steve McGee and Police Chief Jerry Narsh.

"We are very sorry to inform you that the annual Fall Ladies Night Event and Dickens Festival have been canceled for this year. This action is taken based on recommendations from the State of Michigan, Oakland County and our Village

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Trunk-or-treat



Rilan Morey, 8, of Swartz Creek, gets candy from the Argentine Township Fire Department at the Trunk-or-Treat event on Wednesday, Oct. 28. He went with his mom, Debi McCullough, and Nicki Watkins, 16, and Isaac Pierce, 6. Hundreds of children came in costumes to get candy.

See story on page 6. Photo: Hannah Ball

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COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“My family would love to thank the teachers, staff and administrators for all they are doing during this crazy time. We especially appreciate the high school teachers who are going above and beyond to make this a successful year. Thank you.”



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- Mike supported legislation that would **curb governmental overreach** by repealing the antiquated Emergency Powers of the Governor Act (PA 302 of 1945).
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The economic benefit of trails

■ Tourism, outdoor recreation and small businesses all affected by pathways

By Hannah Ball

The new Argentine Township non-motorized pathway has the attention of state trail agencies.

Andrea LaFontaine, executive director of the nonprofit Michigan Greenways and Trails Alliance (MTGA), spoke at the ribbon cutting ceremony in October and applauded Argentine Township and LAFF (Linden, Argentine, Fenton and Fenton Township) Pathway group for their efforts in developing the new trail.

She spoke of the economic benefits to developing trails that connect communities.

"When I talk about those impacts, I think of small businesses, I think of bike shops, restaurants, breweries. Beer and trails seem to go hand in hand," she said.

She said the Mich-



(Left) The Argentine Township pathway travels from Haviland Beach Drive, through the Linden Community Schools complex, to Silver Lake Road where it connects with Linden City sidewalks. (Right) People enjoy the non-motorized trail in the Traverse Bay area in northern Michigan.

igan Air Line Trail is very similar to the one the LAFF Pathway organiza-

tion is working on developing. It starts in Wixom, which is the location of the Drafting Table Brewing Company and a hot spot for cyclists. The Trail's Edge Café was opened along the trail to give users somewhere to sit and eat and drink.

"People view the trail as an investment in the community and also as a potential source of new business," she said.

In Michigan, the outdoor recreation economy generates 232,000 jobs and \$26.6 billion in consumer spending, according to the Outdoor Industry Association. It also generates \$7.5 billion in wages and salaries, and \$2.1 billion in state and local tax revenue.

"In Midland and Isabella County, trailside businesses that directly benefit from the Pere Marquette RailTrail See **TRAILS** on 14

“We try to see ourselves as a resource center for trails. We’re definitely interested in helping them succeed.”

Andrea LaFontaine
Michigan Greenways and Trails
Alliance executive director

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A message from the superintendent

Go Tigers!

On Oct. 1, 2020, we welcomed approximately 80 percent of our students back into our school buildings to learn within our classrooms. Our FAPS staff were excited to see our learners and prepared to make the 2020-2021 school year a great year no matter the situation the pandemic has placed upon us. Almost a month later, our excitement is still strong, and both our in-person and our Tiger Virtual Academy staff and students are doing an outstanding job navigating through the many changes we have experienced. We are committed to adapting, being flexible and learning new ways to take on the many challenges that arise each day.

There are always challenges within a school community as we strive to meet the needs of over 3,300 students. This year has been even more challenging with the learning curve of the new instructional design of face-to-face learning and virtual learning, along with the many other added requirements placed upon us due to COVID-19.



Adam Hartley
Fenton Area
Public Schools
superintendent

COVID-19 brings new challenges each day in the form of substitute teacher shortages, administrators contact tracing into the evening and over the weekends, having to transition quarantined staff and students to a virtual platform, not having a normal school day, and other changes that impact our staff, students and families.

lies.

The “new normal” is here and each day a variety of challenges arise.

The silver lining through all of this uncertainty and change is how well the FAPS school community is working together. In the face of adversity, our community leaders are stepping up and our school personnel are constantly asking, “How can we help?” The relationships we built before the pandemic are now helping us support our families and helping us navigate through these unprecedented times, not only in education but throughout the world. The phrase #WeAreFenton truly is reflected in the hard work everyone is doing. Thank you for your continued support and Go Tigers!

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MY WEARING A mask shows I am taking COVID-19 seriously. Go ahead and keep hating on it because it's fun or has a logo on it, but I'm wearing it to protect you. Still angry? Direct that anger toward those who refuse to wear one.

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MY FAVORITE FACE mask has Looney Tunes characters on it. My wife made it for me. I think happy, whimsical designs on masks are great. They help lighten the mood, while providing good protection against COVID-19, which is indeed very serious.

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

Have you experienced an increase in political calls and texts?

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"If I don't recognize a number, I don't answer. If I get a GOP text, I respond, 'Are you kidding me?!' If it is a Democrat texting, I respond, 'Go Blue.' And for the first time in my life I have donated."

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"I ignore them. I understand they have a job to do, but I don't appreciate my phone blowing up at all hours telling me who to vote for."

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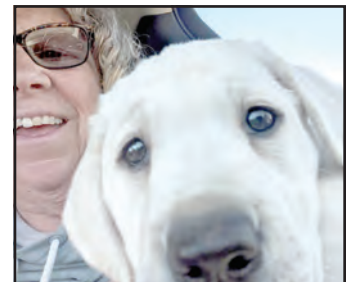
"I have not received one call or text that has been politically related. Might be they don't focus on registered Independents."

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Argentine police and fire host Trunk-or-Treat

■ Officials wish to make it an annual event

By Hannah Ball

Hundreds of children were able to trick-or-treat safely, even before Halloween, thanks to the Argentine Township police and fire departments which hosted a Trunk-or-Treat event Wednesday, Oct. 28.

In the parking lots of Linden High School and Central Elementary, families traveled around to different stations and their kids, dressed in costumes, put candy in their buckets and bags. Attendees were dressed as superheroes, witches, and other characters.

This is the first year the departments held this event. Det. Sgt. Doug Fulton said they want to make it an annual tradition.

"We were waiting to hear if the Genesee County 911 was going to have their trunk-or-treat, and they said they weren't going to. Basically, we just thought why can't we just do our own? People are wearing masks,



An employee with First Student dressed as Pikachu talks with parents as children grab candy at the Trunk-or-Treat event in the Linden schools parking lot. Photo: Hannah Ball

people are social distancing, playing it safe," he said. "We're pretty happy with the outcome today."

He said people and organizations donated "tons" of candy for the event.

about Halloween safety. The department hands out orange reflective bags with tips on them such as traveling in groups or staying with their parents, staying on sidewalks and bringing a flashlight. They handed out those bags on Wednesday.

Interim Fire Chief Jeremy Kurtz handed out candy with other fire personnel in front of a decorated fire truck.

"We figured we'd bring the trucks out, decorate them a little bit, just get some good PR with the community," he said. "So far, everyone seems to be okay. Everyone's checking out the truck ... the kids are loving the treats. I hope everyone enjoys it."



Some families brought their furry companions to Argentine Township's Trunk-or-Treat event. Photo: Hannah Ball

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"We got candy donated to us from regular parents out of the blue, the Linden Pay It Forward, they came by and dropped off candy. The fire department bought candy," Fulton said. "I told the kids to make a couple rounds."

The stations were the Linden bus drivers with First Student, police cars with skeletons in police uniforms, the Argentine Township police boat, MMR with an ambulance, an Argentine Township Fire Department fire truck and Pit Boss Smokehouse food truck.

"Our game next year is for it to be bigger," Fulton said, adding that they want to have a DJ and more candy stations next year.

Usually, Fulton goes to different elementary schools to talk with students



The Argentine Township Fire Department decorated a fire truck and a table with a cauldron and other Halloween adornments. Photo: Hannah Ball



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Emergency orders extended

■ Restaurants and bars to be required to take names and contact information of diners for contact tracing

On Thursday, Oct. 29, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) revised and extended its epidemic order to contain the spread of COVID-19, as Michigan continues to see a surge in cases, hospitalizations and deaths.

Although most of the order is unchanged, new provisions target indoor gatherings where COVID has spread most rapidly. Michigan presently has 172 cases per million people and positivity of tests has increased from about 2 percent to 5.5 percent and both indicators have been increasing for over four weeks. Hospitalizations for COVID-19 have doubled over the last three weeks while the state death rate has increased for five consecutive weeks.

“The only way to beat COVID is to act on what we’ve learned since March,” said MDHHS Director Robert Gordon. “Wear masks. Keep 6 feet of distance. Wash hands. And avoid the indoor get-togethers where we have seen COVID explode.”

As part of the newly extended orders, MDHHS on Thursday reduces from 500 persons to 50 persons the maximum gathering size for indoor gatherings such as weddings, parties, and banquets, which occur in nonresidential settings without fixed seating. This change responds to global evidence that COVID’s explosive growth is powered by events where large-scale outbreaks have occurred, and that indoor settings are as much as 20 times likelier to drive outbreaks than outdoor settings.

Currently Michigan counts 34 outbreaks related to social events such as trips by families/friends,

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Former music professor indicted

■ Retired UM-Ann Arbor professor faces up to 15 years in federal prison if convicted

An indictment was unsealed Thursday, Oct. 29, charging a former University of Michigan professor with two counts of transporting a minor girl (now 34 years old) across state lines with the intent to engage in sexual conduct, announced United States Attorney Matthew Schneider.

Charged was Stephen Shipp, 67, of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Shipp was arrested Thursday morning and later appeared in federal court for his arraignment via Zoom.

From 1989 to 2019, Shipp was employed by the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre, and Dance as a violin professor. Shipp was also the director of the Strings Preparatory Program, which offered instruction to young musicians ranging from elementary school through high school-age. Shipp retired from the university in February 2019.

