#### **Chamber presents awards**

■Virtual presentations, virtual silent auction make 2020 **Chamber Awards** Week unique

#### By Sharon Stone

Every fall, the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce hosts an awards dinner and silent auction to cel-

ebrate businesses and all who have contributed to the community. Money raised from the silent auction goes toward college scholarships for Lake Fenton, Fenton and Linden graduates.

Similar to every other big event this year, the Chamber was forced to alter its celebration See **CHAMBER** on 11

#### **AMBASSADOR** of the Year



Katelyn Couturier of Lasco Ford

#### **ENTREPRENEUR Award**



Don Stilson of Rock Foundations

#### **ENTERPRISE** Award



Patrik Welty of Legacy Realty Professionals

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE** Award



Scott Grossmeyer Fenton councilman



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#### **Assisted living facility could** be built on Silver Lake Road

■Developers request to build 83-bed assisted living facility next to Price's Airport

#### By Hannah Ball

A new assisted living facility could be built on Silver Lake Road, just north of Price's Airport in Fenton Township.

The Fenton Township Board

of Trustees discussed the potential development, called the Silver Lake Road Assisted Living, at the Monday, Nov. 9 meeting via conference call for the first reading.

The applicant, DMK Development Group, is requesting

See **FACILITY** on 19

#### Educators say students adapting well to COVID guidelines



AGS Middle School student Reese Canada talks with secretary Barb Stinson on Thursday, Nov. 12 in the front office. Plastic dividers are set up on the desk and everyone in the building wears a mask. See story on Page 12. Photo: Hannah Ball

#### Fenton sells 86 vacant parcels

■Sterling Construction to pay \$610,084 for lots in Orchard Hills subdivision

#### By Sharon Stone

During a special Fenton City Council meeting Wednesday, Nov. 11, the council approved the sale of 86 vacant parcels in the Orchard Hills subdivision to Sterling Construction, LLC. The meeting was held remotely due to COVID-19.

See PARCELS on 10





**6** What ever happened to the Argentine dam that needs to be repaired? I hope we don't end up

like the people up north."

**LL** Thank you for a wonderful article on the Podunk house and museum upgrades. The Fenton Community Fund Grant is a huge blessing,

but the Pioneer Association would like to also recognize a sizeable contribution to repairing the sidewalks from the Fenton Township Board.'



**66** Interesting article you wrote about how Trump would continue to be president if the

tri-county area were the only votes that counted."



**ff I love all** of the Christmas lights that we are starting to see in Fenton."

# Get your tickets today for Beer Fest in a Bag

#### ■Annual event raises funds for residents in crisis

#### By Emily Caswell

Tickets are on sale now and must be purchased in advance for the Bottles. Brews & News "Beer Fest in a Bag" event set for Saturday, Nov. 21.

The first-ever event of its kind replaces the in-person Bottles, Brews & News — a craft beer and wine festival, which was held in downtown Fenton last year. Unable to host the sell-out event this year due to health and safety guidelines, organizers got to work to find a way for beer and wine lovers to sample new adult beverages while supporting their community. The result is the Bottles, Brews & News "Beer Fest in a Bag."

For just \$30, at-

tendees receive a reusable souvenir bag filled with a variety six pack featuring craft beer, hard cider, hard seltzer and wine, two souvenir mugs, pretzel neck-

two — to go.

holders can

pick up

their

Ticket

laces, plus other goodies for

Beer Fest in a Bag in the parking lot of John's Pizzeria, 1492 N. LeRoy Street in Fenton between 3 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21. A special drive-thru will be set up for easy grab-andgo service. The

bag will also

include details

on each of the

featured bev-

erages so

that ticket

holders can bring the beer and wine fest experience home for just themselves or a small group of friends.

Those wanting to add a to-go food order to their Beer Fest in a Bag can call John's Pizzeria at (810) 629-5060 to place a carryout order in advance.

"We are so excited to be able to bring this event to the community,"

See BEER FEST on 11

View Newspaper Group team members Kasey Tysick, Sarah Osentoski and Maria Zavala show off the souvenir mugs for this year's Bottles, Brews & News Beer Fest in a Bag. Each ticket holder receives two of the mugs in their reusable souvenir bag, along with a mixed six pack and other goodies.



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# Reminder — stop for school buses

# ■Violators could be fined hundreds of dollars

#### By Hannah Ball

With students back in school, drivers are sharing the roads with school buses once again.

Local police departments are reminding drivers to stop for school buses when they let students on and off the bus. The law states that drivers must slow down when school buses flash yellow lights, and they must stop when the lights are red.

Jerry Narsh, Holly police chief, said they haven't had any violations yet this fall for passing a school bus, but they have had instances where drivers have not followed the direction of school crossing guards.

"Both are serious violations that can result in fines from \$100 to \$500. If a driver were to

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Motorists are reminded of laws regarding school buses to ensure the safety of our children. Times file photo



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#### A message from the superintendent

#### **Broncho community unites in challenging times**

ur community continually invests in the success of our Bronchos, even in the most challenging of times. That was never more apparent than on Nov. 3, when voters approved our non-homestead millage proposal.

Our community recognized our non-homestead millage is crucial to our operations, and made it a prior-

ity in the midst of a highly contentious national election and global pandemic. Approval of our proposal will help us continue providing a high quality, 21st century education that prepares our students for bright futures, whether they're planning to attend college or technical school, launch careers in the skilled trades, or enter the workforce right after graduation.

For that, I thank our entire Broncho family from the bottom of my heart. I am humbled every day by their generosity and for entrusting us with their precious taxpayer dollars — a responsibility we do not take lightly at Holly Area Schools.

Shortly before the election, I was pleased to learn that, with the community's support, Holly Area Schools remains on solid financial



**Scott Roper** Holly Area Schools superintendent

footing. We received a clean audit opinion for last fiscal year, indicating we are well prepared to handle any unforeseen economic fluctuations or financial emergen-

We consider our track record of fiscal responsibility, accountability and transparency a key component of Broncho Pride, and pledge to continue tracking all taxpayer dollars to ensure they're in-

after your loss.

vested in the success of all students.

I'd like to thank our Broncho community for the incomparable patience they continue to demonstrate during the COVID-19 pandemic. We recognize the immense toll the pandemic continues to take on our students. parents, families and employees. I am proud of our Return to Learn plan that allows us to quickly change course to protect the health and safety of our entire community. At the same time, I realize it is not easy for families to change plans on a moment's notice, and I thank you for working with us.

Throughout the pandemic, our entire community has helped us maintain a culture of kindness, compassion and respect, whether our students are learning in-person or remotely. We will maintain that commitment to Broncho Pride as we continue to face nity, Bronchos United.



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**DEMS ARE SAYING** we should all come together now. Where has that sentiment been for the last four years?

TO THE HOT lines complaining about kids being in school due to a death rate of between 0.00002 and 0.002. You provided to perfect example of why they indeed should be in school. There are so many terrible unintended consequences of depriving kids of an in-person education. Thank you tri-county teachers.

AFTER AN ELECTION, the winners stay and the losers go home. It's the American way. Unless Trump wins, then losers engage in multiple attempts at a coup, to include 1) resistance, 2) fake Russian collusion hoax, and 3) impeachment failure.

