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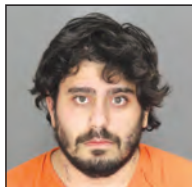
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Holly man charged with torture and first-degree child abuse



Samuel Smart

■MSP investigates 3-year-old's death

By Sharon Stone

Samuel Lester Smart, 29, of Holly, was arraigned Dec. 22 in Oakland County 52-2 District Court on two felonies — torture and first-degree child abuse. Bond See **CHILD ABUSE** on 12

Center of Hope gives gifts to more than 300 kids



Santa, played by Dale Nowak, talks to a family while a Center of Hope volunteer puts a bag of Christmas presents in the trunk.

See story on Page 25.
Photo: Hannah Ball

2020 YEAR IN REVIEW: Gone, but never forgotten

■A summary of local deaths that resulted in 2020 news story

By Sharon Stone

Although each year the Times obituary pages are filled with the names of loved ones who lost their lives, there are many whose deaths resulted in a news story. They are, in order of the date of their deaths:



Roger David Thomas

Roger David Thomas, 66, of Burton died Sunday, Dec. 29, 2019 as a result of injuries sustained in a Dec. 18, 2019 crash on Dixie Highway near East Holly Road in Springfield See **LOCAL DEATHS** on 10

2020

YEAR IN REVIEW

What a year it's been

■Follow the local timeline on how the COVID-19 pandemic affected everyone

By Sharon Stone

The first mention of coronavirus published in the Tri-County Times was Sunday, Feb. 2. The story went live on

myfenton.com Jan. 30 following an announcement on Twitter by the See **COVID-19** on 28



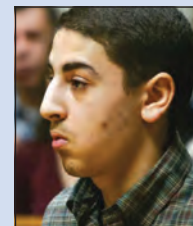
Notable 2020 court cases

By Sharon Stone

From larceny to child pornography, homicide, to assault, the tri-county area saw its share of crime in 2020. Below are cases that made the front page throughout the year. They are in alphabetical order.

Abdurrahman Ahmed Akl

Abdurrahman "Abdu" Ahmed Akl, 19, was sentenced in the March 4, 2017 shooting death of Brady Alan Morris, who was 18 at the time of the shooting. Through a plea agreement, Akl pleaded guilty Aug. 13 to an amended charge of manslaughter rather than open murder. Akl also pleaded guilty to felony firearm, which carries a mandatory two years imprisonment. On Friday, Sept. 4, he was sentenced to a minimum of 57 months up to 180 months, which See **COURT CASES** on 14



Abdu Akl

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Will schools still call snow days?

■ Technology allows students to learn from home

By Hannah Ball

School districts have increased their technological capabilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic with having to adjust to remote learning. Teachers can conduct lessons over Zoom without having a classroom full of students physically in the school buildings.

This could pose a threat to snow days.

With winter here and snow fall imminent in the next few months, school districts would normally call snow days when the roads were too dangerous. However, even after the pandemic, school districts will likely retain this technology and be able to switch to online learning.

Will school districts still call snow days this school year and in the future? What local superintendents said:



Adam Hartley,
Fenton Area
Public Schools
superintendent

"The state allows six days where school districts may cancel school due to factors out of our



Julie Williams, Lake Fenton
Schools superintendent

"There are a lot of factors that will need to be taken into consideration with regard to snow days. First of all, when we call a snow day, we are typically out checking roads to see if it is safe for travel. Depending upon the learning platform we are using, this may not be necessary. In addition, if parents are already plan-

ning for a remote day of learning, is it really necessary to cancel it?

"Secondly, if we are holding classes face-to-face, students may not have all of the resources at home they will



Russ Ciesielski, Linden Community
Schools superintendent

"According to Section 101 of the State School Aid Act (MCL 388.1701), districts are required to offer at least 1,098 hours of instruction each school year. In addition, districts must also provide a minimum of 180 days of instruction. Michigan law allows districts to count up to six days of 'forgiven' time toward the day and hour requirements. Typical reasons (out of control of the district) for canceling a day of instruction are severe storms, tempera-

ture, fires, epidemics, power outages, water or sewer failure, health conditions as defined by the city, county, or state health authorities, and technology.

See **SNOW DAYS** on 17

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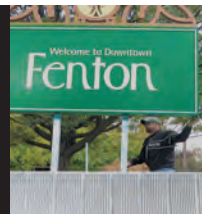
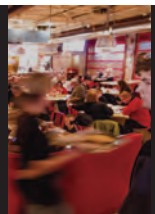
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A message from the superintendent

I think we all realize that 2020 has been a heck of a year. On behalf of Linden Community Schools, I want to wish everyone a great holiday season, and a Happy New Year. As we venture into the second half of the school year, it is important to remember that we continue to remain supportive and we continue to challenge ourselves for a better future.

Since March 2020, our communities have come together to build a support network for our stakeholders. We have bolstered support for our local businesses, our families, and our students. It only takes a second, but I would challenge all of us to thank a teacher, thank a local business owner, thank your neighbor, and continue to support your community.

The world of education changed in March 2020. We went from what we would call a "normal" learning process, to an uncomfortable one overnight, literally. The challenges have been numerous, and by no means is our current delivery system perfect. But, it has opened up avenues



Russ Ciesielski
Linden
Community
Schools
superintendent

that have allowed everyone involved to think differently. One of our priorities is to create a consistent learning environment. Students and teachers alike have altered their methods of teaching and learning to create an environment that is not only as consistent as possible, but focuses on the whole child. They have created new ways to learn and new ways to teach. Our "new normal" has brought

new successes and opportunities for our students and educational leaders, and I am excited to see how we will adapt our new opportunities

with this year's past successes. The education of our students is paramount, and the future of our students looks bright.

Linden Community Schools is currently operating in a remote learning environment and will remain remote until Jan. 15, 2021 (the end of the first semester). It is our intention to begin the second semester, Jan. 19, 2021, in an in-person learning environment. We are looking forward to continuing the already "different" successful foundation we have started for the 2020-21 school year.

Again, on behalf of Linden Community Schools, have a safe and wonderful holiday season.



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Editor's note: The Tri-County Times did not publish a Wednesday, Dec. 23 issue and will not be publishing a Wednesday, Dec. 30 issue to allow time for its employees to spend the holidays with their families.

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OUR FAMILY IS a mixture of Democrats and Republicans. I asked my mom what she knew about Hunter Biden and guess what, she didn't even really know who he was. So much for getting your information from GMA and the View.

■■■

FOR OVER FOUR years, the Democrats have been trying to get President Trump out of the White House. All their false claims proved just that, false claims. Their last chance was the 2020 election. Looks like the only way they could win was through corruption. So sad.

■■■

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

In what ways do you hope 2021 will be different from 2020? | streettalk



"What I hope for 2021 is just that – 'hope.' Hope for better days to come, hope for good health for my loved ones, hope for strength to get through. Hope for the sun to shine after these dark days."

Heather Schmelter
Swartz Creek



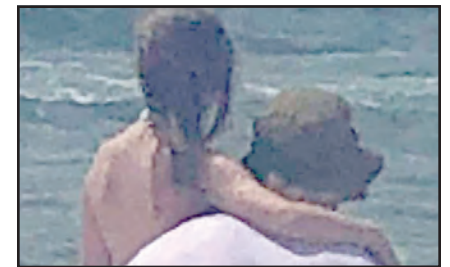
"Gotta be better, can get no worse."

Barbara Harris
Fenton



"I am hoping for people to be kind to each other. That our kids get to experience life. That our health care workers get relief. That love and laughter and life is restored. That fear, anger, hopelessness are gone. Prosperity for all businesses. Games, concerts, weddings, family reunions are all restored. No more masks and no more anger."

Amber Jo, Fenton



"Different doesn't mean better. Hopefully I'm not yearning for the good ole days of 2020."