The indictment alleges that in February and March of 2002, as well as in June and July of 2002, Shipp knowingly transported a young girl, who was under 18 years old, across state lines, and Shipp intended to engage in sexual activity with her.

“We are committed to the safety and well-being of the most vulnerable members of our society — our children,” Schneider said. “For over 20 years, Stephen Shipp had close interactions with many young girls who were gifted musicians. Shipp

met with these young girls both inside and outside of the State of Michigan. Our determination and commitment to seeking justice for victims has no time limit.”

“Thanks to the bravery of Shipp’s alleged victims and painstaking investigative work by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), this disgraced professor is being held accountable for coercing vulnerable young women into sex, in some cases in the distant past,” said Vance Callender, HSI Special Agent in Charge of Michigan and Ohio. “This case underscores HSI’s commitment to pursue sexual predators and bring some measure of justice to the victims.”

If convicted of both counts, Shipp faces a statutory maximum penalty of 15 years in federal prison.

An indictment is merely a charge and is not evidence of guilt.

This case is being investigated by agents of HSI with the assistance of the University of Michigan Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Sara Woodward is prosecuting this case.

The investigation into this case is ongoing.

Schneider said they are asking for the public’s help to fully investigate this case. Anyone with any additional information about alleged crimes committed by Stephen Shipp is asked to call the Tip Line that has been set up by the Department of Homeland Security. That number is 866-DHS-TIPS (866-347-2423). Tips can also be emailed to HSI-Shipp-Investigation@ice.dhs.gov.



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bridal showers and weddings (3-10 cases); funerals (9-22 cases); and outings at social clubs and bowling parties (6-19 cases). An additional 19 outbreaks of up to 52 cases are linked to church services, which are exempt from enforcement under the order.

For bars, restaurants, and social events outside private homes, indoor party sizes at a single table are now restricted to six people. Because individuals remove their masks while eating and drinking in indoor settings, seated tables with people from different households create high risks of spread. Like many other businesses in Michigan, bars and restaurants will also be required to take names and contact information to support effective contact tracing if necessary.

Research published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has shown that visiting restaurants is a risk factor for COVID positivity, and currently there are 12 outbreaks in Michigan associated with bars or restaurants with currently active clusters up to 12 cases.

"The orders that MDHHS has issued are centered on keeping the public safe and following best practices to reduce the spread of this deadly virus," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health at MDHHS. "The alarming surge we are now seeing is exactly why we were so worried about the fall season. We must remain vigilant, so we prevent long-term health consequences and unnecessary deaths, and protect our hospital capacity and the health of our frontline health workers."

"With a dramatic increase in the numbers of cases, number of inpatients in the Munson Healthcare system and increasing community spread, Director Gordon's order provides much-needed clarity about how to control the pandemic in our community," said Dr. Christine A. Nefcy, MD, FAAP, Chief Medical Officer, Munson Healthcare. "These measures are critical to ensuring our success in keeping our workforce healthy, our schools and businesses operational, and our community safe from this serious infectious disease."

Traverse City region moves to phase 4

Because cases are now at a high level statewide, the order treats all regions of the state the same. The Traverse City region previously had fewer restrictions due to lower COVID-19 rates and has now been

moved into Phase 4 of the MI Safe Start system, joining the rest of the state.

Stronger recommendations for indoor social gatherings permitted under the epidemic order

Alongside the rerelease of Thursday's order, MDHHS published strong recommendations for indoor social gatherings, including at Thanksgiving. Because no one measure confers complete protection in a gathering, the guidance recommends that individuals take multiple steps together:

- Get together outside whenever possible. You have up to 20 times higher risk of getting sick inside.
- If you do get together inside, include no more than two households and 10 people.
- Limit time inside together—greater duration is greater risk.
- Wear a mask – take it off when you eat or drink, then put it back on.
- Keep 6 feet apart as much as you can.
- When possible, keep voices down; high volume can increase COVID transmission by 30 times
- Wash hands regularly and try to not to share utensils.

New measures to enhance enforcement

While continuing to focus on encouraging voluntary compliance with its Emergency Orders, MDHHS has also issued rules that set forth fines for violations of these epidemic orders. Violations are punishable by a civil fine up to \$1,000 and may also be treated as a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six months or a fine of not more than \$200, or both. In addition, failure to comply with orders may violate a business or professional's licensure requirements or present a workplace safety violation.

Residents seeking to report violations should consult the COVID complaints page to find the appropriate department. For general failures to wear a mask or physical distance, residents may call their local law enforcement's non-emergency line.

The orders create a mechanism for law enforcement statewide to enforce the orders if education is unsuccessful. "The Michigan State Police continues to encourage Michiganders to follow all public health guidance and orders set in place to slow the spread of COVID-19," said Col. Joe Gasper, director of the Michigan State Police. "It's important that we each take personal responsibility

for our actions and that we also encourage those around us to do the same."

"We continue to work closely with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to support these important public health orders," said Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel. "The orders protect the health of people in communities in every corner of our state."

Michigan Licensed Beverage Association responds

"Another day, another bar and restaurant regulation that looks good on paper. Why do they continue to pick on bars and restaurants when their own data continues to show that we are not a problem industry?" said MLBA Executive Director Scott Ellis. "It would be more productive to focus on identifying and solving the real problems."

Only two COVID-19 outbreaks (defined as two or more cases linked to one place) were tied to bars in the most recent data gathered by MDHHS, which accounted for a two-week period ending October 22. During that same period, zero ongoing clusters/outbreaks were being monitored.

"This puts an unnecessary burden on servers and staff who already have to

deal with trouble customers who refuse to wear masks," Ellis said. "The last time I checked, data collection was not in their job description."

According to the order, all dine-in food service establishments must maintain accurate records of the names and phone numbers of patrons who purchase food for consumption on the premises, and the date and time of entry. If patrons refuse to provide information, servers must deny entry/service.

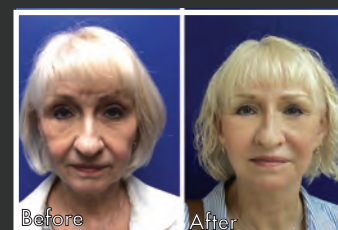
"Our great Michigan bars and restaurants have been doing everything they possibly can to ensure their businesses are clean and safe for patrons," Ellis said. "While cases throughout the state are rising, bars and restaurants are keeping outbreaks at almost non-existent levels. If contact tracing is important, we should be doing it everywhere, not just in certain businesses to paint a bad picture."

The epidemic order is effective immediately, except for the contact tracing portion for bars and restaurants, which goes into effect Nov. 2.

The full order can be read here: https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455-543708--,00.html

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■ Beloved superintendent of Holly Area Schools and community activist died Aug. 12

By Sharon Stone

A magnolia tree was planted this week in front of Holly High School in memory of Kent Barnes.

Barnes died unexpectedly Aug. 12 at the age of 69.

Barnes retired from his role as Holly Area Schools superintendent in 2012 but stayed active in the Holly area. Along with his love for students and teaching, he was also active in his grandchildren's lives, and he was a voracious reader and pianist.

He had been superintendent for 19 years, 14 of those years at Holly Area Schools. When Barnes retired, he said he would miss the people — the staff and students — the most.

In his 2012 interview with the Times, Barnes said, "I feel I have been privileged to have worked in the Holly Area Schools district for the past 14 years. Our area has become home, and I look forward to the upcoming months and years living in the area watching our granddaughters attend our school system and being a part of local civic groups."

Following Barnes' death, former school board president Tony Mayhew said Barnes was a giant in the greater Holly community, and he leaves behind a gaping hole in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. Mayhew also said that Barnes always made them smile, and he was one of a kind.



Kent Barnes' family, including Justin Barnes (at back) and his wife Crystal, Barnes' wife, Debbie and his granddaughters, Savannah, Scarlett and Stella Barnes, pose for a photo following the planting of the magnolia tree in memory of their father, husband and grandfather.

Submitted photo

"He was caring, kind, sincere, and funny — the whole package," Mayhew said. "There is no doubt, the community of Holly will never forget Kent and everything he did for us."

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NOV. 1

1512: The ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome, one of Italian artist Michelangelo's finest works, is exhibited to the public for the first time.

NOV. 2

1947: The Hughes Flying Boat — at one time the largest aircraft ever built — is piloted by designer Howard Hughes on its first and only flight.

NOV. 3

2014: One World Trade Center officially opens in Manhattan on Nov. 3, 2014. The new tower, along with the rest of the World Trade Center complex, replaced the Twin Towers and surrounding complex, which were destroyed by terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

NOV. 4

1928: Arnold Rothstein, New York's most notorious gambler, is shot and killed during a poker game at the Park Central Hotel in Manhattan.

NOV. 5

1605: Early in the morning, King James I of England learns that a plot to explode the Parliament building has been foiled, hours before he was scheduled to sit with the rest of the British government in a general parliamentary session.

NOV. 6

1962: The United Nations General Assembly adopts a resolution condemning South Africa's racist apartheid policies and calling on all its members to end economic and military relations with the country.

NOV. 7

1944: President Franklin Delano Roosevelt is elected to an unprecedented fourth term in office.

Source: history.com

TRI-COUNTY **FUNDRAISERS**

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TOYS FOR TOTS FUNDRAISER

There will be a drive-thru luncheon fundraiser for Toys for Tots at the V.F.W. Post 822 on Thursday, Nov. 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A meal available consisting of soup (chicken noodle or chili), a sandwich (ham, turkey or tuna salad) and chips for \$7. All profits go to Toys for Tots. Cash donations accepted. V.F.W. Post 822, 5065 S. Saginaw, Flint. Call (810) 742-1995 with questions.

POLICE & FIRE **REPORT**

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON RAY ROAD

On Monday, Oct. 26, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 1400 block of Ray Road in Fenton Township for a domestic violence report. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with the victim, a 27-year-old male. The victim stated his mother came into his home and began arguing with him. The victim reported that he tried to leave and his mother grabbed his arm preventing him from leaving. The suspect was arrested and lodged at the Genesee County Jail. The incident remains under investigation.