GLAD TO SEE that the state of Georgia is hand-counting every single vote. I and 72 million other Americans want to know the truth and whether there was fraud going on with ballots. If you don't want the truth, that tells a lot about you.

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

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"Absolutely not! No thank you! You literally could not pay me to take it. There is not enough money in the world!"

**Alysia Batory LaVigne** 



"It's like the new iPhones. I will wait a bit, for all the glitches to be worked out."

JeanSteve Keiser Holly



"Since so many Trump supporters go maskless and do not care about others, they can feel free to leave the vaccine for people who have been doing the right thing."

Tony Engelberg, Holly



"No thanks, I don't want to be their guinea pig. I'm sure there'll be some big class action lawsuit in five or 10 years about some major side effect the vaccine caused."

Marie Tino, Fenton

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# Thanksgiving travel down this year

■ Pandemic prompts fewer people driving, flying to family get-togethers

Thanksgiving will be on the lighter side when it comes to the typical number of travelers on the roads and at airports. According to AAA Travel, effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, including health concerns and high unemployment, are

impacting Americans' decisions to travel for the Thanksgiving holiday.

With health and government officials stressing that staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting sick, AAA anticipates at least a 10 percent drop in travel — the largest one-year decrease since the Great Recession in 2008.

Based on mid-October forecast models, AAA would have expected up to 50 million Americans to travel for Thanks-

giving — a drop from 55 million in 2019. In Michigan, the expectation is 1.6 million travelers, down 8.1 percent from 2019.

However, as the holiday approaches and Americans monitor the public health landscape, including rising COVID-19 positive case numbers, renewed quarantine restrictions and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) travel health notices, AAA expects the actual number of holiday travelers will

be even lower.

"AAA acknowledges that the decision to travel is a personal one," said Adrienne Woodland, spokesperson, AAA-The Auto Club Group. "The CDC says staying home is the best way to stop the spread of COVID-19. For those who still decide to travel, we urge you to take every precaution possible to protect yourself and others."

In addition to CDC guidance, travelers should also be aware of local and state travel restrictions, including testing requirements and quarantine orders.

#### SAFETY TIPS

**Plan ahead.** Check with state and local authorities where you are, along your route, and at your planned destination to learn about local circumstances and any restrictions that may be in place.

Follow public health guidance. Consistent use of face masks combined with social distancing (at least 6 feet) and regular handwashing are the best ways to lower your risk of contracting COVID-19. Be sure to pack face masks, disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer and a thermometer to help protect and monitor your health. Also pack water and extra snacks to reduce the need to stop along your trip.

**Verify before you go.** Call ahead to minimize any last minute surprises.

Hotels – Prior to any hotel stay, call ahead to ensure your hotel is open and ask what precautions they are taking to protect guests. Ask about social distancing protocols like capacity reductions in common spaces, hotel staff requirements to wear masks at all times and if all amenities are available, like restaurant dining.

Car rentals – If renting a car, ask what has been done to clean the vehicle. Hertz, for example, has introduced Hertz Gold Standard Clean, an enhanced vehicle disinfectant and sanitization process. For extra peace of mind, use disinfecting wipes to wipe down door handles, steering wheels, shifters and control panels.

Helpful AAA resources. Visit AAA's COVID-19 Travel Restrictions Map for the latest state and local travel restrictions. Use TripTik.AAA.com to plan your road trip and help determine which rest stops, gas stations, restaurants and hotels are open along your route.



# Fenton Community Orchestra awarded grant

# ■ Made possible by matching donations from donors and local businesses

The Fenton Community Orchestra (FCO) announced it has been awarded a \$15,000 matching-grant funded by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

"We are grateful for continued support from MCACA and the NEA," said FCO board chair Eric Szczepanski. "The Operational Support matching grant allows us to support a part-time staff with professional experience in artistic leadership and nonprofit administration."

Andrew Perkins, director of instrumental music at Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School in Fenton, has served as FCO's music director and conductor since 2011.

Tetyana Clarke, donor relations and stewardship officer at University of Michigan-Flint, has served as FCO's operations manager since 2018.

"It is really wonderful to see so many



The Fenton Community Orchestra performs a concert in 2019 in this Times file photo.

great grant applications," MCACA Director Alison Watson said in a press release. "During these tough times, it is a strong affirmation that the field is still vibrant, and the value of our programs is not only recognized, but can contribute to ongoing efforts to support vibrancy in our communities throughout the state."

"I also want to thank our community and Season 11 sponsors, The State Bank and First Choice Heating & Cooling," Szczepanski said. Applying for grants from MCACA-NEA is made possible with matching donations from our family of donors and local businesses. Your support helps the FCO meet its mission and strategic initiatives."

#### FCO's Strategic Priorities are to:

- Create opportunities for participation in a community orchestra. The FCO currently offers a full community orchestra, Simply Strings, a chamber string group, and Prelude String, string lessons for young people in grades 3-8th.
- Enhance community life by making the orchestra experience accessible for all citizens to enjoy. The FCO hosts three to

four free concerts to the public each season. The FCO also enhances outreach to seniors and youth through performances in local schools and senior centers.

• Engage stakeholders to ensure the sustainability of the organization. Through fundraising and sponsorship opportunities, the FCO actualizes its purpose in providing opportunities for members to play in an orchestra and contribute to the quality of life in our community by supporting an engaging performing arts program. Support FCO at fentonorchestra.org.

#### ABOUT THE FENTON COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

The FCO's purpose is to provide a place for musicians of all ages to connect through music by providing an educational and entertaining music program for both its members and its audiences. The FCO is a 501c3 non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible. Learn more at fenton-orchestra.org.





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# New roofs are approved

■Fenton City to pay \$485,000 to replace roofs at city hall, police station and library

#### **By Sharon Stone**

The roofs at the Fenton Police Department, Fenton City Hall and Jack R. Winegarden Library will be replaced. The roofs have had ongoing leak issues and based on the age of the roofs and condition, spot repairs are no longer practical.

In an Oct. 20 memo from Dan Brisson, public works director, he wrote that an on-site assessment was conducted by the Garland Company, which provides commercial roof consulting services utilizing a municipal material purchasing program.

This assessment indicated that the roof condition as "failed" for most of the police station roof, all of the city hall roof and most of the library roof.

Through the Garland Company's purchasing program, the city received four bids ranging from \$485,000 to more than \$609,000. The company will coordinate the project and oversee workmanship.

Work will begin in the spring of 2021 and each building will take approximately two weeks to complete.

City council approved the recommendation to use Lutz Roofing, which submitted the lowest bid of \$485,020. A 5-percent contingency (\$24,251) also was approved to cover potential unknowns.



COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

#### Holly Village offices closed to public, operations continue

The Holly Village offices are closed to the public until further notice. Operations will continue though. Place any payments and/ or paperwork in the drop box. Envelopes have been provided for residents' convenience. If you need forms, please check the website at www.hollyvillage.org or call the office and they can provide them to you electronically. Contact the village with any questions at (248) 634-9571 or by email at:

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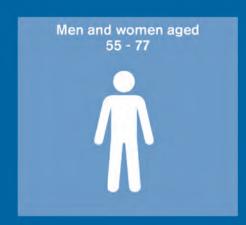
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#### **PARCELS**

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The lots are on Maple Tree Drive, Plum Tree Drive, Peach Tree Trail, Cherry Tree Court and Apple Tree Court. The city received the properties in tax foreclosure during to the more recent economic downturn.

