## Genesee County could receive vaccines this coming week

County emergency management team working with police on safety at vaccine distribution sites

#### By Hannah Ball

Health professionals in hos-

pitals and nursing home residents in Genesee County could begin receiving COVID-19 vaccinations as early as this coming week.

Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson made the announcement at his weekly press briefing on Wednesday, Dec. 9. "I'm happy to report that as the emergency management coordinator through the county with the Board of Commissioners, as well as Major (David) Stamm, (Emergency Manager) Jeff Wilson, the vaccines, just like everywhere else, are on their way," he said. The county hospitals, McLaren, Hurley and Ascension Genesys, will receive the vaccines first for the primary care medical professionals, as well as those in nursing homes. These vaccines are anticipated to come from Pfizer. They don't yet know how many vaccines the county will receive.

"The most vulnerable get the vaccine opportunities first," Swanson said. "We don't have all the details ... it's such a massive deployment, but rest assured, Genesee County, the vaccines are on the way."

See VACCINES on 13



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## 'Tis the season for buying that truck or SUV

■Local auto dealer says low interest rates, popular models in stock, clean and safe showrooms are boost to sales

#### By Sharon Stone

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Even during a pandemic, the auto industry expects the last few weeks of December to remain the best time to get a great deal on a new or used automobile.

Local auto dealers feel the same way.

Jeff Canever, vice president and general sales manager at Vic Canever Chevrolet of Fenton, is optimistic about their sales. He said last week that a significant boost for buyers is See **SUV** on 14





In the last few months, Gary and Jackie Skelton of Holly have fixed and given away more than 90 kids bikes for families who need help. They're expecting to give away more than 150 by Christmas. **See Story on 9. Photo: Hannah Ball** 

# Sheriff's office to deliver Christmas boxes this weekend

■'Walk With Us' Christmas Spectacular encourages neighbors to help each other

#### By Hannah Ball

On Saturday, Dec. 12, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office, along with volunteers from multiple community organizations, were to deliver 200 boxes to people in the county who need help this holiday season.

#### See SHERIFF on 8



These boxes were to be delivered to 200 Genesee County homes Saturday, Dec. 12. They contain items from more than a dozen businesses. **Photo: Hannah Ball** 



#### what is being built on Torrey Road, northeast

of Thompson Road? *Editor's note:* As reported in the Times in April, Lake Fenton Self Storage is being built at that location."



**L** Bald eagle is back on the north end of Crooked Lake. We have spotted him in the spring the past two years perched in a tree

looking over the water but that had been it. Hopefully, he is not a threat to outdoor cats or small dogs. We are excited to see him again."



**Liner** who thinks healthcare workers spending time away from their

families is optional must not know any healthcare workers. Who is going to care for patients if everyone opted out? It's not optional."



**G** Nice job, Karen. It is great to see positivity. We love your art work."

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#### ■Holly woman, bowler creates fundraiser to help center and its employees

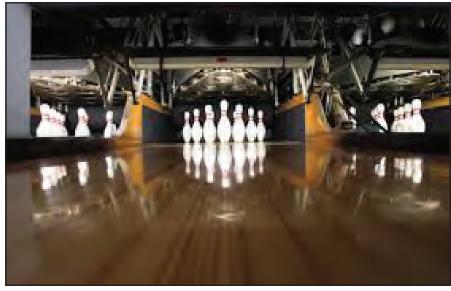
#### By Sharon Stone

Courtney Piotraczk of Holly is reaching out to the community to help her beloved Holly Lanes. She created a gofundme page called "Brian and Holly Lanes Need Our Help," with a fundraising goal of \$10,000.

In her gofundme plea, Piotraczk said her heart continues to break for so many, especially the bowling centers in her home state. "Most are family run businesses that have brought so many together and do so much for the communities," she said.

She wrote that she first bowled when she was 3 years old and Holly Lanes is where she hung out most Saturdays of her youth and into adulthood. Holly Lanes was the home for Holly, Fenton, Brandon and Linden high school bowling teams.

She said in her teenage years, the center had become run down and outdated. Owner Brian Aubuchon stepped up and over nearly a decade has given new life to the center. Almost every summer over the past decade, Holly Lanes has been closed for the summer



Courtney Piotraczk of Holly has created a gofundme called "Brian and Holly Lanes Need Our Help," to help the center and all of its employees during this nine-month shutdown. Submitted photo

and a project completed for bowlers to enjoy. She said Aubuchon has poured so much into the center and he made sure it stayed afloat over the past nine years.

Over the past couple years, Piotraczk said she too has poured her heart into the Holly Lanes. With the recent extension of the pause due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Baker Doubles Series at Holly Lanes will likely not be able to

have its December event.

With the shutdown earlier this year and the current pause, Holly Lanes' leagues were cut short, started late, and have now been canceled until further notice.

"What this means is there is no money coming in," Piotraczk said. "Brian has done absolutely everything he can to See HOLLY LANES on 13



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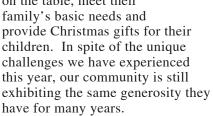
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During this time of the year, school districts, service groups and local businesses are working together to provide food and gifts to families who need some extra support. Year after year, I am amazed by the outpouring of love and compassion from our community to make sure our families can put food on the table, meet their



This holiday season, Lake Fenton Community Schools has partnered with the FirePlace Bar & Grille and The State Bank to provide a holiday meal for our families. Thanks to the generous donations from our community members through The State Bank "Change for Kids" program and the generosity of the FirePlace restaurant, 38 families will receive a full dinner including a homemade dessert. This will



Julie Williams Lake Fenton Community Schools superintendent

## A community effort of giving

impact 194 individuals, including more than 80 children. It is a great way to support our families and a local business.

In addition, each of our schools is still working with the Fenton Kiwanis to provide food baskets and assistance with gifts. Due to contributions made by families and staff members, we are able to provide support for 60 to 70 Lake Fenton families each year. This is an amazing expression of kindness and care, still proof there is a lot of good in our world. It is gestures like these that make this a "most wonderful time of the year!"

Thank you so much to our entire community for making this possible. I wish you a wonderful holiday season and an abundance of peace and happiness in the New Year.



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

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## IMPROPER REGISTRATION ON SILVERADO

On Wednesday Nov. 25, a Genesee County Sheriff's deputy observed a Chevrolet Silverado with expired tabs traveling northbound on Torrey Road near Thompson Road in Fenton Township. A traffic stop was initiated and the registration on the vehicle was improper. The driver was released from the scene with a citation and the vehicle was impounded.

#### FRAUD REPORTED

On Wednesday Nov. 25, a Genesee County Sheriff's deputy responded to the 3000 block of Breeze Point Court in Fenton Township for a fraud report. The victim said an unknown person used his credit card and \$5,000 was charged to it. The victim made contact with the business where the purchase was made and notified his bank of the transaction. This incident remains under investigation.