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The Engineering/Technology Designer will furnish electronic documents to the Bidders. The documents may be downloaded from: <http://cloud.ids-troy.com/bids/bids/has/cardaccessBP04>. Bidders are responsible to check the website from time to time to verify they have all addenda, requests for information and other documents related to the Bid.

The Bid must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized Familial Relationship Disclosure Statement. The Board of Education will not accept a Bid that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

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Bids must be delivered no later than 2:00 PM, November 24, 2020 to Holly Area School District, Attention: Mr. Steven Lenar, 920 Baird Street, Holly, Michigan 48442. At which time, all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A bid tabulation summary will be available.

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LARCENY FROM AUTO ON HOGAN ROAD

On Sunday, Oct. 25, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 14000 block of Hogan Road in Fenton Township for a larceny from an automobile (LFA) report. The victim reported a purse was stolen from her vehicle. The contents of the purse included credit and debit cards and approximately \$50 in cash. The incident remains under investigation.



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By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

FOOD AND HEALTH

Dr. Michael Greger, a leading promoter of nutritional health states, "Most deaths in the United States are preventable, and they are related to what we eat. Our diet is the number-one cause of premature death and the number-one cause of disability." Dr. Joel Fuhrman states that "death in America is a food born disease". The Standard American Diet is meat based with an over abundance of sugar and is highly processed. Most Americans are lacking in the recommended daily allowance of nutrients and fiber because most of their dietary habits are lacking in fruits, vegetables and whole grains. As a result, the numbers for heart disease, stroke, cancer and diabetes are increasing every year in this country. For the most part early death and disability in our country is self inflicted. And the more plants you eat the healthier you are going to be. Following is information from an app I have downloaded onto my smart phone that helps me track the food I eat so that I know I am on the right road toward ideal nutrition and health.

Dr. Greger's Daily Dozen

- Beans - 3 servings per day includes hummus, bean dip, cooked beans, split peas, lentil, tofu, fresh peas
- Berries - 1 serving per day includes strawberries, blueberries, black berries, raspberries, Acai berries
- Other Fruit - 3 servings per day
- Cruciferous Vegetables - 1 serving per day includes broccoli, cabbage, Brussels sprouts,
- Greens - 2 servings per day includes lettuce, spinach, kale, Swiss chard, beet greens and arugula
- Other Vegetables - 2 servings a day
- Flaxseeds - 1 tablespoon ground per day
- Nuts - 1 ½ cup serving per day
- Spices - ¼ tsp of turmeric along with any other salt-free herbs and spices you enjoy.
- Whole grains - 3 servings per day
- Beverages - 5 servings per day. Green tea is my favorite
- Exercise - 1 serving per day. Move it or lose it.

Our health is one of God's greatest gifts; something to be cherished and nurtured. Proper eating and nutrition is key. Like most other things in life, if we ignore and abuse our health, we will lose it. Once lost, our health is very difficult, if not impossible to regain.

I welcome your questions and comments.
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ATTEMPTED BREAKING AND ENTERING IN HOLLY

On Friday, Oct. 23, at 7:51 a.m., Holly police responded to a report of a possible breaking and entering to a home on Grange Hall Road. The 42-year-old homeowner told police that she was in the process of moving in and just noticed pry marks to the outer door that were not there the previous day. She was still unpacking but did not have information on anything missing. The homeowner provided the identity of the person she believes might be attempting to gain entry to her home. Holly officers are investigating.

TEEN ASSAULTED AT SPORTS COMPLEX

On Tuesday, Oct. 20, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 14000 block of Torrey Road, Fenton Township, at the McBrook Sports Complex, on a report of two disorderly males refusing to leave. Upon arrival, the two males had already left the location. The victim, an 18-year-old Linden resident, reported that he was playing basketball and was assaulted by an 18-year-old Oakland County resident. The incident remains under investigation.

SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS? CALL 911

The Office of Genesee County Sheriff asks that you call 911 if you see anything suspicious or unusual. These 911 calls are good leads in solving crimes.

DEFECTIVE HEADLIGHT LEADS TO COURT APPEARANCE TICKET

On Friday, Oct. 23, a deputy with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office was on routine road patrol and observed a vehicle driving westbound on Thompson Road near U.S. 23. A traffic stop was initiated for a defective headlight. A records check on the driver showed multiple suspensions. The vehicle also had improper registration and no insurance. The driver was issued a court appearance ticket and the vehicle was impounded.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE REFERS 11-YEAR-OLD TO JUVENILE COURT

On Friday, Oct. 23, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a home on Lahring Road in Fenton Township for a domestic in progress. Upon arrival, deputies were advised that the 11-year-old son was out of control and punched his mother. Later that same day deputies returned to the residence for a second domestic report. Deputies were advised that the 11-year-old threw a shoe at his grandmother, hitting her. The 11-year-old left the residence on foot and later returned. The incident will be turned over to Genesee County Prosecutors Office for review in juvenile court.

ATTEMPTED HOME INVASION ON RIVERBEND DRIVE

On Sunday, Oct. 25, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office

were dispatched to the 13000 block of Riverbend Drive in Fenton Township for an attempted home invasion. The residents noticed a suspicious truck in front of their residence. When the homeowner exited his residence, he observed a white male in his 30s walking out of the garage. The homeowner confronted the suspect. The suspect tried to make small talk with the homeowner and then appeared to be confused on where he was. The incident remains under investigation.

LINDEN RESIDENT ARRESTED, TRANSFERRED TO TUSCOLA COUNTY

On Sunday, Oct. 25, deputies from the Office of Genesee County Sheriff conducted a traffic stop on Thompson Road near Fairbanks Road due to the vehicle possibly being involved in a recent larceny on Hogan Road. The deputy made contact with the driver. A records check was performed on the driver, a 29-year-old Linden resident. The records check showed the driver had a warrant out of Tuscola County for domestic violence. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Genesee County Jail awaiting transfer to Tuscola County.

AUTO BROKEN INTO ON JENNINGS ROAD

On Monday, Oct. 26, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 12000 block of Jennings Road in Fenton Township for a larceny from an automobile report. The victim, who is not a township resident, was at her in-laws' home for dinner Oct. 25. The victim said when she arrived home she noticed that her purse was not in the vehicle. The incident remains under investigation.

FRAUD REPORTED FROM JULIE ANN COURT IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

On Tuesday, Oct. 27, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 13000 block Julie Ann Court in Fenton Township for a fraud report. The victim stated he received a letter from a collections agency for outstanding balance of \$5,000 to Verizon Wireless. Verizon Wireless advised the victim that someone had used his Social Security number to create an account. The incident remains under investigation.

Synopsis of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting October 26, 2020

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Saad.

Present: Saad, Hallman and Graves. Conner and Schmidt attended by online Zoom.

Approved: Minutes of the September 28, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

Approved: Budget amendment.

Approved: Payment of bills.

Approved: Quarterly pay scale for sergeant position in the Fire Department.

Accepted: Resignation of firefighter Terry Balewski.

Issued: 8 Building and zoning permits.

Accepted: Annual audit from Yeo & Yeo.

Adjourned: 8:03 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Graves
Argentine Township Clerk



The annual Holly Ladies Night Out in 2019 attracted approximately 1,500 guests to downtown Holly. Forty businesses participated and there were 50 vendors. The event is canceled for 2020 due to COVID-19.

Times file photo



The Holly High School marching band performs in the 2019 Holly Dickens Festival parade. The multi-weekend event in downtown Holly has been canceled this year due to concerns over COVID-19 pandemic.

Times file photo

EVENTS

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Public Safety Officials and due to the rise in COVID-19 exposures.

While we all look forward to these unique annual events, in the interest of everyone's health and safety, we feel that cancellation of the events is the best course of action. In the meantime, please continue to exercise safe practices through social distancing and wearing a mask when in public. While wearing a mask is not comfortable and you may be healthy, you are not really wearing it for you.

Those around us may have (compromised) health conditions or may carry COVID-19 to someone else who is compromised.

Even with these events canceled, let's all work together to make this holiday season safe and the best ever. We still plan on a Christmas Tree Lighting in some form, which could be virtual or drive by, so stay tuned for more details. If you have ideas for this event, please don't hesitate to contact either DDA Director Nick Klempp or Holly Area Chamber Director Richard Kinnamon."

Cases of COVID-19 are rising in Oakland County and in the state of Michigan. Oakland County reached more than 20,000 confirmed cases.

This past week saw more than 2,000 daily confirmed cases in the state, which is the highest average yet. Michigan's testing positivity rate was approximately 6.88 percent, which officials say is high.

The number of people hospitalized by COVID continues to rise, with a 38 percent increase compared to last week.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

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McLaren Flint welcomes gastroenterologist to medical staff

Adil Abdalla, MD, a board-certified gastroenterologist, has joined the medical staff at McLaren Flint. Abdalla is seeing patients at Mid Michigan Gastroenterology Associates, 1335 S. Linden Rd., Suite B, Flint. Abdalla completed fellowships in Hepatology at the

National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland, and in the Division of Gastroenterology and

Hepatology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. He completed his residency at McLaren Flint. He earned his medical degree from the University of Khartoum in Khartoum, Sudan. Abdalla is accepting new patients and can be reached by calling (810) 733-6300.



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Petoskey, Michigan has popular non-motorized trails, which bring economic growth to many of the local businesses. **Submitted photo**

TRAILS

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(PMRT) include restaurants, hotels/motels, convenience stores, bicycle shops, senior living facilities and farmers markets," according to the Department of Park, Recreation and Tourism organization at Michigan State University.

The MTGA has information on how pathways positively affect the tourism industry and how residents report health benefits from using trails more. Go to michigantrails.org for more information.

They also give cyclists a safer option instead of bicycling on the shoulder of a busy road.