The sale of these lots will strengthen

the city's tax base and support the neighborhood developments underway.

As per the purchase agreement, the city will receive \$610,084 for the property purchase. The development will be cleaned of arsenic at the developer's expense and a performance bond will be put in place to provide a guarantee to the city.

The developer will do interim fixes to Maple Tree Drive and then replace it as an aspect of the project at the developer's cost.

The city also will receive from the developer \$875 per unit sale (impact fee) for a total of \$75,250, to defray unintended costs to the city's budget and potential wear and tear upon the city's infrastructure.

# Fenton Fenton GENISYS FENTON WELLBRIDGE OF FENTON

#### **Virtual Tree Lighting and Parade**

View on www.FentonLindenChamber.com, Chamber social media, and local channel 191 on December 5th.

#### Santa Sightings | 1-3pm

Visit downtown Fenton between 1pm and 3pm on December 5th and you just might see Santa!

#### **Ice Sculptures**

Visit downtown Fenton on December 5th to view a variety of holiday themed ice sculptures sponsored by local businesses!

#### **Shopping Spree | \$500 Grand Prize**

Visit or shop at a participating business between November 21st – December 6th to be entered into a grand prize drawing of over \$500 worth of local business gift cards.

#### Participating businesses:

- Eclections/Nick & Crew
- Fenton's Open Book
- · Action Water Sports
- CRUST
- Presence to Pupils, LLC
- · Back to Basics
- Mitten Life Realty
- Cause & Affect Gallery
- Tropical Smoothie Cafe
- Edward Jones, Kevin Messing
- Linden Hotel/Crow's Nest
- Big Apple Bagels
- Little Rose Café, Tea room & Bakery
- Serendipity Spa of Linden

# Saturday December 5th 1pm – 5pm



#### **Virtual Jinglejog 5K Run/Walk**

\$20 Registration

#### Visit www.FentonLindenChamber.com to register now!

T-shirts guaranteed for participants that register by Friday, November 20th. First 100 participants receive a commemorative Jinglejog tree ornament.



#### **Letters to Santa**

The Fenton Kiwanis and KEY Club members are helping Santa keep in touch with kids this year! Drop off your letters to Santa to be mailed to the North Pole by using the special mailbox on the front lawn of the Community Center any day between Monday, November 30th thru Saturday, December 5th! Make sure to include a return address so every child that writes Santa will receive a response in the US mail by December 25th!

#### Visit www.FentonLindenChamber.com for more information.

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#### **BUSES**

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injure or kill a child at a bus stop, the penalties become severe," he said.

He said it's inevitable that school pick up and drop off times will intersect with the morning rush.

"Please allow extra time when school is open and factor in your drive time delays caused by school bus routes. It is every driver's responsibility to know and follow the law for the safety of our children. Thankfully, the design and lighting of modern school busses and the well trained drivers have limited death and injury to children in Michigan but they still can occur when a driver doesn't follow the law," he said.

#### **INFORMATION FROM NARSH:**

Prepare to stop when a slowing bus has its overhead yellow lights flashing.

Stop at least 20 feet away from buses when red lights are flashing, unless driving in the opposite direction on a divided highway.

Slow down in or near school and residential areas. Look for clues, such as safety patrols, crossing guards, bicycles, and playgrounds, which indicate children might be in the area. Watch for children between parked cars and other objects

Narsh said school buses are like traffic signals. When lights are yellow, drivers must prepare to stop. When lights are red, drivers must stop. If their hazard lights are flashing, proceed with caution.

#### SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS FOR STUDENTS:

Always stay in sight of the bus

Don't hurry off the bus; check traffic first.

Don't go back to the bus after exiting.

#### **IF YOU SEE CROSSING GUARDS:**

Anticipate crossing guards near schools and in a marked school zone. Be prepared to stop when you see children waiting to cross.

Michigan law requires driver obedience to a crossing guard while they're stopping traffic. Crossing guards either work for or report to a local police department.

#### CHAMBER

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plans with a remote event. For this year, the renamed it Chamber Awards Week.

Awards were presented remotely by Ed Koledo, chairman of the Chamber Board, and Shelly Day, executive director of the Chamber.

The Ambassador of the Year recipient is Katelyn Couturier of Lasco Ford. Will Stiverson of the Chamber and chair of the Ambassadors made the announcement. He said Couturier has stepped up to help during these challenging times and always volunteers.

Couturier said it was an honor to receive this award and she thoroughly enjoys being out meeting people in the community.

The Entrepreneur Award went to Don Stilson of Rock Foundations. Day said this award is for businesses that have been in business for fewer than 10 years. Stilson was a significant sponsor of the Gus Macker basketball tournament and St. John's Applefest.

Stilson said, "We're here to stay." He thanked the builders and suppliers and everyone with the Chamber for selecting his business.

The **Enterprise Award** went to Patrik Welty of Legacy Realty Professionals. The Enterprise Award is for businesses that have been in business for more than 10 years. Day said Welty and his team have contributed significantly to the community.

Welty said it's an honor to be recognized. "I've been very blessed by this Chamber," he said.

The Community Service Award went to Scott Grossmeyer. Day said for the first time ever, this award was given twice to the same individual. She said Grossmeyer promotes the community everywhere he goes and that he has made significant contributions over the

"We received numerous testimonials on this man," Day said.

Grossmeyer said winning this award twice means so much to him. He also congratulated the Chamber on its centennial celebration. "They do a wonderful job on promoting this community," he said. "I believe it's a duty to give back to the community."

Typically, the 2020 Educator of the Year Award for each of the three local school districts is awarded to one teacher. However, this year has been

#### HOT LINE CONTINUED

THIS GUY NAILS Trump to a cross and now has a sign saying let's all heal. No, let's investigate Biden.

BIDEN IS TALKING to Iran to see

how big of an airplane he will need to fly over the cash that will want for their nuclear weapons program.

BIDEN HAS NO more right to talk politics with world leaders than I do.

WE ARE SO glad they are recounting the ballots in Georgia. Who wouldn't want to know the truth? Now, they just need to do that in Wayne County.

TO THE HOT-LINER complaining about how much taxes will go up with Biden. He is obviously just listening to Trump and not Biden. Anyone making less than \$400,000 a year will not pay more taxes. People need to listen to Biden speak and they would know that.

anything but typical. Day said the 2020 Educator of the Year Award at Linden Community Schools, Fenton Area Public Schools and Lake Fenton Community Schools is being awarded to each of the entire school districts.

Day, as well as the superintendents, said all of the staff members have gone above and beyond to provide the best education to students during these challenging times.

Two businesses are recipients of the 100 Year Legacy Award. Medawar Jewelers and Bill Carr signs are the 2020 recipients. Day said Medawar Jewelers is known for its expert repairs and unique creations. Jim Nestroy of Bill Carr signs said they are honored to be coming up on their 102nd year in business. He thanked their great customer base and their great team.

The 2020 Chamber Foundation Scholarship recipients are Nathan Eversole from Fenton High School, Salina Mueller from Lake Fenton High School and Sheridan Goss from Linden High School. The three graduates are attending college pursuing their careers.

All of these virtual presentations are available for viewing on the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce's YouTube page.

