# AT&T store robbed of \$24,000 in merchandise

Fenton police seeking to identify four Black males connected to Saturday's robbery

# **By Sharon Stone**

The Fenton Police Department is investigating a robbery in which the suspects got away with approximately \$24,000 in merchandise.

Lt. Jeff Cross said at 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 28, police learned that the AT&T store on Silver Lake Road had been robbed by four Black males between the ages of 18 and 25 who rushed into the

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store wearing hooded sweatshirts and face masks.

The suspects entered the store and ordered employees and shoppers to the back of the store. They demanded an employee open the store safe. There was no indication of weapons. There were See **ROBBERY** on 9



This AT&T store on Silver Lake Road in Fenton was robbed Saturday, Nov. 28 at 2 p.m. Fenton police are investigating.

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### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020

# **McLaren Fenton** conducting dozens of COVID tests a day

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# ■Open 24/7 for emergencies

# **By Hannah Ball**

With Genesee County hospitals reporting high percentage of bed occupancy, McLaren Fenton is still open 24/7 for emergency medical needs.

See COVID TESTS on 10

# **44** I think the patients have noticed our efforts to keep them safe. 77

**Dr. Raymond Rudoni** McLaren Fenton and Flint director of emergency departments



Jon Gerych, owner of Gerych's in Fenton, stands in the greenhouse on Monday, Nov. 30. The store is filled with Christmas decorations such as trees, garland, and more. Gerych said the decoration trends this year are focused on a natural look, and people are looking for Michigan-made items.

See story on page 3. Photo: Hannah Ball



feels like.'

# **C** When the

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virus, she should not

receiving no paycheck

be paid during the shutdown, so she

understands what



**C** The next issue is who gets the vaccine first. Unlike testing, let's hope professional sports teams aren't early

in line. I think the security of the country should be first, health care workers, deployed military. Then EMTs and law enforcement. Prison quards. Prisoners should be last."

# **Andiamo Fenton** owners speak out

\$1.00

Pens letter to Michigan restaurants urging they reopen Dec. 9, share how 'pause' has affected industry

# **By Sharon Stone**

In a Nov. 27 article in Craines Detroit Business, Rosalie Vicari, co-owner of Joe Vicari Restaurant Group, spoke of how the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Gov. Grethen Whitmer's latest health emergency order has devastated the restaurant industry.

The group owns more than 20 restaurants in metro Detroit, including Andiamo and Joe Muer Seafood.

Vicari said the three-week "pause" for dine-in service has had devastating implications.

See ANDIAMO on 2

**C** If you think that the military can't distribute a virus vaccine, then you haven't been one of the troops a half a world away and gotten a Thanksgiving Day dinner fully done on time. Don't let a politician anywhere near the distribution system.'



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# **ANDIAMO**

### **Continued from Front Page**

She said that the Friday before the pause started, their Joe Muer Seafood restaurant in Bloomfield Hills had three managers, 14 servers, seven server assistants, four bartenders, three hostesses, one head chef, one sous chef, eight line cooks, two prep cooks, four dishwashers — 47 people worked and 47 people got paid. One week later, the restaurant had one manager, one head chef, one line cook and one server. Four people worked, and four people

## got paid.

Vicari said they will have to lay off nearly 700 people and those employees will have to file for unemployment. She added that all of the restaurants' vendors will be impacted, which could lead to more layoffs.

Vicari worries that this three-week pause could last months like it did in the spring. However, this time, there is no federal money to help the unemployed.

Their restaurants, including Andiamo Fenton, installed temperature scanners that every person was required to use to show they did not have a fever. This cost the company \$30,000.

Vicari said she did not understand how a shopping mall could be filled with shoppers, yet a restaurant could not offer indoor dining.

According to the Michigan Lodging and Restaurants Association, slightly more than 4 percent of all COVID-19 cases in the state can be traced back to restaurants. She said 2,000 restaurants in Michigan have already permanently closed and another 4,000 could close permanently.



Rosalie's husband, Joe Vicari, then wrote a letter to fellow restauranteurs across Michigan.

"As we are all aware, last Sunday, Gov. Whitmer issued a three-week 'pause.' That 'pause' is due to expire on Dec. 8. The Michigan Lodging and Restaurant Association will be in front of a Federal Judge on Nov. 30 in an effort to overturn the Health Department's ruling.

If they are unsuccessful in doing this, we need to take action! As the leading restauranteurs in the state of Michigan, we need to band together and fight this closure. Our industry cannot survive another long-term closure. We are stronger if we stand together and use our strength of fight back.

The data from the MLRA shows that just over 4 percent of COVID cases can be traced back to restaurants, and yet, she decided to close restaurants, again. The malls are packed with holiday shopping, hair salons and gyms can remain open, yet our restaurants are closed.

If the MLRA is unsuccessful in overturning the decision, we anticipate the governor will make an announcement to extend her 'pause' through the end of the year, on Sunday, Dec. 6. On Monday, Dec. 7, we will hold a collective press conference, with every local station and possibly national coverage, to announce that as a powerful, collective group, we will be reopening our restaurants on Dec. 9.

Our industry cannot survive another extended closure. Thousands of restaurants and tens of thousands of our employees cannot survive it either. We need to band together and fight back, but we need to do this as a United Group of Michigan Restaurant Owners.

If you are interested in being part of the United Group of Michigan Restaurant Owners, please join us on Dec. 3 at 1:00 at Andiamo Banquet Center on 14 Mile and Van Dyke for an informational meeting.

Together, we can stand together to reopen our restaurants. For more information or to confirm your attendance on Dec. 3, please reach out to Rosalie Vicari at rovicari@vicarirestaurants.com or call (586) 770-1187.

Thank you and we looked for to uniting on Dec. 3. We are only strong if we stand together!" — Joe Vicari

# Michigan-made Christmas decorations popular in 2020

# Store owner says natural look is in this year for holiday décor

# **By Hannah Ball**

December is here, snow is falling and Christmas lights are going up.

It's the 2020 Christmas season and while everyday routines are different this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, people are still seeking holiday cheer in the form of lights, trees and more.

Jon Gerych said they've had Christmas decorations at Gerych's in Fenton since October, but many people start decorating earlier than that.

More traditional values and a natural look is what's in this year when it comes to Christmas decorations, he said. This includes reds, greens, holly, berries, cones and anything natural, such as twigs, branches and birch. Cardinals and wreaths are also very popular this year. Gerych said they've sold a lot of hanging baskets and porch pots.