"It increases the quality of life for residents," she said, adding that trails connect communities to each other and help individuals get healthy. "When communities are deciding to put these trails in, they're thinking about business and how this trail could potentially drive traffic to these businesses."

The MTGA has information to help communities apply for grants for pathways, form initiatives, gain community support, and more. These plans derive data from other states that have seen success in developing more pathways.

These plans are called "Trail Towns." The MTGA, which has helped counties, regions and small communities with pathway development, has worked with the LAFF Pathway organization by offering assistance and resources when needed.

"We try to see ourselves as a resource center for trails. We're definitely interested in helping them succeed," she said. "That group of individuals has a passion for the pathway and the community, and it was refreshing to see."

Funding methods

The most common form of funding for these trails is a hybrid method of

grants, private funding and often millages. LaFontaine said the first investment in a project is usually a grant from the state. People assume the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, LaFontaine said, but the Michigan Department of Transportation also supports pathway efforts.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has conducted studies on the health benefits of trails. In Traverse City, the Vasa Pathway adds an estimated \$2.6 million in direct spending to the regional economy on an annual basis, according to TART Trails.

The MDNR started the Trust Fund grant in the '70s. So far, it's invested approximately \$1.1 billion in outdoor recreation. MDOT runs the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), which uses "federal transportation funds designated by Congress for specific activities that enhance the intermodal transportation system and provide safe alternative transportation options," according to MDOT.

This is relative to Proposition 1 on the ballot this Tuesday. This Proposition allows for funds from mineral, oil and gas leases and royalties to be put into the Natural Resources Trust Fund and the State Parks Endowment Fund.

Individual and private donors also help fund these pathways. The Argentine Township trail was funded through money from the Hagerman Foundation, Community Foundation of Greater Flint, Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Organization, MDOT TAP funds, Safe Routes to School money, \$5,000 from Linden schools, \$300,000 from the MDNR Trust Fund, and private donations.

Safe Routes to School is a national funding method to help communities receive money to develop paths so students have a safe way to walk to and from school.



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Unique ways to support small businesses during the pandemic

■ As consumers loosen their purse strings, they can embrace ways to help the small shops in their town

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Small businesses have faced unprecedented challenges in 2020. As the COVID-19 pandemic wore on throughout the year, small businesses continued to confront the economic fallout wrought by the virus.

According to the National Bureau of Economic Research, the number of active business owners in the United States plummeted by 22 percent in the early stages of the pandemic. Though many businesses managed to hang on as the pandemic continued through spring,

summer and fall, such businesses need their communities to continue to help them stay afloat.

Consumers have not been immune to the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic. Unemployment figures skyrocketed across the globe, and in April retail sales dropped by 14.3 percent from the previous month, according to statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau and Deloitte Insights.

Consumer spending, however, gradually increased in various industries over the summer of 2020. As consumers loosen their purse strings and begin spending more, they can embrace some unique ways to help small businesses in their community.

- Support struggling industries. Consumers may not typically give much thought to whether an industry is struggling before spending their money, but doing so can help small businesses

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Simple ways to give back every day

■ From visiting a neighbor, to donating items, there are many ways to improve your hometown

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Giving back to one's community strengthens towns and neighborhoods and makes them better places to live. Many people volunteer with local charitable organizations, while others make annual donations that help charities and nonprofits achieve their missions.

Giving back to your community can require a big commitment, but there are simple ways to give back each day as well. Whether you're strapped for time and can't volunteer or simply want to do a little more than you already do to support your community, the following are some simple ways to give back every day.

• **Support a local business.** Many small businesses have suffered mightily since the outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19. Such businesses help communities thrive in many ways, including employing local residents. In the United States, the Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy reports that nearly 62 percent of the country's net new jobs between 1993 and 2016 were created by small businesses.

By supporting such firms, whether it's ordering takeout or buying from local retailers instead of their big box competitors, men and women are giving back to their communities while spending money they would be spending anyway.

• **Help a neighbor.** The pandemic turned many people's lives upside down, and some people have had to overcome long periods of isolation. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that the elderly are at greater risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19 than younger people, while those with preexisting conditions such as type 2 diabetes and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD, are at increased risk as well. Because of that heightened risk, such people have been urged to stay at home as much as possible. If you want to give back, offer to help at-risk neighbors with their grocery shopping or other errands that could put them in danger of getting sick.

Another way to help at-risk neighbors is to visit them and keep them company. If you do so, wear a mask at all times and stay at least 6 feet away.

• **Donate used items.** Many people are still working from home full-time as employers remain hesitant to bring staff back into the office. That extra time at home has no doubt made people realize just how much clutter they have around the house. Rather than leaving items out at the curb for the garbage man to take away, donate lightly used clothing and still-functioning appliances to nearby charities.

Unemployment figures remain high

across the country, and more people than ever before are in need of affordable goods. Donating rather than discarding lightly used items can help the less fortunate in your community get through a very uncertain time.

Giving back to one's community does not require a significant commitment of time or resources. Simple things that can be done every day can strengthen communities and show support for your neighbors.



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Cooking meals is advantageous for a variety of reasons. Cooking at home is a budget-friendly way to feed a family, and home chefs have strict control over the ingredients they use, which can make it easier to adhere to a particular diet and avoid foods that may trigger allergic reactions.

Cooking at home also enables families to spend time together preparing meals and then eating the fruits of their labor.

Of course, preparing quality recipes at home requires not only having nutritious ingredients on hand, but also the right tools for meal-making. A combination of basic utensils and some other handy gadgets can make crafting winning meals that much easier.

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• **Chef's knife:** A quality chef's knife is one of the unsung tools of the kitchen. Chef's knives can be used for chopping, dicing and generalized cutting. Choose a knife that feels comfortable in your hand. It should be easy to control and not too heavy but also sturdy.

• **Food thermometer:** Foodborne illnesses are no joke. That means it's essential to have a thermometer for

checking the internal temperature of poultry and meat.

• **Various spatulas:** Invest in metal spatulas of various sizes to make easy work of flipping everything from burgers to pancakes.

• **Silicone/rubber spatulas:** These tools make easy work of scraping down the sides of mixing bowls or cleaning out food processors.

• **Kitchen shears:** Sometimes a knife won't cut it. Kitchen shears are useful for snipping herbs or trimming fats from meat. Heavy duty shears can cut through bones on chickens for easily dividing up whole birds.

• **Food processor/food mill:** Grind up foods or chop them easily with a food processor. You can invest in a separate appliance, or some multipurpose blenders that tackle food processing duties in addition to mixing.

• **Cast iron skillet:** Pots and pans are made from various materials that speak to their durability and nonstick nature. One of the more versatile materials is cast iron. It heats evenly to high temperatures and retains heat for a long time. Cast iron also goes easily from stovetop to oven. Caring for pans properly will help them last a lifetime.

• **Nonstick skillet:** These pans are ideal for scrambling eggs or making pan-fried dishes. Look for ceramic coatings, which are better for your health than chemical coatings.

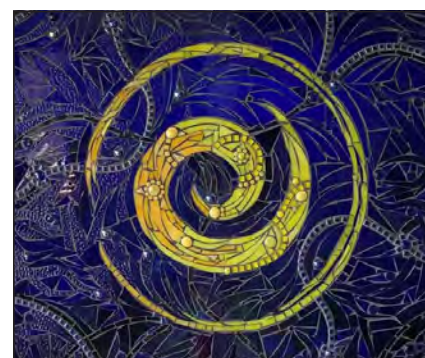
• **Spoons and ladles:** Having a variety of spoons and ladles at the ready can simplify scooping and stirring.

• **Slow cooker:** This appliance is ideal for cooking meals slowly. They're easily set in the morning and can be returned to in the evening for a fully cooked meal.

• **Air fryer:** One of the newer gadgets on the market, air fryers cook by circulating hot air around food. They create the texture and taste of deep-fried foods without extra grease or fat.

These are just some of the handy kitchen tools to have available. Visit a specialty culinary retailer for more great additions.

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SUPPORT

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that have had an especially difficult time during the pandemic. Data from the USCB and Deloitte Services indicates that retail sales in certain industries continued to lag even as other industries recovered over the summer months.

Sales in the clothing and accessory and food services and drinking places industries were still down nearly 20 percent in July 2020. Supporting locally owned businesses in these industries can infuse some much-needed cash into their operations.

- Think twice before buying from big box online retailers. Amazon has become such a go-to consumer resource that many shoppers forget they can comparison shop right on Amazon.com. And some consumers may be unaware that they can support small business when shopping via Amazon.

Data from the Association of American Publishers indicates that print revenues have grown by more than 1 percent in 2020 as many people in quarantine are choosing to spend that time with a good book. When shopping for books via a site like Amazon, purchase books from independent sellers, who are often small bookstores in local communities across the country.

- Purchase gift cards. Pandemic-related restrictions have been lifted in many places, but that doesn't necessarily mean consumers are confident enough to visit their favorite stores and restaurants in person. Gift cards can be a great way to support local businesses even if you're still hesitant to patronize them in person.

Small businesses continue to face an uphill battle as they confront the economic fallout of the pandemic. Consumers can show their support for locally owned businesses in their communities in various ways.

Source: MetroMedia

Supporting local businesses benefits your hometown

■ Two thirds of every dollar spent at small businesses across the U.S. stays local

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Campaigns to "shop local" are often rooted in encouraging locals to support the small businesses in their communities.

Consumers no doubt recognize that such support is vital to the survival of small businesses, but they may not realize just how much thriving local businesses benefit their communities.

According to the Small Business Economic Impact Study from American Express, an average of two-thirds of every dollar spent at small businesses in the United States stays in the local community. That support can be especially valuable as the world tries to work its way out of a global recession brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Unemployment rates rose significantly within a month of the World Health Organization declaring a pandemic as the COVID-19 virus rapidly spread across the globe. While large international corporations were in better position to avoid layoffs, small, locally owned businesses faced an uphill battle as they tried to remain in operation and retain their staffs. That's another way shopping local can benefit local communities. The Business Alliance for Local Living Economies reports that, for every \$10 million spent locally, 57 new jobs are created at local businesses.