#### **BEER FEST**

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said View Newspaper Group Brand Manager Emily Caswell. View Newspaper Group publishes the Tri-County times along with 14 other community newspapers and is host of Bottles, Brews & News.

"Last year's event was such a success that we knew we had to find a way to keep the Bottles, Brews & News name and spirit of community advocacy alive. This year we feel it is more important than ever to give back."

Proceeds from the event will benefit the nonprofit agency, Fenton Area Resources and Referral Network, Inc. (FARR). Last year's Bottles, Brews & News raised \$6,000 for the nonprofit.

"FARR is very excited to be partnering once again with View Newspaper Group," said FARR Executive Director Dawn Placek. "We feel fortunate that the View team and our partners found a way to keep the event alive in a challenging year. As with last year, money raised at Bottles, Brews & News will help us continue our mission of serving this community."

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#### Educators say students adapting well to COVID guidelines

# ■ Principals talk maintaining safety measures, supporting teachers

#### By Hannah Ball

More than two months into the 2020-2021 school year, middle school educators are reporting that students have adapted to COVID guidelines while the teaching models pose more challenges for educators.

Rob Pouch, Linden Middle School principal, said some of the biggest differences is that students are in cohorts, meaning they remain with the same students in the same classroom all day.

"Teachers rotate between different classrooms throughout the day. Traditionally, students will rotate to six different classrooms. Due to cohorting, our students have less scheduling options when compared to previous years," he said. "The contact tracing has put us in situations where we have to have seating charts for the classroom and the cafeteria."

Linden students adapt well to change, he said, and they have done a "wonder-



At AGS Middle School, Brad Wright's eighth grade choir class practices while wearing masks on Thursday, Nov. 12. **Photo: Hannah Ball** 

ful job" embracing the changes. They stress the reasons behind the changes.

"The current structures at LMS have led to a decrease in behavior referrals.

Mainly due to less unstructured time throughout the day," he said.

Teachers are "giving it their all every day," he said, adding that school staff are operating under a different stress level this year.

"We continue to stress the importance of keeping the balance, finding an escape and protecting their own mental health as well. For over eight months, our staff has been dealing with many unknowns and constant change. However, we continue to remain student centered and do the best we can

truly developed their skills and comfort, but we all agree, nothing beats the day to day experiences between a student and teacher. 77

**Dan Ferguson**Lake Fenton Middle School principal

for the students we lead," he said.

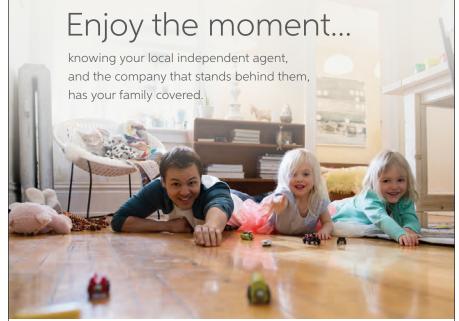
Eric Rettenmund, Fenton AGS Middle School principal, said the most significant changes are operating two separate schools, virtual and in-person, as well as wearing masks and having a modified daily schedule.

"The best part of my job is interacting with our students on a daily basis. I have always enjoyed giving students high fives and fist bumps in the hallways, now it's air high fives and air fist bumps," he said.

Students have been "incredible," he said, and they adapted to changes "very well."

"I think they are as happy to be back as we are to have them back. We also have students that are learning through our Tiger Virtual Academy (TVA). TVA students are experiencing learning anytime, anywhere through a virtual platform," he said.

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Everyone in AGS Middle School wears a mask. During passing times, students follow the tape on the ground to help traffic flow in the hallways to avoid crowding. Photo: Hannah Ball

# Will the pandemic affect student test scores?

#### ■Educators, parents and students grapple with changes in learning

#### By Hannah Ball

Schooling and education are undeniably different this year, including this past spring, as districts were forced to adapt to safety measures due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Schools are open, but many students are learning fully virtually from home, and teachers have more challenges this

A Pew Research Center survey found that 32 percent of parents are very concerned and 36 percent of parents are somewhat concerned that their children will fall behind in school due to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Parents of children learning at least partially online are concerned, but this worry is also found with parents of children learning in-person only. Ap-

proximately 34 percent are somewhat concerned, compared to 21 percent who are very concerned about their children falling behind in their education.

It's yet to be seen if these changes will have a negative effect on test scores and education, but local educators expect to play some catch up.

Linden Middle School Principal Rob Pouch said they recently completed their NWEA assessment, and they were satisfied with the results. NWEA is a research-based organization that creates K-12 assessments to measure growth and proficiency.

"We are fortunate to have a proactive intervention program that can help catch the students right away if we are noticing an educational gap. I think middle school and secondary students are in a better position to not fall behind when compared to elementary students who are still learning to read," he said.

At Fenton, Eric Rettenmund, AGS Middle School principal, said he anticipates having to "play some catch up" in



Lake Fenton Middle School teacher Jason Taylor addresses his sixth grade world geography class on Thursday, Nov. 12. Some students were in class and others are watching and learning through Zoom. Photo: Hannah Ball

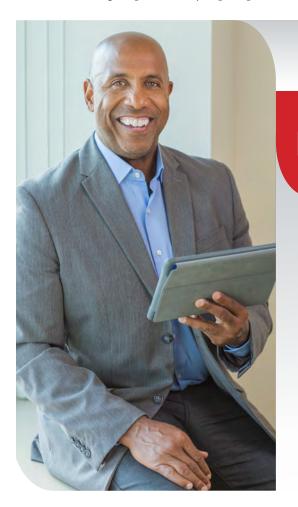
regards to education.

"It remains to be seen whether there will be significant educational gaps moving forward. I do know that we will continue to work hard to provide the best possible education for our students no matter what happens," he said, adding that this is impacting students globally as well.

Rettenmund also said, due to learning via virtual platforms, that students are developing resourcefulness and learning skills that cannot be taught in a classroom.

Lake Fenton Middle School Principal Dan Ferguson said anything short of high quality teaching and meaningful interactions will be impactful on education.

"It is with that mindset we must create opportunities for respectful learning at all times. I do believe missing 50 days of in person instruction last spring had an impact on all learners, however I believe our approach this year has mitigated a significant learning loss for many. It is our charge to find the students most impacted and develop a plan to meet their needs," he said.



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# Holiday Extravaganza to be drive-thru event

■ Takes place at M1 Concourse in Pontiac Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Holiday Extravaganza Parade, taking place Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., will now take place at the M1 Concourse to verify the Grinch doesn't have access to the long awaited, annual event.

The M1 Concourse is offering its track for the special Holiday Extravaganza Winter Wonderland Drive-Thru Event. Jordan Zlotoff, CEO of M1 Concourse was involved in the decision to host Holiday Extravaganza.

"We are excited to be able to host the 2020 Pontiac Holiday Extravaganza Parade at M1 Concourse," Zlotoff said. "We know how important this annual tradition is to the community of Pontiac. Given our unique venue space, we are glad to be able to host this incredible event in a safe and responsible way that also allows community members to enjoy the parade festivities."

Partner communities of Auburn Hills, Pontiac, Waterford and White Lake strive to keep this event full of the expected magic, but in a safe way.