#### LARCENY ON HARBOR POINTE CIRCLE

On Monday, Dec. 7, a deputy from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to the 3000 block of Harbor Pointe Circle in Fenton Township for a larceny report. The complainant stated when he arrived to his job site that morning, there were several windows and tools missing. The windows belonged to the condominium that he is building. The complainant stated a utility trailer was broken into and several tools were taken along with a generator. Video surveillance from the neighborhood was obtained. The video appears to show an older style U-Haul box truck near the site. The U-Haul logo appears to have been painted over. This incident remains under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact Sgt. Andrew Snyder at (810) 424-4326



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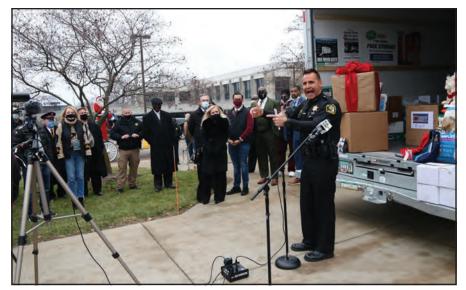
Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson said he hopes the "Walk With Us" Christmas Spectacular is another show of law enforcement and the community working together.

"Everybody has, in this time period, a giving spirit and there's a lot of organizations that are doing so many good things but we certainly see what COVID has done to restrict that. The 'Walk With Us' Christmas Spectacular answers two questions," he said.

The questions were, "What's next and how do we keep it going?" Swanson said the Genesee County Sheriff's Office and the protestors who walked the streets after George Floyd's death made history after they walked together this past spring. After this, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office began to work with more community organizations.

"This is how you do it. You don't let up. You continue to build relationships," he said.

On Wednesday, Dec. 9, during Swanson's weekly press conferences, he stood in front of a U-Haul truck with a few big boxes that will be given to 200 people.



Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson speaks during his weekly press conference on Wednesday, Dec. 9 about the COVID-19 vaccine and the "Walk With Us" Christmas Spectacular. Photo: Hannah Ball

"They're going to be packed with things that have value to everyone. Male, female, moms, dads, grandparents, kids, pets, everybody," he said.

The sheriff's office talked with community organizations and identified which families and people could use a

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box. They divided the county into four quadrants and different teams were to deliver the boxes.

Swanson listed some of the sponsors,

which includes United Way, Autozone Detroit, Meijer in Davison, Costco in Auburn Hills, the NFL Alumni Association, PetSmart in Grand Blanc, NorthGate, the Free Hugs Project, Walmart in Vienna Township, Oliver Thomas bags, Great Harvest, Kendall Printing & Signs, and Jaguar Land Rover Lakeside.

U-Haul provided trucks to transport the boxes. They're packed with things that people can use every day. The sheriff's office asked for corporations to help, not civilians.

"Maybe they need to be blessed, maybe they need to be encouraged.

#### HOT LINE CONTINUED

I DON'T KNOW where you work in the health field; when I worked in assisted living, we had to make sure someone was available to work holidays. We took turns but it was mandatory for someone to be there. I believe most places in the medical field do the same.

POLITICIANS HAVE TAKEN over

These boxes are on their way to be worth \$200-\$300 per box," he said.

Swanson said that on Wednesday, the owner of the Freakin' Unbelievable Burgers out of Grand Blanc donated 200 packs of dish cloths.

"You wouldn't think that's a big deal to someone that has maybe a whole drawer of them, but we're taking care of people that may not have those things," he said.

Organizers are encouraging recipients of the boxes to keep what they need and then give the rest away to people who do need those items.

"We call that 'walk with us," he said. Swanson said this program will happen every year he's the sheriff.

Another new program inspired by the "Walk With Us" campaign is a toy drive for children of parents who are incarcerated.

Johnell Allen-Bey of the Genesee County Ambassadors reached out to Swanson about starting this program.

"Inside the jail, we have dads and moms," Swanson said. "We have not forgotten the people inside."

> They've identified more than 500 children in the county, 12 and under, who would not get Christmas gifts from their parents while they're in jail. They're having these parents write cards to their kids, and all these children will receive a toy for Christmas.

> > "Every child in our

county will receive a gift and there are some companies that came together," he said. One company donated 100 pairs of light-up shoes for this program. Small businesses donated and made the program possible.

"We want to thank everyone in the community," Allen-Bey said. The toys will be given out on Dec. 23.

lawyers as the lowest form of life on earth, but it was a close race. I voted twice one time, okay maybe twice.

WISH HOLLY POLICE department would do drive through at Holly Foods to check vehicles for handicap tags. Been there so many times to find cars parked there that don't have them. On that note Holly Foods should have more handicap parking.

#### **44** Maybe they need to be blessed, maybe they need to be encouraged. **77**

**Chris Swanson** Genesee County sheriff

## Holly couple gives away refurbished kids bikes

Couple helping families in need during holiday season

#### By Hannah Ball

One Holly couple has given away nearly 100 children's bikes in the last few months.

Gary and Jackie Skelton fix bikes and advertise them on Facebook Marketplace. It started as a hobby, and now it's turned into something that's helping struggling families during a tough time.

Gary retired a few years ago from being a master mechanic at the Fenton Chevrolet for 40 years.

"I tell my wife, it's a lot easier fixing bikes than it is cars," Gary said.

Since then, they have picked up bikes at Goodwill, garage sales, or from trash piles when people leave them out on garbage day. They mainly sell adult bikes in the summer, and give kids bikes away more often.

"I was going to take it easy this summer but with the COVID thing going on and there's no bikes in any stores, it



Jackie Skelton lifts a tarp that covers their garden area to show where more than a dozen bikes are stored. The Holly couple has more than 100 bikes stored in their backyard. Photo: Hannah Ball

was just a great year to sell bikes. I fix them up really nice. They look great in the pictures. I give great deals on them," he said.

They would advertise these bikes on Facebook Marketplace and sell them

within an hour. When fall arrived, fewer people wanted to buy bikes. They decided to concentrate on kids bikes and give them away to families who are struggling. He spends about two to three hours on each bike "When I get kids bikes at garage sales, yard sales, they're in pretty rough shape. I have to do a lot of work to get them in this kind of shape. I don't want to give away some junk bike to a kid," he said.

The more people saw their ads, the more people wanted to help. Jackie said things have "really snowballed." She's made friends with scrappers who now bring them broken or old bikes. Their back yard is filled with bicycles that have yet to be repaired.

"It's been really nice. It's enjoyable to do," Gary said.

"It's been a great side gig in the summer, and it's just metamorphosed into this. It's been awesome. Everybody just wants to join in," Jackie said.

They sold 300 adult bikes this summer. He recently finished his 90th kid's bike, and he expects to finish at least 150 by Christmas. The completed bikes all have red bows.

There was an increased demand for bikes this past spring and summer due See **BIKES** on 17

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#### LARCENY OF TOOLS REPORTED ON ROLSTON ROAD

On Saturday, Dec. 5, deputies from

the Genesee County Sherriff's Office responded to the 3500 block of Rolston Road in Fenton Township for a larceny complaint. The complainant stated he was taking measurements for a job and left his trailer unlocked. When he came back to his truck his Craftsman toolbox was missing. This incident remains under investigation.