That's an important factor to remember as the world tries to recover from the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic.



According to the Small Business Economic Impact Study from American Express, an average of two-thirds of every dollar spent at small businesses in the United States stays in the local community. Shown above is Chip Beltinck, owner of Sawyer Jewelers in the Cornerstone building in downtown Fenton. *Times file photo*



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SCAMS
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lost money. That figure has been creeping up from 71.2 percent in 2015, when BBB began collecting data.
Online purchase scams ranked among the top three riskiest scams for the last three years, according to the 2019 BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report that was published in March 2020.

Shortly after the report was released, COVID-19 shut down businesses, forcing people to socially distance and increase their online presence.

With the coronavirus pandemic expected to continue for the foreseeable future and more people potentially being targeted by online scams, BBB launched a new study to better understand how online purchase scams happen, who is targeted, the overall impact of them and how BBB can help people avoid losing money while shopping online.

“This was something we had to examine more closely,” said Melissa Lanning Trumpower, executive director of BBB Institute for Marketplace Trust, which produced the report. “People will continue to actively shop online in order to reduce their exposure and keep their families safe. As this virus continues and circumstances change, scammers will try to take advantage.”

The 2020 Online Purchase Scams Report examines findings from an

August 2020 survey of 1,549 U.S. and Canadian consumers reporting online purchase scams to BBB Scam Tracker. The top reason people lost money to this type of scam was the enticement of a sales price. Scammers offered high demand products at a significantly reduced dollar amount, which then increased the desire to purchase the item.

“Many victims don’t realize they’re a target of a scam until their product doesn’t arrive,” said Melanie Duquesnel, BBB president and CEO. “The key findings in this report can help us direct our consumer protection outreach to those most vulnerable for scams such as these.”

Consumers who lost money to online purchase scams reported the following platforms as the place where they saw the product: Facebook, Google, a direct merchant website, Instagram, or pop up ads on social media when they were actively shopping.

According to survey respondents, out of the 57 percent who did not research the website or business via an independent source before making a purchase, more than four out of five lost money.

The report highlights those who are most at risk for online purchase scams. Individuals ages 35-44 were more susceptible and likely to be victimized,

while younger consumers are more susceptible than older adults. However, older adults tend to lose more money than younger adults for online purchase scams. This falls in line with findings across all scam types.

In addition, service members, military spouses, and veterans were more likely to fall victim than non-military consumers, and reported losing significantly more money to online purchase scams.

Survey results reinforced that consumer education in relation to

online shopping is a critical component of fighting back against these scammers. Those who were aware of online purchase scams prior to being targeted were less likely to lose money (77 percent) than those who were not aware (82 percent).

For tips on how to avoid online shopping scams, visit BBB.org/OnlinePurchaseScams.

Go to BBB.org/ScamTracker to report a scam, learn more about other risky scams on BBB.org/ScamTips and visit their scam news feed.

**ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS**

October 14, 2020

Supervisor Scheib-Snider called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan and on a virtual gotomeeting.com

- Roll Call: Board Members Present: Scheib-Snider, Miller, Gambka, Blaska, Noble
Board Members Absent/Excused: None
- Approved: Agenda for the October 14, 2020 Agenda with addition of E – Oakland County Parks & Recreation Endorsement Resolution.
- Approved: Consent Agenda minus HAYA report.
- Date Set: Rescheduled Public Hearings for SAD for Eveline, Fish Lake Weed and Big Trail.
Special Meeting will be held on October 20 at 6:30pm.
- Update: MTA Recommendations, Township Meetings Activities and Facilities Discussion. The Michigan Supreme Court ruled that a series of executive orders put in place by Governor Gretchen Whitmer were unconstitutional and are now invalid under Michigan law. Therefore, we will have meetings both in person and virtually. If board members want to/need to attend virtually, it needs to be approved in advance by the Board.
- Approved: Road Update: Oakland County Association of Township Supervisors, meeting to Reduce Speed Limited on Gravel Roads Resolution. Supervisor Scheib-Snider is working with State Police, MTA and State Representative Mueller to reduce speed limits on gravel roads. All 21 Supervisors in Oakland County agree that speed limits need to be reduced.
- Approved: Rose Township Resolution to support legislation to reduce the speed limit on unimproved roads.
- Approved: Closed Session with Counsel to discuss his written legal opinion dated September 23, 2020 regarding FOIA claim as provided by MCL 15.268 and to discuss trial and settlement strategy regarding specific pending litigation pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) regarding The Township of Rose vs. Devoted Friends Animal Society, Inc, Circuit Case No: 19-178042-CZ.
Motion to authorize the Township attorney to proceed resolving the FOIA claim with Jill Stern as discussed in closed session.
Seconded by Trustee Noble.
- Adjourned: Meeting ended at 8:14 p.m.

Debbie Miller, MMC, MiPMC II
Rose Township Clerk

Dianne Scheib-Snider
Rose Township Supervisor

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“Times are tough,” Hnatow said. “I just thought I could help a little bit. This could brighten her (Macy’s) day and brighten someone’s life. I wanted to let her know that her cause reached people thousands of miles away.”
Hnatow, who has five brothers, left Linden in 1989. He was a student athlete at Linden, as well as class president. He’s

worked in the health club businesses and lived for a while in Dallas and now Portland.
When he saw the photo of Macy with Big Bird, it took him back to his childhood.
With a shout out to the Linden High School Class of 1972, Hnatow said he will be put in contact with the young girl’s family in order to offer his donation.

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Local clerks are prepared for Tuesday's election

■ Polls open at 7 a.m. for those who are voting in person

By Sharon Stone

Michigan is holding its general election Nov. 3 to determine representation at the local, state and federal levels, including President of the United States.

At this late date, voters are encouraged to vote at home with an absentee ballot and to return their ballot as early as possible by drop box, or in person at their city or township clerk's office. In-person voting will be available in every jurisdiction. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Clerks have previously said that they have received a record number of absentee voter ballot requests for this election.

If you don't know where your clerk's office is located, enter your address at Michigan.gov/Vote to find your local election clerk's office. Go to your clerk's office, ask for your absentee ballot, vote, place it back in the envelope, sign it and submit it in one trip.

Fenton City Clerk Jennifer Kienast said Fenton City is prepared

for a busy election. She said the city has 50 election workers on Tuesday, Nov. 3. There will be 35 precinct workers, one floater, and two commissioners at St. John's Activity Center, the polling station.

Kienast said the absent voter counting board at city hall will have 12 precinct workers. "We have a wonderful group of election workers whose time and dedication is deeply appreciated," Kienast said. "Due to COVID-19 precautions we are not providing meals as we have in the past. Instead, we are giving each worker a \$30 meal stipend."

The city will provide coffee, water, and pre-packaged snacks. This election will be set up similar to the August election in which social distancing will be in place.

Argentine Township Clerk Denise Graves said last week that she expects an overall voter turnout of between 85 and 90 percent, which could be the highest for Genesee County.

Rose Township Clerk Debbie Miller said Rose Township has 5,343 registered voters. The number of absentee voter ballots she sent out were 2,260 (42 percent of registered voters) and the number returned as of Friday, Oct. 30 was 1,784 (33 percent).

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Here and gone but not forgotten

Have you ever had someone come into your life, make a real impact on you, and as quickly as they came they were gone?

When I was in sixth grade, a new girl showed up in our class several weeks after the new school year had already started. Her name was Margaret.

We were fascinated by Margaret. She was 16 years old while the rest of us were only 11 or so.

"What is she doing in our class," we thought. "Boy, she must be pretty dumb."

Margaret could have been embarrassed and a mean teenager as a result, but she wasn't. She was really nice. She was much taller than the rest of us. She had long brown hair and lots of freckles, like me. Another thing she had that none of us girls had yet was a bra, and what appeared to be plenty to fill it up. It was hard as a kid not to notice.

One thing that stood out to me was that Margaret wore the same checkered-print dress to school every day, and I always thought she had very sad-looking eyes.

It turns out Margaret wasn't dumb at all. In fact, we were in awe of her vast knowledge of many things, most of which had little to do with arithmetic, history, science or geography though. No, we paid rapt attention when she talked about what can only be described as life experiences, places she had been and things she

had done. She just knew stuff.

Then, after Christmas vacation she was gone. The teacher didn't tell us why she left, only that she wasn't coming back.

In those days we didn't have social media. Nope, we had a telephone party line, a local telephone loop circuit that was shared by more than one subscriber. There was no privacy on a party line. If you were talking with a friend, anyone on your party line could pick up their telephone and listen in.

Anyway, my mother, who swore up and down she would never inten-

tionally listen in on someone else's phone conversations, heard a few rumors via the party line about Margaret and her family. She learned they were very poor and moved around a lot. That's why she could have fallen behind in school. Another rumor was that Margaret may have been pregnant. What? I sat next to her and she could have been pregnant the whole time? Like I was gonna catch that condition by sitting next to her.

About a year ago, I asked one of my old classmates about Margaret. She heard that Margaret and her family were squatters in an abandoned farm house but were found out and had to leave. Good grief, we're talking "Little House on the Prairie" stuff now.

I never knew the real reason Margaret left, but I was sad that she was gone. It was kind of cool at my age back then having a friend who was an "older woman."

Wherever she is today, I hope Margaret has had a good life and that she's happy and healthy. Just sayin'!



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Tigers win entertaining battle versus rival Linden

By David Troppens

Linden — When rivals collide, one hopes the level of play matches the hype of the match.

The most recent version of the Fenton vs. Linden varsity volleyball match pretty much did that.

Both teams played well and appeared to be playing some of their best volleyball as they get near the end of the season. However, the Fenton Tigers were able to establish a strong block game, giving the visiting squad the edge against the Linden Eagles.