Tom Kimble is Chairman for the

Greater Pontiac Host Committee, presenters of Holiday Extravaganza. He said, "We are very grateful to the M1 team for providing families the ability to see the extravagance of the total parade, while staying warm and safe in their cars as they drive through the beautiful track."

A unique Holiday Extravaganza Village will be assembled using professional parade floats, balloons, costume characters and a special social

distanced interaction with Santa and reindeer.

Visitors will be able to enjoy their favorite parts of a regular parade from the comfort of their own car.

For updates and additional information about this event, please connect with Holiday Extravaganza on Facebook and Instagram using @ HolidayExtravaganza, or visit our blog at HolidayExtravaganza.org.

Holiday Extravaganza is a parade and festival that takes place on the first Saturday of December each year providing free family fun, food, crafts and live animals. Their mission is to bring together the Oakland County cities and townships of Auburn Hills, Pontiac, Waterford and White Lake for a day of fun.

hicle struck the vehicle in front of her causing a chain reaction crash that involved four vehicles. One driver sustained no injuries and was released at the scene, two were transported to Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc Township and one was transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor, all with non-life threatening injuries. All drivers except the Flint resident were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the crash. Alcohol and drugs do not appear to be a factor in the crash. This crash remains under investigation by the Livingston County Sheriff's Office. The Livingston County Sheriff's Office was assisted by Livingston County Ambulance,



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#### POLICE & FIRE REPORT

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#### FOUR VEHICLE CRASH ON U.S. 23 IN TYRONE TOWNSHIP

On Thursday, Nov. 12, at approximately 1:08 p.m., deputies from the Livingston County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to northbound U.S. 23 at Center Road in Tyrone Township for a four-vehicle crash. The preliminary investigation has revealed that a 20-year-old Flint resident was operating a 2018 Nissan northbound on U.S. 23. The driver was unable to stop for traffic that had slowed in front of her due to afternoon congestion. Her veHartland Area Fire, Michigan State Police and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

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Rettenmund said this has been a "very challenging time" for educators.

"But the staff at AGS is fantastic. I wouldn't want to endure this difficult time with any other group of educators. They have worked diligently to remain connected with students remotely, work with students virtually, and teach students in-person simultaneously. This different way of teaching and learning can be overwhelming at times, but they are resilient, they are determined, they are passionate, they are Fenton Teachers," he said.

Dan Ferguson, Lake Fenton Middle School principal, said the two biggest differences he sees are relationship building and learning continuity.

"Educators are in the people business and seeing our students 40-50 percent of the time in person and the rest on a remote platform has slowed the relationship building process between teacher and student and student to student," he said. "The continuity of learning for our teachers has been a tough balance with meeting the needs





(Left) At AGS Middle School, the sixth grade band class of Andrew Perkins, director of instrumental music, practices for their virtual concert. Students took down their masks when playing. (Right) In front of this classroom is a screen showing an exercise video. Students in Shane Steckroth's exploratory elective class follow along. Photos: Hannah Ball

of the in person learner concurrently to the remote learner. Our teachers have truly developed their skills and comfort, but we all agree, nothing beats the day to day experiences between a student and teacher."

The more independent students have

flourished in this format, he said, while educators have found creative ways to help those who are struggling. They've made structural changes to extend learning opportunities for students with unique needs.

Ferguson said they're fortunate that

they were able to provide a one-on-one learning format for students this past spring, and the teachers have "grown exponentially" from there.

"They are a resilient group that are student focused and when you focus on the kids, it creates clarity," he said.



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the creation of a new PUD zoning to allow for an 83 bed assisted living facility on Silver Lake Road. The existing zoning for the 8.26-acre vacant land north of Price's Airport is Horizon Park PUD.

If approved, the zoning would change from Horizon Lakes Airpark PUD to DMK Assisted Living PUD, Planned Unit Development. The Fenton Township Master Plan classifies this area as Low Density Residential.

Mike Deem, zoning administrator, said the Planning Commission recommended approval with the condition that the Master Plan be looked at because there were questions about if this project fits the low density residential classification.

Treasurer John Tucker, who's also on the Planning Commission, said the important thing is to look if the rezoning request fits with the master plan. On this, Tucker said he disagrees with Deem's assessment that this plan fits with the low density classification. He recommended they go through the process to have the Master Plan revised. Deem agreed and said this process could take anywhere from three to five months, depending on the extent of the change.

Tucker also said they're working with the developers to keep the application moving.

There are a few issues with water and sewer management the developers will have to work out. Developers have spoken with Linden officials about tapping into the city's water system.

The developer plans to complete 84 parking spaces in all. One parking space is required for every two beds, and with 83 beds, that would be 42 parking spaces. They're also required to have a parking space for every employee. With an estimated 40 employees, they need 40 spaces. Developers will also add four barrier free spaces.

The application also includes a note about the efforts of LAFF (Linden, Argentine, Fenton, Fenton Township) Pathway group to develop non motorized pathways to the area. Silver Lake Road is in Phase 11. Organizers wish to develop a paved pathway along the south side of Silver Lake Road, which would go through this land.

The application said, "The applicant



The proposed Silver Lake Road Assisted Living, by DMK Development Group, would be located on the south side of Silver Lake Road, just east of Horizon Lakes Airpark in Fenton Township. Submitted image

should participate in the construction of the pathway either by installing the pathway along their frontage during construction or by providing the funding for the construction of the pathway along their frontage."

The following conditions were proposed, according to the application:

The maximum building height shall not exceed 29 feet, unless the method for fire protection is reviewed and approved by the fire department, in which case height may exceed 29 feet but shall not exceed 47 feet. Minimum setbacks would be established at the time of site plan review and approval and shall be a minimum of 10 feet.

The landscape and buffering plan shall be subject to Fenton Township Planning Commission approval. The developer of the PUD project shall pay to Fenton Township the total cost of any necessary upgrades to the sanitary sewer system, as determined by the Township.

The Planning Commission and Township Board would evaluate this request in five years and may initiate a rezoning of the property if the developer has not demonstrated that suitable, continual progress has been made to develop the property consistent with this ordinance.

Monday, Nov. 9 was the first reading for the issue, and nothing has been voted on yet.

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#### Tri-county swimmers perform well at Metro meet

#### By David Troppens

All but one Flint Metro League event at the league meet had a champion from the tri-county area.

Obviously, most of that representation came from the Fenton varsity girls swim team, recording nine event champions, including in all three relay races. However, the Holly and the

Kearsley/Lake Fenton co-op program also earned representation.

Holly's Ella Althaver was the 200 freestyle champion at the league meet held at Fenton High School, posting a time of 2:07.99. Her effort was one of seven individual top-eight placings the Bronchos had at the league meet. Holly finished fourth at the league meet

and finished the final season standings in fifth. Kearsley/Lake Fenton placed sixth at the meet and placed sixth overall as well.

Kearsley/Lake Fenton swimmer Emily Gilbert earned the other first outside of Fenton's team. She placed in two individual events taking first in

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# Sports Times

Holly's Gale Bullard



# Tigers make it 17 straight Metro championships

#### By David Troppens

**Fenton** — It was a season filled with question marks.

When practices began, the Fenton varsity girls swim team had to practice in outdoor pools, and even when they returned to the Fenton High School pool, no one knew if the season would be completed.

It was a season that took a lot of perseverance, and the Tigers passed with flying colors. Fenton captured its 17th straight Flint Metro League championship by crushing the field at the league meet held at Fenton High School.