#### FENTON TOWNSHIP WOMAN REPORTS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

On Saturday, Nov. 28, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies responded to the 2000 block of Windsor Beach in Fenton Township for a domestic violence report. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with a 30-year-old woman. The woman said the father of her children was there visiting and they got into a verbal argument. At some point, the verbal argument turned physical. Contact was made with the father of the children and conflicting stories were given. The woman was arrested for domestic violence. The case was reviewed by the Genesee County Prosecutor's Office where a warrant was denied due to burden of proof issues.

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#### VACCINES

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Stamm, who's been working in the county's emergency management team for more than four years, said they have daily conference calls with their partners in emergency management, and they work in conjunction with the Genesee County Health Department and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

"It's going to be across the county. We're going to hit all segments of our commu-

nity," Stamm said. "We're going to get it out there the best we can. As much as I want to say it's going to be seamless, there will be some hiccups but we're going to do the best we can to get that medication out to the public."

The six major sites to be used for vaccine distribu-

tion are the school districts the county identified last week. Lake Fenton High School is one of them. This happened through agreements made years ago with the school districts and the county emergency management team.

"Part of that, logistically, is working with the local jurisdictions, establishing security, and then flow — ingress and egress, making sure it's going to be an orderly function. We also make sure that we can service everyone in the community. So that's going to be the deaf and hard of hearing, those that may have access issues," he said.

Stamm said they will have teams that will go into nursing homes to administer the vaccines, and they also have agreements with these facilities that they can administer their own inoculations.

After hospital workers and nursing home residents, the vaccines will go to health care workers in other facilities. After that, Stamm said professions such as public safety and education can expect the vaccine next. Stamm said one challenge will be making sure the pharmacies that were selected to distribute the vaccine will

#### be able to do so.

"I think this is brand new for everyone. We've never had a pandemic that we've had to actually work. We've had exercises in the past in emergency management in a health care setting, what it would be like dealing with a pandemic," Stamm said.

Swanson said one of the things that helped prepare the office was the Flint Water Crisis, which helped lay out a pattern for how to deal with these types of emergencies.

Swanson has authorized the sheriff's paramedic division to be one

of those EMS agencies that will be able to distribute the

vaccine. This is called com-

more vaccines than there

are people to distribute,"

Swanson said. "We're going

to do it very methodically.

"There will certainly be

munity paramedicine.

# **4** The most vulnerable get the vaccine opportunities first. **77**

**Chris Swanson** Genesee County sheriff

> We're going to do it so every community knows that it's coming, and I think we've already seen our county is not a panic county. They know that it's coming."

> Swanson said he's positive that most people will understand having to wait a few more months to get the vaccine so those most vulnerable can receive it first.

> "It's under control. There are a lot of professionals that are making this happen. We see that the mortality rate is not what it used to be," Swanson said, adding that hospitals are not at capacity, but they're close.

> Stamm said information sometimes changes daily, and he asks that the public trusts that the government workers are doing the best with the information they have.

#### **GENESEE COUNTY JAIL UPDATE**

Swanson also gave an update on CO-VID-19 cases in the Genesee County Jail. As of Wednessday, Dec. 9, there were five staff members and 18 inmates with positive cases.

"We're on the backend of this. We have a great protocol. Everyone's feeling the constraint of COVID, but in the jail, we're doing well," he said.

#### **HOLLY LANES**

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make sure we are safe in the center. He has followed all of the shut downs even though it has been beyond difficult to stay afloat.

"I think now is the time we need to

step up and help if we can. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated. I hope everyone stays safe and I get to see you soon.

"I am hopeful that once all of this is over, we can have some fun together at our Holly Lanes."





#### SUV

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that the GM employee discount can be used by anyone, not just employees and their immediate family.

"It's wonderful," he said.

Another factor driving sales is low interest rates. He said on select models a buyer could get an interest rate on their loan as low as .9 percent for 72 months, with nothing down.

"We've got a ton of used (vehicles) and lots of trucks," Canever said.

Canever said the strike in September hurt and when combined with the CO-VID-19 it affected the inventory at many dealerships.

When asked about TV commercials that boast of buying a vehicle from an unfamiliar website and having it delivered to your driveway, Canever said local dealerships have already been We've got

a ton of used

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and lots of

trucks. 77

**Jeff Canever** 

Vic Canever Chevrolet

vice president and general

sales manager

offering all of those services.

"They make it sound like it's something new, but we already do that," he said. "We offer the same - no hassle. For years, we have delivered to anywhere.

From growing up in the auto industry, Canever said most people want to see, smell and touch the vehicle before they spend their hard earned money on

it. "They want to experience it," he said.

If a customer has a specific model in mind and they do not see it on the lot, Canever said their staff will find it and make it available. Dealerships work with each other.

Canever said the number of cars has been decreasing and they have just a handful of the popular Malibu.

Right now, Canever said they have "amazing" deals on trucks. Crew cabs with big back seats are very popular. He said they also have great deals on Equinoxes and Blazers.

In response to the pandemic, Canever said GM sales were down so the company is now pulling out all the stops to clear the lots for more 2021 models.

Also in response to safety concerns with COVID-19, Canever said if a customer is apprehensive to going to the dealership to test drive a vehicle, the dealership will have a disinfected vehicle taken to a customer's home so that they can test drive it at their leisure. "We are low pressure," he said. "There is no pressure to buy. We can deliver and you can test it at your pace. We offer that."

For someone looking to sell their vehicle to the dealership, Canever said they do

virtual appraisals and can see the vehicle's history online. This will help with providing a price estimate, but it will also need to be driven and looked over in person.

Canever said every vehicle is disinfected between test drives and appraisals. "Everybody's safe. We all wear masks 100 percent of the time whether we are with a customer or not," he said.

The days of when women were intimidated about making a vehicle purchase on their own are long gone, said Canever. "We've broken that stereotype," he said. "Eight-five percent of major decisions are made by women. We understand this is a major decision. If anyone is more comfortable having a woman sales associate, Canever said they have several highly skilled ready to help.

In an August article by Sam McEachern for gmauthority.com, the 2021 Chevrolet

Trailblazer is the fastest-selling new vehicle in the United States, according to data from automotive research firm iSeeCars.com. iSeeCars recently identified the top 12 fastestselling new cars by calculating howlong on average the vehicles are spending on dealership lots. Out of all 2020 and 2021 model year vehicles, the Chevrolet Trailblazer subcompact cross-

over spends the least amount of time on the lot before selling at an average of just 19 days.

iSeeCars.com says the Trailblazer has doubled the sales goal that GM set for it this year, which has made it "hard to find at dealerships as a result of its short supply and high demand."

According to Cox Automotive, with factories now operating close to prepandemic levels, production should not be the hurdle it was earlier in the year. The economic recovery is also continuing to show modest improvements, so there is little reason to expect that the vehicle market will make substantial changes to its current recovery path in the coming months.