Fenton defeated Linden in an entertaining 25-23, 25-22, 25-21 verdict.

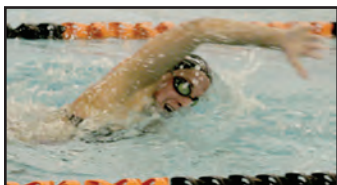
"I think we are doing really well," Fenton senior Adrie Staib said. "We lost a lot seniors last year. It has been a rough adjustment getting a new set-

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Linden's Maddy Shier (left) tries to block Fenton's Korrin Smith's attack during the Tigers' victory against the Eagles. Photo: Christopher Summers

Sports Times



Fenton's Abigail Dolliver took second in the 100 freestyle in the Tigers' win against Swartz Creek.

Photo: David Troppens

Tigers defeat Bronchos

By David Troppens

The first chapter of the Flint Metro League girls swimming and diving season has ended.

And as expected, the Fenton Tigers are in the drivers' seat. The Tigers have won every single Flint Metro League champion-

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Bronchos make history, earn Metro perfection

By David Troppens

Holly — Nicole Jewell remembers walking in the Holly High School gymnasium as a freshman.

"Freshman year I got in the gym and saw the banner said 1994 on it (as the last year the Bronchos won a Metro League title)," Jewell said. "We thought we had to change that."

The Bronchos have done just that. Last season, the Holly varsity volleyball team earned its first co-title since 1994 when the Bronchos tied for the Metro League Stripes Division title with Flushing. This season, they did much better. The Bronchos completed a perfect 10-0 outright Metro League Stripes Division

championship season by beating Swartz Creek 25-8, 25-13, 25-11 at Holly High School's the Horseshoe.

"It's one of my biggest accomplishments ever, and I'm just so proud of this team," Jewell said. "I love them so much. Being able to play with these girls for years, it's something we've been wanting for years."

"It's all we've been working on for years. Every year we are just saying we are going to win this thing outright, pushing for that, pushing for that. It's so rewarding knowing all of our hard work has paid off."

"Winning last year was fun and it was great, but splitting the title hurt us a



The Holly varsity volleyball team captured its first-ever outright and undefeated Flint Metro League season in school history Thursday, defeating Swartz Creek. Photo: David Troppens

little bit," Nicole Jewell said. "So this year it was our goal to win it outright. And to go undefeated that's the main goal."

"It means so much. We talked about this earlier; it's something that's never been

done before and we got to do it," Holly varsity volleyball coach Deena Maher said. "It's been a goal of ours. It's such a long season and you hope to get there. Once you get there it's unbelievable."

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Holly defeats Kearsley, earns squad outright Metro Stripes title

By David Troppens

Last fall the Holly varsity volleyball team won its first Flint Metro League title since 1993-94, but it was a co-title.

On Monday, the Bronchos dominated Kearsley and captured their first-ever outright Flint Metro League championship.

Holly (9-0) clinched the outright title by beating Kearsley 25-15, 25-6, 25-11.

The Bronchos' attack was strong. Paige Weeder connected on 88.2 percent of her attack attempts, providing a team-high 15 kills. Sarah Jewell had 10 kills with a 47.4 hitting percent while Amanda Patterson had five kills with a 57.1 hitting percent. Nicole Jewell led the offense with 24 assists while Maggie Boehm had seven assists.

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Holly Bronchos hosting Division 1 district; Linden, Fenton competing in DI Grand Blanc district

By David Troppens

The last of the major fall sports state team tournaments begins this week.

Volleyball squads will begin their competitions in district play.

Holly will be hosting a Division 1 district while Linden and Fenton will compete in the Division 1 Grand Blanc district. Lake Fenton will compete at the D2 level in the Ortonville-Brandon district.

The two-time Metro League champs will have a great challenge in their district. The tournament begins with an opening round match against Lake Orion and Waterford Kettering on Monday at 6 p.m. The semifinal round begins with Oxford facing the Monday victor at 5 p.m., followed by Holly's 7 p.m. contest against Clarkston. The two semifinal winners will compete in Thursday's district championship match. The Bronchos completed their undefeated Metro League Stripes Division season and now have goals of



earning a regional title at home.

"We are very hopeful and excited and look forward to the competition," Holly varsity volleyball coach Deena Maher said.

The Linden Eagles face tourney hosts Grand Blanc in the opening round Monday at 6 p.m. The winner of that match will compete against Lapeer in the semifinal round Wednesday at approximately 6:30 p.m. The first semifinal contest on Wednesday will see Fenton face Davison at 5 p.m. The two semifinal winners will compete in the title match Friday at 6 p.m.

Lake Fenton doesn't start district action at Ortonville-Brandon High School until the Blue Devils play in a semifinal contest against either Durand or Flint Powers on Wednesday at 7 p.m. If the Blue Devils win that match, they'll play in Thursday's 6 p.m. district title match against either Brandon or Goodrich.



Districts begin this week for all of the tri-county volleyball teams. (Top) Fenton and Linden will both be playing in the Grand Blanc district. (Immediately above) Holly will be hosting its own Division 1 district. Photos: David Troppens

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TIGERS

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ship since the league recognized a champ starting with 2004, and are now halfway to another this season after a 133-46 victory against the Holly Bronchos.

The Tigers are 6-0 and are overwhelming favorites to not only win but dominate the Metro League meet slated for Saturday at Fenton High School.

The Tigers won all but one event against the Bronchos (1-5). Three-time individual state champion Gracie Olsen was the only two-time individual winner at the meet, winning the 200 individual medley (2:17.79) and the 100 freestyle (55.82). She also was a member of the winning 200 freestyle relay with Abigail Dolliver, Rose Haney and Sophie Stefanac (1:48.04) and the 400 freestyle relay team with Stefanac, Delaney Fries and Madeline Kazmierski (4:02.90).

The other Fenton individual winners were Haney in the 50 freestyle (27.58), Emma Jump in diving (207.05), Kazmierski in the 100

breaststroke (1:15.19), Abigail Carigan in the 500 freestyle (6:00.12) and Halee Alexander in the 100 backstroke (1:13.07). Kazmierski, Haney, Dolliver and Sana Saab also won the 200 medley relay (2:07.81).

Holly had one victor and with the win Ella Althaver won the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:09.39. However, her second-place finish may have been the more memorable performance as she broke the school record with her time of 1:04.69 in the 100 butterfly. Holly's other individual second-place finisher was Lauren Costigan's 27.97 in the 50 freestyle.

Fenton had eight individual seconds. They were recorded by Fries in the 100 freestyle (2:09.89), Saab in the 200 individual medley (2:32.22), Ella Koch in diving (172.25), Dolliver in the 100 freestyle (57.98), Abbie Walker-Hackett in the 500 freestyle (6:17.00), Charlotte Perez in the 100 backstroke (1:22.05) and Stefanac in the 100 breaststroke (1:18.48).



Holly's Ella Althaver competes in the 100 backstroke in a recent meet. Althaver broke a school record in the 200 freestyle in the meet against Fenton. She had a time of 2:09.39. Photos: David Troppens

BATTLE

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ter in and new hitters, but I think we all have a lot of heart and passion for the game, so we work really well. I think we will do well and go far."

"I thought we played pretty well tonight," Linden varsity volleyball coach Cori Mason said. "We gave them a good match. I am impressed with how far our team has come. The last couple of weeks we've been playing much better, gelling better and communicating better. Our all around our play has been better."

"They had their senior night so I'm sure they wanted it pretty bad and our seniors want to beat Linden for the last time so it is a nice rivalry," Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jenna Long said. "It was a great game. All three sets were super competitive."

They were. The opening set saw five lead changes and nine ties as both teams played strong volleyball. Early on the teams did most of their bouncing back and forth. Linden only enjoyed one-point leads in the first set.

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Area fresh/soph runners compete at annual Lake Fenton Invitational

By David Troppens

COVID-19 has impacted the tri-county cross country season in one important way.

Some of the weekend invitationals that have become traditions in the tri-county area were canceled this season, including the Holly Invitational and the Linden Invitational.

But one late-season race did go on as planned. Lake Fenton's annual 9-10 event was held and there were runners from Lake Fenton, Fenton

and Linden at the event. The Fenton Tigers had both genders place third in their race, while Linden took fifth in the women's race and 10th in the men's race. Lake Fenton didn't have enough runners to field a full team in either event, but did have competitors in both races.

The Fenton boys had two runners within the top eight en route to that team's third-place finish among 10 squads.

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Eagles go 2-1 in New Lothrop quad

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity volleyball team is experiencing a very busy last regular season week in preparation for district competition this week.

The Eagles played Metro League contests against Fenton on Monday and Kearsley on Thursday. They also played

in quads at Goodrich on Saturday and New Lothrop on Wednesday. At New Lothrop, the Eagles went 2-1 against three foes. Linden defeated Laingsburg 25-22, 22-25, 25-19 and New Lothrop 25-13, 25-15. The Eagles did lose to Clio in a tight 24-26, 25-17, 25-23 verdict.

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Appeal #2020-10

Michael Cobleigh is requesting a Variance for a Rear Yard Setback and for Coverage. He would like to add an addition to his home and install a fence. The house and garage are separate now and he wants to add an addition to the house to connect the home and garage. He is a disabled veteran and needs the addition so a kitchen and bath are on 1 level. Described as 01-29-576-020, Lots 23 thru 26 Meier and McKane Lake Park.

A complete copy of this tax description may be viewed at the Township office Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Bring on the festive holiday lights and décor

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By Sharon Stone

With the Hallmark Channel starting to air its new Countdown to Christmas movies today, Sunday, Nov. 1, it's also time to start thinking and planning how we will decorate our homes and businesses for the holidays.

With the coronavirus pandemic burdening so many families, it might be the perfect year to go all out with festive lights and decorations to bring cheer to our neighborhoods.

