

# Sheriff's office expects vaccine by mid-December

## ■ First inoculations will go to healthcare workers

By Hannah Ball

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office expects the county will receive its first shipment of COVID-19 vaccine in mid-December or in the latter half of

the month.

During the weekly press briefing on Wednesday, Nov. 25, which is live streamed on the Genesee County Sheriff's Office Facebook page, Sheriff Chris Swanson invited Major David Stamm, emergency management manager with the county's emergency management

operations, to provide an update.

Stamm said they expect the December shipment of the COVID-19 vaccine will be allotted to healthcare workers in hospitals and EMS workers.

He expects first responders and teachers to receive vaccines in the first quarter of 2021. The GCSO continues

to have daily conversations with the Genesee County Health Department, and they have weekly conference calls with healthcare partners and the state of Michigan officials.

He said conversations about the vaccines are "very, very fluid. It changes See **VACCINE** on 13



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## Fenton restaurant's liquor license suspended

■ One of several cited for non-compliance of public health order

By Sharon Stone

The Meeting Place (TMP) was one of several restaurants that had their liquor licenses suspended.

On Wednesday, Nov. 25, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued citations and the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) suspended liquor licenses to establishments that are in violation of the recent public health order issued on Sunday, Nov. 15.

The public health order was put in place to control See **LICENSE** on 20

## The red bells are ringing...



The Salvation Army bell ringer Luane Joyce Fickes of Linden collects donations and rings her bell outside of the Fenton Walmart on Wednesday, Nov. 25. This is her 25th year as a bell ringer. Photo: Hannah Ball

## Business to invest \$1.5 million in city

■ Fenton City Council approves five-year tax abatement package application

By Sharon Stone

By a 6-0 vote, Fenton City Council approved a resolution to approve an industrial facilities tax exemption application for Niles Industrial Coatings, LLC. The approval also gives the city manager the authority to sign all documents for completion of the company's Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) five-year abatement package to be submitted to the State of Michigan.

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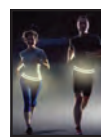
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“Thank you to the awesome lady who gave us her \$5 coupon at Walgreens on Monday. That

was so appreciated. I will send a donation to FARR for your kindness.”



“So sorry to the person I almost hit this morning. I truly did not see you. Please wear reflective gear if you are going to walk your dog in the dark in a neighborhood that has no street lights.”



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# Meet Linden’s new councilor

■Lake Fenton schools graduate has 17 years teaching experience

By Hannah Ball

Linden City Council has a new councilor.

Aaron Wiens was appointed to the council during the Monday, Nov. 23 meeting. Wiens and his family moved from Fenton to Linden in December 2015. He’s served on the Planning Commission for nearly four years and the Historic District Commission (HDC) for two.

“As a middle school social studies teacher, I teach students the importance of getting involved in local government and the positive impact that can be made for the community. Enormous attention is paid to national politics and

government, yet ironically local government is where there is often the most direct impact,” he said. “I wanted to join the city council because I believe I’m open-minded, experienced, and I genuinely believe in taking part in the city in which you live. Linden is an awesome community, and I want to help make it even better.”

Wiens teaches social studies at Clague Middle School (Ann Arbor Public Schools). At Clague, he serves as the department lead, the Michigan

Youth in Government advisor, and the Debate Club advisor. He previously taught at Atherton Middle School in Burton. This is his 17th year as a public school teacher.

“Despite the rollercoaster of 2020, I still absolutely love my job,” he said.



Aaron Wiens

Wiens is a 1998 graduate of Lake Fenton High School, a 2003 graduate of UM-Flint, where he received his BA in history, and a 2009 graduate of Walden University, where he received his MS in education.

He’s learned about Linden City operations from his role on the Planning Commission and Historic District Commission.

“The Planning Commission’s primary role is to oversee and help facilitate residential and commercial development in the city. The most exciting aspect was working with Dr. Wax’s team and seeing the Union Block being redeveloped,” he said. “The HDC focuses on preserving the historic character of downtown Linden by ensuring every effort is made to preserve existing buildings and making sure improvements are consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. This also See **COUNCILOR** on 13

“I look forward to helping bring community events to downtown, as well as encouraging businesses to locate here.”

Aaron Wiens  
Linden City councilor

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## A message from the superintendent

**T**hanksgiving week is a perfect time to reflect and be grateful for all our blessings. I am so grateful for our Holly Academy community.

Through everyone's efforts, we have just finished 12.5 weeks of uninterrupted face-to-face and virtual learning. I am so proud of our students, staff and parents for being vigilant with health and safety protocols and prioritizing rigorous academics.

On March 12, we experienced a profound change with the sudden and unanticipated shift from traditional methods of in-person instruction to those that required educating students at a distance.

Basically overnight, all schools and districts had to create a new normal and we forged ahead the best way we knew how. Fast forward eight months, to November, and we've learned a lot and continue to learn more every day regarding how to most effectively support students both face-to-face and virtually. I am grateful to all the educators (teachers, support staff, paraprofessionals and



**Julie Kildee**  
Holly Academy  
director

## Happy holidays

administrators) who have worked tirelessly to provide not only academics, but also social-emotional support for our students throughout this pandemic. Whether your child attends a public school academy, a traditional public school or a private school, please give the school staff a "shout out" for all the nights and weekends they have devoted to the learning curve that is now their "new normal."

Happy holidays!

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**BOUGHT MY DREAM** house 10 years ago. Now I'm thinking of selling. Unreal loud music from a huge church. And now I have to have an easement put in my yard that takes up to an acre of my property because of this. My pond is already registered as a wetland but I guess that doesn't matter.

■■■  
**FALL IN MICHIGAN:** crisp air, changing colors and piles of yard waste bags on

the curb that Republic fails to pick up. Just lovely.

■■■  
**IF THE GOVERNOR** or health department tells you that they've got science to prove that wearing a red clown nose will protect you from the coronavirus, would you wear one? I imagine many would. Sad.

■■■  
**I AM SO** enjoying watching the Biden people celebrate. Things are falling into place so perfectly. Trump is playing chess, Biden checkers. Can't wait for the grand finale.

■■■  
**SO PROUD OF** law enforcement professionals pushing back and declining to enforce irrational, unlawful, and punitive executive orders.

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**LOTS OF GREAT** comments on government over reach. Could relate to wondering how past dictators were able to pull the wool over people's eyes and we're living it right now. If money and fear of job loss were taken out of the equation, what would hospital staff really say?

■■■  
**WAY TO SHOW** Whitmer and Fauci they cannot tell us how to spend Thanksgiving. I'm sure the medical workers didn't mind working the holiday taking care of the record number of patients. They didn't mind the long hours the last few months. They didn't mind missing time with their family. Great job.

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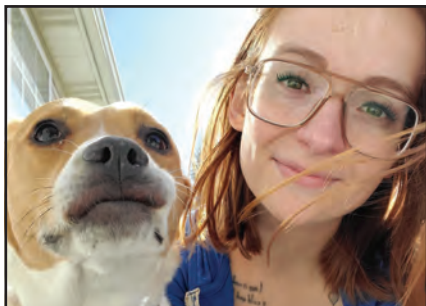
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Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter — Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers

## What's your favorite Christmas movie?



"Elf! My family and I watch it over and over and we quote it to each other throughout the year. It never gets old and we laugh out loud every time we watch it. And of course the obligatory A Christmas Story marathon Christmas morning!"

**Nichelle Curtis**, Holly



"Die Hard. Love the McClane family's Christmas adventures at Nakatome Plaza."

**Chris Hempsall**  
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"The Christmas List with Mimi Rogers."

**Soni Payne**  
Fenton



"White Christmas."

**Greg Elston**  
Fenton

## | streettalk



# Board passes resolution honoring former supervisor

■ Bonnie Mathis served as supervisor for 17 years; new supervisor announces Zoom meetings

By Hannah Ball

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees unanimously passed a resolution to honor former supervisor Bonnie Mathis at the Monday, Nov. 23 meeting.