Jason Laimonis
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Holly active service tree now has 44 ribbons

■ Each ribbon represents Holly resident actively serving in military

By Hannah Ball

Two more ribbons have been added to the tree in front of Holly Elementary School to recognize the Holly residents who are actively serving in the military.

The tree now has 44 ribbons. Dave Rice, 43, and Nicholas Galdeen, 18, added their ribbons with their names on Sunday, Dec. 20 while a crowd watched.

The Hometown Support for All on Active Duty program was started in 2019 by James and Ina Golden to show support for Holly residents serving away from home. The names are written on a yellow ribbon and it's tied around the oak tree. Service members take the ribbons off when they return home.

Rice, a Holly resident who has been in the Army since 1995 and has served for 25 years, is a captain. He leaves on Jan. 2, 2021 to join his unit in Fort Hood, Texas, where they will conduct pre-deployment training for reserve and national guard units that are deploying. Rice will work in vehicle systems, weapons systems and language training for these units.

"We'll be supporting active duty as they transition units through to go forward," he said. He anticipates being gone for about a year.

His three sons helped him tie the ribbon around the tree on Sunday. Rice's oldest son graduates from high school this year, and his middle one is entering high school.

He said he has "mixed feelings about it because gone is gone, which is always the tough part but we've been working through different things and different ideas for how we can leverage technology to stay in touch."

He'll still have access to technology and the internet where he'll be stationed. Rice is the JV coach for the Holly High School soccer team.

"This year I won't be able to coach my middle one going into high school, so that's a bummer, too. I was looking forward to that," he said.



Holly resident Dave Rice, 43, adds his ribbon to the tree in front of Holly Elementary School on Sunday, Dec. 20. Photo: Hannah Ball

This is the first time he's had a ribbon around the tree.

"This is a really cool piece of acknowledgment for the active duty people. I think it's great to do this and have a venue to let the family members hear about the resources available within the community. I think that's pretty spectacular," he said. "Thanks to the community for having this available ... my thanks to my family for the support and strength they show to support me while I've been doing this for so long."

Nicholas Galdeen, 18, of Holly, leaves for Fort Gordon, Georgia, Jan. 2, 2021. He chose to join the Army because he's able to get the most certifications for the career he wants, which is a technical analyst for the FBI. He said it's similar

to Penelope Garcia's job on the TV show Criminal Minds.

"I want her job," he said. He completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, this past fall. Galdeen, who is currently an E1, wanted to join the Army since he was a little kid.

"I saw my dad come home in uniform one time when I was like 6. I've wanted to do it since then," he said.

At Fort Gordon, he'll finish his advanced individual training. After that, he doesn't know where he'll be sent. He'll be gone for about a year.

"It's tough" being away from his family, he said. "I don't really like it, but it's something I got to do. You do what you got to do."

Galdeen heard about the Holly tree when he returned from basic training. His dad said the organization would have a ceremony for him.

"It was pretty exciting. It's something cool, I'm glad to be a part of it," he said.

Members of the Holly Area Veterans Resource Center, who run the program now, were in attendance. The organization recently sent care packages to active duty members, and they help veterans by connecting them with Helmets to Hardhats, an organization that helps active duty and transitioning service members find work.

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Municipal responses to COVID in 2020

■ Event cancellations, online meetings continue

By Hannah Ball

As the threat of the coronavirus grew early in 2020, local municipalities took cues from Genesee County and the state of Michigan in order to properly respond to the virus. This includes closed municipal offices, Zoom meetings and more.

March

Around March 16, local municipalities announced the cancellation of in-person meetings and the closure of municipal buildings. Public meetings were moved to online. Local leaders urged people to pay bills or send in other documents via U.S. Mail or by use of the drop-box. On March 16, Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn declared a state of emergency within the city of Fenton

due to COVID-19 concerns. Late this year, they passed a resolution urging residents to wear masks.

Local leaders in Fenton, Linden and the village of Holly also announced the closure of parks.

In late March, the Times reported that local police departments changed some operations to prevent the spread of the virus. This included screening people for flu-like symptoms before they came into the police department, suspending fingerprinting, and more.

May

Local municipalities discussed adopting a COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan for staff and elected officials to follow to promote the health safety and general welfare of its employees and public offices in order to reduce the impact of COVID-19 infections at

the workplace. This was required for municipalities under Michigan Executive Order 2020-77.

June and July

Many municipal offices installed hand sanitizers and glass barriers at offices. Most summer events, such as Fourth of July festivities, Applefest, Memorial Day parades and more, were canceled. Fenton held virtual Freedom Festival activities for the parade, run and decoration competitions.

July

Downtown Development Authorities and the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce developed plans to help businesses that have been hurt by the COVID-19 pandemic and shutdowns. Called the Fenton + Linden Safe, Strong, Supportive Campaign, it

included shopping local campaigns, giving out signs about wearing masks and more.

The village of Holly held a Fourth of July parade and a Memorial Day event.

August

Beginning Thursday, Aug. 20, retailers and restaurants in downtown Fenton were allowed to expand their dining or retail space outdoors for expected extra business, called the Fenton Street Experience. The city closed certain downtown streets on Thursday and Friday evenings.

In late August, Taste in Fenton became the Traveling Taste in Fenton this year. Restaurants set up tents outside and attendees walked around downtown Fenton and visited other locations in the city and in Fenton Township to participate in the event.

September

Linden announced that Ladies Night Out will be canceled in 2020.

October

Holly announced the cancellation of Dickens Fest. Local leaders released statements urging parents to be safe if they took their children trick-or-treating.

November

Linden announced the cancellation of winter events, including Fire and Ice, and the Linden Christmas Parade and fireworks. Fenton Ladies Night was held Friday, Nov. 13. Ladies Night Out in Holly was a two-day event.

To help local businesses survive the COVID-19 pandemic and shutdowns, the Holly DDA launched a new campaign, along with the Holly Area Chamber, called "Holly for the Holidays" that will run through the end of the year.

December

On Thursday, Dec. 17, Fenton police officers delivered baskets of presents to 25 kids in 17 families in the community for Shop With a Cop. They did not shop in person with kids this year due to the pandemic.

Online Zoom meetings continue at local municipalities going into 2021.

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School changes due to COVID in 2020

■Canceled homecomings, outdoor and drive-by graduation ceremonies

By Hannah Ball

School districts, teachers and students have had a tumultuous year full of closings, Zoom classes and uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The changes began in March.

March

On March 11, local school districts announced limited after-school activities and shortened their days. They were preparing to implement a remote teaching plan. Around this time, the U.S. had about 1,000 COVID-19 cases and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) was discouraging large gatherings for the time being.

On March 12, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced all Michigan K-12 school districts will be closed in-person from Monday, March 16 through Sunday, April 5. At its March 18 meeting, the Linden Board of Education decided to move the vote on the \$55-million bond proposal from the May 5 election to the Aug. 4 election due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Voters ultimately approved the bond in November.

May

With the 2019-2020 school year coming to a close with virtual learning, schools had modified graduation ceremonies with social distancing and masks. They did not hold large in-door graduation ceremonies with bleachers full of family members.

On May 26, Lake Fenton schools organized a drive-through "COVID-19 clap out" for graduates as an alternative for the regular clap out. On Sunday, May 31, approximately 250 Fenton High School graduating seniors walked through the Freedom Center parking lot for an outdoor graduation ceremony.

June

On June 13, the Holly community packed downtown streets to honor the Holly High School Class of 2020 with

a graduation parade, culminating with 253 graduating seniors receiving their diplomas in a drive-through fashion.

On Monday, June 15, the 205 Linden High School graduates were able to get their belongings from their lockers, return textbooks, pick up Project Graduation bags, and take photos with their diplomas and more.