Even if you don't plan to turn on your exterior holiday lights until after we celebrate Thanksgiving on Thursday, Nov. 26, homeowners might want to take advantage of the mild temperatures now to string the lights outside. Then, with a flip of a switch, families can brighten their neighborhood on the day they choose.



Take an afternoon to pull out all of your Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations. Plug in all of the lights and take inventory of what still works. Some people have found that it is helpful to take a photo of the outside of your home with a smartphone. This will help you visualize what you already have that will work and what you need to buy. Make an estimate of how many feet of lighting you'll need.

Pick a theme

Department stores, such as The Home Depot, Target and Walmart, have numerous indoor and outdoor Christmas lights available in their stores and on their websites. Small locally owned shops from Argentine Township, Fenton to Holly offer unique items that could be added to your décor collection.

From traditional bulbs, to cascading or meteor shower strands to globes and illuminated wreaths, there is something for every budget and theme.

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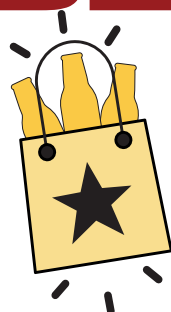
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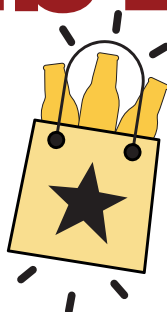
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According to decoratorswarehouse.com, the top theme this year uses Pantone's color for 2020 — **classic blue**. This color has had a significant influence on the home décor industry, as you see it in furniture, accessories, paint, and even Christmas décor. Navy pairs nicely with so many colors, including white and/or silver, gold, platinum/champagne, blush, and even red. If you have navy accents in your home, consider bringing navy into your holiday décor.

Other trends for 2020

Platinum has taken over the industry as the neutral of choice. This tone falls between silver and gold and tends to be a little softer. An elegant accent, it can be paired with virtually any color — red, navy, blush, taupe, black, and so on.

Metal is a fun element to add in your holiday cheer. Think large oversized jingle bells, tabletop pieces, and tin ornaments. Not feeling brave enough to add some large-scale pieces to your tree? Consider doing a mixed metal theme and focus on golds, silvers, and platinum.

Buffalo check isn't exactly new, since buffalo check plaid is just a good, solid choice around the holidays. You can find items in both red and black or white and black. For a new take, pair some burlap

with your white and black buffalo check.

Gingerbread men and houses are a classic when it comes to Christmas, but this year you will see a resurgence of playful pastels and fun colors, which is a new take on an old favorite. Think cupcakes, ice cream cones, marshmallows, and all the tasty treats that will make your Christmas decor that much sweeter.

Nutcracker remains a favorite trend in Christmas decor ideas for 2020. The nutcracker theme takes on a whimsical elegance, as it incorporates fun colors of red, green, gold, and navy. Consider placing nutcrackers into the body of your tree or bringing in a playful plaid or nutcracker ribbon.

Neutral color palettes are all the rage. With trends in home decor being inclusive of soft gray tones, white and greige, it makes sense that neutral color schemes would have a place in Christmas decor.

Outdoor lighting ideas

Looking for a unique alternative to the traditional icicle string lights? Meteor shower lights look like falling stars cascading from trees (or wherever else you hang them from). In addition to classic white, you should be able to find cool blue or purple.

For more inspiration, check out the Tri-County Times' featured section "Fa la la la local" in this weekend's paper.

So you think this election is nasty?

Trump and Biden have nothing on these guys

— COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN —

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, voters who have not yet voted early or absentee will go to the polls to decide whether they want to give Republican Donald J. Trump another four years in office, or give the job to Democrat Joe Biden. There is no doubt this has been one of the nastiest races ever. Families are divided with some siblings looking at each other as though they have a third eye on their foreheads because of their political beliefs. But this election is not the worst ever. The following are among the many ugly presidential elections in history:



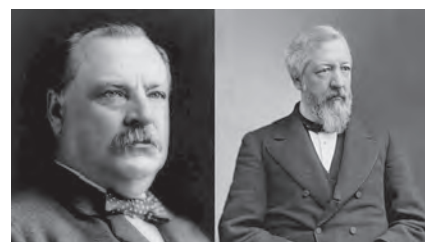
Jefferson vs. Adams 1800

This is the only election in history where a vice president ran against the president he was currently serving under. Things were a little tense in the White House in the months leading up to the election. Jefferson hired a writer to pen insults rather than dirty his own hands (at least at first). One of his most creative lines said that Adams was a “hideous hermaphroditical character which has neither the force and firmness of a man, nor the gentleness and sensibility of a woman.” Adams’ Federalists carried things even further, asking voters, “Are you prepared to see your dwellings in flames... female chastity violated... children writhing on the pike? Great God of compassion and justice, shield my country from destruction.”



Lincoln vs. Douglas 1860

Although it’s normal for candidates to stump across the country in any little small town that will have them, but in 1860 it was considered a little tacky. Stephen Douglas chose this tactic anyway, but claimed that he was really just taking a leisurely train ride from D.C. to New York to visit his mom. Lincoln and his supporters took note of the fact that it took him over a month to get there and even put out a “Lost Child” handbill that said he “Left Washington, D.C. sometime in July, to go home to his mother... who is very anxious about him. Seen in Philadelphia, New York City, Hartford, Conn., and at a clambake in Rhode Island. Answers to the name Little Giant. Talks a great deal, very loud, always about himself.” ‘Little Giant’ was a potshot at Douglas’ height (he was only 5-feet, 4-inches tall). He also was said to be about the same in diameter the other way.” Douglas took aim at Lincoln, too, saying he was a “horrid-looking wretch, sooty and scoundrelly in aspect, a cross between the nutmeg dealer, the horse-swapper and the nightman.”



Cleveland vs. Blaine 1884

Grover Cleveland could be considered the Bill Clinton of his time.

During his campaign, stories of his lecherousness were plentiful. One was verified, though. Cleveland, while still a bachelor, had fathered a child with a widow named Maria Halpin. The Republican party, which supported candidate James Blaine, took this and ran with it. They made up the chant, “Ma! Ma! Where’s my pa?” and used it to taunt Cleveland.

Blaine was no innocent, though. He was accused of shady dealings with the railroad, which was confirmed when a letter was found in which Blaine pretty much confirmed that he knew he was involved in corrupt business. He signed the letter, “My regards to Mrs. Fisher. Burn this letter!” Cleveland’s Democrats made up their own chant based on his writings, “Burn this letter! Burn this letter!”



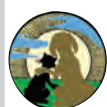
Hoover vs Smith 1928

Democrat Al Smith lost badly to Republican Herbert Hoover, largely due to one reason: his religion. At the time of the election, the Holland Tunnel in New York was just being completed. Republicans told everyone that the Catholic Smith had commissioned a secret tunnel 3,500 miles long, from the Holland Tunnel to the Vatican in Rome, and that the Pope would have say in all presidential matters should Smith be elected. It probably didn’t help matters that Babe Ruth was a staunch Smith supporter. You think it would work in his favor, but the Babe would show up at events wearing only his undershirt with a mug of beer in one hand.

If people opposed his viewpoint, Ruth would simply say, “The hell with you,” and be done with them.

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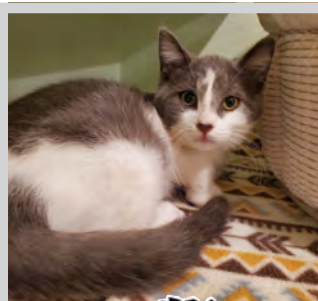


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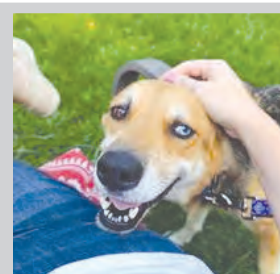
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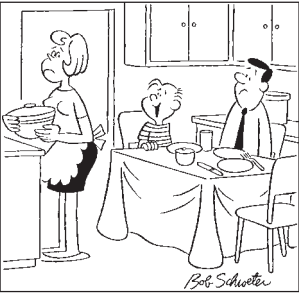
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Weekend Scrambler

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SPEAR

Baby
BUCHER

Emphasize
TREATIE

TODAY'S WORD


"If I promise to leave room, can I have
first?"

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Weekend Sudoku

FUN BY THE NUMBERS
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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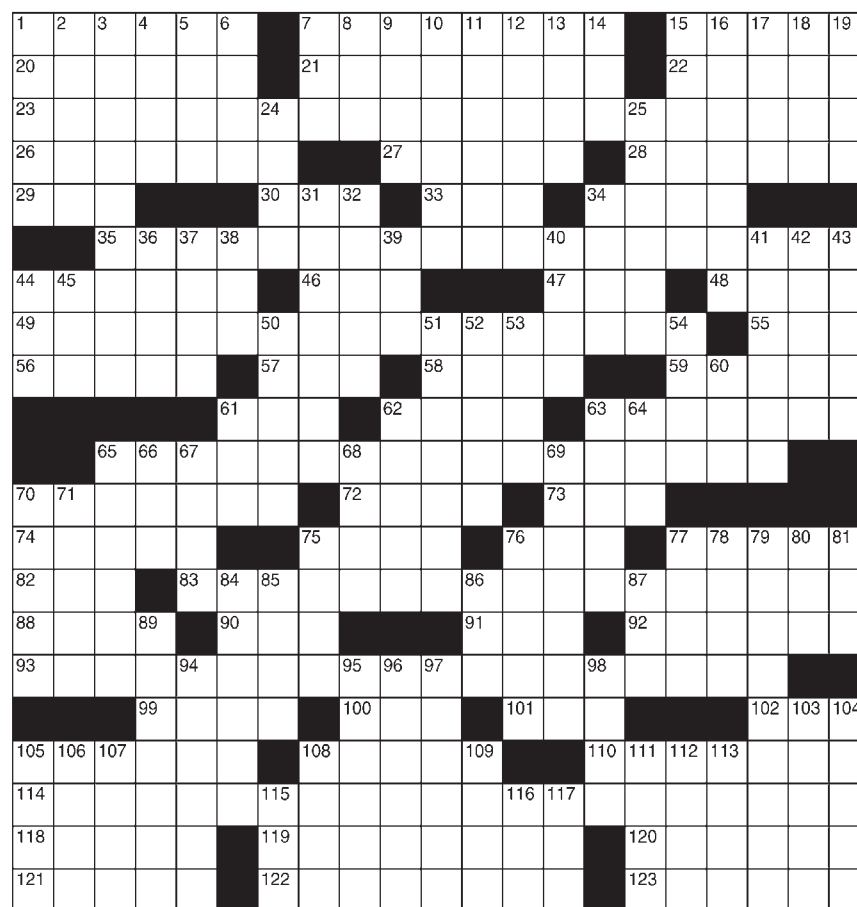
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Weekend Crossword