Taking place over a conference call, the new supervisor and former trustee, Vince Lorraine, said Mathis will be missed and that he wishes her good health and a happy retirement. Mathis worked on the township board for more than 30 years, 17 of which as supervisor.

The resolution states, "...Ms. Mathis has been a resident of Fenton Township for many years, during which time she has contributed greatly to the progress and welfare of the community, most notably as a member of the Fenton Township Board and as a local business owner..."

"Ms. Mathis, with her thoughtful nature and unparalleled people skills, helped guide Fenton Township through three decades of growth, political turmoil and economic transformation in an ever-changing civic and social landscape, providing the Township with sound governance, while maintaining the highest levels of excellence and professionalism throughout her many years of public service..."

"Ms. Mathis served loyally and faithfully as Township Trustee from 1990 to 2003 and Township Supervisor from 2003 to 2020, exhibiting the qualities of vision and leadership throughout her tenure as an elected official..."

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the

Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton hereby recognizes Bonnie K. Mathis for her valuable contributions to the progress and development of Fenton Township, for her commitment to the entire Fenton Township community, and expresses sincere appreciation and gratitude for her 30 years of dedicated service to the government and citizens of Fenton Township..."



Bonnie Mathis

At the Monday, Nov. 9 meeting, which was her last meeting, Mathis said, "Keep up the good work. Be kind to the residents. I am so proud and you're my family and you mean everything to me. Whenever anyone has to do anything or needs information, please call me.

I'm going to be around hopefully for a long time."

She stressed for people to wear masks and maintain social distancing. Mathis said she wasn't saying goodbye, it was "see you later."

"You are a special group of people and I love all of you," she said.

Treasurer John Tucker thanked Thomas Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk, for how he worded the resolution, and that it was hard to put into words about how they feel

See **SUPERVISOR** on 12

## Sawyer Jewelers brings quality, sentimentality to gift giving

■ Gift your loved ones this Christmas with quality jewelry for lasting beauty and memories

By Sally Rummel

This is the year that love, trust, memories and sentimentality will have more meaning than ever before.

A purchase of quality jewelry will be a meaningful gesture of love in a world where most things don't stand the test of time. "Give her something she can cherish forever," said Sawyer Jewelers owner Chip Beltinck.

This downtown full-service jewelry store has served customers for 74 years and continues bringing joy and meaning to families and generations to come, since 1947.

A gift of jewelry is a gift of yourself and your love, and deserves time and attention

if it's really going to mean something to her," Chip said. "You should touch and feel a piece of jewelry before making a purchase. Buying jewelry is difficult to buy online, you need to know what it is you are buying."

That's why Chip encourages customers to come in early this holiday season and peruse the thousands of

jewelry pieces that represent every taste — whether a person's style is classic, elegant or fashion-forward. You can also select your favorite pieces for your "Wish List" at the store.

"You'll find pieces here that are beyond compare," Chip said. "If you're looking for something unique, beautiful and memorable, I have it — and it's something you

can't get online."

Chip is so positive about the Christmas giving season this year that he has invested in more Christmas, holiday and seasonal pieces than he has in the past three years.

"While many other jewelry stores are going to try to ride out this Christmas with inventory they already have, I did exactly the opposite, I bought more," he said. "I foresee a strong Christmas shopping season this year, during a

time when people are searching for quality gifts that will last."

He's proud to be the largest A. Jaffe dealer in Michigan, confident of the beauty and quality of his signature line of wedding jewelry and customized pieces. "Our volume of sales of A. Jaffe pieces is larger in this one store than any other independent owned store in Michigan," Chip said.

He also is pleased to offer customers unique designs from Sawyer Jeweler's laser welder machine, one of the only ones in Genesee County.

Offering on-site jewelry and custom, hand crafted designs repair, Sawyer Jewelers truly is a full-service jeweler. "The majority of what I sell I can fix, while maintaining its beauty for generations to come," Chip said.



"The question you have to ask yourself when buying jewelry is, 'How long do you want your jewelry to last?'"

Quality jewelry is a generational thing; it is meant to be passed down from mother to daughter and then to her daughter. Jewelry bought from other sources may only last for five to seven years, and may lack the quality to be able to repair it."

For the most convenient shopping, customers are encouraged to stop in early this holiday season. "We're very well staffed," Chip said. "We're now open for our regular hours, and you can watch for extended holiday hours to be announced on Facebook and our website. We also offer free gift-wrapping, and last minute shoppers can pick up jewelry items on Christmas Eve." Sawyer Jewelers offers a quaint and cozy small-town shopping experience, with a clean environment.

"You can feel very comfortable shopping at Sawyer Jewelers this holiday season," Chip said. "We are ready for you."

Sawyer Jewelers is at 134 N. LeRoy St. #1 in Fenton. Regular hours are Monday Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday until 7 p.m. and Saturday until 5 p.m., closed Sunday. Watch for extended holiday hours coming soon. Call (810) 629-7936 for more information.



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COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### UNAUTHORIZED CHARGES ON CREDIT CARD

On Sunday, Nov. 15, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies responded to the 16000 block of Horseshoe Trail in Fenton Township for a fraud report. The victim said she was notified by ELGA Credit Union of suspicious activity on her account. The victim said several transactions were made at Sam's Club online using her debit card. Approximately \$2,000 worth of purchases were made. The items included several electronics that were shipped to an abandoned residence in Detroit. This incident remains under investigation.

### DRIVER OF ECONOLINE CITED FOR SUSPENDED LICENSE

On Saturday, Nov. 21, while on routine patrol, a Genesee County Sheriff's deputy observed a Ford Econoline parked in the middle of

Ray and Torrey roads in Fenton Township. Contact was made with the driver who was unable to produce a valid driver's license. The driver was cited for driving while licensed suspended and released from the scene.

### DRUNK GAINES TOWNSHIP MAN HITS SEVERAL MAILBOXES, TREE ON TORREY ROAD

On Saturday, Nov. 21, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies responded to the 13000 block of Torrey Road in Fenton Township for a report of a pick-up truck that hit multiple mailboxes and possibly a tree. The caller said the driver was a male and appeared to be highly intoxicated. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with a 25-year-old Gaines Township resident. The driver hit and damaged four mailboxes. Field sobriety tests were performed on the driver and it was determined he was intoxicated. The driver admitted to consuming alcohol. The driver was transported to McLaren Urgent Care in Fenton, where he received care for minor injuries as a result of the crash. The driver was then transported and lodged at the Genesee County Jail. The driver was cited for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

### DRUNK 19-YEAR-OLD CRASHES SUV IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

On Sunday, Nov. 22, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies responded to Linden and Thompson roads in Fenton Township for an unknown crash, with one vehicle in the ditch. Upon arrival, deputies observed a Ford Escape in the ditch. A 19-year-old male of Oakland County

was identified as the driver. He admitted to be intoxicated at the time he was driving. Field sobriety tests were performed on the driver and it was determined the driver was intoxicated. The driver was transported to the Genesee County Jail. A breath test was performed on the driver and it was determined the driver's blood alcohol content (BAC) was .14 percent. The driver was lodged at the Genesee County Jail and cited for operating while intoxicated.

### TEEN DAMAGES PROPERTY AT HOME

On Monday, Nov. 23, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies responded to the 4000 block of Ray Road in Fenton Township for a destruction of property report. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with the mother of the suspect. It was reported the suspect is the 16-year-old and the son of the victim. The 16-year-old became angry with his mother and damaged items in the garage. A juvenile petition will be submitted to the Genesee County Prosecutors Office for review.

### 14-YEAR-OLD THREATENS MOM WITH KNIFE IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

On Monday, Nov. 23, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies responded to the 6000 block of Silver Lake Road in Fenton Township for a domestic with weapons report. Deputies were advised that the caller's 14-year-old son had become angry and threatened her with a knife. Deputies arrived and secured the scene. The 14-year old was transported to Hurley Medical Center for a psychiatric examination. A juvenile petition was filed with the Genesee County Prosecutors Office for review.