The Tigers, who have won all of those titles outright except one that was shared with Brandon, took nine of the 12 firsts and eight of the nine individualevent seconds en route to scoring 652 team points. That was nearly three times the amount of second-place Corunna's 239 points and Owosso's third-place total of 238 points. Holly finished fourth with 227 points.

And the Tigers earned it through it's perseverance, something they had written on this year's team shirts.

"That's our team this year," Fenton varsity girls swim coach Brad Jones said. "We have definitely pushed forward through some strange things. It's been pretty stressful because we have to deal with things that are out of our control. Social contacting means that if somebody makes a poor choice, does something



The Fenton varsity girls swim team celebrates its 17th straight Metro League title at the Metro League meet. Photo provided

and sits next to you in school, it could mean your season is over. We are doing everything right. ... We were spaced out appropri-

ately. Your weight room partner is your bus partner and is your lane partner. They are all the same."

"It's definitely been hard," senior Madeline Kazmierski said.
"(The season due to COVID-19)

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# Area athletes lead Powers to third-place league finish

#### By David Troppens

The Flint Powers Catholic varsity girls swim team recently placed third at the Saginaw Valley League Championship Meet at Midland Dow High School.

Helping lead the squad to third were six athletes that call the tri-county area their home.

Lara Wujciak, Lauren Taylor, Grace Spezia, Hannah Potochny, Emma Potochny and Katelyn Iordanou were those athletes, helping the Chargers finish the meet with 363.3 team points, well ahead of Saginaw Heritage's fourth-place total of 209. Grand Blanc (658.5) won the meet while Midland Dow (614) placed second.

Lara Wujciak had an outstanding meet, placing first in two individual events and helping another relay to a new school record time. Wujciak earned the league championship in the 100 butterfly (56.59) and the 100 backstroke individually (59.27). The event title in the 100 butterfly was her fourth straight and her time was a personal-best as well as a meet record and

a Dow pool record. She placed fifth at the Division 3 state meet a year ago in the event.

She also helped the 200 medley relay earn a school record time of 1:51.68, while placing third. Also competing on the relay were Abby Merz, Taylor and Olivia Camara. The same four swimmers also hold the school record in the 200 freestyle relay, a record they earned in 2019. Finally, she was on the team's fourth-place 200 freestyle relay team, with Emily Bhagat, Camara and Merz, earning a time of 1:43.82. Wujciak's performances earned her the shared honor of "Swimmer of the Meet."

Taylor finished in the top five in two events individually and helped another relay finish in third place. She teamed with Emily Snyder, Iordanou and Bhagat to earn that third in the 400 freestyle relay (3:55.58). Individually, she placed fourth in the 200 individual medley (2:21.30) and fifth in the 100 butterfly (1:02.39).

All three relays are qualified for the D3 state meet. Wujciak and Taylor are quali-



The Powers 200 medley relay team broke a school record with a time of 1:51.86 at the Saginaw Valley League Championship meet. The members on the team were Lara Wujciak, Abby Merz, Lauren Taylor and Olivia Camara. Photo provided

fied in their two individual events.

The other top performances from area competitors were Hannah Potochny who placed seventh in the 100 butter-

fly (1:04.91) and Emma Potochny who placed 10th in the 100 butterfly (1:08.21) and 12th in the 100 backstroke (1:11.72).



Holly's Lauren Costigan was a member of the Bronchos' 200 freestyle relay team that took third place at the Metro League meet. **Photo: David Troppens** 

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the 50 freestyle with a time of 25.45. Gilbert also placed fourth in the 100 freestyle (56.75). She also teamed with Ashelyn Hatch, Mattie Bailey and Ava Boggs to earn a third-place finish in the 400 freestyle relay (4:21.75).

The Holly Bronchos had one runnerup finish at the Metro meet as well. The 200 freestyle team of Lauren Costigan, Katie Sanders, Althaver and Gale Bullard placed second with a time of 1:50.78. The Bronchos also earned a third-place finish in the 200 medley relay with the team of Sanders, Costigan, Althaver and Bullard. Their time of 2:03.49 was only .11 seconds behind second-place Owosso.

Two Holly individuals had fourthplace finishes. Althaver took fourth in the 100 butterfly (1:04.68) while Costigan was fourth with a time of 27.02 seconds in the 50 freestyle. Others that finished in the top eight for Holly in individual events were Sanders, fifth in the 100 backstroke (1:13.32) and eighth in the 100 freestyle (1:02.87); Costigan, fourth in the 50 freestyle (27.02) and fifth in the 100 breaststroke (1:11.16); and Bullard, eighth in the 50 freestyle (28.92).





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is not what I expected but we've really tried to make the best of it. I know this is what I am going to get and it's not going to change, so I am working with what I have and appreciating it.

"We were really worried about not being able to get the season at all and so once you are in the pool, you kind of forget everything that's happening. You don't have to wear your mask because you're swimming and you kind of forget about everything."

Of course, the Tigers have been the dominant team in the Metro since league titles were distributed for girls swimming, but the team championships still have a huge impact on the swimmers. Located on one wall of the pool are the banners representing each championship.

"It's crazy," Kazmierski said about all the banners. "Every

(Below) Fenton's Gracie Olsen won the conference championship in the 100 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke at the Metro League meet. (Top) Rose Haney won the 200 individual medley crown. (Immediately left) The Tigers' 200 freestyle team of Olsen, Abigail Dolliver, Halee Alexander and Sophie Stefanac won the 200 freestyle relay at the league meet.



year at the banquet the entire team will sign the back of (the banner) and you look up there and know that you were part of each group. Each banner represents a different team, a different group of girls and I was a part of each of those different teams. It's just a reminder every day we work."

"It means so much," junior Gracie Olsen said. "Every year there's so much excitement even though we are pretty much the dominant team. It's so exciting. We put in all this hard work and even when we get ready we always say it all comes down to this one meet for the majority of the team, so it means a lot every year."

The league meet was different this season due to CO-VID-19 restrictions. There wasn't an audience and there wasn't a preliminary round. It was all completed during one day of swimming.

The Tigers made the most of it and scored nine firsts. Three-time individual state champion Olsen took part in four of those firsts. She won the 100 freestyle (53.52) and the 100 breaststroke (1:05.66). Her breaststroke time was a meet record and a varsity record for Olsen.

She also teamed with Abigail Dolliver, Halee Alexander and Delaney Fries to win the 200 medley relay (1:51.78) and with Dolliver, Alexander and Sophie Stefanac to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:41.93). The 200 medley broke a meet record with its time.

The Tigers dominated the relays, earning firsts in all three. The other winning relay was the team of Delaney Fries, Sana Saab, Kazmierski and Stefanac who posted a first-place time of 3:55.68.

In fact, in two cases the second-best time posted in relays were Fenton teams. While their performances didn't score team points, Abigail Carrigan, Rose Haney, Kazmierski and Avery Haynes had the second-

best time 1:59.67 in the 200 medley relay and Costigan, Haney Saab and Libby Maier had the second-best time in the 200 freestyle relay (1:48.20).

Four other Fenton athletes earned individual event league championships. Fries, a senior, won the 100 backstroke (1:02.87) while Kazmierski won the 100 butterfly (1:03.73). Molly Blanchard took the top spot in the 500 freestyle (5:40.79).