August

School districts discussed how to reopen in the fall and worked on their COVID-19 reopening plan in accordance with Michigan and Genesee County guidelines. The School Boards of Education developed reopening plans, and some had to push back their plans to reopen in-person. The four school districts had both virtual and in-person learning options for parents and students.

St. John School in Fenton was the first to open in-person on Tuesday, Aug. 25.

September and October

More students returned to school for in-person learning with COVID guidelines in place. School districts had different reopening plans, including wearing masks, changing class sizes and having hybrid classes of students in class with others learning from home.

Schools announced they will not hold Homecoming this year, however, some districts still did their homecoming courts.

November

Starting Nov. 18, high school students were not allowed to learn in-person due to an emergency order by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services following a rise in COVID cases. This was a three-week order. Many school districts, like Fenton Area Public Schools, made the decision to also have middle school students learn remotely.

December

High school students continued to learn from home. Some school districts finished their semesters and prepared for 2021.

A year of challenges

■Area municipalities highlight successes and tasks of 2020

By Sharon Stone

While the world copes with the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, our local leaders and municipalities have been staying busy with local projects.

Fenton Township

Fenton Township entered the new decade on the upswing, as new housing construction had been steadily increasing for several years and the township seemed primed for a period of sustained growth and progress. The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, however, brought everything to a screeching halt while we, along with the rest of the world, struggled with the myriad of challenges brought on by the health crisis.

In addition to office upgrades to improve safety for the staff and the public, the township also faced the task of conducting two large-scale elections during the pandemic. A great deal of time and money was invested in additional equipment and supplies to ensure voters could go to the polls safely. Many voters took advantage of changes to Michigan Election Law to vote by absentee ballot, resulting in the

highest volume of absentee voters ever. The November election total turnout of just under 80 percent was also a high water mark for Fenton Township.

Building activity resumed during the summer and remained strong through the end of the year. As we look forward to 2021, the whole world awaits the COVID-19 vaccine so life can return to normal. Fenton Township expects the housing construction numbers to remain strong to meet demand. We also anticipate more commercial and industrial development along the Thompson Road corridor and the township will continue to look for funding opportunities and recreational partners to develop the remainder of the planned multi-use park to complement the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park.

*Tom Broecker,
Operations manager/deputy clerk*

Holly Village

This past year of 2020 has been a year like none other. While the year started off as normal, just a few months in the pandemic struck. The middle of March, like other municipalities, our offices were open to the public by appointment only. All other operations of the village continued as normal. However, due to the impact of COVID on our local restaurant and bars, the

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Synopsis of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting December 21, 2020

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Saad.

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

Approved: Minutes of the November 23, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and November 25, 2020 Special Meeting.

Approved: Budget Amendments.

Approved: Payment of expenditures.

Approved: Agreement of Summer Tax Collection for Linden Schools.

Approved: Agreement of Summer Tax Collection for GISD.

Accepted: Quote for Dell computer in the amount of \$940.51.

Adopted: Resolution 2020-15 Interlocal Agreement for Assessor.

Adopted: Resolution 2020-16 Local Governing Body to allow charitable gaming.

Adjourned @ 7:58 p.m.

Submitted by Joseph Graves
Argentine Township Clerk

LOCAL DEATHS

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Township. Thomas was operating a gravel hauler southbound on Dixie Highway when a 2016 GMC Acadia, driven by a 66-year-old Springfield Township man, pulled off a side street and in front of Thomas' gravel hauler.

On Saturday, Jan. 25, **Raymond Frederick Luchenbill Jr.**, 71, of Burton, was killed on impact in a single vehicle crash on Linden Road in Fenton Township.

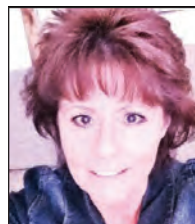
Chris Hamilton, executive director of the Old Newsboys of Flint, died Saturday, March 1 at the age of 73. He was an active member of the Linden Presbyterian Church,

and a member of the Lincoln Park United Methodist Church. He graduated from Linden High School in 1964. He became the executive director of The Old Newsboys in 2008, which has been providing clothing and toys for hundreds of thousands of Flint-area children at Christmastime since 1924.

Tamara Clark-Dunn, a Tyrone Township woman and 1978 graduate of Fenton High School died March 5 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, as well as her 29-year-old daughter, Annie (Clark) Scott, died following a domestic violence situation in Colorado Springs, Colorado, according to the Colorado Springs Police Department.



Raymond Luchenbill Jr.



Tamara Clark-Dunn



Annie Scott



Chris Hamilton



Calvin Rapson

Calvin (Cal) Rapson, 75, of Swartz Creek, formerly of Fenton, died Tuesday, April 14. Rapson worked for the United Autos Workers (UAW) as the vice president with more than 40 years of service. The Fenton High School Alumni Association (FHSAA) Operating Board inducted Rapson to the FHSAA Hall of Fame in 2012.

David Lee Holmes, 49, of Gaines Township, was found deceased in his home on Monday, April 20. Six individuals were charged in connection to his shooting death.

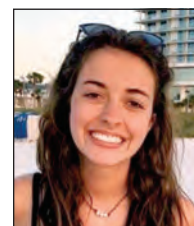
On Sunday, May 24, **Lexi Simon**, 17, of Fenton was killed in a personal watercraft (PWC) accident on Lake Fenton. Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson said, "It was a pure accident." A Celebration of Lexi's Life was held on Saturday, May 30 at The Rock Church.

Max G. Lutz, 72, of Fenton Township, drowned in Lake Fenton on Friday, June 26. He retired from General Motors in 2008 after 31 years. He was a devoted family man and loved spending time with his grandchildren. He enjoyed being outdoors including fishing, boating and golfing.

Gregory Wikaryasz Jr., 41, of Milford, was struck in the roadway of U.S. 23 near



David Lee Holmes



Lexi Simon



Max Lutz



Gregory Wikaryasz Jr.

Crouse Road just before 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 7. The Livingston County Sheriff's Office said Wikaryasz had exited his vehicle and was struck by a 2005 Kenworth semi in the southbound lane.

Ralph Roberts, 63, of Argentine Township, drowned in McKane Lake in Argentine Township on Sunday, July 26. Argentine Township police said Roberts reportedly jumped in the water and did not resurface.

Kent Barnes, a former Holly Area Schools superintendent and active community member died unexpectedly Wednesday, Aug. 12 at the age of 69. Barnes retired from his role as superintendent in 2012 but stayed active in the Holly area. He had been a superintendent for 19 years, 14 of those years in Holly.

Rodney Leonard Rukkila, 33, of Fenton was one of two people killed in a double fatal traffic crash in Tyrone Township on Aug. 14.

Kenneth Seger died Saturday, Dec. 12 at the age of 84. He will be remembered for doing so much for Fenton, along with his wife, Donna. In addition to retiring from GM Fisher Body after 30 years, he also was the volunteer curator of Fenton's A.J. Phillips Museum for 38 years before stepping down in 2017.



Ralph Roberts



Kent Barnes



Rodney Rukkila



Ken Seger

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Midweek Sudoku

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Horoscopes

For the week of
December 21, 2020

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Someone could be extremely generous to you soon, Aries. It may be out of the goodness of his or her heart, or it may be because of a guilty conscience. You may never know.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Avoid power struggles at work or even among your circle of friends, Taurus. It is not worth the trouble to get involved, and things will calm down soon. Keep your distance.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, this week may be well suited to contemplation about certain decisions that have been on your mind. Find a quiet place and put all of the puzzle pieces together.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, if you feel like you are ready to make a difference in someone's life, then be honest about what you can take on. You may need a little help along the way.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, if you need someone to motivate you, seek out a trustworthy friend with your best interests in mind. A qualified mentor might be the way to go.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, sometimes a daily routine can land you in a rut. This is the time to change things up a bit. Mix up your regular schedule by trying a new activity or taking a trip.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Rough patches will quickly smooth over if you don't fret about them, Libra. Just have a little patience and everything will work out for the best.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Right now stability means much more to you than taking risks. Stick with those people who support you, and don't worry about sitting on the sidelines for a bit.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you may not realize it, but you have been slowly pulling back from those around you for some time now. Make a concerted effort to focus on important relationships.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

A healthy hobby like exercise can be just what you need at the moment, Capricorn. Slowly increase your workout frequency and take a friend along for the ride.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, try to be artistic this week. Don't worry, you don't have to create a masterpiece. Working on creative projects can be a form of meditation and help alleviate stress.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

You are open to change more so than other people you know, Pisces. It's a good thing, because last-minute changes are coming.