### DIRT BIKE STOLEN FROM HOGAN ROAD HOME

On Monday, Nov. 23, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies responded to the 14000 block of Hogan Road in Fenton Township for a report of a stolen dirt bike. The resident reported that he placed the dirt bike in a storage garage in his back yard approximately two weeks ago. The resident reported the dirt bike as a 2018 black and white Kawasaki KX450F. This incident remains under investigation.



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## TSC break-in suspect bound over for trial

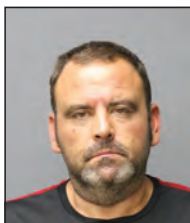
■ Redford man released on bond, has status conference in January

By Sharon Stone

David Michael Conatser, 39, of Redford was bound over to Genesee County Circuit Court Oct. 8 for a jury trial. On Nov. 4, a status conference in circuit court was scheduled for Jan. 6, 2021.

Conatser is suspected of breaking into Tractor Supply Company (TSC) in Fenton Sept. 13. He was arraigned Sept. 16 in Genesee County 67th District Court. He was charged with one count of possessing burglary tools, one count of fleeing and eluding police and one count of driving on a suspended driver's license.

Fenton police responded to the store for a 4:52 a.m. security alarm Sept. 13. When officers arrived, they spotted a box truck idling near the store. When police approached the truck, the driver, later identified as Conatser, drove away.



David Michael Conatser

Conatser allegedly led Fenton police, as well as Michigan State Police troopers and Livingston County Sheriff's deputies, on a long police chase until Conatser pulled the truck over on I-96 near Wixom.

Conatser and his 38-year-old wife, who was a passenger in the truck, were taken into custody. They were transported to the Fenton police station for processing and questioning.

Conatser posted bond and was released. His wife was not charged.

## Beware of 'porch pirates'

■ Local state senator reminds residents of new law with stiffer penalties to deter thefts

State Sen. Jim Runestad (R-White Lake) is reminding residents ordering Christmas gifts, food and supplies online to remain vigilant to prevent mail theft.

On Wednesday, Nov. 25, Runestad said, "In two days it will be Black Friday — the start of the Christmas shopping rush and one of the busiest shopping days of the year — followed by an equally busy Cyber Monday.

"Due to some of the restrictions we are facing during the pandemic, online shopping is at record levels, which means there have been more packages arriving on our porches than ever before.

"Unfortunately, that also means more thieves are trying to take advantage of the situation to steal your goods. I urge everyone to take some simple steps to safeguard their packages against so-called 'porch pirates.'"

**"I urge everyone to take some simple steps to safeguard their packages against so-called 'porch pirates.'"**

**Jim Runestad**  
State senator for Dist. 15-White Lake

Residents should have a plan in place to check their mailboxes regularly and pick up mail as close to the time of delivery as possible.

If mail is suspected missing, it should be reported to the local police immediately; reporting mail theft is essential to impeding its spread.

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"This law went into effect last December," Runestad said. "It has helped provide peace of mind to consumers as the ability to prosecute and punish porch pirates has increased."

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## City approves sanitary sewer work

■ To spend \$344,702 on critical sewer rehabilitation and open cut repairs

By Sharon Stone

On Monday, Nov. 23, Fenton City Council approved spending \$344,702 on sanitary sewer critical repair services.

This past summer, city council had approved the scope of engineering service for the repairs where eight areas of the city sewer system were found to need urgent repair. The deficiencies were found during cleaning and inspection services that were completed last winter as part of the Stormwater, Asset Management, Wastewater (SAW) grant program.

OHM, the city's engineering firm, prepared bid specifications and zero bids were received. The project was re-bid with the option to extend the project timeline and two bids were received with costs substantially higher than expected (\$466,622 from Pipeline Management and \$479,980 from

Granite Inliner).

Dan Brisson, director of public works, told the council that review of the bid submissions found that the cost for the open cut repair portion of the project was substantially higher compared to current excavation contracts. OHM and staff found that pipe lining prices were in line with projects of comparable size and that substantial savings are possible by splitting the project into two parts — pipe lining and open cut repairs.

Pricing was obtained for the open cut repair portion of the project from a contractor that specializes in this type of work.

The pipe lining will be done by Pipeline Management Company for a cost of \$287,602. The open cut repair will be done by Rohde Brothers Excavating for a cost of \$51,470. OHM had additional engineering costs not to exceed \$5,000.

The total contractor and additional engineering costs equal \$344,702.

## Board votes down rezoning for garages

■ Two board members abstain

By Hannah Ball

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted down a rezoning request in a 5-0 vote, with two board members abstaining, on Monday, Nov. 23 on an issue concerning seven garages.

Trustee Christine Reid recused herself from voting because the property in question is right next to her home. Treasurer John Tucker, who's also on the Planning Commission, recused himself. Tucker is an attorney, and the applicant is a client of his, which poses a conflict of interest.

The request was to rezone the property south of the Gables of North Shore Condominium on Bowles Road from R-5 Single Family Residential to Gables of North Shore PUD (planned unit development). The applicants requested to add the vacant parcel adjacent to the Gables of North Shore Condominiums to the existing PUD to allow for the construction of up to seven garages for the residents of the condo association.

During the Monday, Nov. 9 Board of Trustee meeting, Reid said this location is immediately adjacent to her home and that she and her husband opposed the amendment. She said they bought that property so they could have the lake experience, and they bought it knowing it was zoned single family residential. Reid said they believe allowing seven garages on one lot is inconsistent with the general zoning of the whole township.

"We believe living next to a lot full of seven garages will negatively impact the value of our home," she said.

The applicant, Gerald Hutto, who owns the property where the garages would be constructed, said there are seven people who agreed to buy the lots to build the garages because they wanted more storage space. The proposed garages would have fit with the decor of the condos, and they had a civil engineer working on the project.

Clerk Robert Krug said he was "very opposed" to the proposed amendment and that it was an "inappropriate structure" for the location.

## Holly DDA launches campaign

■ Will help businesses survive COVID-10 pandemic

By Hannah Ball

To help local businesses survive the COVID-19 pandemic and shutdowns, the Holly Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is launching a new campaign.

Jerry Walker, Holly Village manager, said the Holly DDA is partnering with the Holly Area Chamber and local businesses in a "Holly for the Holidays" campaign that will run through the end of the year. "This will entail extra advertising by the DDA and Chamber on behalf of the businesses. The businesses are running specials and also doing their own marketing," he said.

The DDA is also partnering with Oakland County Main Street in providing stimulus grants to restaurants affected by the latest shutdown, which

included not allowing in-person dining for until mid-December.

"The DDA previously partnered with Oakland County in a similar program which focused on retail and service businesses," Walker said. Our business community is strong and resilient. There's no question these are trying times for them but we will come out of it stronger than ever. There's a real push from the Holly Community to support our local businesses, and we will."

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## Synopsis of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting November 23, 2020

Call to order @ 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Saad.

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

Approved: Minutes of the October 26, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

Approved: Payment of bills.

Approved: Budget Amendments.

Issued: 11 Building and Zoning Permits.

Approved: Purchase of new turnout gear for firefighters.

Adopted: Resolution 2020-13 Deficit Elimination Plan for Whitehead Dr.

Adopted: Resolution 2020-14 Deficit Elimination Plan for Haviland Beach Dr.

Re-Appointed: Saad as representative and Leslie Renckly as citizen representative to Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Appointed: Amber Chambers to the Board of Review.

Approved: Training expense for educational classes.

Re-Instated: Covid-19 office policy with addendum.

Adopted: Resolution 2020-15 to authorize approval and signing of intermodal agreement for Genesee County Designated Assessor.

Appointed: Trustee Connor to the ZBA.

Appointed: Connor to chair a sub-committee for Parks and Recreation and Public Safety.

Appointed: Trustee James to the Planning Commission.

Agreed: Dissolution of an Amazon account for the Police Department.

Adjourned@ 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by Joseph Graves  
Argentine Township Clerk

## Township will review master plan

■ A change in zoning would allow 83-bed assisted living facility on Silver Lake Road

By Hannah Ball

On Monday, Nov. 23, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted to review the master plan in order to allow certain zoning for a proposed assisted living facility on Silver Lake Road.