PUZZLE CLUE:
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ACROSS

- 1 Patronize for purchases
7 Tennis segment
15 Dude
20 Actress Duff or Swank
21 Not righted, as wrongs
22 Epic about Troy
23 What a siemens is a unit of
26 Open into flower
27 Seamless shift
28 Get fixated
29 Scottish port
30 Viper type
33 — T (just so)
34 Broiling bar
35 Diverse assortments
44 Flip out
46 “— help if ...”
47 — Khan (Islamic title)
48 Elicit an encore, say
49 Italian entree
55 Ore- —
56 Gift getter
57 Signs off on
58 “My treat”
59 Mars vehicle
- 61 “Dilate” artist DiFranco
62 Formerly
63 Oakland team
65 Flukes
70 Many a released prisoner
72 Grandpa Walton
73 Tarzan
74 Draw out
75 Jai —
76 Reagan’s “Star Wars” prog.
77 Tries to trim down
82 Luau chow
83 Dartboard’s rings, e.g.
88 Astral bear
90 Alternate spelling of a word: Abbr.
91 Fair-hiring abbr.
92 Actor Kevin of “Weeds”
93 Part of a routine baby immunization
99 Churn up
100 Stetson, say
101 Ending of ordinals
102 Flow stopper
- 105 Err in finding the total of
108 Fruity pastries
110 Jaffa citizen
114 Assembly associated with a church creed
118 Put off
119 Cheapest ship
121 Number of dwarfs
122 Infuriated
123 Gazes
- DOWN
- 1 The Bible’s Queen of —
2 Far from flat, as terrain
3 Balsam fir or pine extract
4 Lobby orgs.
5 Part of MFA
6 Beginner
7 Jean- — Godard
8 — whim
9 Actors Kilmer and Avery
10 “And on and on”: Abbr.
11 Bit of babble from a crib
12 Once-a-year
13 Old Persian
- 14 Academy email ending
15 Activity-tracking device
16 Stretchy
17 See 65-Down
18 Mille — (Minnesota county)
19 Fruity beverages
24 Apple buy
25 Police cruiser
31 Post-it note, informally
32 Gyro breads
34 Utah’s lily
36 Winans with 12 Grammys
37 Be fond of
38 French for “summer”
39 Govt. health agency
40 Tardy
41 Pitted garnishes
42 The Green Party’s
43 Trades jabs
44 Watch readout, for short
45 “So that’s your trick!”
50 For the — (temporarily)
51 Self-pride
- 52 Run up, as expenses
53 The “A” of OAS: Abbr.
54 Bana of “Troy”
60 Poem of exaltation
61 Suffix with pent-
62 Whale locale
63 Keepsake
64 At least one
65 With 17-Down, Princess or Royal Caribbean
66 Ad — committee
67 Baldwin of “Aloha”
68 Eye suggestively
69 British soldier of old
70 Add zing to
71 Beautify
75 Prefix for “height”
76 Food filter
77 Three, in Ulm
78 Optimistic declaration
79 Interior-design magazine
80 Saints
81 Tax form ID
84 Egg-shaped things
85 Salt, chemically
86 Clergyman’s area: Abbr.
87 Ltd. cousin
89 Civil War folk song
94 Trendy
95 Pursued
96 Hauled (off)
97 Clothes
98 Trendy
103 1970s-’80s sitcom
104 Gets as much as one can out of
105 Docs’ orders
106 Big name in slushes
107 1970s-’80s skit show
108 “Toodles!”
109 Read digitally
111 — -chef (#2 in a kitchen)
112 Peewee pup
113 Cost an arm — leg
115 Belief system
116 Epoch
117 Guided



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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

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

MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:

IMAGE, GLORY, HYPHEN, SPRAWL
Answer: The bowlers who started placing best were —
HIGH ROLLERS

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

6	3	1	9	7	2	8	5	4
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WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:

SNIDE, PARSE,
CHERUB, ITERATE
Answer: **DESSERT**

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD
ANSWERS

Solution Time: 25 min.

P	A	T	E	H	A	M	A	S	T	A
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WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS


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Obituaries

Times


Barbara Louise Blackmer

1925 – 2020



Barbara Louise Blackmer - age 95, of Linden, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 25, 2020. No public services will be held at this time. Those desiring may make contributions to the Linden Presbyterian Church. Barbara was born February 6, 1925 in Linden, the daughter of Lawrence and Deda (Adams) Clark. She was married to LaVern Marvin "Blackie" Blackmer on August 21, 1943 in Flint. Mrs. Blackmer worked as an Executive Secretary at Chevrolet Manufacturing for 26 years, before retiring in 1980. She was a member of Linden Presbyterian Church, where she served as Elder, Deacon and Choir Director for more than 40 years. She

had also been a member of Spring Meadows Country Club, IBG Girls Association and Chevrolet Girls Club. She loved flowers, especially roses, and gardening. She adored her family. She is survived by her daughter, Sheila (Dennis) Blank; granddaughters, Jennifer L. Calder, Jill S. (Tim) Hiscock, Katherine J. Simeoni; great-grandchildren, Logan, Grady, Beckett, Madeline, Emma, Nathan, Nicholas, Jacob and Tessa. She was preceded in death by her husband; grandson, Matthew Calder; sister, Joyce Francisco; niece, Raeline Niles. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Arthur "AJ" Smith
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Bernice Yax
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Lon S. Lizotte
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Priscilla R. Quinones-Palmer
Priscilla R. Quinones-Palmer - age 71, died October 24, 2020. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Rita M. Shoop
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Diane Brier
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Dianne Rolland
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Doris Church
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Edward Smith
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I can't believe it didn't hold it.

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THE IMITATION VELCRO WAS EXPENSIVE AND DIDN'T WORK. IT WAS A ---

Color me

We need to get our money back!

Jumbles: RFY GRIP PUCK FOLD

Answer: The imitation Velcro was expensive and didn't work. It was a --- RIP-OFF

Print Answer Here

Obituaries

Times

Janet Eileen McCabe

1946 – 2020

Janet Eileen McCabe - age 74, passed away at her residence on Tuesday, October 27, 2020. Services will be held privately due to Covid-19 restrictions. Arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes,



a certified professional legal secretary (NALS) and a past president of the Genesee Legal Secretaries Association. Janet retired as a legal secretary and paralegal in 1983. Surviving are her husband

Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Those desiring may make contributions to St. John GIFT Fund or St. John Community Foundation. Janet was born September 18, 1946 in Monroe County, the daughter of Marvin and Vera (Winquist) Reed. She was a graduate of Adrian Madison High School in Monroe County and attended Michigan State University. Janet married Judge Mark Charles McCabe on June 9, 1982 in Fenton. She was

of 38 years, Honorable Mark McCabe; daughter, Heather Adams and husband Brian of Woodbridge, VA; granddaughter, Hailey Adams of Woodbridge, VA; niece, Julie Germano; and two nephews, Tom and Mark Nixon. She was preceded in death by her parents; and sister, Patricia Nixon. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Doris Lucille Johnson

1936 – 2020

Doris Lucille Johnson - age 84, died Tuesday, October 27, 2020. Private services will be held. Doris was born March 15, 1936 in Flint, the daughter of Clare and Margaret (Smith) Cottrell. She is survived by son, Craig Johnson of Fenton; daughter, Jeanine Johnson of Davison. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel., 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Chester "Chet" Gosciniak

Chester "Chet" Gosciniak - age 92, died October 27, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Margaret "Peggy" Cochran

Margaret "Peggy" Cochran - age 96, died October 27, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Charles W. III "Chuck" Ford

1965 – 2020

Charles W. III "Chuck" Ford - age 55, Of Davison, died Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at his residence. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Charles was born in Flint on July 29, 1965 the son of Charles and Karen (Burns) Ford. Chuck enjoyed the outdoors and his hobbies included hunting and fishing. Above all else, he especially loved his children. Surviving are wife, Cheryl of Grand Blanc; children, Garrett and Emma; parents, Chuck and Karen of Fenton; and sisters, Kristie Mercer and Laurie Ford of GA. Your condolences may be shared with the family at www.swartzfuneralhomeinc.com.

Frederick Borath, III

Frederick Borath, III - age 31, died October 21, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



James Burk

James Burk - age 53, died October 22, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



James Reese

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Jason Kendrick

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June Camp

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Marilyn Fisher

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Marilyn Makrouer

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Ouida Tambling

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Pearl Peters

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Phyllis Bullock-Zaruba

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Phyllis Simpson

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Reuel Goodaker

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Robert Nierescher

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Robert Pruitt

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Theodore Bickerstaff

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William "Bill"

Salbenblatt

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— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

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Authorize electronic notarizations during epidemic

House Bill 6297 received in the Senate on Oct. 21. To permit notary publics to provide notarizations through the end of 2020 using a "two-way real-time audiovisual technology that allows direct interaction between the individual seeking the notary's services, any witnesses, and the notary," as specified in the bill.

Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)	YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)	YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	YES

Randall Fox

Randal Fox - age 57, died October 28, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Dallas "Jerry" Perry

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Gerald Bila

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