**Mark McCabe**

67th District Court

Ask the

judge

Operating under the influence of marijuana – Part I

An important function of our courts is to interpret statutes so that everybody is informed as to what they mean and the law requires.

Recently, the Michigan Court of Appeals was called upon to interpret a provision of the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act (MMMA) as to when driving a motor vehicle after using marijuana is prohibited.

By way of a very brief history, it

should be noted that the MMMA was a citizens' initiative petition, which was approved by the voters in November 2008 and which became effective Dec. 4, 2008.

It allows a limited class of individuals the medical use of marijuana with its stated purpose being an "effort for the health and welfare of Michigan citizens."

Among its many provisions is a section granting qualifying patients broad immunity from criminal prosecution for specific acts relating to the use or possession of medical marijuana.

There is another section which prohibits a number of specific acts that negate immunity including prohibiting a person from operating,

navigating, or being in actual physical control of any motor vehicle "while under the influence" of marijuana.

This quoted language mirrors that found in another statute, (the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code), which prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (OWI).

No one has ever disputed that the Motor Vehicle Code applies to driving under the influence of marijuana, but an unanswered question has been about situations where a qualifying patient was "operating while visibly impaired" from the use of marijuana (OWVI) which is a lesser offense.

Therefore the specific question is does the language of the MMMA

allow an "impaired driving" prosecution when it only refers to driving "while under the influence of marijuana" as being prohibited?

This was the question presented to the Michigan Court of Appeals in *People v Dupre*.

In *Dupre*, the defendant was a qualifying patient who had pleaded no contest to OWVI with the agreement that he could appeal the conviction for a determination of this issue.

He argued that because of the MMMA's limiting language, OWVI was an immune act and as a matter of law only an OWI prosecution could be allowed.

Not surprisingly the state took the opposite position.

Next week - Part II - The Decision.

CHALLENGES

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village council upon recommendation of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) authorized the conversion of Battle Alley St. to a pedestrian corridor. As part of the transition, the DDA purchased decorative metal bollards instead of street barricades along with metal table and chairs. In essence, Battle Alley has become a place where downtown restaurants can provide carryout food and then direct patrons to Battle Alley to eat. This conversion has become very popular for all involved.

Other projects and additions for this

past year include continued renovation of Water Works Park where the dilapidated building was removed and replaced with a viewing deck overlooking the Shiawassee River. Timing of this improvement went hand in hand with the Shiawassee being named a National River Trail as the river is frequented by beginner and advanced kayakers. The village also saw change as new community policing initiatives were put into place by the recently appointed Police Chief Jerry Narsh and officers. The village council also received "new blood" as three new council members were elected in November.

2021 looks to be a promising year as we look forward to coming out of the pandemic and we trust our businesses will be stronger than ever. The pandemic has forced all of us to be more creative and we will carry our lessons into the new year as we bounce back.

Jerry Walker

Holly Village manager

Linden City

This year, 2020 has definitely been one for the books. It brought its fair share of challenges but it also brought many positives. I witnessed our staff, community and businesses adapt and handle the uncertainty with outstanding resiliency. Recreational activity increased significantly in our parks, millpond area, and the new LAFF Pathway.

This past spring, brought the completion of Dr. Wax's Union Block Development that is now home to her practice and shortly after the new year, we will welcome UB Station Cafe,

and Positively Pediatrics. We also welcomed Bad Donkey BBQ and West Sky Wellness Center to our downtown.

Overall, new residential construction increased. Our city council and staff participated in strategic planning sessions to reevaluate the community needs and goals and establish new short/long term goals.

Even though most of our 2020 events were canceled, we still found ways to celebrate. Our fire department and police department brought much joy to little ones this year with their drive-by birthday celebrations and just last week along with DPW escorted Santa and Mrs. Claus throughout town.

2021 is the city's sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary and we are still hoping to pull off some creative ways to celebrate the milestone.

The challenges of the pandemic are far from over but we are hopeful for the year to come!

Ellen Glass

Linden City manager

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CHILD ABUSE

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was denied. His next court appearance is Jan. 4, 2021 for a probable cause conference.

Charges stem from a Michigan State Police Metro North Post investigation involving the death of a 3-year-old girl in Groveland Township on Saturday, Dec. 19. Police have not released the name of

the girl, however, wxyz.com reported that family members identified her as Trinity Chandler.

On Dec. 20, MSP reported that Special Investigation Section detectives were looking into the death of a 3-year-old girl. Detectives said their investigation was in the early stages and a cause of death has not been confirmed.

This story will be updated as more information becomes available from MSP.

Christmas arrives early

■ Holly Police Department brings Christmas joy to local children

By Sharon Stone

The Holly Police Department's "Shop with a Hero" Program was in full swing Monday night, Dec. 14, bringing Christmas joy to one family at a time.

COVID couldn't stop Santa from visiting Holly boys and girls with the help of many Holly Hometown Heroes who donated to ensure everyone has a blessed and Merry Christmas.

To meet health restrictions, officer Heather Wolkow met with each family individually and ordered toys they chose for Christmas on the Santa web. On Monday night, Santa delivered those toys in style (masks and distancing in place — removed for pictures only).

The men and women of the Holly Police Department said they were honored to simply offer a helping hand and consider this their favorite



Working with the Holly Police Department, Santa was able to provide gifts to several Holly boys and girls.



The Holly Police Department and Santa take part in the Shop with a Hero program every year. Submitted photos

day of the year.

"We wish all of our Holly area children and their families a very Merry

Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year," said Holly Police Chief Jerry Narsh.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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A Food Pantry for Holly school district families is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please send money donations to First Baptist of Holly 15030 N. Holly Rd., Holly MI 48442, check payable to First Baptist Church of Holly, write FBC in notes. Please give generously.

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If there are more applicants to enroll in a specific grade than there are spaces available, students shall be selected using a public lottery process.

The lottery, if necessary, is scheduled to occur on Friday, March 19, 2021 at 9:00am.

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COURT CASES

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is the statutory maximum sentence. Akl also was sentenced to a mandatory two years for felony firearm.



Neil Billington

Neil Billington

Neil Bruce Billington, 72, of Holly was arraigned, Feb. 1 in Oakland County 52-2 District Court on one count of malicious use of telecommunication device. He was arrested

for making threats to Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson the previous week. The investigation revealed that Billington, made threats on her voicemail and then spoke to a person in her office and made similar threats. Billington is on probation until Feb. 25, 2021 and a review hearing is set for April 26, 2021.



David Conatser

David Conatser

David Michael Conatser, 39, of Redford was bound over to Genesee County Circuit Court for a jury trial. He has a status conference in circuit court

Jan. 6, 2021.

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

Conatser allegedly led Fenton police, as well as Michigan State Police troopers and Livingston County Sheriff's deputies, on a long police chase until Conatser pulled the truck over on I-96 near Wixom. Conatser posted bond and was released. His wife was not charged.

Joseph Frappier

Joseph Frappier, 49, was sentenced to 15 to 40 years in prison. This came after the former youth baseball coach from Hartland Township and Linden graduate pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual assault involving young males in Livingston County Circuit Court on



Joseph Frappier

Thursday, Aug. 6.