"This year seems more of a warmer Michigan Christmas type thing. People are trying to buy local, Michigan-made



Jon Gerych stands with a polar bear that's for sale at Gerych's. Reds and greens are popular this year for Christmas decor, as they usually are, and they're joined by birch and other natural items. Photo: Hannah Ball

things," he said.

The store changes how they present the decorations each year, and the materials usually stay the same.

Gerych said they'll stay busy throughout the holiday with people

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buying decorations and holiday decor. "It's been very busy," he said. The pandemic has affected the Christ-

# **4** People are trying to buy local, Michiganmade things. 77

**Jon Gerych** Gerych's owner

The stay-at-home orders have encouraged more people to make homemade decorations, such as ornaments.

mas decoration season.

"I think they're doing more decorating because they're going

to spend more time at home this year," he said.

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# **Building Brands**

ou know the commercials it's Christmas morning and someone gets called outside to find a brand new car with a big red bow on it. They are a sure sign of the upcoming holiday and a

scene I was super excited to re-create last year when I surprised my husband with a brand new truck (sadly, without a bow). Imagine my surprise when my husband saw one of those commercials last week and took offense. "Who's going to do that this year?" he scoffed. I reminded him his comments were a tad hypo-

critical. "Oh yeah," he said, "but this year is different."

Of course he's right. But personally, I love seeing holiday commercials right now, no matter what item is being showcased. They offer a sense of normalcy in a year that isn't. Still, I get his point. While we all tired quickly of the COVID commercials out earlier this spring, I wouldn't mind seeing some COVID-themed marketing this holiday season — but with a twist and please, no depressing piano music. I want to know how brands are giving back this year.



# Why your brand should embrace giving beyond #GivingTuesday

Yesterday marked #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving celebrated the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. And while it's a great way to encourage people to give — through time or money — brands that want to grow

and succeed need to have a giving plan that expands beyond one day.

Giving is an important part of our mission at View Newspaper Group. Each of our events has a nonprofit partner, and since we began hosting events eight years ago, we have donated more than \$130,000 to those partners.

We sponsor charity events and golf outings throughout the year and offer thousands of dollars-worth of low or no-cost advertising to local nonprofits annually. Many of our team members also volunteer their time on nonprofit boards, through their children's school, their church and more.

Along with feeling great, giving is also good for business. A forbes. com article on the topic of corporate giving says that 81 percent of millennials want to support brands with corporate citizenship.

Speaking as a millennial, I can at-

test this is true. When it was time to get Matt the truck of his dreams, I turned to a local dealership I know gives back to this community in a huge way.

Wondering how to start? We can help. Our team is always happy to create advertising messages that showcase what your company is doing to help the community. Especially in these trying times, people want to know who is helping out and in what way.

Did your team get together and supply coats for a local coat drive? Snap some photos, send us some stats and we'll put the message together to share with readers. Chances are your company won't host its usual holiday party — perhaps the money spent on that event is going to a local food pantry this year. Let us put together an ad sharing that information with everyone.

It's not bragging. It's marketing. Consumers want to know how you're helping.

While I'll always like to see a shiny new car with a big red bow, this year my heart will be warmed even more (and my patronage won) by seeing businesses donate to a cause in need — no bow required.

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business.

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Will it make this virus go away?

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public then don't. It is an option.

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter \_\_\_\_\_ Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers Are you making an effort to shop local this year? Or are you shopping more online?

# street talk



"Both in away. I did all the local stores on Friday. Did some online but they were not major suppliers, they were small business that show their wears online. Doing lots of gift cards for local restaurants." Patti Zerull Hunt, Fenton



"About 90 percent through local stores. I'm still pretty old fashioned when it comes to Christmas shopping."



"I did most of my shopping online so far. But I did do a little bit on black Friday locally. My first time ever!"



"Online shopping for me since the kids are with me doing 100 percent distance learning (no time to shop solo in person)."

**Carly Anderson** Loma Linda. California

**David Troppens** Fenton

**Tammy Dawson** Linden

# Local organization donates \$44,000

# Benefits Genesys Hurley Cancer Institute

The women of Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club — in the midst of the COVID pandemic — once again broke records in fundraising efforts to help local breast cancer patients. This year the organization raised \$171,000.

Genesys Hurley Cancer Institute (GHCI) is one recipient of these funds. This year, GHCI will receive \$44,000.

"We are so grateful to the women of Warwick Hills who selflessly work throughout the year to help our cancer patients during a most vulnerable time in their lives," said Sue Root, director of Quality of Life services at GHCI. "These funds help relieve stress and worry so our patients can focus on healing."

According to Nancy Gignac, chairperson of Pink Par-Tee, "We were able to surpass all fundraising expectations this year because we kept our eyes on the goal, no matter how many obstacles we encountered this year."

The Pink Par-Tee 501c3 fund, created in 2010, provides financial support to breast cancer patients in active treatment who need help with basic needs such as rent, groceries and utility bills.

"Our motto- 'Together, we can make a difference,' truly spoke volumes this year," Gignac said. "The passion to help local women undergoing cancer treatment was overwhelming."

Last year, the Pink Par-Tee group raised nearly \$97,000. A portion of this money was donated to GHCI to support its mammogram clinic that is offered free to the community. Funds also went to the Pink Fund, a nonprofit breast cancer organization that provides 90-day non-medical costof-living expenses to breast cancer patients in Genesee County who are in active treatment.

"In previous years, Genesys Hurley Cancer Institute, thanks to Pink Par-Tee funds, received more than 300 breast cancer care gift bags for our breast cancer patients undergoing



Pink Par-Tee organizers present Genesys Hurley Cancer Institute with a check for \$44,000, which will be used to help breast cancer patients needing financial assistance. Shown here are (from left) Joanie Towarnicky, Ashley Lister, Sue Root, Christopher Estes and Nancy Gignac. **Submitted photo** 

treatment," Root said.

Chemotherapy bags, as well as radiation therapy bags, were distributed to our patients. Each contained more than \$100 in needed products to help in the healing process – both physically and emotionally.

"We are so ecstatic to announce that, over the past several years, the Pink Par-Tee organization has provided more than \$110,000 in financial support to patients of Genesys Hurley Cancer Institute," Root said. "We've been able to help countless women and ease their financial burdens."

Pink Par-Tee began with two young mothers who were members of Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club who wanted to honor a friend who was diagnosed with breast cancer. Since its beginnings in 2010, the organization has raised close to \$1 million — all to help in the fight against breast cancer.