#### Fastest selling new vehicles, according to iSeeCars.com study

1. Chevrolet Trailblazer 2. Kia Telluride 3. Kia Seltos 4. Honda CR-V Hybrid

- 5. Hyundai Palisade
- 6. Mercedes-Benz GLB
- 7. Chevrolet Bolt EV
- 8. Toyota RAV4 Hybrid
- 9. Subaru Crosstrek
  - 10. Lexus GX460
- 11. Buick Encore
- 12. Subaru Forester

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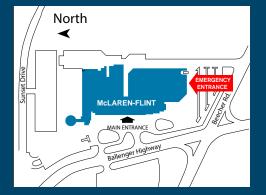
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#### DEC. 13

**2000**: Vice President Al ore reluctantly concedes defeat to Texas Governor George W. Bush in his bid for the presidency, following weeks of legal battles over the recounting of

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votes in Florida. In a televised speech from his ceremonial office next to the White House, Gore said that while he was deeply disappointed and sharply disagreed with the Supreme Court verdict that ended his campaign, "partisan rancor must now be put aside."

#### DEC. 14

**2012**: On this day at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, Adam Lanza kills 20 first graders and six school employees before turning a gun on himself. Earlier that day, he killed his mother at the home they shared. The Sandy Hook shooting was, at the time, the second-deadliest mass shooting in the United States after the 2007 shooting at Virginia Tech, in which a gunman killed 32 students and teachers before committing suicide.

#### DEC. 15

**1973**: Jean Paul Getty III, the grandson of American billionaire J. Paul Getty, is found alive near Naples, five months after his kidnapping by an Italian gang. J. Paul Getty, who became the richest man in the world in 1957, had initially refused to pay his 16-year-old grandson's \$17 million ransom but finally agreed to cooper-

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#### DEC. 16

**1773**: In Boston Harbor, a group of Massachusetts colonists disguised as Mohawk Indians board three British tea ships and dump 342 chests of tea into the harbor. The midnight raid, popularly known as the "Boston Tea Party," was in protest of the British Parliament's Tea Act of 1773, a bill designed to save the faltering East India Company by greatly lowering its tea tax and granting it a virtual monopoly on the American tea trade.

#### DEC. 17

**2003**: The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King, the final film in the trilogy based on the best-selling fantasy novels by J.R.R. Tolkien, opens in theaters. The film was a huge boxoffice success and won 11 Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Director, for Peter Jackson. The Lord of the Rings trilogy became one of the highest-grossing franchises in movie history, netting billions of dollars worldwide in box-office proceeds and related merchandise.

#### DEC. 18

**1620**: The British ship Mayflower lands at modern-day Plymouth, Massachusetts, and its passengers prepared to begin their new settlement, Plymouth Colony. The famous Mayflower story began in 1606, when a group of reform-minded Puritans in Nottinghamshire, England, founded their own church, separate from the state-sanctioned Church of England. Accused of treason, they were forced to leave the country and settle in the more tolerant Netherlands.

#### DEC. 19

**1998**: After nearly 14 hours of debate, the House of Representatives approves two articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton, charging him with lying under oath to a federal grand jury and obstructing justice. Clinton, the second president in American history to be impeached, vowed to finish his term.

#### BIKES

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to people spending more time outdoors because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Gary said the majority of bikes in the U.S. are made in China, so it took longer to restock.

A common issue with kids' bikes is ripped bike seats. He found a site online, called Monster Scooter, that sells kids bike seats for \$8. Flat tires are also common. He keeps them for at least three days to make sure the tires hold the air.

Many people have donated bikes. They've picked up bikes from Clio, Mt. Morris, Ann Arbor, Detroit, Livonia, White Lake, Burton and more.

"Every day until about noon, we spend running around getting bikes and then I come home and work the rest of the day," Gary said. "The hardest part is to get people to pick them up."

In the ads, they say, "Please pick them up as soon as you can" because they often store the completed bikes in the house so they don't get dirty.

"In the summertime, it's kind of nice because parents come out with the kids and you can see how excited they are to get a new bike and everything," he said. Now, the parents are hiding the bikes until Christmas.

They often hear from struggling parents wanting to get their kids nice Christmas presents but not being able to afford it. Their ads say, "To a family in need."

"We get a lot of people who are really thankful," he said. "Everybody says, 'well, do you know for sure you're giving it to someone who really needs it or is it someone who just wants the bike?

Gary and Jackie Skelton stand in front of a group of bikes that were recently dropped off. They frequently get donated bikes. Photo: Hannah Ball

... but then I'll get that one person who says, 'my husband got laid off, I'm the only one working and that's part-time. I got no idea what to do for Christmas for them. I say, 'okay, you're the one."

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**Garv Skelton** Holly resident

#### HOT LINE CONTINUED

WORKING SO MANY long hours at our jobs and chores we have at home, going out to eat is the time me and my husband have to relax and connect with each other. So sad it's being taken away from us.

THEY HAVE CLOSED down the bars and restaurants because of COVID. I have a question — with them being closed, why are the cases of COVID still going up? So maybe it's not the restaurants. Where's the real truthful science?

**RESPONDING TO MR.** Vicari.

I'm with you.. I have a suggestion regarding her royal vindictiveness. Since she punishes you by taking away your liquor licenses, how about allowing your customers to bring in their own bottle of wine? Have them sign a waiver that you aren't responsible for consequences. 

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#### **GOODRICH MAN CITED FOR DRIVING WITH SUSPENDED**

On Saturday, Nov. 28, a Genesee County Sheriff's deputy observed a Jeep Grand Cherokee traveling westbound on Thompson Road near Wiggins Road in Fenton Township with no registration plate. Contact was made with the driver, a 20-yearold male from Goodrich. It was discovered that the driver had a suspended driver's license. The driver was issues a citation for driving while license suspended and the vehicle was turned over to the passenger, who had a valid driver's license.

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#### **HOT LINE** CONTINUED to docs. etc.?

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TWELVE MORE DAYS of shut downs. I feel a song coming on. On the last days of 2020 our Governor gave to us: business owners groaning, holiday spirits waning, restrictions overwhelming (but wait), Five golden masks. Oh how I wish! 

HEY, GAS STATION in Fenton on LeRoy Street. Please fill up your windshield wiper buckets outside by the gas tanks. It's nice you have squeegees but useless without fluid. 

TO THE ONE that says Whitmer doesn't get paid enough to keep us safe. Does she get paid enough for the bankruptcies, increased suicide, increased drug addiction, increased (threefold) anxiety visits

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JUST LIKE OUR leaders in Lansing, your logic makes no sense. People attended graduation, birthday and Halloween parties therefore we must lock down restaurants. Wake up, there is no connection between the parties and restaurants.

**MICHIGAN SET TO** begin COVID-19 vaccinations next week. Thanks, President Trump.

#### PLEASE READ THE Great

Barrington Declaration for nonpartisan policy information related to COVID-19 that is supported by science and endorsed by the medical community. Also, please consider why you've never heard of the Declaration.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TUESDAY DECEMBER 29, 2020 AT 7:00 PM BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ELECTRONICALLY. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**ZBA20-023 Gregory Hernacki 12135 Margaret Drive:** Requesting a 6-foot front yard setback, a 7-inch side yard setback, and 16 feet 4-inch site line variance to remove an existing home and rebuild a new home at 12135 Margaret Drive, parcel 06-11-501-071.