Frappier was arrested in November 2019 by the Livingston County Sheriff's Office and charged with 10 counts of various degrees of criminal sexual conduct and one count of furnishing alcohol to a minor. His earliest release date from prison is November 2034.



Rex Gomoll

Rex Gomoll

Rex Howard Gomoll, 68, of Argentine Township, was charged with assault and battery May 6 in Oakland County. The charge came after

Holly police located and arrested him May 4 for allegedly assaulting a store clerk on May 2.

Holly Police Chief Jerry Narsh said Gomoll was arrested for wiping his nose and face on the shirt of a store clerk after she told him he needed to have a face mask on inside the store. Signs stating the store's police were on the entrance doors.

Surveillance video shared on social media led Holly police, working with Argentine Township police, spoke with Gomoll at his home, where he admitted to police that he was the man in the video and that he did make the reported statement and wipe his face on the clerk's clothing.

Gomoll was placed on home confinement.

Robert Langdon

Robert Allen Langdon, 53 of Fenton Township, was charged with possession of child sexually abusive materials and using a computer to commit a crime on Dec. 20, 2019. Langdon turned himself in following an investigation in which digital evidence was seized from his home. After a plea deal, on Dec. 12, he was sentenced to five years probation in Genesee County Circuit Court.

Jeremy McCallum

Jeremy McCallum, 44, of Holly is due back in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan (Detroit) on Jan. 8,



Jeremy McCallum

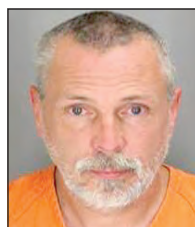
2021 at 1 p.m. for a preliminary exam. He is charged with production and possession of child pornography and could face up to life in prison.

In a related case, McCallum also is facing 88 counts of producing and possession of child pornography, as well as extortion in Genesee County Circuit Court. A status conference has been scheduled for Jan. 8, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. McCallum remains in federal custody.

The federal criminal complaint alleges the crimes occurred over a 20-year span, from January 2000 to Feb. 1, 2020.

McCallum's cases began Friday, Jan. 31 at 7:10 p.m., when MSP troopers were dispatched to the 11000 block of N. Holly Road for a runaway complaint. When contacted, the juvenile runaway reported that he found pornographic materials involving children on his dad's tablet.

MSP troopers went to the Holly Village Park home in Holly Village where the juvenile lived and made contact with his father, McCallum. A search warrant was drafted and signed by an on-duty magistrate. The search warrant was executed and large amounts of evidence was located, including sexual materials involving children.



Vincent Merrill

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Vincent Merrill, 50, of Springfield Township, was charged with one count of first-degree homicide and one count of felony firearm in Oakland County.

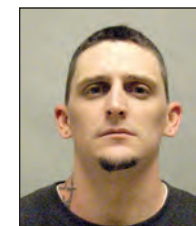
Bond was denied. Merrill's next court date has been set for Jan. 15, 2021 at 8:45 a.m. at 52-2 District Court.

Merrill's case goes back to Sept. 3 when the Oakland County Operations Center received a 911 call from a caller, later identified as Merrill, who stated, "I just killed my girlfriend" and then hung up the phone. The victim has been identified as Vicki Diane Fortin.

Oakland County Undersheriff Mike McCabe said deputies responded to the scene in Springfield Township

and found a 50-year-old man, Merrill, standing in the driveway outside the residence. Merrill told the responding deputy, "I shot her. I killed her."

A .380 semi-automatic handgun, which is believed to be the weapon used in the homicide, was found on a table in the basement. Merrill remains lodged at the Oakland County Jail.



Michael Nester

Michael Nester

Michael Paul Nester, 33, of Hartland Township, was charged with third-degree arson and malicious destruction of property for

suspicious fire and property damage that occurred Sept. 8 in Hartland Township.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Nester has been convicted on numerous charges since 2015, including larceny in a building, breaking and entering, fleeing and eluding police, auto theft and receiving and concealing stolen property. He is currently on probation.

Jared Newman

Jared Mikael Newman, 26, formerly of Fenton Township, was arraigned Sept. 15 in Genesee County 67th District Court on five counts of possessing child sexually abusive material and five counts of using a computer to commit the crime. Personal bond of \$15,000 was set on each count.

The Michigan State Police (MSP) Computer Crimes Unit, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force announced that Newman surrendered himself to the court following an investigation.

A probable cause conference has been scheduled for Jan. 27, 2021.



Damire Palmer

Damire Palmer

Damire Canell Palmer, 18, of Mt. Morris Township, was sentenced to 24 months of probation and restitution of \$2,542 on Sept. 4.

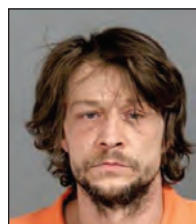
He was facing one count of assault with intent to do great

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bodily harm, a 10-year felony. Through a plea agreement, Palmer pleaded guilty to assaulting a 50-year-old manager working in the men's clothing department at Macy's department store at Genesee Valley Mall in Flint Township on June 15.

The assault was caught on store surveillance video as well as a cellphone video made by Palmer's brother, which went viral after he shared it on social media.

"This was an unprovoked attack on a Macy's employee," Leyton said in July upon Palmer's arrest. "This behavior as seen on the video is unacceptable, it is criminal, and it cannot be allowed."



Rollo Pickens

Rollo Pickens

Rollo Pickens, 40, of Flint has been charged with armed robbery, firearms and carrying a concealed weapon. He was lodged in the Genesee County Jail on

\$45,000 cash/surety bond.

These charges stem from an armed robbery in Fenton City on Thursday, Dec. 3. The victim gave the suspect his wallet and the suspect ran northbound toward Silver Lake Road. Law enforcement from Linden, Genesee County and the Michigan State Police with their K9 unit assisted but the agencies did not find the suspect.

Approximately 15 to 20 minutes later, the 40-year-old male suspect entered a Check 'n Go in Grand Blanc. Fenton police received a call and the 40-year-old suspect was apprehended at the business. Grand Blanc police found the 33-year-old Fenton man's wallet in his pocket.

Pickens also is facing charges from the Grand Blanc City Police Department and Metro Police Authority. Pickens is expected back in district court Feb. 4, 2021 for probable cause conference.

Mark Pierce

A 26-year-old Holt man's case has been bound over to Genesee County Circuit Court.

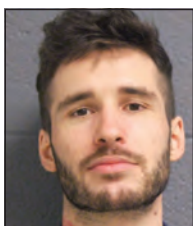
Mark Anthony Pierce was arrested by the Livingston County Sheriff's Office in the early morning hours of



Mark Anthony Pierce

were dispatched to the store at 3:15 a.m. on May 2 for a burglar alarm. Police also received a call from Target's security team that monitors all of the Target camera systems.

On Oct. 23, Pierce pleaded guilty to an amended charge of attempted breaking and entering and was sentenced to 16 days in the Genesee County Jail.



Joe Rundell

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Joel Rundell, 32, of Fenton Township, was arraigned on two counts of larceny and two counts of home invasion in Fenton Township.

He is being held at the Genesee County Jail with a \$15,000 bond and a State of Michigan parole hold.

Rundell admitted responsibility for the larcenies, according to the sheriff's office. Rundell was observed on video surveillance committing the crimes. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Jan. 7, 2021.



Stephen Shipps

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An indictment has been filed against a former University of Michigan professor for two counts of transporting a minor girl (now 34 years old) across state lines with the intent to engage in sexual conduct, announced United States Attorney Matthew Schneider.

Charged was Stephen Shipps, 67, of Ann Arbor, Michigan. From 1989 to 2019, Shipps was employed by the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre, and Dance as a violin professor. He retired from the

university in February 2019.