"We conducted a survey of 587 breast cancer survivors who benefitted from Pink Par-Tee funds to see if the money we were raising was making a difference in their lives," Gignac said. "We learned that about one-third of the recipients were more scared about how their treatment would affect their finances rather than the outcome of their disease." The survey also revealed that 64 percent of breast cancer patients were paying up to \$5,000 in out-of-pocket medical related expenses, 21 percent

were paying between \$5,000 and \$10,000, and 16 percent were hit with more than \$20,000 in out-of-pocket costs.

In addition, 41 percent of the survey respondents said they skipped treatment or medication to save money. Forty percent are still in debt after treatment.

"A diagnosis of breast cancer is devastating for a woman as well as her loved ones," Gignac said. "It can drain a family emotionally, physically and financially. Our hope, through Pink Par-Tee, is to relieve some of this burden. We especially want to extend a huge thank you to our donors who helped us realize such a successful fundraising year in a time of such uncertainty."

Genesys Hurley Cancer Institute provides the newest treatments and technology in a warm, welcoming, home-like setting – right here where you need us. Visit ghci.org for more information.



# Holly Moose helps 'Shop with a Hero' program

Donation of \$1,000 to help Holly police provide children with Christmas gifts

# **By Sharon Stone**

The Holly Moose Lodge presented the village of Holly Police Department with a donation of \$1,000 to help fund the police department's "Shop with a Hero" program. Holly Police Chief Jerry Narsh said times are tough and this donation is a huge boost.

With COVID-19 restrictions in place, the Holly Police Department team has developed an online shopping program where the families will pick up toys at the Holly police station, within restrictions but still allows them to help our children have a great Christmas.

Police thank the Moose Lodge crew and all who donate to their program.



(From left) Dale Johnson of the Holly Moose, Police Chief Jerry Narsh, Danny Justice of the Holly Moose and Officer Steve Legant hold the check from the Holly Moose Lodge. **Submitted photo** 

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Sundays at 10:00 AM — Linden Presbyterian Church —

# Genisys Credit Union raises \$12,178

# Will benefit Lighthouse's Thanks & Giving Campaign

In November, the team at Genisys Credit Union launched a campaign with its employees to raise funds for Lighthouse's annual Thanks & Giving Campaign. The initiative raised \$12,178, which allowed Lighthouse to purchase turkeys for all the families they serve to have a Thanksgiving dinner this year.

"We recognize the strain the global pandemic is putting on our communities, but I am forever moved by and grateful for the team at Genisys for coming together to raise funds to support our community partners," said Jackie Buchanan, president and CEO of Genisys Credit Union. "I applaud Lighthouse for going above and beyond during this time to ensure their neighbors are given resources and taken care of."

The team at Genisys raised the funds through an employee match program to cover the cost of turkeys which will be doubled by Meijer, as part of their Simply Give program, for a grand total of 2,432 turkeys for families in need this holiday season. Meijer started their Simply Give program in 2008 to help local food pantries fulfill their mission of feeding those struggling with food insecurity.

"We are thrilled that Lighthouse will be able to provide Thanksgiving meals for more families than ever before, thanks to the support of Genisys Credit Union," said Ryan Hertz, Lighthouse president and CEO. "Genisys employees joined together to raise enough funds to provide turkeys for hungry Oakland County families; quite a generous act, and one worthy of celebration during a uniquely difficult year."

"We are elated to be able to bring back some sense of normalcy as families celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday," Buchanan said. "A special 'thank you' to Meijer for doubling the donations."

The credit union has made a year-to-date contribution of \$25,000 to Lighthouse in order to support mission of responding to poverty by building communities that work to end homelessness and helping people move from crisis toward self-sufficiency.

It is a mission of Genisys to be the community support and give back to the areas they serve through time and resources for a long-lasting impact of community wellness and betterment.



- Compiled by Sharon Stone -

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Nov. 13. The Legislature had limited sessions this week with no roll call votes of general interest. Rather than votes, this Roll Call Report describes some recent constitutional amendment proposals of general interest.

# Senate Joint Resolution Q: Ban banning state employees from communicating with a legislator

Introduced by Sen. Tom Barrett (R), to place before voters in the next general

election a constitutional amendment establishing that a state department or agency may not take disciplinary action against an employee because the employee communicates with a member of the legislature or a member's staff. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

# House Joint Resolution T: Repeal state constitution's same sex marriage ban

Introduced by Rep. Jon Hoadley (D), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment to repeal a provision of the Michigan constitution approved by voters in a 2004 ballot initiative that states the following: "To secure and preserve the benefits of marriage for our society and for future generations of children, the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purposes." Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

# **MIDWEEK TIMES**

# NOTES OF

Our deepest appreciation for the love and support in the tragic death of our beloved Brian R. O'Donnell. Brian touched so many lives in this community. We will miss him — his laughter, sense of humor, gregariousness, big-hearted helpfulness to all and much more. We've had the privilege to be part of Brian's life for 43 years and are so deeply grateful for that. We'd like to thank all of the fire departments for their valiant, courageous efforts to extinguish the fire and rescue Brian. We'd like to thank Fenton police — God bless them and keep them safe. We'd like to thank the Fenton DPW. Sharp Funeral Homes and the Sharp family, John Gerych and the Gerych staff, all of those who shared "Brian stories" the pallbearers, and Brian's closest friends Noreen Wood and Kelsev Morris. We'd like to thank all who visited with us at the funeral home, sent a card, called or dropped by. Your presence, your words, your acts of kindness strengthened and sustained us as we face this difficult time arieving Brian's passing. We are lifted by the celebration of his life.

The family of Brian Robert O'Donnell Jim and Gwen Graham Andrew and Dan O'Donnell

# POLICE & FIRE

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### WEAPONS STOLEN IN HOME BREAK-IN

The Livingston County Sheriff's Office is investigating a break-in of a home and theft of three long guns and a BB pistol. Det. Matt Young said the break-in occurred between 7 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 20, at a home on Latson Road, near Lutz Road, in Deerfield Township. No suspects have been identified and the case remains under investigation.



# THE RES IPSA LOQUITUR DOCTRINE

On July 18, 1863, a man named Joseph Byrne was walking past a flour shop in Liverpool, England owned by Abel Boadle.

Suddenly, a barrel of flour fell out of the shop's second floor storeroom window striking Byrne on his shoulder causing severe injuries.

There were no witnesses to what caused the barrel to fall.

A lawsuit was filed claiming that the plaintiff was injured as a result of the defendant's negligence.

Thereafter in the 1863 landmark case of Byrne v Boadle, the court ruled that despite the fact there were no witnesses, it was clear that the accident wouldn't have happened without negligence, res ipsa loquitur (Latin for "the thing speaks for itself") should apply, and negligence would be presumed. The defendant would then have the burden to rebut or contradict it.