#### RENEWAL OF HOME OCCUPATIONS

#### HO08-042 William Molpus 2355 Thompson Rd:

Requesting to renew a home occupation permit to operate a small deck installation business from residence; parcel 06-02-552-006

#### HO16-047 Daniel Maldonado, 4237 Crystal Cove Ct, Linden:

Requesting to renew a home occupation permit to operate gun sales business in residence, parcel 06-21-626-034

To the residents and property owners of Fenton Township, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested parties. Please take notice that a regular meeting of the Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Tuesday December 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. by ZOOM Meeting. The public may participate in the meeting via the following web link:

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Or by telephone by calling into the following number: Phone Number: (312)626-6799 Meeting ID: 962 5043 4561 Passcode: 918527

Members of the public will only be able to speak during the public comment portion(s) of the meeting and such comment will be limited to three minutes per person. To provide for orderly public participation, when the Chairperson or meeting moderator calls for public comment, a person wishing to speak must state their name and wait to be recognized before speaking. The Chairperson or moderator will recognize all persons wishing to speak during public comment. Prior to the meeting, if members of the public have certain questions or wish to provide input on any business that will be addressed at the meeting, such persons may contact the Zoning Board members through Michael Deem, Zoning Administrator, by email at mdeem@fentontownship. org, or by mail at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. A copy of the meeting material may be found on the Township website homepage at www.fentontownship.org.

The Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 72 hour advance notice by contacting Robert Krug, Township Clerk, by email, phone, or mail at the below.

Robert E. Krug Fenton Township Clerk 12060 Mantawauka Drive Fenton, MI 48430-8817 Phone: (810) 629-1537 x6 Email: <u>info@fentontownship.org</u>

ROBERT KRUG, FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

## POLICE & FIRE

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#### FLUSHING WOMAN CITED FOR DRIVING WITH NO LICENSE

On Friday, Dec. 4, a deputy from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office observed a Chevrolet Impala traveling southbound on Torrey Road near N. Long Lake Road in Fenton Township. The vehicle drove approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$ mile with its turn signal on. A records check on the vehicle revealed the registration to be improper. A traffic stop was initiated. Contact was made with the female driver, a 52-year-old Flushing resident. A records check on the driver revealed she did not possess a driver's license. The vehicle was impounded and the driver was cited for no operator's license and improper registration plate. The driver was released from the scene pending a court date.

#### HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE NEW 'RULES' state no more than 10 people in your home from no more than two households. Yet many of us go to work every day and spend eight hours with multiple households. Think about it.

**TO THE HOT-LINER** arguing that 'She doesn't get paid enough to keep Michigan safe and healthy.' Are you kidding me? Whitmer knew and agreed to her salary as a condition of employment by seeking election as governor. If she is not up to the job, she needs to quit.

**THE BIGGEST CHUNK** of state tax money comes from small business and their employees. The tax revenue is going to take a dive. I will bet the Dems' response will be raise taxes.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS DECEMBER 7, 2020

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday December 7, 2020 via Zoom and took the following actions.

- 1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
- 2. Approved the agenda as amended.
- 3. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$296,714.10.
- 4. Conducted a public hearing on the proposed 2021 Fenton Township Budget.
- 5. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-23, formally adopting the 2021 Fenton Township Budget.
- 6. Re-appointed Beverly McKenna, John Brancheau and Scott "Randy" Laue to the Fenton Township Board of Review for the term ending December 31, 2022.
- 7. Accepted a letter of retirement from Township employee Barbara Ryan.
- 8. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-21, approving a Genesee County Interlocal Agreement for a Designated Assessor and authorizing the Township Supervisor to sign the agreement on behalf of Fenton Township.
- 9. Adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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

ROBERT E. KRUG FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK



Games weren't expected to start until January, but the second "pause" to the winter sports season could push back the start of the winter sports season even further. Photo: Mark Bolen

#### MHSAA still trying to figure out how to deal with 'pause' By David Troppens Tuesday. However, the current 12-day media and content director Geoff Kim-

Twelve more days.

That's how much longer the Michigan High School Athletic Association and the rest of the Michigan prep sports world hopes the current COVID-19 "pause" continues.

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer extended the continuation of the current partial shutdown during Monday's press conference, which began Nov. 18 and was supposed to end at the end of last Tuesday. However, the current 12-day extension will now run through Dec. 20.

How much this extension will impact the prep winter sports season beyond remains a mystery, but one thing is certain — it already has impacted the completion of the fall sports season.

The MHSAA's Representative Council met for the first time since the extended "pause" on Wednesday, but few actions were taken.

In an email distributed by MHSAA

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Sports Times

David's **Dabblings** 

school sports may resume.

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



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## Hodges excited about starting senior year at Woods

#### **By David Troppens**

Ian Hodges was part of some of the greatest moments of Holly varsity boys basketball history during the 21st century.

The 2014-15 Bronchos finished 22-3 and advanced to a Class A regional championship game before finally bowing out to Walled Lake Central in the title contest by a 73-71 margin.

Seven Bronchos from that squad ended up playing college basketball. Hodges is the last one still on a squad.

Hodges is currently preparing for his second season with the William Woods University men's basketball program, a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) team based in Missouri.

How Hodges ended up in Missouri is a story in itself. During the first three years of his college basketball career he was a member of Northern Michigan University's D2 program. But when one of his assistant coaches at Northern, Charles Belt, was named the men's basketball coach at William Woods, Hodges transferred to become an Owl.

"I was not expecting to end up in Missouri. I've never been to Missouri," Hodges said. "Our assistant coach left (Belt) and about a month later our head coach left. It was pretty shocking. I pretty much already knew



Holly graduate Ian Hodges (right) is starting his second season with the William Woods men's basketball team this winter.

I was leaving so I followed our assistant coach when he took over the head coach position."

It seems to have been the right decision. Hodges played almost double the time with the Owls last season than he did with Northern Michigan during his first three seasons (he redshirted during the 2018-19 school year). He started 10 of the team's 29 games (played in 27), playing 574 minutes. He ended up scoring 203 points while grabbing 58 rebounds, dishing off 39 assists and collecting 39 steals. The Owls finished the season with a 14-15 overall record.

"It was a good season. I felt I put the work in and I finally got to play," Hodges said. "I got to play and it paid off. ... I learned more because I really haven't played much since my freshman year (at Northern). I got a chance to adjust to college basketball."

See HODGES on 22

#### I REMAIN OPTIMISTIC THERE WILL BE A WINTER PREP SPORTS SEASON

merly he said Wednesday's Represen-

tative Council meeting didn't provide

any clear actions and no official release

would be provided. It mentioned MH-

SAA executive director Mark Uyl re-

mains in conversations with represen-

tatives of Gov. Whitmer's office. The

Representative Council plans to meet

on Wednesday to formulate plans when

So here we are, dealing with a COVID-19 'pause' extension for the prep sports season.