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

If convicted of both counts, Shipps faces a statutory maximum penalty of 15 years in federal prison. A jury trial is scheduled for March 23, 2021.



Kquazay Vinson

Kquazay Vinson and Jamone Carter

Two of three suspects believed to be involved with the Jan. 13 break-in of the Target store on Owen Road in

Fenton will be back in Genesee County 67th District Court Dec. 22 at 8:30 a.m. for their review hearings.

Kquazay Duane Vinson, 18, of Grand Rapids was charged with one

count of breaking and entering of a building with intent to steal. Jamone Dalmontae Carter, 18, of Grand Rapids was charged with resisting an officer, fleeing and eluding and burglary-forced entry. A third suspect is a 17-year-old Grand Rapids

resident. Since he was a juvenile, Livingston and Genesee counties will be petitioning Kent County, his place of residence.

Genesee County Dispatch was alerted to the break-in

and fleeing vehicle and multiple police agencies in Genesee County responded in an attempt to stop the vehicle. The car traveled 29 miles north and exited the highway at Vienna Road. It reentered the highway traveling southbound back through the Fenton area.

The three males were eventually apprehended in Livingston County.



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Beer Fest in a Bag raises \$3,390 for FARR

Bottles, Brews & News Beer Fest in a Bag, a first-of-its-kind event, was a success raising \$3,390 for Fenton Area Resources and Referral Network, Inc. (FARR).

"We are so pleased that some out-of-the-box (but in the bag) thinking resulted in an event that was fun for community members and raised money for a great cause," said Emily Caswell, brand manager at View Newspaper Group, publisher of Tri-County Times and host of Bottles, Brews & News.

Bottles, Brews & News, a craft beer and wine fest, was hosted outside in downtown Fenton's Rackham Park last year and featured live music, food and fun for a sell-out crowd. When COVID-19 restrictions resulted in a cancelation of the second-annual event, the team at View Newspaper Group got to work on an alternative.

Beer Fest in a Bag was born and on Saturday, Nov. 21, about 300 ticket holders came to the parking lot of John's Pizzeria to collect their Beer Fest in a Bag in a safe drive-thru. The bag featured an



Pete Clinton, Michele Guerra and Emily Caswell from View Newspaper Group presented a check for \$3,390 to FARR Executive Director Dawn Placek on Tuesday, Dec. 22. FARR board members Carla Juarez and Shelly Day were also on hand for the donation.

assortment of beer and wine and other goodies, including souvenir glasses and pretzel necklaces so guests could host a mini beer and wine fest at home.

"This community is so great," Cas-

well said. "Spending the day outside and seeing all of the smiling faces — many through masks — collecting their bags was so much fun. The added bonus, of course, is that we were all

there for a great cause."

In just two years Bottles, Brews & News has raised \$9,390 for FARR. Formed in 1990 by community leaders, churches and civic organizations, FARR works with area residents in crisis in the Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden school districts. FARR assesses their basic needs (food, shelter, health) and identifies immediate and long-term objectives. FARR then coordinates with local partnering organizations to help address those needs and raise their level of self-sustainability.

Sponsors of this year's event include Genisys Credit Union, Sawyer Jewelers, Dort Financial Credit Union, Sharp Funeral Homes, Fischer, Franklin & Ford, Construction Solutions, Legacy Realty Professionals, ELGA Credit Union, J.P. O'Sullivan and John's Pizzeria.

"A huge thank you to our sponsors, volunteers and all who attended the event," Caswell said. "We are so hopeful that next year we can all be back in Rackham park toasting to an even bigger and better Bottles, Brews & News."

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SNOW DAYS

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"There are numerous factors to consider when making the decision to cancel school. We will assess each factor as we would in a normal school year and make decisions based on the safety of staff and students along with the ability to provide a quality educational experience during the day."

Scott Roper, Holly Area Schools superintendent



Scott Roper

"At Holly Area Schools, we are taking all measures to ensure the health and safety of our students, families and staff during the ongoing pandemic. Prior to the pandemic, we announced snow days when it was determined unsafe for our students to be transported to and from school due to local road conditions. We are still discussing how snow days might apply this winter, given our students are currently learning remotely. Any decision we make on this issue will be based on ensuring the safety of all students, families and employees during the winter months."

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HEARD PEOPLE ARE driving down

to Toledo and Columbus, Ohio to have dinner at restaurants. It is absurd that our health department (oops, governor), has indoor dining shut down. Let our hardworking people work and support their families.

I WISH I had taken a photo of Meijer's parking lot off Hill Road. It was full like a completely normal Christmas. Big business survives while small mom and pop restaurants are dying. Why are our 'leaders' doing this?

WHY CAN'T OUR governor be more like South Dakota's governor? Kristi Noem is so much smarter and actually

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LOVE IT, LOVE it. Turns out many bar and restaurant owners in New York City are going to permanently ban Bill DeBlasio and Andrew Cuomo from dining in their establishments. That is awesome.

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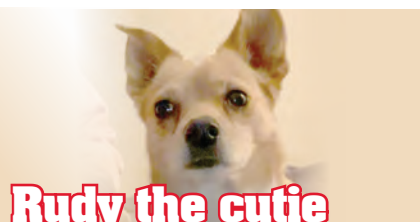
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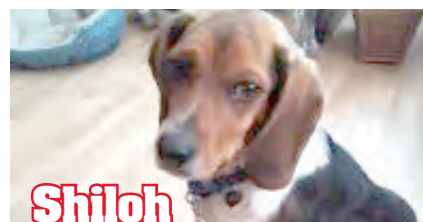
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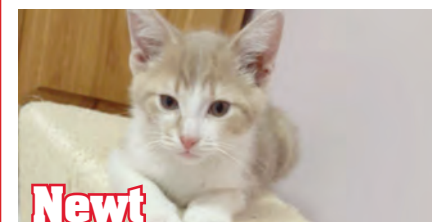
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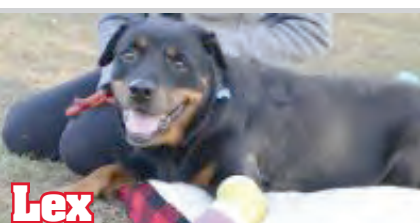
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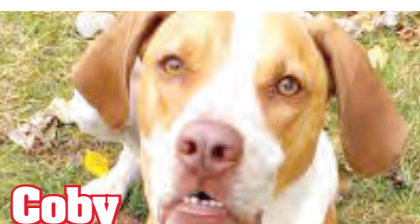
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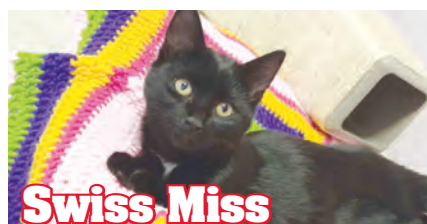
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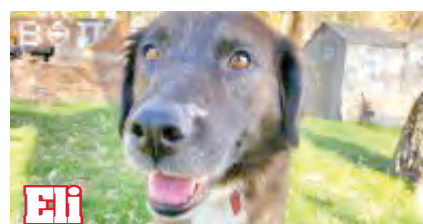
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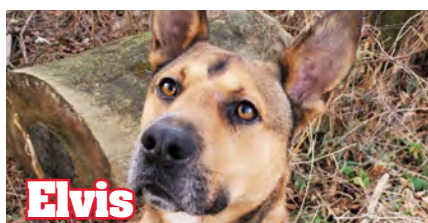
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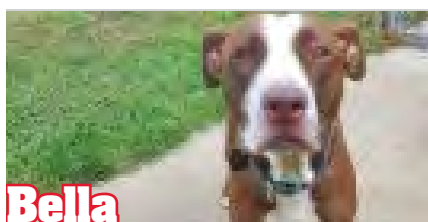
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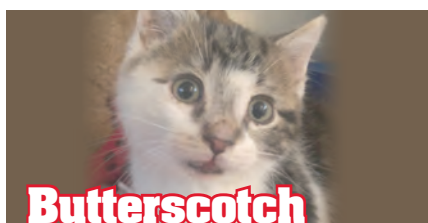
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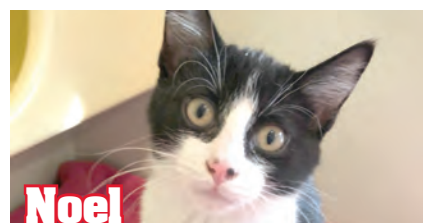


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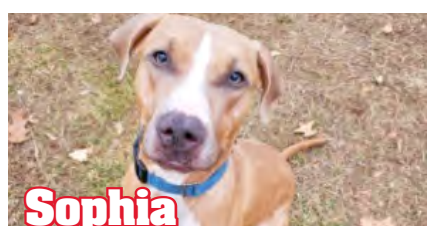
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LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

— 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, Dec. 18.