The "res ipsa loquitur" doctrine was thus born.

The doctrine is widely recognized whenever there is a duty of care by a defendant to a plaintiff.

In Michigan, its main purpose is to create at least an "inference" of negligence (as opposed to a presumption) when the plaintiff is unable to prove the actual occurrence of a negligent act.

An inference is a conclusion reached by considering other facts and deducing a logical consequence from them. The trier of fact may accept or reject an inference. This differs from a presumption,



which is when the trier of fact must accept that the presumed fact exists.

Both an inference and a presumption may be rebutted.

To use the doctrine, a plaintiff must meet the following conditions:

the event must be of a kind which ordinarily does not occur in the absence of someone's negligence;
it must be caused by an agency or instrumentality within the exclusive control of the defendant;
it must not have been due to any

voluntary action or contribution on

the part of the plaintiff;

• evidence of the true explanation of the event must be more readily accessible to the defendant than the plaintiff; and

• there must be some evidence of wrongdoing beyond the happening of the event.

Our legal system encourages fairness.

Some legal commentators have called res ipsa loquitur a way to provide fairness to injured parties. It is hard to disagree with this analysis.

# PLANNING COMMISSION CITY OF FENTON GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST

THURSDAY, December 17, 2020

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fenton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Tuesday, December 17, 2020, for the purpose of considering a Special Land Use request to allow a banquet facility at 234 N. Leroy Street, Tax ID **#53-25-300-010**. This property is within the CBD, Central Business District, where banquet facilities are permitted by special use.

 The public hearing will be held via Zoom Meeting. The instructions are as follows:

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The purpose of the public hearing is to describe the proposed variance request and receive public comment on the proposal. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

A copy of the special land use request is available for public inspection by appointment only at the City of Fenton offices, 301 South Leroy Street. Written comments concerning the special land use may be submitted to Michael E. Reilly, Building Official at mreilly@cityoffenton.org prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. All minutes of meetings are available at the City Clerk's office.

Comments and questions may be directed to the City of Fenton Zoning and Building Administrator, Michael Reilly, at 810-629-2261.

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# National Breast Cancer Foundation provides grant to McLaren Flint

An increased patient need at Karmanos Cancer Institute at McLaren Flint has been met with the addition of a second full-time nurse navigator to oversee and guide patients throughout their continuum of care. A recent grant from the National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) provides support for a Breast Nurse Navigator who will help guide breast cancer patients through their journey, from diagnostic imaging, to biopsy, to diagnosis and treatment.

The Breast Nurse Navigator will assess, document and guide cancer patients to prescribed treatment regimens and will track all patients to ensure quality of care. The navigator also makes certain that any woman with a suspicious breast cancer related finding receives timely diagnosis and optimal treatment and to help patients overcome any barriers along the way such as access to care, misunderstanding the breast cancer screening process, a fear of a positive breast cancer diagnosis and financial, emotional or family concerns.

"I am pleased to be able to serve as a Breast Nurse Navigator for McLaren Flint patients," said Penny Wilkinson, RN. "My primary focus is on breast cancer and navigating my patients through the ins and outs, and ups and downs of their breast cancer treatment journey. I do whatever I can to ensure my patients are comforted. I hold their hand during diagnosis, help them understand and provide support throughout their treatment and cheer them on through survivorship. Whatever their journey may be, I'm honored to be able to help them through it."

The Breast Nurse Navigator also acts as a liaison between the patient and other members of the healthcare team.

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Aisles Full of Unique Gifts & All the Ingredients You Need for the Best Holiday Feast Ever!





Pose for photos with Santa at HollyDazzle, a 21-day Christmas event at the Michigan Renaissance Festival grounds in Holly (Groveland Township).

# HollyDazzle: a Rensaissance Christmas

Three-quarter-mile trail of dazzling lights, sounds and sights runs through the holidays

HollyDazzle: A Renaissance Christmas, presented by the Michigan Renaissance Festival is Michigan's newest must-see experience for families to celebrate a magical night of dazzling lights, joyful sounds, spectacular sights and more.

The event is a magical three-quarter mile outdoor trail featuring more than a dozen lighted Christmas scenes including Santa Claus, snowmen and candy land in a magical winter wonderland walk through at the Renaissance Village.

Indulge in treats for you and your family and pick up gifts at Santa's Sweet Shoppe. Treats include creamy fudge, their famous sweet fruit bread, sweet and spicy nuts, buttery old-world cookies and sweet and hot popped kettle corn.

"We're so excited to expand the Michigan Renaissance Festival's offerings and create a vibrant, memorable activity that will become a new tradition for families for years to come," said Kathy Parker of Michigan Renaissance Festival.

The festive light display, produced in partnership with Fantasee Lighting, runs for 21 nights at the festival grounds through the holidays with limited tickets. Hours are 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Michigan Renaissance Festival, 12600 Dixie Hwy. Holly. Tickets are \$20 per adult, \$8 per child with 5 and under free. Tickets will be sold for specific days and arrival times. Masks and social distancing protocols will be observed. For details and frequently asked questions, visit michrenfest.com.

# VOTES

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### House Joint Resolution V: Add two new Civil Service Commission members in 2020

Introduced by Rep. John Chirkun (D), to place before voters a proposal to add two additional members to the four-member state Civil Service Commission, which regulates the conditions of employment for civil servants in the state. This would allow Gov. Gretchen Whitmer immediately to appoint the two new members, which would likely tilt the majority to individuals more friendly to government employee unions. The commission was in the news this year for adopting new rules requiring government employee unions to get affirmative consent from each employee annually before charging fees or dues, bringing the state in compliance with the U.S. Supreme Court's 2019 Janus ruling. (The ruling prohibited requiring government employees to pay union dues as a condition of employment.) Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### House Joint Resolution S: Exempt first \$50,000 of pension income from income tax

Introduced by Rep. John Cherry (D), to place before voters in the next general election a proposal to exempt from state or local income tax the first \$50,000 of retirement or pension benefits per individual who is 65 years of age or older. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

# Oakland County seniors qualify for free food delivery

# Service also works for pet supplies and household essentials

Oakland County is providing a free home delivery grocery service membership for senior adults throughout the county that limits their exposure to COVID-19 by allowing them to shop for daily essentials without leaving their homes.

The service is through Shipt, which normally costs \$99 annually. It gives Oakland County seniors age 60 and over the convenience and safety of shopping for food, pet supplies and household essentials online and have free same-day home delivery from a variety of local stores. Only the delivery is free. The ordered items must be paid for online using a credit or debit card and they are delivered to the customer's front door.