The proposed project is called Silver Lake Road Assisted Living

The 8.26-acre vacant property, just north of Price's Airport, is zoned Horizon Park PUD. The applicant, DMK Development Group, is requesting the creation of a new PUD zoning, to DMK Assisted Living PUD, Planned Unit Development, to allow for an 83-bed assisted living facility.

The Planning Commission recommended approval for the project Oct. 8, and the Board of Trustees discussed it Nov. 9.

However, the Fenton Township Master Plan classifies this area as Low Density Residential and township officials debated over whether an assisted living facility is classified as low density residential development.

Zoning Administrator Michael Deem said the zoning wasn't appropri-

ate for the area, and they should review the master plan to revise it.

Treasurer John Tucker, who's also on the Planning Commission, agreed and said if it was a mistake, then they should fix it.

### The process for a review of the Master Plan includes:

1. Send notice of Intent to Plan to surrounding communities, public utilities, railroads, and County Planning Commission.
2. Prepare revision.
3. Send the revision to the Township Board for review and authorize a 42-day review period for public comment.
4. Following the 42-day review period, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for final comments.
5. Approval of revision by resolution by the Planning Commission.
6. Approval of revision by resolution of the Township Board.

The entire process can take up to five months, however, Tucker said that they would work with the applicants of the assisted living facility project so they can come back before the board before April.

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Inside the front office area is among some areas of the Leslie P. Bland Public Works Facility that will get a fresh coat of paint. *Times file photo*

## Fresh coat of paint approved

■ City approves \$14,400 bid for Fenton DPW building, Silver Lake Park and Bush Park

By Sharon Stone

A few city owned properties in Fenton will be getting a fresh coat of paint.

On Monday, Nov. 23, Fenton City Council approved a bid from A & J Painting in Burton to paint portions of the interior and exterior of the Department of Public Works (DPW) building, a storage garage and entrance shack at Silver Lake Park and the pavilion at Bush Park.

A & J Painting submitted the lowest bid at \$14,400. Three other companies submitted bids ranging from \$17,800 to \$26,638.

In a memo from DPW Director Dan Brisson, he informed council

members that the DPW building, which was built in 2002, had not seen any maintenance painting. The front office area, mechanic bay and wash bay areas are in need of paint. Also, the exterior doors, overhead bay doors and bay door frames are in need of fresh paint.

Brisson said that last summer, Fenton Freedom Church provided a volunteer labor group to paint the two at Silver Lake Park, however additional paint work is needed on the storage garage and entrance shack.

The pavilion at Bush Park will be repainted.

Painting of the interior at the DPW building will be done over the winter months and exterior painting will begin next spring as weather conditions allow.

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Some Thumb residents reported that diabetes was not at the top of their list of worries, but the data on diabetes might suggest otherwise.

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. The Thumb Community Health Partnership is encouraging families to learn more about diabetes and how to reduce the impact of diabetes.

In a recent survey conducted by Thumb Community Health Partnership (TCHP), residents in the Thumb rated the risk of developing diabetes as number four out of five possible risks.

According to Kari White, TCHP program coordinator, "We got the idea for our survey from a similar survey that was conducted by the American Diabetes Association in 2008 that surveyed 2,400 people. We wanted to know if Thumb Area residents would have the same reaction. Although our sample was smaller, we also found that people were not as concerned about diabetes."

Of the 37 responses received, the risk with the highest amount of concern was developing cancer coming in at number one. Here in Michigan, an estimated 2.7 million people have prediabetes while an average of 54,000 people are diagnosed with cancer each year in Michigan. But awareness and concern of cancer is clearly much higher. Despite these facts, diabetes was less of a

worry to survey respondents.

During November, TCHP is hoping the public will become more aware of diabetes and its impact. Diabetes is a chronic disease that affects how your body turns food into energy. If you have diabetes, your body doesn't produce or release the right amount of insulin to process the sugar you eat. This can cause serious health problems.

The National Institutes of Health recommends the following steps to help lower your risk of developing Type 2 diabetes.

- Manage health conditions associated with diabetes by setting goals with your health provider.
- Lower cholesterol levels and blood pressure, which can then reduce your chances of developing heart disease and stroke.
- Eat healthy and be more active.
- Don't smoke or use other tobacco products. Avoiding nicotine and tobacco lowers the risk of developing other chronic diseases too.

For more information about lowering your chances of developing type 2 diabetes, talk to your healthcare provider, visit [www.Facebook/ThumbHealth](https://www.facebook.com/ThumbHealth), or contact Kay Balcer, TCHP Director at (989)553-2927.

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about Mathis and what she did for the township.

Tucker also congratulated Lorraine on running his first meeting as supervisor.

Lorraine said, "I look forward to working with all of you. I will commit to working hard for all of you," he said.

He also welcomed the newest member, Kade Katrak, and said that future township meetings will take place via Zoom instead of conference calls. Lorraine hopes this will encourage more participation from residents.

**“Ms. Mathis, with her thoughtful nature and unparalleled people skills, helped guide Fenton Township through three decades of growth, political turmoil and economic transformation...”**

**Fenton Township resolution**



## VACCINE

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every day. We're trying to get out information as fast as we can so those who want the vaccine" will have it available to them.

Swanson said they're looking into options for coolers and freezers in order to store the vaccines.

The sheriff mentioned how the GCSO has gotten questions about why the department has talked about COVID so much, and Swanson said, "We are the facilitators of emergency management."

This means they develop plans for emergency responses to events such as fires, storms, pandemics and more.

The sheriff also gave an update on COVID-19 at the Genesee County Jail. A few weeks ago, there was a time when they had more than 30 staff members and 30 inmates who had COVID-19. Now, they have fewer than 16 staff who are unable to work currently due to a positive case, and most are set to return to work soon. Swanson said 10 inmates have COVID-19.

For more information on the Genesee County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Management, go to gc-somichigan.com.

## COUNCILOR

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ensures opportunities for federal funding for improvement projects."

His goal on city council is to improve the public spaces in Linden, which includes the gazebo area, mill pond and the parks.

"I look forward to helping bring

community events to downtown, as well as encouraging businesses to locate here. I am also very excited to help plan and coordinate Linden's sesquicentennial which will require much creativity given the COVID-19 pandemic," he said.

Wiens was voted onto the council after the November election left a vacancy. He said Mayor Danielle Cus-

son encouraged him to put his name forward.

"I have worked with Aaron on the Historic District Commission over the past year. He is always well prepared and provides well reasoned arguments in our discussions. I think he will be a great addition to the council and I look forward to working with him," Cusson said.

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COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

#### Overnight parking restrictions in Holly Village go into effect Dec. 1

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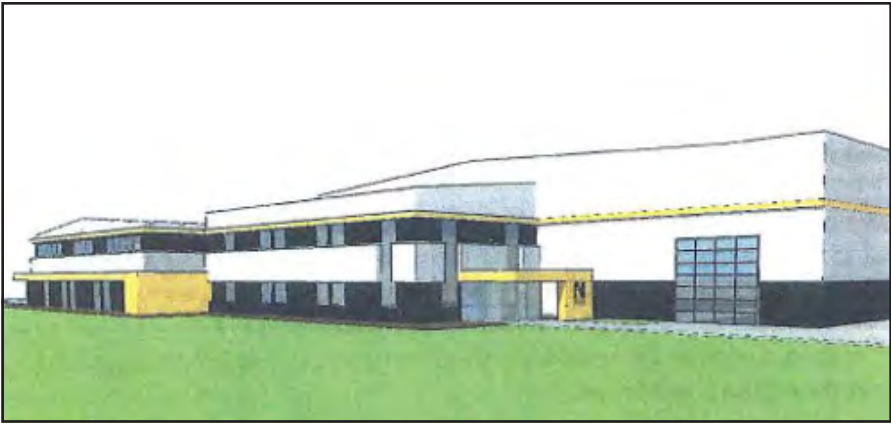
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Niles Industrial Coatings, LLC is making a \$1.5-million investment at its headquarters on Alloy Drive in Fenton City. The company expects to hire at least 20 new employees. **Submitted photo**

**INVEST**  
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Councilman Scott Grossmeyer did not attend the meeting, held via a Zoom conference call.