On Thursday, Dec. 17, the House was in past midnight, so this report does not include its votes for that day. A brief supplement be published next Tuesday.

Senate Bill 1253: Limit state health department epidemic orders without legislative approval

To restrict emergency orders issued by state Department of Health and Human Services in response to an epidemic to 28 days unless an extension is approved by the legislature.

Passed 22 to 16 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)	YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)	YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	YES

House Bill 5679: Remove retroactive restrictions from sex offender registry law and more

To revise the state's public sexual offender registry law in response to a court ruling that banned enforcing new registrations, restrictions and requirements on individual registrants if these were not in force when the individual was required to register. The bill also adds some new restrictions and requirements.

Passed 21 to 17 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)	YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)	YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	YES

House Bill 6190: Extend public swimming pool regulations to private 'learn to swim' facilities

To impose the same state regulations that apply to a "public swimming pool" to private "learn to swim facilities," defined as a swimming pool used primarily for a member-based swim instruction business.

Passed 37 to 1 in the Senate

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

House Bill 4042: Authorize interstate nurse licensure compact

To authorize Michigan's participation in an interstate nurses licensure compact that would allow registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical/vocational nurses (LPNs/VNs) to get a multi-state license that is good in all states that join the compact.

Passed 21 to 17 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)	YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)	YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	YES

House Bill 4187: Expand data breach response requirements

To establish detailed rules for personal information data breaches that create a substantial risk of identity theft or fraud, including notice requirements, reporting requirements, guidelines, penalties and more for businesses, associations and state agencies.

Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate

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

House Bill 5856: Repeal minimum sentences in various laws

To eliminate mandatory minimum sentences for many violations of the state's environmental protection laws. This is part of a legislative criminal law reform package that makes similar changes in other laws.

Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate

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

Sibling duo passes wrench to new owner

■ Barb Bishop and brother Dave Gilles retire, Brad Brokaw buys Auto-Lab Complete Car Care Centers

By Sharon Stone

It was time.

Dave Gilles, 66, of Brighton, and his sister, Barb (Gilles) Bishop, 62, of Fenton, are retiring. The brother/sister duo have been business partners at Auto-Lab Complete Car Care Centers of Fenton since 2005.

While they both worked together on the administrative side of Auto-Lab, they each had their own areas of specialty.

Brad Brokaw recently purchased the franchise business and Gilles and Bishop are in the process of training him with everything he needs to know about the Fenton business and their valued customers.

Brokaw, 51, is originally from the New York City area. Currently, he's moving from a small lake town called Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, to Fenton. He said the towns are quite similar. He and his daughter, ShaiAnne, 20, arrived to the area just a few weeks ago. He's been married to Katharine (Kitty) for nearly 24 years and they have an 18-year-old son, Brayden.

They have three Labrador Retrievers: two yellow labs, Brodie and Madison and 3-year-old black lab puppy, Bina that they adopted from the Aramco security service as an "almost" bomb-sniffing dog.

Brokaw said his family just returned stateside from over a decade working in the Middle East for Saudi Aramco. "We had wonderful adventure working and playing in countries like Saudi Arabia,

Bahrain (where we still have a place), the UAE and even Egypt," he said. "Before heading into corporate communications, I had the privilege of being a television journalist for over 15 Years."

He said the opportunity to work with Gilles and Bishop just kind of came to them out of the blue and his whole family believes that everything happens for a reason.

Brokaw said Gilles and Bishop have put their heart and soul into that business, willing it into one of the best stores in the entire Auto-Lab franchise family.

"It has been obvious to me how much the two of them will be missed by their multitude of clients and customers who have become such good friends over the years," he said. "Barb and Dave really are a Fenton institution and the entire Brokaw family knows that we have very big shoes to fill."

When asked what he wants Auto-Lab's valued customers to know about him, he said, "A simple three sentence maxim has always served Kitty and me throughout life: 1. Do it right the first time. 2. Do it for the customer. 3. Always do the right thing. We are striving to keep the high quality, fair priced, personal customer service that Barb and Dave have made their staple over the past 15 plus years."

He said he will not be making any changes with the successful business. "We are thrilled that all four of the auto technicians will be staying on to help us



The new owners of Auto-Lab Complete Car Care Centers of Fenton, (from left) Kitty and Brad Brokaw with retiring owners Dave Gilles and Barb Bishop.

Submitted photo

continue to serve our large client base. Scott, Mike, Rod and Luke have really helped ShaiAnne and me (along with Barb and Dave of course) make the ownership transition as smooth as possible.

Katherine Villeneuve, director of marketing and store support for Auto-Lab Complete Car Care Centers, said, "Barb Bishop and Dave Gilles have built a successful business that has been part of the Fenton community for 15 years. They have been an integrated piece of the community by giving back and sponsoring various organizations and have been active members in the Fenton BNI group.

"We wish them well in their retirement and thank them for the hard work and dedication."

"Auto-Lab Complete Car Care Centers of Fenton will continue to serve the community under the ownership and leadership of Brad Brokaw. We are excited to keep the Auto-Lab Complete Car Care Centers brand name in Fenton and want the residents of the community to know that they can expect the same great service that they've received over the past 15 years."

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The Fenton varsity girls swim team celebrates its Metro League title at the Metro League meet. The swimmers returned to practice Monday and Tuesday only to find out the season was suspended again Tuesday night. Photo provided

Fenton swimmers start practices, but must wait again

By David Troppens

The MHSAA's girls swimming and diving season has been a series of ups and downs during this year's COVID-19 reality.

On Monday, Fenton's varsity girls swim team was thinking they were finally hitting their final high point when they returned to the pool to practice to prepare for the D2 state swim meet. Just days earlier, the event was resched-

uled for Jan. 15 and 16 due to changes from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's "pause" enabling the MHSAA to finish the fall sports season.

But another low was reached on Tuesday when the MHSAA adjusted its schedule, which will result in a delay to when these events can be completed.

Due to administration reasons, the MHSAA told schools Tuesday evening that practices had to end immediately af-

ter receiving the full details and requirements for the pilot rapid testing program being provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDDHS).

Fortunately, these shouldn't be a long delay. Due to these changes, dates for the resumption of the fall sports seasons that were released days ago will have to be moved back as well.

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Sports Times

Weeder jumps to the front of our volleyball squad

By David Troppens

Paige Weeder hasn't ever been the most vocal player on the Holly varsity volleyball team during her four seasons with the squad.

She's one of those players that allows her play to do the talking for her.

The four-year varsity performer with the Bronchos has rarely left the court during her career, and has always been a constant presence during whatever volleyball event was going on at Holly. It's this type of consistent work that has made her, perhaps, the Bronchos' most diverse player on the squad during her senior year.