"The number of COVID-19 cases continues to increase locally and we all must do our part to help stop the spread of the virus," Oakland County Executive David Coulter said. "Many seniors may be reluctant to leave their homes and may not be getting the fresh and heathy foods they need, especially on colder days. This program allows our senior residents to receive essential food and grocery items safely in their homes without risking the possible exposure to the coronavirus and the flu."

This annual membership is free of charge to Oakland County senior residents who are aged 60 or older and



Oakland County residents over the age of 60 can sign up for free home delivery of food, pet supplies and household essentials through Shipt, which normally costs \$99 per year. Purchases are made and paid for online. **Photo: romi.gov** 

offers unlimited, same-day grocery delivery. The free memberships are provided on a first come, first served basis while supplies last.

Interested residents must sign up by Dec. 10 at oakgov.com/covid/ grants/shipt to receive a registration code and redeem it by Dec. 20. The membership entitles you to free delivery for orders over \$35. A \$7 delivery fee is added if the order total is less than \$35. The buyer must provide Shipt with credit card information to process payment as well as taxes and optional gratuities.

Seniors who don't have computer access can register with the help of a family member. The account must be in the senior's name and the address for

# ROBBERY

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no injuries, however Cross said the victims were frightened.

The male suspects stole roughly \$24,000 worth of new cellphones, iPads and other electronics and ran out of the store. They were seen running westbound and entering a black Audi, which police learned was reported stolen in Grand Rapids.

The car was seen heading toward nearby apartments. A search of the area resulted in locating the Audi and a couple of stolen items that the suspects had dropped. Police suspect a second vehicle was used to flee the area.

The suspects have not been identified or located. Cross said police have obtained some surveillance videos, which are being reviewed.

Cross said it's likely that the cellphones will be sold and once the unsuspecting buyer attempts to activate the phone, they will learn that it's been stolen. They will be out the phone and their money.

If anyone has any additional videos that could be helpful in identifying these suspects, they are asked to contact Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

delivery must be in Oakland County. Any family member that you trust can help you sign up for and manage your Shipt account, arrange orders and schedule deliveries.

Seniors who live in the following zip codes are not in the Shipt delivery areas due to lack of available vendors: 48178 – South Lyon Charter Township; 48462 – Brandon Township; 48367 – Addison, Lakeville, Leonard; and 48442 – Highland Township.

If you live in one of these areas, there may be options for delivery or pick up from local stores such as Kroger, Meijer, Walmart or Target or you can contact Shipt directly at help.shipt. com or support@shipt.com for further clarification.

Complete information on the program is found at oakgov.com/covid/ grants/shipt. Registration assistance is available by calling the Oakland County Help Hotline weekdays from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at (248) 858-1000.

# GRANT

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"We are very happy to partner with the National Breast Cancer Foundation as we work to improve the health and wellbeing of women throughout our community," said Doug Glazier, vice president of McLaren Flint Foundation.

The NBCF was founded to fill in the gaps of cancer care, ensuring every woman has the access and information she needs to get through every step of her breast cancer journey.

"We support and believe in the strength of the community of Flint. We are committed to supporting this program at McLaren Flint and know that navigation helps those in need access critical services," said Douglas Feil, chief program officer of the NBCF.



# **COVID TESTS**

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McLaren Fenton is administering approximately 10 to 20 COVID-19 tests a day, said Dr. Raymond Rudoni, the director of emergency departments both in the Flint and Fenton McLaren locations.

Fenton has had 451 COVID-19 cases as of Monday, Nov. 30. Information from the Genesee County Health Department was not updated in time on Tuesday, Dec. 1 to go into this edition.

"It kind of goes up and down depending on what's going on," he said. "The last couple of weeks, we've seen an increase in testing."

There is a physician at McLaren Fenton 24/7, along with nurses, technicians, registration personnel, lab technicians and more. "Each employee is doing McLaren safe care practices," he said. This includes wearing additional PPE and making sure everyone who walks through the door is wearing a mask.

He said people in the healthcare industry are feeling more stress right now, "especially those on the front lines," like an emergency room.

"Everyone's working a lot harder. Everyone's worried like everyone else is," he said. "They're doing a great job working together and doing a great job keeping patients safe. They keep coming to work and they keep doing what's right, so we're very proud of them all."

Employees frequently clean all the touch surfaces and require everyone coming in to wear a mask.

"I think the patients have noticed

# ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CITY OF FENTON GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING VARIANCE REQUEST

TUESDAY, December 22, 2020

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fenton Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Tuesday, December 22, 2020, for the purpose of considering a variance request to allow the construction of a ground sign less than the required fifteen feet setback at 1110 N. Leroy Street, Tax ID **#53-25-100-084**. The property is zoned is zoned GBD, General Business District, where ground signs are required to have a 15 feet setback. The public hearing will be held via Zoom Meeting. The instructions are as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85003182661?pwd=RDV4Z010UmhjNGM0bk1ZZWov Tis4UT09

Meeting ID: 850 0318 2661 Passcode: 448855

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The purpose of the public hearing is to describe the proposed variance request and receive public comment on the proposal. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

A copy of the special land use request is available for public inspection by appointment only. Written comments concerning the special land use may be submitted at the above address or to the Building Official at mreilly@cityoffenton.org prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. All minutes of meetings are available at the City Clerk's office.

Comments and questions may be directed to the City of Fenton Zoning and Building Administrator, Michael Reilly, at 810-629-2261.

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our efforts to keep them safe," he said. "Patients are impressed with the level of care they're receiving in Fenton, prior to the pandemic and now. I think they've been very happy."

The biggest challenge lately is conveying to the public that they are a 24/7 emergency department, not an urgent care facility.

McLaren Fenton opened March 2020, only weeks before the CO-VID-19 pandemic began.

"The timing — you can't control that, but I think we've done a really good job getting to know the community and getting to know the doctors who send us patients. It's been a great opportunity for McLaren to get out and provide services to Fenton. We're very proud to be here," he said.

Local hospital updates, information provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

### **McLaren Flint**

As of Monday Nov. 23, McLaren Flint had 79 COVID-19 patients, 19 of which in the ICU, and an 88-percent bed occupancy rate. On Monday, Nov. 30, those numbers rose to 94 COVID-19 patients, 17 in the ICU and a bed occupancy rate of 96 percent.

### **Hurley Medical Center**

As of Monday Nov. 23, Hurley Medical Center in Flint had 46 COVID-19 patients, eight of which in the ICU, and a 93-percent bed occupancy rate. Hurley is a 443-bed facility. It is the region's only Level 1 Trauma Center.

On Monday, Nov. 30, those numbers were 46 COVID-19 patients with 12 in the ICU, and a 97-percent bed occupancy rate.