Niles Industrial Coatings headquarters is at 201 S. Alloy, Fenton. The company also has offices in Midland, as well as Illinois, Florida, Arizona, Tennessee and California.

A public hearing was held before the vote, however, there was no public comment.

For the past several years, Niles Industrial Coatings in Fenton has contemplated making a substantial investment in its operations. This is according to a Nov. 2, memo from Michael Hart, assistant Fenton city manager and downtown development authority (DDA) executive director to Lynn Markland, Fenton city manager.

Hart said that with much consideration and discussion of making an out-of-state investment versus in the state, Niles Industrial Coatings decided to invest in Michigan.

This decision was facilitated by an incentives package through the Michigan Economic Development

Corporation. As part of this, there is a contribution from the local unit of government and Niles Industrial Coating submission to encompass this.

Hart said the investment will substantially benefit the city of Fenton, along with the company’s Midland operations. This includes investment in site improvement, personal property and job creation.

Per the Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) application submission to the city dated July 13, Niles Industrial Coatings will make a minimum real property investment of \$1,385,000, personal property investment of \$170,000 (total of \$1,555,000) and create 20 new jobs at its city of Fenton corporate headquarters.

Scott Avendt, vice president of operations for Niles, was present during the Zoom meeting. He told council members that the company expects to hire more than 20 new employees and that jobs and wages would range from \$15-\$16 working in the warehouse to high level jobs earning as much as \$95,000 per year.

Avendt thanked the council for its support following the vote.

The current building is 6,000 square

feet of office space. There are tenants in the building, who are using a portion of the office space and renting from Niles Real Estate. In plans submitted by the company, its intent is to move the tenants to another section of the building that they will remodel to fit their needs. Niles Industrial Coatings will absorb the space they occupied, remodel the space and redesign the existing building.

The total cost of renovation is estimated to be between \$1.8 and \$2.1 million.

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■■■

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■■■

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# Area tennis players earn All-league honors

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity boys tennis team was one of the two elite squads in the Flint Metro League this fall, tying the Flushing Raiders for the league title with an unbeaten record.

Not shockingly it makes sense that the Bronchos earned a lot of postseason awards within the Flint

Metro League.

The Bronchos had six athletes earn First-Team All-Flint Metro League honors this fall. Six others earned second-team status. Meanwhile, the Fenton Tigers had two first-team selections and another second-team pick.

Holly's No. 1 singles player Walker Glass leads

the list of Bronchos' athletes. Glass, a sophomore, posted a 6-2 Metro League record during the fall and held a 7-10 overall record. The Bronchos primarily play the top teams in the state of Michigan in their

non-league matches, adversely impacting Holly's overall records.

Holly's other singles performer on the first team is senior Joe Kittle. Kittle competed in half of his Met-

**See TENNIS on 17**

Holly's Walker Glass leads the list of area tennis players who earned a spot on the Flint Metro League's Boys Tennis First Team this fall. Photo: David Troppens



## David's Dabblings

Some thoughts about sports and others not dealing with sports at all



### ADVICE TO TODAY'S YOUTH — THE LIONS ARE HORRIBLE AND IT WILL NEVER CHANGE

Anyone about the age of 16 or younger, let this 51-year-old give you some advice. Please take it to heart.

The Lions are horrible and they will never ever get any better.

Never doesn't mean just this season or the near future. It means not just 10 years from now or 30 years from now. It means forever, or at least as long as someone in the Ford family still owns the franchise.

Your elders know well. Most of your elders have never seen a world championship. The last time the Lions won a world championship, the Super Bowl didn't exist. In fact, purchase a book about the Super Bowl. There's no reason anyone would find the words 'Detroit Lions' in the book, unless it was a list of franchises that have never gone to the game.

In 1957, the Lions beat the Jim Brown-led Cleveland Browns 59-14 in front of 55,263 fans at Briggs Stadium (better known as Tiger Stadium). It was the fourth time in six years the Lions played the Browns in the NFL Championship game and the third time they won the game.

Since 1957, the Lions have won one playoff game. Yes, one. Luckily I was able to attend that game. It was a victory against the Dallas Cowboys. The game was billed the battle between

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# Sports Times

## DeRidder starting Spartans' season strong

■ Fenton resident, goalie named Big 10's Second Star of the Week

By David Troppens

Fenton resident and Michigan State junior goaltender Drew DeRidder is off to a great start this season.

He posted his first career shutout and was unbeaten in two games against Arizona State, while being named the Big Ten's Second Star of the Week.

DeRidder saved 52 of 53 shots, saving 98.1 percent of the shots he faced. He held a 0.48 goals against average in those two games.

In a 2-0 season victory against the Sun Devils, he made 30 saves, including 16 in the third period, leading the Spartans to the victory. In the season opener, he made sure the Spartans left the contest with 1-1 draw, making 22 saves on 23 shots.

"Drew was outstanding," MSU head coach Danton Cole said. "He gave up one goal all weekend and that should be enough. We're really happy for him — he's a battler."

Two years ago, DeRidder was voted to the Big Ten's All-Freshman Team and was the youngest goalie at the NCAA Division I level. He led the team with a 3.23 goals against average while saving 90.6 percent of the shots he faced in 17



Fenton resident and Michigan State hockey goalie Drew DeRidder was named the Big Ten's Second Star of the Week after saving 52 of 53 shots in the team's first two games.

appearances.

Last season he saw his playing time decline as he lost the starting goalie position but he still recorded a strong 2.80 goals against average and saved 90.1 per-

cent of the shots he faced.

He entered this season as one of the favorites to get the No. 1 position, and his start has to be a good step to solidifying

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ro matches at No. 3 singles and half at No. 4 singles

A senior duo of Garrett Reid and Drew Hignite made up Holly's No. 1 doubles team and they also made first-team honors. They played in all but one match together in 2020 with Reid earning an 8-0 Metro record. He held an impressive 11-6 record for the season overall. Hignite had a 7-1 Metro record and recorded a 10-7 overall record.

Two underclassmen brothers are the final two first-team tennis players. Parker Monty, a junior, and Quintin Monty, a sophomore, posted a perfect 7-0 dual league record, while recording a 9-7 overall record.

Fenton's two first-team performers split time together at No. 1 doubles and within the Tigers' singles flights. Sophomore Josh Brott and junior Nate Dymond posted a 4-1 Metro record together at No. 1 doubles. Brott also played a large chunk of his season at No. 3 singles with a 10-4 record overall. Dymond spent time at No. 4 singles and had an



Holly's Joe Kittle split time at No. 3 and No. 4 singles during the fall. He earned a spot on the Flint Metro League's Boys Tennis First Team this fall. Photo: David Troppens

overall record of 9-5.

Holly's second-team All-Metro picks were Jacob Denman, Adam Booher, Alex Hepner, Joseph Loefler, Jake Distel and Miles Syjud.

Fenton's second-team performer is junior Sheldon Hand.

Holly's Max Brief and Fenton's Justin Miller and Gavin Stuber were honorable mention Metro picks.



Drew DeRidder allowed just one goal in two starts with the Spartans in the team's first two games.

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that position.

"Now it's Drew's chance to take over the net and he'll be pushed by Pierce Charleson, but that's Drew's net so he has to elevate," Cole said. "From what we've seen over the last two years, we think he can do that."

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the two up-and-coming franchises of the 1990s. And why not? Both teams appeared to have an abundance of youthful talent, with Barry Sanders being the top star. But, of course, we all know the directions those teams made at that point. Since then, Lions have lost nine straight playoff games and have the second-longest non-victory playoff streak in the NFL.

A professional football team did win a championship that had the Pontiac Silverdome as its home (the Lions' previous home before Ford Field), but it wasn't the Lions. In their first season of existence (and one of just two in existence) the USFL's Michigan Panthers became champions, embarrassing the Silverdome's fall/winter tenants.

The only 'playoff' games the Lions have had success in since 1957, were some crazy third-place playoff contests played during the 1960s. They meant nothing. So little, in fact, that the NFL doesn't even recognize their results as playoff games. Instead, they are considered exhibition

games. If they did count certainly the Lions wouldn't have won three straight like they did from 1960 to 1962.