Yes, it's frustrating, but if I was a quessing man, it's not going to last super long. From the moment this 'pause' began, it almost made sense to have it extended through to about the time schools start their winter breaks. By doing so, that actually gives the chance for virus numbers to lower another 10 days to two weeks as schools are experiencing winter break. And this extension was needed. State college athletic programs can't get a grasp around the issue. Asking high schools to do it just seemed ridiculous. However, hopefully with this more than month-long period, numbers can get back under control and prep sports can return.When it does come back. the season doesn't end again.

#### We'll see soon enough. What about Ohio State football's playoff chances? No.

It isn't because of the num-See DABBLINGS on 22

#### DABBLINGS

**Continued from Page 21** ber of games they've played. It's because of who the Buckeyes haven't played.

The Buckeyes don't really have an impressive victory on their resume. Indiana was it? The Buckeyes beat Indiana 42-35 at home. They had a big lead and let the Hoosiers back into the contest late. It was a decent win, but if that's a team's crowning victory of a season that's not saying much.

Compounding matters, the other teams Ohio State beat have a combined 8-18 record. Playing Michigan wouldn't have helped matters considering their 2-4 record. Now that the Big Ten has opened the door for the Buckeyes to play in its championship game, a victory against Northwestern would help, but that's still just six games.

It will end up being enough, because Ohio State is Ohio State, but it's not warranted.

#### HODGES

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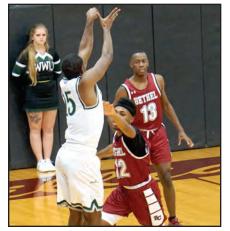
One of his biggest games last season came in his second start of the season, an 18-point performance against William Penn (Iowa). His biggest game of the season, however, was his last one when the Owls lost a tight 82-77 verdict against Williams Baptist (Ark). Hodges entered the game with the Owls trailing 50-42, but ended up scoring 13 of his squad's next 15 points, helping the team tie the game at 57-all. He tied the game with a hoop, a foul and a converted free throw, capping the run. He put the game up 71-63 with a three-pointer, but Williams Baptist ended the game on an 18-6 run, ending the contest with the victory. Hodges hit on 7-of-12 field goals in 27 minutes and also grabbed six rebounds while dishing off three assists. He also had two steals.

"Offensively, I learned to be more consistent," Hodges said. "I had to pick and choose my spots."

This season, Hodges is the veteran of the squad. He should get plenty of playing time, and the team is excited about the season despite being picked seventh in their league.

"As a team, I think we can win the





Holly graduate lan Hodges (left) takes a shot during a William Woods varsity men's basketball game last season. He'll be a key player on the team's squad this year as well.

league," Hodges said. "We only lost two players and we are bringing most of our players back. They picked us seventh in the preseason and that's adding motivation for everyone. We see it as a slap in the face."

Unfortunately, the squad won't start their season until 2021 hits the calendar due to COVID-19. Many teams in the league have already started their season.

"It's hard waiting," Hodges said. "But this is going to be a real special season for my team and hopefully a real special season for myself. Hopefully I can be an all-conference player, we can make the tournament and we can get some national recognition at the national level as a team and maybe me as an individual."

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The state swim meets were expected to be on Dec. 23, but that won't happen. Volleyball was playing the state quarterfinal round and were expected to return to action Tuesday with the semifinals and finals concluding action at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena from Dec. 17 to 19. Finally, the prep football playoffs were going to begin action Tuesday and Wednesday with the regional title round. The semifinal were scheduled for Dec. 21 and 22 with the finals being played Dec. 28 and Dec. 29 at Ford Field. Those plans, of course, will have to be adjusted.

Winter sports were expected to resume practices immediately on Wednesday with winter competition beginning on Jan. 4, 2021.

#### Time at Northern Michigan

Hodges didn't get much playing time at Northern. His freshman season started out fine as he played in 23 games, started one of them and played 186 minutes. He scored 66 points and grabbed 18 rebounds.

He saw his playing time fall to just 14 games and 103 minutes his sophomore season, netting 15 points.

"Coming from my high school the only thing that was different was everybody was a lot stronger and a lot taller. At Holly, the biggest guy I faced was 6-foot-2. We never played anyone with much height. When I got to Northern we were playing 7-footers and there were 6-6 guards. The talent level didn't take much to adjust to but I had to get stronger."

He enjoyed his time at Northern, even despite the cold conditions.

"It was really nice. The only thing bad about being in the UP was the cold. I didn't like the cold," Hodges said. "Everything else was great. When the weather is nice, it's a really nice place to be. But when it snows, it snows. It snowed over 250 inches my freshman year and I was told that wasn't one of the worst winters — it was a mild winter."

But that's not a problem any more in Missouri.

"It took some adjusting," Hodges said. "The weird thing is I've always been one of the youngest players but now I'm the oldest. I'm the person people are asking questions to and I'm teaching them the ropes. They actually call me Pops."

Now, Hodges hopes that nickname sticks because he pops in his share of buckets this winter.

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Uyl released his disappointment in the decision, but still remains committed to a three-sports season.

"We realize the crisis our medical caregivers and first responders are navigating and understand the need to continue the pause. However, the MHSAA had provided a detailed plan to both Governor Whitmer and MDHHS that would have completed fall tournaments with no spectators as safely as possible during the month of December along with allowing winter sport practices to resume. While we are disappointed in (Monday's) announcement, we will continue to look forward as we remain committed to play three sports seasons to their conclusion. The MHSAA Representative Council will meet Wednesday of this week to chart out another plan for finishing fall and restarting winter."



## Virtual Christmas 5K to benefit Food Bank of Eastern Michigan

■In Run for Hope Virtual 5K. organizer encourages people to wear Christmas sweaters

#### By Hannah Ball

A Linden resident is organizing a virtual 5K, with a Christmas twist, to raise money for the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

Nicole Hanson, a former Michigan State Cross Country runner, is inviting the public to run with her in the Run for Hope Virtual 5K and help feed families in need.

'This holiday season has looked different for all of us. So I decided to put on a virtual 5K to spread hope, holiday cheer and give to others," she said. "The idea is to get out in the community, wear some fun holiday gear, and run or walk a 5K. This event is free with all donations going to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan to help families put food on the table during this difficult time."

To participate, Hanson is asking people to wear a Christmas sweater and run or walk a 5K anytime between Dec. 18-25. Donate any amount to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. It's See VIRTUAL on 24











For inspiration, check out these festive ideas for your own Run for Hope Virtual 5K. **Photos: Pinterest** 







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not required to donate to run, or run to donate. All participation is welcome.

"Then you send in a picture for me to post on the Instagram and Facebook page," she said. "I love wearing fun Christmas sweaters. My high school team used to do themed runs like this, so that is where I got the idea."

SearchforRunforHope Virtual 5K on Facebook and @runforhope2020 on Instagram.