### Ascension Genesys Hospital

As of Monday, Nov. 23, Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc Township had 86 COVID-19 patients, 29 of which in the ICU, and a 90-percent bed occupancy rate.

On Monday, Nov. 30, those numbers declined to 82 COVID-19 patients, 25 in the ICU and a bed occupancy rate of 92 percent.

# Local COVID-19 case count as of Monday, Nov. 30

Argentine Township:	291
Linden:	125
Fenton:	451
Fenton Township:	709
Holly (by zipcode 48442):	548

# **MICHIGAN-MADE**

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Gerych said people are "absolutely" looking for Christmas cheer this year.

"Everybody here seems to be happy. We don't have grinches. They come in and make themselves feel better," he said.

How much American families spend on Christmas decorations varies between sources.

The average American family plans to spend approximately \$60 on Christmas decorations in 2020, according to statista.com, a data collection and analyzing website. This is an increase of approximately \$20 compared to 2009.

According to komparelt.com, the majority of homeowners or businesses are expected to spend between \$200 and \$600 to have their holiday lights hung by a professional. The nationwide average cost is around \$400. The minimum cost estimated to be paid is around \$100 while the maximum cost is approximately \$1,100.

Consumers spend an average of \$200 each on decorations each Christmas season, and this includes parties and events, according to muchneeded.com.

Gerych said he's heard that people may spend between \$500 and \$1,000 each year on decorations, but there are people who spend a lot more.

One of the top-selling items this year in the store during this season has been puzzles. People give them as gifts and complete them at home with their families.

### Other gift ideas from USAToday.com:

Roku streaming stick Large cast iron skillet Disney Plus subscription Apple Airpods Pro Aromatherapy diffuser MasterClass subscription Rapid egg cooker Nintendo Switch Kindle Paperwhite Cold brew coffee maker



Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke (left) was named a Regional Coach of the Year from the Michigan High School Athletic Association. File photo

# Setzke, Hopkins earn regional coach of year honors

### **By David Troppens**

One coach is a legend in the tricounty area.

The other is nearing that status.

Both earned the same honor recently. Linden varsity football coach Denny Hopkins and Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke each earned Regional Coach of the Year honors from the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association.

Setzke led the Tigers to a 6-0 overall regular season record which included a 5-0 Metro League Stripes Division crown and a 33-21 victory in the secondannual Flint Metro League's Championship game against Ortonville Brandon.

The undefeated regular season earned the Tigers the No. 1 seed in Region 6 of the Division 2 playoffs. Fenton won the See COACH on 12

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# Sports Times

# Fenton's Idoni thriving at Ferris State

Ex-Tigers star posted strong first season with Bulldogs

## By David Troppens

For four seasons, Chloe Idoni found herself as the marked player on the Fenton varsity girls basketball team.

She was the most dominant player on her four squads, earning First-team All-Metro League all four seasons with the Tigers. She scored 1,370 career points with the Tigers, and grabbed a school-record 735 career rebounds. She also had 156 carrer assists, 145 career steals and 136 career blocks.

So while moving to the Division II level of the NCAA can be a huge adjustment even for the greatest of prep basketball players, perhaps no one should be shocked how quickly Idoni progressed during her freshman season a year ago. Now entering her sophomore season, it wasn't long before Idoni was making a meaningful impact on her new squad with the Ferris State Bulldogs.

The 5-foot-11 post/power forward began her first season usually playing sparingly, playing a handful of minutes. In a scrimmage against Michigan State she scored two points in just seven minutes of play. In the team's first actual game, she played eight minutes and scored two points again. But this time she had four rebounds and a steal. In her next game, Idoni hit all three of her shots, scoring six points.

Her playing time started to grow. She started playing double-digit minutes off the bench and had her biggest game to that point when she scored 16 points, grabbed six rebounds and blocked shot in 22 minutes off the bench in an 81-71 victory at Lake Superior State University. Before Idoni knew, she was a part of the starting lineup.

"At the beginning of the season my role was first off the bench, so I'd go in after the starter and perform that way," Idoni said. "My roles changed over the season and I ended up getting a starting spot. I worked hard and I was grateful for my teammates. They instilled confidence in me."

In her first start of her career, she scored 11 points, grabbed six rebounds and dished off two assists in 34 minutes of work. The Bulldogs lost a 94-90 verdict at Southeastern (Florida), a team that was 12-2

Michigan State she scored two points in just seven minutes of play. In the team's first actual game, she played (Florida).

"We had a trip to Florida and (her coach) told me I as going to start my first game in Florida," Idoni said. "I was super excited and nervous, but my teammates kept encouraging me to just go out and play how I know how to and to not think too much about it. That's what I did and I played well in that tournament."

Her breakout game came in a 75-64 victory at Northwood. She scored a careerhigh 21 points while grabbing 16 rebounds and dishing off two assists in 34 minutes of work.

"That was a cool game," Idoni said. "That game was what instilled a lot confidence in me and proved I'm where I should be. It was just confidence builder for me. I took it and ran with it."

Idoni had another highlight in an 86-85 victory at Wayne State University. She ended up scoring the game-winning putback bucket at the buzzer, earning the squad the win.

"It was crazy I was not sup-

posed to take the last shot but we got three shots off in the See IDONI on 12





Fenton 2019 graduate Chloe Idoni began her college basketball career at Ferris State University last season. She started the season coming off the bench but quickly earned a starting position during her freshman season. Unfortunately, she experienced an injury forcing her out of many games down the stretch. Idoni is a sophomore this winter. Photo: Ferris State University

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first game of the playoffs, beating Walled Lake Central by a 36-3 verdict. The Tigers suffered many losses in the next round of the plavoffs due to COVID-19 protocol and lost a 49-21 decision to Walled Lake Western. The Tigers have competed in the playoffs 12 straight season.

Hopkins led the Eagles to a tie for second in a 3-2 record, and a 4-2

regular season mark. That earned the Eagles the No. 1 seed of the Region 11 Division 3 state tournament.

The Eagles earned a first-round bye in the state playoffs and then round by a 24-13 score. However, COVID-19 also struck the Eagles and they played in the district title straight seasons.



the Flint Metro League's Linden's Denny Hopkins was the Division 3 Region 11 Stripes Division with State Football Coach of the Year. Photo: Mark Bolen

game against Kearsley short-handed. That resulted in a 36-28 loss to the Hornets, a team the Eagles beat 43-22 earlier in the season.