There were plenty of individual seconds with seven Fenton athletes teaming to collect eight runner-up finishes.

Carrigan earned two of them, taking second in the 100 butterfly (1:03.74) and in the 100 backstroke (1:04.67). The other seconds were earned by Kazmierski in the 200 freestyle (2:10.96), Abbie Walker-Hackett in the 500 freestyle (5:55.68), Stefanac in the 200 individual medley (2:20.95), Saab in the 50 freestyle (26.03), Dolliver in the 100 breast-stroke (1:10.63) and Fries in the 100 freestyle (55.82).

Plenty of other Fenton athletes earned individual topeight performances. They were Walker-Hackett, third in the 200 freestyle (2:15.68); Jillian McVey, fourth in the 500 freestyle (6:15.68) and sixth in the 200 freestyle (2:21.56); Charlotte Perez, seventh in the 200 freestyle (2:23.01); Haney, third in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.32); Stefanac, fifth in the 100 butterfly (1:05.20); Blanchard, fourth in the 200 individual medley (2:24.86); Alexander, fifth in the 200 individual medley (2:24.87); Haynes, third in the 500 freestyle (6:00.89) and sixth in the 200 individual medley (2:32.47); Saab, fifth in the 100 freestyle (57.42); Maier, seventh in the 50 freestyle (28.80); Ella Koch, fifth in diving (245.20); Dolliver, third in the 100 freestyle (56.11); and Julia Johnson, sixth in the 500 freestyle (6:31.32).

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#### BEST ITALIAN SAUSAGE SOUP

Serves 8 (Allrecipes.com)

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 ½ pounds sweet Italian sausage
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 small onions, chopped
- 2 (16 ounce) cans whole peeled tomatoes
- 1 ½ cups dry red wine
- 5 cups beef broth
- ½ teaspoon dried basil
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano
- 2 zucchini, sliced
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1 (16 ounce) package spinach fettuccini pasta Salt and pepper to taste

#### **DIRECTIONS**

In a large pot, cook sausage over medium heat until brown. Remove with a slotted spoon, and drain on paper towels. Drain fat from pan, reserving 3 tablespoons.

Cook garlic and onion in reserved fat for 2 to 3

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#### By Sharon Stone

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minutes. Stir in tomatoes, wine, broth, basil, and oregano. Transfer to a slow cooker, and stir in sausage, zucchini, bell pepper, and parsley.

Cover, and cook on Low for 4 to 6 hours.

Bring a pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook pasta in boiling water until al dente, about 7 minutes. Drain water, and add pasta to the slow cooker. Simmer for a few minutes, and season with salt and pepper before serving.



#### SLOW COOKER PORK RIB TIPS

Serves 4 (Allrecipes.com)

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 pound pork rib tips
- 1 (18 ounce) bottle of BBQ sauce, divided
- 1 tablespoon liquid smoke flavoring

#### **DIRECTIONS**

Mix brown sugar, chili powder, salt, pepper, garlic powder, and onion powder in a small bowl. Rub each rib with dry rub mixture until thoroughly coated. Let rest for 10 minutes.

Mix BBQ sauce and liquid smoke until well combined.

Place ribs in the slow cooker and pour BBQ sauce mixture evenly over ribs.

See **COMFORT FOOD** on 24

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The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday November 9, 2020 via telephone conference call and took the following actions.

- 1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
- 2. Approved the agenda as presented.
- Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$553,800.32.
- 4. Conducted a public hearing on, and first reading of, a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to rezone parcel 06-11-527-029, (va cant land on Bowles Street), from R-5 to PUD, with additional conditions, to be added to the Gables of North Shore condominium for the purpose of constructing accessory buildings.
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- 6. Approved a motion to continue the optional 80/20 rules for 2021 to comply with the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, Public Act 152 of 2011.
- 7. Re-appointed Melissa Farney and Pete Matta to the Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals for the term ending November 30, 2023.
- 8. Adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and will be available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430 when the office reopens to the public. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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#### **COMFORT FOOD**

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Cook on low until ribs are tender, 4 to 6 hours.

Set an oven rack about 6 inches from the heat source and preheat the oven's broiler.

Remove ribs from the slow cooker and baste with remaining BBQ sauce.

Broil ribs in the preheated oven for 3 to 5 minutes on each side.



#### FORGOTTEN JAMBALAYA

Serves 11 (Tasteofhome.com)

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) beef or chicken broth
- 1 can (6 ounces) tomato paste
- 3 celery ribs, chopped
- 2 medium green peppers, chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 5 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 teaspoons dried parsley flakes
- 2 teaspoons dried basil
- 1-1/2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1-1/4 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 1 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 pound smoked sausage, halved and cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 1/2 pound uncooked medium shrimp, peeled and deveined

#### **DIRECTIONS**

In a 5-qt. slow cooker, combine the tomatoes, broth and tomato paste. Stir in the celery, green peppers, onion, garlic, seasonings and pepper sauce. Stir in chicken and sausage.

Cover and cook on low for 4-6 hours or until chicken is no longer pink. Stir in shrimp. Cover and cook 15-30 minutes longer or until shrimp turn pink. Serve with rice.

Freeze option: Place individual portions of cooled stew in freezer containers and freeze. To use, partially thaw in refrigerator overnight. Heat through in a saucepan, stirring occasionally and adding a little water if necessary.



#### VEGAN: SLOW COOKER SWEET POTATO QUINOA STEW

Serves 8 (Sweetpeasandsaffron.com)

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 4 cups sweet potatoes, cubed
- 11 ounce can of corn
- 19 ounce can black beans drained and rinsed
- 19 ounce can diced tomatoes including juices
- 1 cup red onion, diced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons cumin
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 4-5 cups stock
- 2/3 cup uncooked quinoa
- After cooking
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- Additional salt, maybe 1/4 teaspoon

#### **DIRECTIONS**

Place all ingredients in the base of a 5 quart slow cooker.

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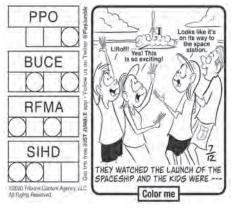


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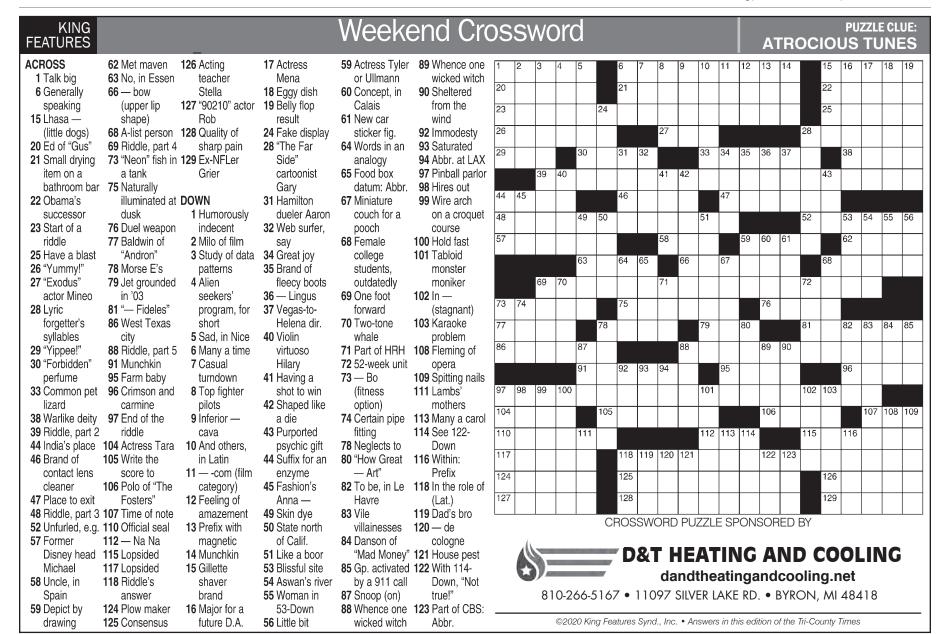
# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