Hanson has been running since sixth grade when she attended Clarkston schools. She ran on the MSU Women's Cross Country and Track teams, and she graduated in the spring of this year. She now lives in Linden

and is considered a "retired" runner.

"My mom and I have been looking for ways to help the community during such tough times. After doing some research, I realized that people need help getting food now, more than ever. COVID has been hard for people in

many different ways, including financially," she said. "Each donation goes a long ways. One dollar donated equals six meals."

This year, there is a 40-percent increased need for food, according to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. The food bank services 22 counties in Michigan and has distributed 33 million pounds of food since March.

"As winter weather sets in, so do increased financial burdens

on families. Higher utili-

ties bills for heat, health-

care costs associated with cold and flu season, the

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**Nicole Hanson** Linden resident

impacted during the fall and winter during a typical year. Now, with a global pandemic and high unemployment, those numbers of people in need of food assistance are only going to continue to increase," said Kara Ross, president and CEO of Food Bank of

Eastern Michigan in a statement. To donate, go to give.fbem.org/ge/ runforhope.



#### After 29 years of volunteer service, Dort Financial Credit Union chairman dies

With deep sadness, Dort Financial respected, his friends, and by all in the Credit Union mourns the loss of Chairman of the Board Harry Awdish, who died peacefully at his home Sunday, Nov. 29.

"Harry Awdish's accomplishments as chairman were surpassed only by his passionate commitment to the Credit Union during his tenure for the past 29 years. He worked tirelessly to represent our membership and fulfill his obligations as director and

Board Chairman," said Vicki Hawkins, president and CEO. "He will be missed greatly by his beloved family, his colleagues whom he admired and Credit Union industry."

In addition to serving as Chairman of the Board, Harry Awdish served in

several different capacities, beginning in 1991 as a credit union volunteer. He was named Volunteer of the Year by the Combined Council of Automotive Credit Unions in 2008. Awdish's legacy will live on, as the Credit Union is committed to his conservative, consistent,

member-focused philosophy and honor his commitment to build Dort Financial as a strong and successful Credit Union.

#### The buck stays here! Spend it here. Keep it here. Invest In Your Community.

Harry Awdish



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#### **DRUGS FOUND IN TRAFFIC STOP**

On Friday, Dec. 4, a deputy from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office observed a Saturn van traveling southbound on U.S. 23 near North Road in Fenton Township. A records check revealed that the vehicle had

no insurance so a traffic stop was initiated. Contact was made with the male driver, a 44-year-old Flint resident. A records check on the driver showed a suspended driver's license. An inventory search was conducted on the vehicle and two used syringes were located along with other drug paraphernalia. The driver was issued a citation for driving while license suspended and possession of drug paraphernalia. The vehicle was impounded and the driver was released from the scene pending a court date.





## CONGRATULATIONS! Christmas Coloring Contest WINNERS

AGE 3 WINNER: Ava Waligora



**AGE 4 WINNER:** Brantley Spurgeon



**AGE 6 WINNER:** Alivia Waligora



AGE 7 WINNER: Gabi Loria



AGE 8 WINNER: Olivia Moelle Dudley



**AGE 9 WINNER:** Edward Plewka







AGE 11 WINNER: Ava Dudley





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#### FREE CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR THOSE IN NEED

The Kiwanis Club of Fenton is offering FREE Christmas food baskets for those in need, again this year. Are you, your employees, or someone you know in need? If so, register at the Fenton Area Resources and Referral Network, Inc. (FARR) website at, farrnetwork.org, for a Free Christmas Food Basket. You may register yourself or someone else in need. The information is kept completely confidential. The Kiwanis Christmas Baskets can be picked up by, or delivered directly to the recipient. Visit farrnetwork.org or fill out the request form at https://form.jotform.com/203244639360150



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#### MCC STUDENT LEADERSHIP SOCIETY INDUCTS 48 NEW MEMBERS

The Mott Community College (MCC) chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) Sigma Alpha Pi chapter inducted 45 new members for the Fall 2020 Semester. These members include two residents of Fenton - Diana Erickson and Mallory Ramelis and two of Linden – Amanda Burton and Theresa Deardoff.

View stories at myfenton.com



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#### FLINT MAN ARRESTED ON DRUG CHARGES IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

On Thursday, Dec. 3, a deputy from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office observed a Cadillac Seville traveling southbound on U.S. 23 near North Road in Fenton Township. A records check revealed the vehicle had no insurance so a traffic stop was initiated. Contact was made with the male driver, a 34-yearold Flint resident. A records check on the driver showed a felony warrant out of 67th District Court for possession of cocaine. The driver was asked if there were any narcotics in the vehicle. The driver admitted to having approximately 2 grams of cocaine in the glovebox. The driver was arrested and transported to the Genesee County Jail. The vehicle was impounded. This incident remains under investigation.

## Celebrate Christmas with us! CHRISTMAS EVE GATHERINGS

Lived streamed services on our Facebook page and www.fentonumc.com

#### — Contemporary-style Service — 5:00 pm | Family Life Center

- Traditional-style Service -9:00 pm | Sanctuary

All services will be live streamed until further notice

## - Fenton United Methodist Church

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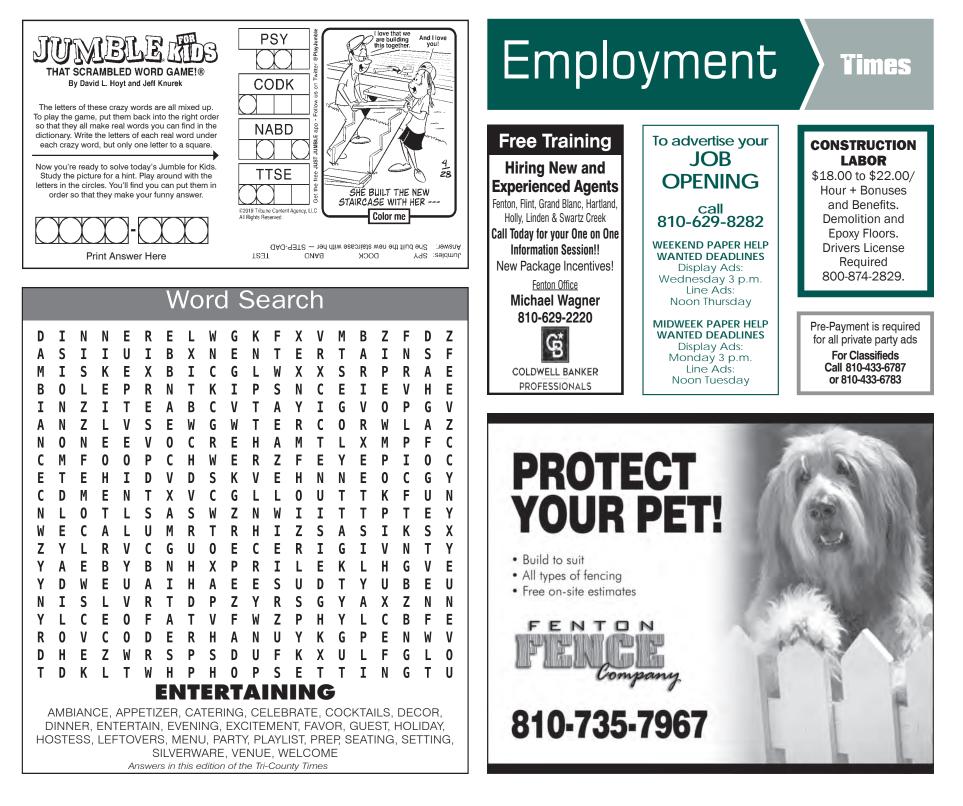