The 5-3 overall record ended a beat Bay City Western in the second two-year run of a losing record for the Eagles. Before those two seasons, the Eagles made the state playoffs 16





The Ferris State women's basketball team's bench celebrates during a past game. Fenton graduate Chloe Idoni (second from right) is among the players. Photo: Ferris State University

# IDONI

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last seconds," Idoni said. "I was rebounding like I was supposed to and the ball went into my hands. I threw up just by instinct. I was not thinking at that moment. I was just playing. It went in and the buzzer went off. I didn't know what to think. It was definitely cool to pull off that win. That was my first-ever game-winning shot. It's cool to have that under my belt."

Unfortunately, the game had another eventful moment — the start of an injury.

"I noticed something in my lower leg was bothering me when I was playing against Ashland and Wayne State," Idoni said. "Against Wayne State it bothered me and I saw a doctor."

It was a stress reaction which is a precursor to a stress fracture. Idoni was basically out for the season, playing in just one more game on March 3 against Wayne State. Soon

after that, the Bulldogs qualified for the NCAA tournament and were preparing for their first game at the site when the tournament was canceled due to the COVID-19 epidemic.

"We went to practice and got ready to practice," Idoni said. "Before we stepped on floor coach told us they canceled everything."

Still, it was an outstanding season for Idoni and the Bulldogs. They won the North Division in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) and qualified for the D2 women's NCAA tournament with a 27-6 record overall.

With four seasons remaining of eligibility (one being a redshirt) Idoni embraces her decision.

"I love Ferris. It's only my first year but it's the best decision I have ever made," Idoni said. "I came into such a strong program and culture and we will be building on that for the next couple of years. I'm grateful to walk into such strong program. I have the best teammates ever."



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# Obituaries

age 77 of Holly, passed away

Tuesday, November 24, 2020.

Fred is survived by his wife,

(Amy) Strine; step-children,

Borum and Kimberly (Dan)

Strine, Nathan Strine and Tyler

Strine; step- grandchildren, Amy (Brian) Kenny and Katie

(Greg) Szymczak. His step

Kenny, Grace Kenny, Josiah

Kenny and Eve Kenny. Brother,

great-grandchildren, Faith

Jim (Donna) Strine; and

niece, Kristy Dunnem. Fred

was a loving father, husband,

Michael Borum, Michelle

# **Frederick (Fred) Lewis Strine**



1953 - 2020 Frederick (Fred) Lewis Strine -

grandfather, great grandfather, and a friend to everyone. Fred enjoyed watching sports on TV, playing the lottery, woodworking, Carol of 48 years; son, Matthew puzzles, old shows and most of all his rocking chair. In his younger years he enjoyed spending time in his barn Durgan. His grandchildren, Kyle tinkering with things including his 1931 Ford Model A. Fred spent 47 years as a Die Maker at General Motors. He loved spending time with and playing with his grandchildren. They will miss him dearly. Contact Dryer Funeral Home in Holly, Michigan for details on visitation and services. WWW. dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

# **Mary Anne Major** 1960 - 2020



Survived also by her father, Wilbur; sisters, Rose (Kipp) Yoder, Patricia Rice, and Sherry (Lawrence) Golay; many nieces; nephews; and in laws on the Rice and Major sides. Preceded in death by her mother, Barbara; her ex-husband,

Mary Anne Major - age

60, of Pontiac Michigan,

passed away suddenly

on November 13,2020.

Born Mary Rice in

Escondido, CA on

November 11, 1960

to Wilbur Rice Jr. and

Barbara Sovereen. Mary

is survived by her sons,

Marcus (Rachel) Major;

and grandson, Jayms.

Andrew (Kate) Gould,

Steven Major; and her younger brother, Wilbur Rice III. Mary was the first born of five. Her family moved to MI in the late '60s. Mary helped raise her siblings then after she married, moved to AZ for several years. She moved back to MI in the mid '90s where she would become a semi-truck driver, raise her family, and make

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lifelong friends. Mary had a beautiful and happy spirit that touched everyone she met. The pandemic will deeply affect us forever. Please wear a mask and social distance or Mary may come back and haunt you.

Patricia

"Patsy" Rose

Dotson - age

76, of Fenton,

November 27

2020. Funeral

services were

held 12 PM

Tuesday,

December

1st at Sharp

1000 Silver

Funeral Homes,

Fenton Chapel,

Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor

Burial followed in Oakwood

Cemetery, Fenton. Visitation

Monday, November 30 and

11AM until time of service

Tuesday. Patricia was born

October 13, 1944 in Hurley,

Emma (Justus) Rife. She

VA, the daughter of Troy and

married Ronald E. Dotson on

Fenton with Ron, cooking and

bird watching. She especially

events. Surviving are husband

Dotson of Swartz Creek, Kevin

enjoyed watching her sons

of 55 years. Ronald Dotson

of Fenton; sons, Ronald M.

R. Dotson of Fenton, Jason

E. (Kelly) Dotson of Fenton,

compete at their sporting

May 29, 1965 in Hurley, VA.

Patsy enjoyed gardening,

yard work, walking around

Jay Hager officiating.

was held 4 PM - 8 PM

died Friday,

# Obituaries

# **Clyde Ray Goin**

1927 - 2020

Clyde Ray Goin - age 92, of Fenton, passed away, Sunday, November 29, 2020. Funeral services will be held 1 PM Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Fenton United Methodist Church 119 S. Leroy St., Fenton. Pastor



Jeff Jaggers officiating. Visitation will be held 2 - 8 PM Friday, December 4, at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, and at the church Saturday at 12 PM until the time of service. Entombment in Tyrone Memory Gardens Cemetery. Those desiring may make contributions to Fenton United Methodist Church. Clyde was born December 27, 1927 in Poplar Bluff, MO, the son of John Clinton and Laura Orpha (Huson) Goin. He married Patricia Ann Elrich in Fenton, July 23, 1955. Clyde proudly served in the US Navy 1946 - 1947 as an Electrician 3rd Class. He later was employed for 36 years as a Service-Repair and Maintenance Technician with Westinghouse Elevator Company. Člyde was a member

of the Fenton United Methodist Church for many years. He especially loved spending time with his family. He enjoyed playing cards, "Corn Hole," and tinkering in his garage. He also was an avid lighthouse collector. Clyde

is survived by his wife of 65 years, Patricia; children, Michael R. (Rhonda) Goin, James L. (Sharon) Goin, Deborah (Terry) Robbins; grandchildren, Steven (Cassie) Goin, Dustin Goin, Nicole Goin, Crystal Goin, Jordan (Brittany) Goin, Jennifer (Brandon) Wilhelmi, Jessica Robbins, Chris Balderrama, Stacey (Dave) Bothe; greatgrandchildren, Allie, Chelsea, Blake, Brooklyn, Kennedy, Jaxton, Maverick, Everlee, Hannah, Katie, Alex, Cameron, Joey, Isabella and Mason; and several nieces and nephews. Clyde was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters; one brother. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes. com