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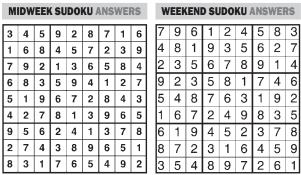
Complete copies of the proposed ordinances may be obtained at the office of the Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. The ordinances are also available on Fenton Township's website at <a href="https://www.fentontownship.org">www.fentontownship.org</a>.

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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.



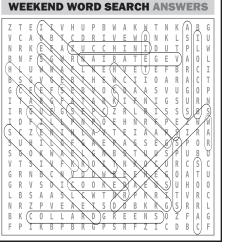
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#### **Annice D. Hancock**

Annice D. Hancock - age 84, died November 7, 2020. Temrowski Family Funeral Home



#### **Clifford W. Gilbert**

Clifford W. Gilbert - age 98, died November 10, 2020, Temrowski Family Funeral Home



#### **Dorothy K. Cicala**

Dorothy K. Cicala - age 95, died November 7, 2020. Temrowski Family Funeral Home



#### Janet L. Stephen

Janet L. Stephen - age 70, died November 10, 2020. Temrowski Family Funeral Home



#### **Richard A. North**

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#### **Ricky S. Urban**

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#### **Tony L. Bonazza**

Tony L. Bonazza - age 50, died November 6, 2020. Temrowski Family Funeral Home



#### **William Wontor**

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#### Alton Jackson

Alton Jackson - age 71, died November 8, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Ann Dobson**

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#### **Dixie Parks**

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#### **Dr. Ernesto Duterte**

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#### **Elizabeth Tyler**

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#### **Gregory Phillips**

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#### **James "Tom" Wells**

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Jane Hopkins - age 71, died November 9, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### Joanne Piper

Joanne Piper - age 70, died November 6, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Jule Moleski**

Jule Moleski - age 84, died November 2, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Melissa Dunn**

Melissa Dunn - age 46, died November 6, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Michael Sparkman**

Michael Sparkman - age 61, died November 6, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Paul Zofchak**

Paul Zofchak - age 92, died November 8, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Ronald Gillies**

Ronald Gillies - age 90, died November 8, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Sharon Kovalcsik**

Sharon Kovalcsik - age 65. died November 7, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Shirley Fries**

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#### **Blia Lor**

Blia Lor - age 82. died November 7, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



# Obituaries

#### Times



#### **Linda Ann Lach**

1955 - 2020

Linda Ann Lach "My Little Angel" - age 64, of Fenton, died Thursday, November 12, 2020. A private graveside service was held at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. Linda was born December 14, 1955 in Detroit, the daughter of Adolph and Virginia (Lachowicz) Lach. Surviving are sister, Margaret and husband David Haver of Fenton: brother. Alan and wife Tonya Lach of Fenton; nieces, Lisa and husband Brian Jefferies of Troy and Cheryl Haver of Howell; and several great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents: and brother. Lawrence Lach. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes. com.



# Russell V. Townley

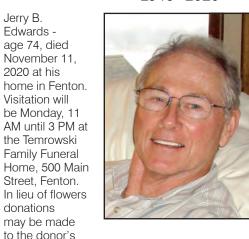
1936 - 2020

Russell V.Townley - age 84, of Holly, formerly of Rive Junction, died Friday, November 6, 2020. A complete obituary may be viewed on his obituary page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Jerry B. Edwards**

1946 - 2020



favorite charity in Jerry's name.

and Aaron (Suzanne) Edwards.

brothers, Bill (Golda) Edwards,

Surviving are his children,

Kimberlie (Jeff) Lepczynski

Many super grandchildren;

Nate (Marv) Edwards. Tracv

nephews; and many friends.

parents. William and Betty:

He was preceded in death by

and brothers, Terry and Chris.

Jerry loved the Michigan area

making it his place of residence

While guite an avid traveler.

after graduating from Flint

Southwestern High School

the middle of two brothers

in 1964 and General Motors

Institute as an engineer. Being

spurred him into becoming an

industrious worker. He held

many odd jobs from the 8th

grade on finding a real work

family with General Motors,

retiring after 38 years from

with many of my coworkers

was married to his childhood

they were fortunate to adopt

Shockley for 40 years. Together

as lifelong friends." Jerry

sweetheart, Bonnie Jean

GM Proving Grounds saving "I

grew up, grew old, and retired

(Kristie) Edwards: as well

as loving in-laws; nieces;

great-grandchildren; half

two great kids, Kim and Aaron. Watching the family grow and expand (grandchildren Mya and Mario) became a big part of later life. As a family many hobbies and sports were important including snow skiing, ice skating, roller blading,

camping, basketball, volleyball, tennis, golf, ping pong, biking, hunting, weight lifting, all water sports especially water skiing, scuba diving, and fishing. A true tinker he further enjoyed home remodeling, rebuilding old cars & boats, reading, and keeping charts and graphs. An obvious nerd in his words. Life brings many unforeseen changes and a divorce from his wife and their extended family were significantly difficult. Developing health issues included lymphoma and recently ALS. At this time he was reintroduced to a childhood classmate, Barbara Church (Haines) pursuing a deep and loving relationship. Horizons expanded meeting new friends at Outdoor Resorts in the Keys, at Fenton Singles, Genesee Valley Tennis courts and Rollhaven. Life again had purpose and many trips were embarked upon. Throughout life he enjoyed being on the lakes, oceans, and rivers always wanting to know what was around the next bend.





#### **Daniel S. Kurmas**

1947 - 2020

Daniel S. Kurmas - age 72, of Holly, died November 11, 2020. He was born in Hamtramck on November 24. 1947 to Stanley and Ernestine Kurmas. Surviving are his wife. Cynthia; children, Aaron and Kim; grandchildren, Caiden and Kalliegh Maitre; mother, Ernestine Kurmas; sisters and brothers, Nickie (John) Bascom, Sue Lewandowski, Rhonda (Ron) Holloway. Gary (Donna) Kurmas, Patty (Juan) Cantu, Jim (Trista Piccallari) Kurmas, and Stan (Angie) Kurmas. He was preceded in death by his father, Stanley Kurmas; son, Dan Kurmas Jr.: and brother-in-law. Paul Lewandowski. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.



#### Theodore "Ted" Jankowski Jr.

Theodore "Ted" Jankowski Jr. - age 53, died November 6, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### Richard "Wolf Man" LaLonde

Richard "Wolf Man" LaLonde - age 65, died November 10, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### FUNERAL ETIQUETTE

# WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP LATER?

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

Source: Thefuneralsource.org



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