Not long after those three third-place game victories, William Clay Ford purchased the Lions on Nov. 22, 1963.

So how bad has it been since that date? The Lions have never had back-to-back 10-plus win seasons since then. However, they once had six straight seasons with 10-plus losses. The team is 326-497-15 in the regular season since a Ford family member has been the owner, or what translates into an average of 6.4 wins a season. Since the turn of the century it's only gotten worse. The Lions hold a 124-212-1 record which is a .369 winning percentage. That averages out to 5.9 wins a season.

So please, the youth out there take this advice. Save yourself a lot of pain and shameful exits out of Ford Field during your lifetime. Don't become a Lions' fan. They haven't been good since the Ford family has owned the team, and that will never ever change.



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### NINTH ANNUAL SAVE & SHARE CHARITY EVENT

The ninth annual Skaff Save & Share event runs through Monday, Nov. 30. "Since our first Save & Share charity event in 2012, we've helped raise more than \$130,000 for local charities thanks to our community's enthusiastic support," said Dick Skaff, president. "This year, as everyone is well aware, has presented some special challenges and the need is greater than ever." Skaff will be partnering with Carriage Town Ministries, Communities First, the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, and Whaley Children's Center. Over the four-day period, 5 percent of each and every furniture and carpet

purchase will go to assist these four outstanding organizations. Customers can choose the charity they would like to support, or, if they prefer, they can share their donation among all of them. "During this four-day Save & Share celebration, we're aggressively reducing prices in every department. Especially when part of the money you spend goes to local charities helping people in need," Skaff said. In light of the pandemic, extra precautions are being taken storewide, in the form of sanitizing surfaces, social distancing, mask-wearing and more to insure a safe and inviting environment. "We've been a Save & Share charity partner from the very beginning and we are thrilled to be a part of it again in 2020," said Kara Ross, president and CEO of the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. Skaff Furniture-Carpet One is family owned and has been in business in Genesee County since 1911. The business is at U.S. 23 and Hill Road.

### NOTICE ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

Please be notified that the Argentine Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Meeting on Monday December 7, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Rd by ZOOM, to consider the following Variance:

#### Appeal #2020-11

Mark & Liz Hering are requesting a Variance for a Side Yard Setback. They would like to construct an attached garage on to the existing home. They require a side yard setback as the garage will be 16 inches from the property line. Described as 01-35-502-003, Lot 3 and part of lot 4 beg at NE COR of Lot 4 TH SELY along Sunset Way 27.5 ft TH WLY to a point on W lot line which is 44.39 ft SLY of NW COR of Lot 4 TH NLY 44.39 ft TH ELY 120 ft to PL of BEG Sunset Beach

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Joseph Graves, Clerk  
Argentine Township

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON PUBLIC NOTICE OF 2021 BUDGET HEARING

The township board of the Charter Township of Fenton will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2021 on Monday December 7, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. The hearing will be part of the regular township board meeting, which will be held electronically via Zoom. Instructions on how to attend the meeting virtually will be posted on the Fenton Township website no later than Friday December 4, 2020. The property tax millage rates to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection on the Fenton Township website.

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### INVITATION TO BID SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES CITY OF FENTON

November 25, 2020

The City of Fenton will receive sealed bids at the City Clerk's Office, 301 S. Leroy, Fenton, Michigan 48430 for the proper disposal of solid waste and recycling items as supplied by the citizens of the City on December 21, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Bids will be publicly opened (in person or by Zoom meeting at the City's discretion) and read at that time at the Fenton City Hall, 301 S. Leroy, Fenton, Michigan (or in the virtual meeting). **Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and plainly marked "SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING BID - CITY OF FENTON."**

Bids are being solicited only from responsible and established bidders known to be experienced and regularly engaged in the work of solid waste and recycling services. Satisfactory evidence that the bidder has the necessary capital, equipment, and personnel to do the work may be required.

Proposal forms and specifications are on file for the inspection of bidders at the Fenton City Offices, 301 S. Leroy, Fenton Michigan and copies may be obtained by qualified bidders and/or on the City of Fenton web site [cityoffenton.org](http://cityoffenton.org). Sealed proposals must be submitted on the bid forms furnished by the City. All information will be available at [www.cityoffenton.org](http://www.cityoffenton.org).

All bid proposals must be accompanied by a bid bond, bank cashier's check, bank draft, or certified check for Ten Percent (10%) of the first year contract amount made payable to the City of Fenton, as surety for the acceptance of the contract.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to accept any bid, which in their opinion, is most advantageous to the City.

Lynn H. Markland  
City Manager



## LICENSE

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the spread of COVID-19 and protect public health by establishing restrictions on gatherings, including prohibiting gatherings of patrons in food service establishments.

The MLCC issued emergency suspensions of the liquor licenses and permits held by Michigan businesses in

Fremont, Newaygo and Fenton.

Licensees' multiple violations of the current MDHHS Emergency Order include:

- Allowing non-residential, in-person gatherings
- Providing in-person dining
- Failure to require face coverings for staff and patrons
- Failure to prohibit patrons from congregating

Attorney General Dana Nessel said, "Although none of us wants to take such actions, the deliberate and blatant defiance of the state emergency public health orders by these owners put their businesses at risk. While we are heartbroken at the toll these closures invariably have on the businesses affected, first and foremost the state has an obligation to protect the lives of our residents."

Jimmy's Roadhouse in Newaygo and Brew Works of Fremont were similarly cited.

A virtual hearing before an Administrative Law Judge is scheduled on Dec. 4, for each of the above-named licensees via Zoom to determine whether this summary suspension should continue, or other fines and penalties should be imposed. In addition, citations were issued by MDHHS to the following establishments, with penalties of up to \$1,000 for each

violation or day that a violation continues:

- Big Boy of Sandusky (\$5,000)
- Café Rosetta in Calumet (\$1,000)
- Woodchips Barbecue in Lapeer (\$1,000)
- The Meeting Place in Fenton (\$1,000)

"The vast majority of restaurant and bar owners are doing the right thing and they have temporarily closed their indoor service to help prevent the spread of the virus," said MDHHS Director Robert Gordon. "We know this is not easy for anyone, this is not an action we take lightly, but the sooner we can mitigate the spread of COVID-19 the sooner we can all get back to doing the things we enjoy."

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](http://Michigan.gov/Coronavirus) and [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](http://CDC.gov/Coronavirus).

The owners of TMP could not be reached for comment by press time.

## TYRONE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

### REVISIONS TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE COST RECOVERY ORDINANCE NO. 24

Notice is hereby given the Tyrone Township Board, during a regular meeting held on November 17, 2020, adopted the following amendment to the Emergency Response Cost Recovery Ordinance No. 24. All ordinances are available to the public for review during regular business hours at the Tyrone Township Hall, 8420 Runyan Lake Rd, Fenton, Michigan 48430 and can also be accessed from the township's website at [www.tyronetownship.us](http://www.tyronetownship.us). Section 4 was amended to read as:

#### Section 4 - Billing and collection of assessable costs, late payment fees and collection costs.

- Upon a determination to assess costs made pursuant to this ordinance, the township or designee shall submit an invoice, by first class mail or personal service, to each responsible party. Invoices for assessable costs will be due and payable within thirty (30) days of the date of mailing. Thereafter a late payment fee equal to one percent (1%) per month of the unpaid balance shall be assessed, added to the total unpaid balance, and collected in the same manner as assessable costs.
- If a responsible party appeals an assessment of costs, and that assessment is upheld in whole or in part, the cost upheld shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days from the date of determination of the appeal and late payment fee shall thereafter apply as provided in subsection (a) of this section.
- If a responsible party fails to pay the assessment of costs when due as provided in subsection (a) and (b) of this section, then, in addition to the late fee assessment provided for in subsection (a) of this section, the responsible party shall also reimburse the township for all collection costs incurred by the township in collecting assessable costs and late fees including fees charged by third-party debt-collection firms.
- The township may proceed by action in any court of competent jurisdiction to collect any assessable costs, late fees and collection costs due and owing under the provisions of this Ordinance, shall have all remedies provided by law in connection with the collection of same and shall be entitled to recover court costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred in that action.