# Patricia "Patsy" Rose Dotson

1944 - 2020



Sean D. Dotson of Fenton; grandchildren, Michael, Jordan, Thomas, Madeline, Marlee, Noah, Luke, Sadie, Caleb; greatgrandchildren, Jordan and Thea. She was also survived by her siblings, Jean (Robey) Grundy VA

Rife Stacey of Grundy, VA, Donald Rife of Roanoke, VA, Jimmy Rife of Flint, Johnny Rife of Roanoke, VA, Judith (Rife) Lane Oakwood, VA, Van Rife of Hurley, VA, Anita (Rife) Matney of Bristol, VA, Sandy (Rife) Morehead of Stuart, VA, Debbie Rife of Roanoke, VA, Cindy Rife Justus of Hurley, VA, Sherry (Rife) Keen of Swords Creek, VA; and many nieces; nephews; and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Troy and Emma Rife; son, Timothy D. Dotson; and siblings, Dorothy Colley of Grundy, VA, Peggy Potter of Oakwood, VA, and Eddie Rife of Hurley, VA. Tributes may be shared at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



# Beverly Ann (Johns) Kershaw

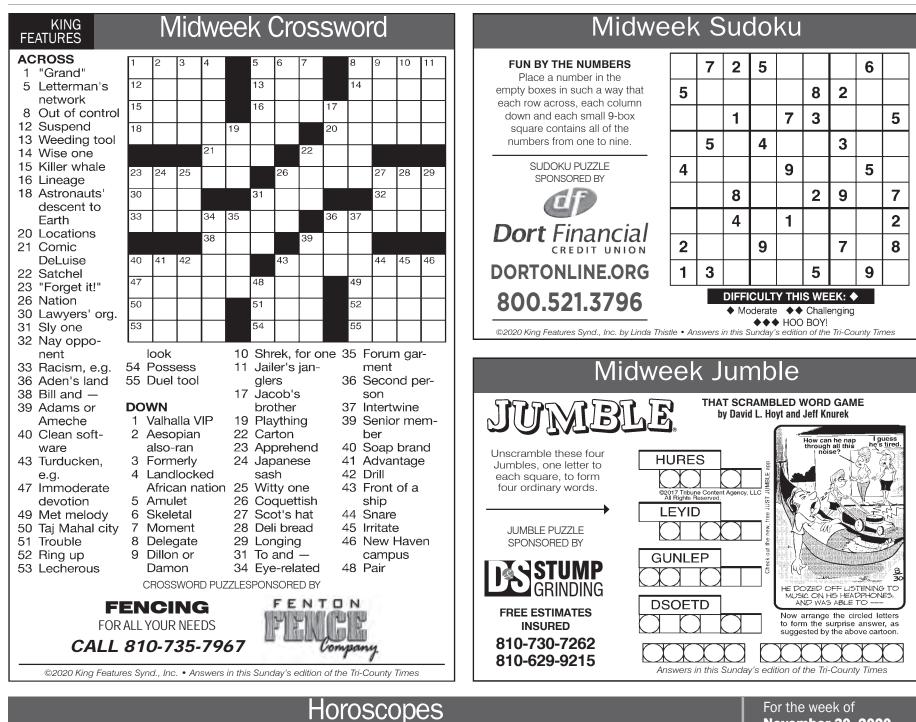
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1939 - 2020 Beverly Ann (Johns) Kershaw - age 81, of Fenton, passed away Sunday, November 23, 2020. Private services will take place with burial at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. A memorial service will be announced for a later date. Arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Beverly was born on July 14, 1939 in Ortonville, the daughter of Edward and Ines (Love) Johns. She worked as a press operator for Metal Form Technology for many years before her retirement in 2001. Beverly and Palmer were united in marriage on November 30. 1957. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and playing BINGO, fishing and bowling. She is survived by her two children, Connie Way and Paul (Bronwyn) Kershaw; six grandchildren. Timothy Way. Kenneth (Amanda) Way, Erica Kershaw, Emily Kershaw, Autumn Kershaw and Ashley Kershaw; and two great-grandsons, Landon and Ethan Way. Beverly was preceded in death by her husband. Palmer Kershaw: and her parents, Edward and Ines Johns. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.





### **MIDWEEK TIMES**



ARIES

### Mar 21/Apr 20 Aries, this week you feel more energized and ready to hit the ground running with a special project at work. It's also a great time to do something for yourself.

# TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21 Taurus, a couple of days this week you may need to roll over and catch a couple extra minutes with your head on the pillow. Being extra tired may indicate you need to scale back.

# **GEMINI**

May 22/Jun 21 A social butterfly, you are eager to socialize this week, Gemini. Figure out a day when a few friends are available to get together and catch up. Then plan an event.

### CANCER Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, it is essential to practice self-care; otherwise, you easily can run yourself ragged. Put yourself ahead of others sometime this week, even if it feels indulaent.

LEO Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, take an opportunity to share your big heart with someone who may need an extra emotional boost. Spend some quality time with this individual.

# VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22 Virgo, you are eager to get caught up in all the details. This can keep you on track and orderly, but you may miss some spontaneity if you're always following the rules.

# LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23 Relationships are inportant to you, Libra. You may be eager to develop some new friendships in the days to come. Think about pursuing new hobbies or interests.

# SCORPIO Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, everyone around you knows if they put you in charge you will get the job done successfully. But others may not be in tune with who you are, so open up a little bit.

### SAGITTARIUS Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you are always eager to learn new things. This week take time to explore the world around you and pick up some facts along the way.

### CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20

It can be challenging to find a balance between giving your all at work and enjoying your personal life. That's because you're such a hard worker. Devote more time to home.

# For the week of November 30, 2020

**AQUARIUS** Jan 21/Feb 18

The smallest steps can lead to the greatest results, Aquarius. Don't discount any strides you make in the direction of success. You will get there eventually.

# PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20 Be mindful of where your dollars are going, Pisces. This will help you strike a greater balance between spending and saving.

# Together, we make our communities

# Join us in our commitment to betterment.

Through December 31, join us in supporting local food banks with a donation to the Food Bank for the Holiday campaign. Donations will support the Food Bank of Eastern MI and Delivering Hope throughout every single one of the communities we serve, as they help local families.

Make a donation in a branch office of The State Bank, or online at **give.fbem.org/ge/thestatebank** 



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