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#### Puzzle Answers

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

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# Obituaries

#### **Terry Kollar**

Terry Kollar - age 78, died December 4, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Tina Plumb**

Tina Plumb - age 44, died December 2, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### Van Barron

Van Barron - age 85, died December 4, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### Walter Stengel

Walter Stengel - age 94, died December 5, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **William Peterson**

William Peterson - age 83, died December 6, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### Sandra Dadovich Sandra Dadovich - age 59, died December 2, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Vaso Smiljkowski – age 73, of Davisburg, passed away Monday,

November 30,

2020. Loving

Julia for over

50 years; dear

father of Juro

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Julia and would become a

successful business man in

many endeavors and would

Christ of Latter Day Saints in

his final years. He would play

become a priest with Jesus

the guitar and share jokes

with everyone. He greeted

George Finch, Jr.

died December 7. 2020.

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Sharon L. Wilcox Sharon L. Wilcox - age 66,

W. Streetman Clyde W.

Dec. 9, 2020

Streetman - age 66, died

died Dec. 5, 2020 Jean M.

Martin Jean M. Martin - age

82, died Dec. 7, 2020 Clyde

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George Finch, Jr. - age 76,

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Cora Lee

husband of

#### Vaso Smiljkowski

1947 - 2020



everyone with a smile and wanted to make them feel good and laugh. He loved God with all heart. Family was his top priority. He loved his children and he was a devoted and caring husband. He took care

of his beautiful wife who became severely disabled. The funeral viewing took place Friday, December 11, 2020 from 1- 5PM at Dryer Funeral Home located at 101 First Street Holly. A private celebration of his life will be held at a later date in the spring. www. dryerfuneralhomeholly.com Rose Mary Loree Rose Mary Loree - age 78, died December 4, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### Michael Bellows

Michael Bellows - age 57, died December 9, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.





#### **David Jeremy Shaw**

1992 - 2020

Shaw - age 28, passed away Wednesday, December 9, 2020. Private Funeral Services will be held. His service will be livestreamed at 2 PM Sunday, December 13 and may viewed on his obituary page a

David Jeremy

obituary page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com. Public visitation will be held from 2 - 7 PM Saturday, December 12 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. David was born June 3, 1992 in Livonia, the son of David Shaw and Diane (Walker) Tunison. He was a graduate of Hartland High School. David was founder of Hempire Farms in Colorado and also worked



at The Laundry. He was an aspiring artist. Surviving are his mother, Diane Tunison; father, David Shaw; sister, Kendal; sister, Daniella; brother, Diego; sister, Melissa; aunts and uncles, Laura, Tim, Lisa, Barb, rrandparents

and Carla; grandparents, Nancy and Ron Walker, Cheryl Shaw; cousins, Jessica and Jordan; and many more relatives and many close friends. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, William Shaw; and great-uncle, Robert Glenn Walker. Tributes may be shared at www. sharpfuenralhomes.com.





Sponsored by Sharp Funeral Homes, the Iri-County Times is honoring a local veteran in every edition of the newspaper in 2020. The only criteria is that the veteran be honorably discharged. Let us honor you or the veteran in your life, past or present.

#### Please provide:

- Full name 
   Hometown
- War or war era Branch of military Rank
- · Years of service · Honors or medals earned



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#### **Barbara Crumm**

Barbara Crumm - age 95, died December 1, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### Betty Holmes Betty Holmes - age 77,

died December 2, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Betty Koen Betty Koen - age 87, died December 7, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Brian Gross**

Brian Gross - age 64, died December 8, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Carol McKenzie**

Carol McKenzie - age 58, died December 1, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



**Donald Skarritt** Donald Skarritt - age 83, died December 6, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



**Ellen Stephens** Ellen Stephens - age 74, died December 4, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Francisca Hinojosa** Francisca Hinojosa - age 93, died December 4, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### Jack Smith Jack Smith - age 80, died December 5, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### James Patton James Patton - age 86, died December 6, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### Janie Dyer Janie Dyer - age 75, died December 4, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www.



#### Lois Teunion - age 85, died December 6, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### Malee Hosler

Malee Hosler - age 74, died December 1, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Marciel Lindstrom Marciel Lindstrom - age 85, died December 5, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### Marvin Siegel Marvin Siegel - age 70, died December 7, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Michael Hamacher**

Michael Hamacher - age 71, died December 7, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Patricia Gilin** Patricia Gilin - age 90, died December 4, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



**Sylvia "Sam" Miller** Sylvia "Sam" Miller - age 84, died December 8, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.







#### Linda Lou Schupbach

1935 - 2020

Linda Lou Schupbach - age 85 of Quanicassee / Fenton, beloved daughter of the late Harold John and Morilla C. (McIntyre) Schupbach, died Monday, November 30, 2020. Those desiring to make contributions to the University of Michigan, Anatomical Donations Program 3767 Medical Science Building II, 1137 Catherine St. Ann Arbor, MI 48109-5608. Linda was born March 19, 1935 in Fenton. The most important and defining parts of her rich and varied life included creative pursuits, theater, travel, art, education, women's rights, human rights, equality and independence. Her love of family was constant, she took her role of aunt seriously, venturing to take us skiing, to drive-in movies, and teaching us folk songs while recording our voices on cassette tapes. Many recall visiting her room and studio on Dauner Road which reflected her creative spirit, filled with books, art, original pottery she created on her pottery wheel and the walls adorned with hundreds of newspaper clippings of the many Schupbach, Freeman, Harris children that she so clearly loved. She encouraged many of us to explore Shakespeare, theater and the arts.

She earned a Bachelor of Science dearee from Eastern Michigan University, 1957 and continued her education at University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and Union College, Schenectady NY. She had a multifaceted career practicing occupational therapy, dental hygiene, bank teller, and foam manufacturing. She chronicled her life, leaving behind photo albums that rival any expert scrapbook artist! She leaves behind fond memories shared by the hundreds of nieces; nephews; family and friends and will be remembered through cherished stories that will live on in our hearts forever. She is survived by her sister. Marcia (Schupbach) William Freeman; and brother, Maynard (Cassie) Schupbach. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Fenton Charles Schupbach, Donald Schupbach, Curtis (Lillian) Schupbach, Harold (Mary) Schupbach, Marian (Harry) Harris, Elmer (Joyce) Schupbach, Melvin (Marilyn) Schupbach. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