The above amendment to the Tyrone Township Ordinance No. 24 shall take effect 7 days after publication of this notice.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**I JUST READ** the 'Vaccine' article. I'm not sure why Steve McGee bothers with emergency plans. According to him we are all dead anyway.

■■■  
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## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

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### WOMAN STEALS TIP JAR MONEY

On Saturday, Nov. 21 at 9:52 p.m., Holly police were called to take a report of theft from the tip jar of a business located on Apollo Circle. The thief was described as a white female in her 40s with brown hair and wearing a purple jacket. The employee said the person took the money from the tip jar on the public counter and left in an unknown vehicle. Holly officers are investigating the theft.

The Holly Twp. Parks Commission is providing a draft version of its 5 Year Recreation Plan for public review for a 30-day period. The document is available for review at Sorensen Park Nature Center during regular business hours or online at [hollyparks.org](http://hollyparks.org) between the dates of November 30th and December 30th. Comments on the plan can be provided at this location or by emailing [brinkert@hollyparks.org](mailto:brinkert@hollyparks.org).

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# What our elderly want for Christmas

■ From free gestures of kindness to flowers, spa day or snacks, seniors share ideas

By Sharon Stone

After a devastating year, if seniors could have anything in the world this holiday season, a new report shows their No. 1 wish is to have a homecooked meal with family. Of course, a spa day, food delivery subscription, or cold hard cash works for them, too.

As bad as 2020 has been for everyone, it is exponentially worse for our beloved seniors. They have accounted for 80 percent of COVID-19 deaths, 27 percent of seniors live alone and in a normal year nearly one-third experience sadness during the holidays. This year, it is expected to be even harder with many unable to spend the holidays with their families because of COVID-19.

SeniorCare.com released a report "Top Holiday Gifts and Gestures For Seniors in 2020" after surveying more than 10,000 seniors and asking for their input on what gifts and personal gestures would bring them joy during the holidays.

Below you will find the top 10 gifts, gestures, and key takeaways and the report contains a more extensive list.

### TOP 10 HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS MOST LIKED BY SENIORS:

- House cleaning service: 88 percent
- Chocolate: 87 percent
- Fruit basket: 83 percent
- Cash: 79 percent
- Everyday items (stamps, shampoo, etc.): 79 percent
- Meal delivery service: 78 percent
- Snacks: 78 percent
- Cheese and crackers: 77 percent
- Gift cards: 76 percent
- Automotive service: 76 percent
- Honorable mentions: Flowers (72 percent), streaming subscription (60 percent), spa day (56 percent)

### TOP 10 PERSONAL GESTURES MOST LIKED BY SENIORS:

- Homecooked meal: 90 percent
- Invite to restaurant for dinner: 81 percent
- Help with technology (tablet, phone, kindle): 80 percent
- Phone calls: 80 percent
- Help around home: 78 percent
- Declutter garage or basement: 78 percent
- Handwritten cards: 78 percent
- Go grocery shopping: 77 percent
- Revive family traditions: 75 percent of
- Go for a walk: 74 percent
- Honorable mentions: Clean the car (66 percent), watch a movie (61 percent)
- Review finances (58 percent)

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A recent survey has revealed that elderly loved ones in our lives prefer simple, practical gifts, as well as the gift of spending time with their family. **Photo: Metro Creative Connection**



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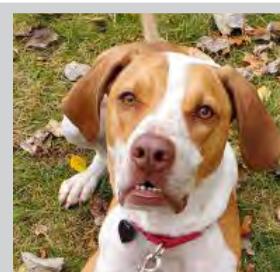
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## CHRISTMAS

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### Here are several key takeaways:

#### For seniors who lost a spouse:

Consider gifts and gestures that were previously fulfilled by the spouse. Men favored food baskets, grocery shopping, and home cooked meals. Women favored landscaping, automotive, and home maintenance help; as well as spa/salon visits, and flowers.



#### High vs. low tech:

Try to go for low-tech ways to reconnect like sharing meals, phone calls, cards, and going for a walk instead of suggesting the latest video conferencing app.

#### Gestures vs. gifts:

The top gestures are just as popular as the top gifts. If anything, gestures are slightly preferred if you consider that the top gifts include house cleaning, meal delivery, automotive, and yard services — all things that you could give as a gift by paying for the service or as a gesture by doing them yourself.



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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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## NOTICE

### ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

December 15, 2020 BOARD OF REVIEW

The Argentine Township Board of Review will hold its December meeting as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, December 15, 2020

TIME: 6:00 PM.

PLACE: Argentine Township Hall  
9048 Silver Lake Road  
Linden MI 48451  
(810) 735-5050

This meeting is held for the purpose of correcting qualified errors, clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact, pursuant to MCL 211.53b of the General Property Tax Act. The board will also have authority to act upon principal residence exemptions, agricultural exemptions, poverty exemptions, and veteran exemptions.

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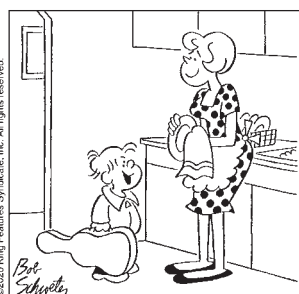
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## Weekend Scrambler

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"I must be improving — my music teacher  
didn't need any \_\_\_\_\_ today."

Crater  
**MASCH** \_\_\_\_\_

Unique  
**SACPILE** \_\_\_\_\_

Ambiguous  
**CLEANUR** \_\_\_\_\_

Scoff  
**PINES** \_\_\_\_\_

**TODAY'S WORD**  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

ACROSS

1 "Everwood" actor Wolf

6 Pigs' home

9 Dutch brew

15 — of Mexico

19 \* Ship's load

20 Lead-in to historic

21 Durango dish

22 Baseball's Herisher

23 \* Subject to interpretation

25 \* Old Greek squares

26 "Stretch" car

27 Steak, e.g.

28 Prefix with lethal

29 \* Second U.S. first lady

31 At a distance

33 Tattles

34 \* Chum

38 Give slack to

42 Son of Eliel Saarinen

43 \* Dr. Evil's cat in Austin Powers films

47 1801-05 veep Burr

51 Beatles song on "Let It Be"

52 Observe

55 Song for one

56 Linguist Chomsky

57 Political plot

61 Knight's glove

63 "Serpico" actor M. — Walsh

65 \* Jumping up and down on a bouncy stick

69 Comb buzzer

70 Native suffix

71 See 8-Down

73 \* Pairs of consecutive letters

75 Spying setup

77 Likely (to)

80 Meadow

82 Birds building homes

84 Poster pins

88 Buzzing

89 home pest

91 Large 1940s computer

93 "Huh?"

94 Female kin

95 Artist's base

99 \* Suffer a lot

101 Dog variety

103 \* She directed "The Hurt Locker"

107 — Sea (salt lake in Asia)

110 Coy

111 Revisions

112 \* Too much self-esteem

116 Beloved of Tristan

119 \* Bay off Nigeria and Togo's coast

123 — de plume

124 Brit's "Bye!"

128 Ye — Shoppe

129 Rendezvous

130 Really succeed (or what literally appears six times in this puzzle)

132 Old Greek concert halls

133 Shahs, e.g.

134 Shoot (for)

135 Sermon text

136 Philosopher Immanuel

137 Grand home

138 Hosp. staff

139 Sea vessels

DOWN

1 Union enemy

2 Arrived

3 "Eat — eaten" (survival adage)

4 9-to-5er's cry of relief

5 Dress (up)

6 Flatware item

7 Move as if on wheels

8 With 71-Across, boot camp affirmative

9 Run up — (defer payment)

10 Wise men

11 Air pollution

12 Reid and Lipinski

13 "Seinfeld" gal

14 Nielsen of "Mr. Magoo"

15 Ghana's former name

16 Dickens' — Heep

17 "— tell ya!"

18 Dental string

24 It uses 108 cards

29 In — (single-file)

30 Gillette razor brand

31 Toon bear

32 Canon camera

34 Compound with nitrogen

35 '83 Keaton-Garr film

36 Letter-shaped girder

37 Easy puts, informally

39 Weep loudly

40 Sooner than, in poetry

41 Ultimate degree

44 Health supplement store, familiarly

45 Jump

46 Pig

48 Part to play

49 Bullring cries

50 Observe

53 R&D center

54 Song for two

58 Singer Dylan

59 Opposed to, in dialect

60 Theater box

62 Orderly

64 Floor piece

66 Tax org.

67 Election analyst Silver

68 FBI guys

72 Umps' kin

74 — Lanka

76 Oklahoma tribe

77 "Moby-Dick" captain

78 Flow out

79 Fix a flat?

81 Height: Abbr.

83 Former Swedish car

85 Toddler, e.g.

86 Buzzing musical toy

87 Is in a huff

89 Source of warmth on some trains and ships

90 Belly laugh

92 Special FX technology

96 Poppa

97 Native suffix

98 Unit of resistance

100 Mean beast

102 "Doggone!"

104 Totally spoil

105 Century divs.

106 Dark modern film genre

108 Breakdown of social norms

109 Long-term inmates

112 Download on a Kindle

113 Radner of comedy

114 Nash of comedy

115 "My heart skipped —"

117 Weaving frames

118 Driver's lic. issuer

120 Sicilian volcano

121 Night, in Nice

122 — dixit (assertion with no proof)

124 Song for three

125 "Waterloo" quartet

126 Lean

127 Gets mature

130 Rove (about)

131 Flow out

PUZZLE CLUE:  
DIRECTLY ON TOP

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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

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

MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:

ABATE, TROLL, SPLASH, ATTEST

Answer: When they built the new roundabout, they pulled out — **ALL THE STOPS**

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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

WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:

CHASM, SPECIAL, UNCLEAR, SNIPE

Answer: **ASPIRIN**

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 21 min.

USED	ORB	STOP
TIVO	CHI	TRUE
ALEE	TORTOISE	
HONSHU	DILLER	
	NAPA	NIL
TORTILLA	DISH	
INA	RETIE	OAR
MOPE	TORMENTS	
	TOM	SPUD
STUCCO	OSWALD	
TOREADOR	ALOE	
ADEN	ORT	RAGE
ROSE	RES	DROP

WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

SCOTT	STY	AMSTEL	GULF
CARGO	PRE	TAMALE	OREL
AMBIGUOUS	AGORAS	LIMO	
BEEF	NON	ABIGAIL	DAMS
	YONDER	SNITCHES	
AMIGO	LOOSEN	EERO	
MRRBIGGLES	WORTH	AARON	
	IMEMINE	BEHOLD	SOLO
NOAM	CABAL	GAUNTLET	
EMMET	POGOING	BEE	ESE
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BIGHT	OFBENIN	NOM	TATA
OLDE	MEETUP	GOOVERBIG	
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WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

P	Z	L	O	C	B	S	A	Y	S	D	K	H	V	K	P	N	A	C	T
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S	A	O	L	K	R	E	E	P	R	L	E	C	P	A	N	R	E	C	T
R	P	Z	N	K	O	D	E	S	P	R	L	E	C	P	A	N	R	E	C
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D	C	E	P	C	O	N	S	O	L	E	U	L	H	O	M	L	A	L	C



# Obituaries

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**Alton E. McKee**

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**Charles W. Riley**

1945 - 2020

Charles W. Riley - age 75, of Rose Township, died Friday, November 20, 2020. He was born in Pontiac on March 28, 1945 to Cratus and Atrell (Joyner) Riley. He was a retired computer programmer and a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Fenton. He enjoyed photography, reading, walking, shopping, nature, and his dogs. Surviving are his wife, Carol; two children, Chuck Riley Jr., and Debra Widner; several grandchildren; and two sisters, Betty Easter, and Shirley Cushion. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Thomas Riley. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Dryer Funeral Home [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com).

**Ida Elizabeth (Tindall) Summers**

1936 - 2020

Ida Elizabeth (Tindall) Summers - age 84, of Fenton, died Thursday, November 19, 2020. A private graveside service will be held at Lakeview Cemetery in Clarkston. Those desiring may make contributions to the Salvation Army. Ida was born July 18, 1936 in Fenton, the daughter of Leroy and Barbara (Crawford) Tindall. She was a 1954 graduate of Holly High School. She loves Jesus, family, country music and was a kind and generous person. Surviving are her children, Kathleen Izzi (John) of Fenton, and Kevin Summers (Linda) of Linden; grandchildren, Katie Izzi of Lake Orion, Jenny Izzi of Byron, Rachel Summers of Linden, and Ashley Summers of Linden; sister, Eileen Heaton of Davisburg; brother, Les Lindsley (Donna) of Holly; special niece, Tami Miller and several other nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and sister and brother in law, Marilyn Wick (Donald Wick). Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).


**Maxine Austin**

Maxine Austin - age 91, died November 21, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).


**Michael Gilbert**

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# Obituaries

## Phillip Jason Mitchell

1943 - 2020

Phillip Jason Mitchell - age 76, of Fenton, died Friday, November 20, 2020. Funeral services were held 11 AM Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at The Rock Church, 11400 Linden Road, Fenton. Pastor Emery Anstett officiating. Visitation was held at Sharp Funeral Homes, 209 E. Broad St, Linden Monday, November 23, from 2-8 PM. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association. Phillip was born November 21, 1943 in Flint, the son of Jason Phillip and Beatrice Genevieve (Kerrigan) Mitchell. He was a 1961 graduate of Davison High School. He married Cheryl Chamberlain March 3, 1979 in Fenton and she preceded him in death November 17, 2018. He had resided in the Fenton area most of his life.



Phillip retired in 1994 from GM Pontiac Motors after 30 years of service. He was a member of the Fenton Eagles Aerie #2460 and the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #571 in Alpena. He enjoyed hunting, golfing, and woodworking. Surviving are his children, Phillip Mitchell, Jr. (Debi) of Fenton, Deborah Beckman (Kevin) of TN, Randall Mitchell (Jennifer) of Fenton, and Laura Bradford (Brett) of FL; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; siblings, Vern Mitchell (Carlene) of TX, JoAnn Howard of Swartz Creek, Harry Mitchell (Kitty) of Fenton, Nancy Dode of Linden; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Linda Izzo. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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## Heating your home when the power goes out

■ While some indoor gas units are labeled ‘vent free,’ but some venting is still suggested

By Tim Jagielo

If your furnace goes out, you can still run electric heaters if you need to.

If you lose power completely but have a fireplace or a wood burner, you can also heat your home. Likewise, if you have a generator set up, your home can be heated this way.

But what do you do if you don’t have a generator or a fireplace?

One option is a gas-powered space heater. These work by burning natural gas, propane or kerosene without any electricity. Mr. Heater is one brand of natural gas “vent free” heaters available in a variety of BTUs (British Thermal Units).

This device costs \$161 and comes equipped with an oxygen sensor for safety. It’s rated for indoor or outdoor use and can be mounted to a wall. It doesn’t require an exhaust vent, at least according to the manufacturer.

Other gas heaters are permanent and

include an exhaust vent that must be clear while in operation.

“We don’t recommend using any gas fueled space heaters in the home unless they are vented properly,” Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said.

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Bob Cairnduff  
Fenton fire chief

Concerning smaller propane-style heaters that are “indoorrated,” Cairnduff said, “be very careful to follow the manufacturer’s instructions on usage. Most recommend at least opening a window an inch for ventilation.”

He added that whenever using any kind of space heater, always keep it at least 3 feet from any combustibles.

An electric space heater should not be run off an extension cord at any time.

Energy.gov does not recommend “un-vented” units because they introduce nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide and water vapor. These units include the one mentioned above.

Energy.gov suggests looking for “100-percent outdoor air” units that draw air inside from outside for combustion.

Other tips include only using the unit’s specific fuel (never gasoline), and have vented space heaters inspected annually.

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