If Holly needed a kill, she could get it. If a big dig was needed she could dig it as well. And when the team needed a big serve, well, she was one of the team's most deadly servers as well.

Her efforts helped elevate the Holly volleyball program to levels it hasn't seen in Metro League history, helping lead the team to back-to-back Metro League Stripes Division titles. This year the squad made school

history by recording their first-ever undefeated league crown.

Her efforts have earned her some individual success. Already a First-Team All-Metro selection and an All-Region pick, she's collecting another honor right now. She's our 2020 Tri-County Volleyball Player of the Year.

"Paige's work ethic is one of the best I've seen in an athlete," Holly varsity volleyball coach Deena Maher said. "There is such a determination in her. Paige always has something that she's working on. She might never vocalize what it is, but you can always tell that she's working to incorporate

something new into her game or improve herself in some way.

"She shows up for everything. For all of her high school career she has been the one to show up for every event, practice, conditioning, camps and middle school practices. I could always count on her always being there."

There may be a reason for her presence. While she loves the sport of volleyball, she's been a part of a bonded senior class that have been together for four seasons. Along with her other teammates, it's created a bond she embraces.

"My time on the Holly var-

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2020 TRI-COUNTY VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Volleyball MVP

Paige Weeder

Grade

Senior

Pos

Outside Hitter

School

Holly

Comment: Weeder was an All-Regional and First-Team All-Metro selection this fall. She led the Bronchos with 267 kills and 87 aces. She also had 219 digs and 19 total blocks.

Rest of first team

Name

Kennedy Hogan

Sydney Sahr

Bella Henson

School

Holly

Fenton

Fenton

Name

Nicole Jewell

Sarah Jewell

Maddy Shier

School

Holly

Holly

Linden

Note: The team, and Player of the Year, were selected by the sports staff.

Paige Weeder was one of Holly's four-year varsity players on the fall's league championship team. She led the team with 267 kills and 87 aces and was second on the team with 219 digs. She's our 2020 Tri-County Volleyball Player of the Year. Photo by Christopher Summers

Metro champs make up this portion of Dynamic Dozen

By David Troppens

How tough is it to get a high position on any of our Tri-County fall polls?

Today's installment of the next three teams on the 2020 Tri-County Dynamic Dozen List, our No. 7 through No. 9 squads, is a good sign. Each of them were Metro champions. In fact, all three were more than that. All of them were unbeaten Metro champs. Yet, these squads were only able to sneak in the bottom half of our top 12 poll. So if there are people that wonder why there are 12 teams or 10 teams in these polls each fall, that's why. Traditionally, our fall squads are pretty outstanding.

No. 9 - Holly boys tennis: The Broncos have traditionally been the dominant team in the Flint Metro League. However, in each of the last two seasons, Flushing has taken over the top spot from Holly, ending a run of five straight Metro crowns by the Broncos prior to those two years.

This season, the Broncos battled back. They defeated every Metro foe except for one, tying the defending

league champs by a 4-4 score. Against the rest of the league, the Broncos went 7-0 and won 48 of the 56 flight matches in those competition. Due to COVID-19, there wasn't the traditional Metro League meet at the end of the season.

In the postseason, the Broncos saw their tournament run end quickly losing in the district round. That is what keeps the Broncos from advancing further on this list.

No. 8 - Holly volleyball: The Holly varsity volleyball team made as much history as any other team in the tri-county area this fall. A year ago the Broncos won their first share of a Metro League championship since the 1993-94 season, tying the Flushing Raiders for the Flint Metro League's Stripes Division championship.

This fall, the Broncos took their recent greatness to an even higher level. Not only did Holly win its first-ever outright Metro League crown in school history, but the Broncos did it with an undefeated 10-0 Metro League

Jan. 9 and the state championship games being played on Jan. 15 or 16.

The girls volleyball tournament was scheduled to begin with the state quarterfinals on Jan. 5 with the state semifinals being played Jan. 7 at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena. The championship matches will return to the Kellogg Arena on Jan. 9. Of course, all of those dates will change once again.

COVID-19 has made it a challenging fall for certain. The fall got a late start with most swim teams practicing either in outdoor pools or doing outdoor dry land practices. Once the season began, the schedules were greatly altered to satisfy COVID-19 protocol. Despite these issues, it looked like the girls swim season would finish on time, but the current "pause" that suspended the original state meet scheduled for Nov. 20 and 21. That same week, the pause began. The state swim meet was rescheduled for Dec. 23 but the extension of the current pause suspended that date as well.

Fenton's swimmers have been practicing on their own at various sites since the most recent pause began.

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The Holly varsity volleyball team finished No. 8 on our 2020 Tri-County Dynamic Dozen list for last fall. Photo by David Troppens

Stripes Division championship.

The Broncos won their first Metro match against Fenton three sets to one. While that was a comfortable margin, it was the team's closest match in league play. They won each of the other matches by straight sets.

What kept the Broncos from finishing higher on this list was their 19-13 overall record. Holly also was unable

to advance in the district tournament.

No. 7 - Fenton football: The Tigers have been the Metro League's most dominant team for the last 10 years, earning an outright or a share of a Metro League crown nine of those seasons.

This season the Tigers earned their second straight perfect 5-0 Stripes Division

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FENTON

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Schools will be given directions for rapid-result antigen tests from the MD-HHS on Dec. 29. Once the tests have been administered on Dec. 30, those fall teams can begin practices once again.

Fenton varsity girls swim coach Brad Jones hosted his first practice on Monday and was excited to get his state-qualified swimmers back in the pool together. Of course, at the time he didn't know practices would be canceled once again after Tuesday night.

"We did practice this morning," Jones said "We will go the rest of the week. The girls are definitely pleased to be back.

"I'm just happy we're doing it. We have seven girls practicing and we are excited to be back in the pool. This was the most talented state team we've ever had. It certainly was disappointing we'd not have our taper, but the fact we are going to get an opportunity to race, we're excited about it."

The 11-player football regional final round was slated to begin on Jan. 2 with the state semifinal games being played

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The Fenton Fenton varsity football team is No. 7 on our Tri-County Dyanmic Dozen poll for the fall of 2020. Photo by Mark Bolen

METRO

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vision crown and then went on to defeat the Stars Division champion, Brandon, in the Metro's championship game.

The Tigers' biggest competition during the Metro season was Linden. Fenton edged the Eagles 20-17. Beyond that, the Tigers won every league game by at least 12

points. The 5-0 mark gave Fenton the top seed in its district, and the Tigers took advantage crushing Walled Lake Central 36-3 in the opening round of the playoffs. However, North Farmington defeated the Tigers (7-1) in the semi-final round 44-28, preventing Fenton from finishing higher than No. 7 in our poll.

WEEDER

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sity volleyball team has been nothing short of amazing," Weeder said. "My teammates have made every day special, and I will always remember my time at Holly. Every year my teammates and I grew closer and closer which allowed us to accomplish some amazing things. Looking back at my freshman year, I can truly see all the ways I have changed. I've always been a more shy and reserved person but when I'm on the court I'm completely different. I have definitely learned how to be more confident in myself, as a player and a person."

The Bronchos accomplished many outstanding goals during the fall. The squad finished 10-0 in Metro action, and only lost one set during those matches. They were clearly the dominant team in the Metro. And in those matches, Weeder played a significant role in that domination.

She led the offense with 267 kills and 87 aces on the service line. She was a complete player who never left the court. While playing back row, she was second on the team with 219 digs. She also led the team in service reception with just 27 service errors in 494 attempts. She had a team-high service reception rating of 1.92.

"This season I wanted to improve my serving and shot placement," Weeder said. "Setting goals to become better at these two things really helped me go into every practice with a purpose. Once we started playing games, I could really see my progress with my serving. About halfway through the season, I noticed I had a chance to break the record for aces in a season and this pushed me to continue serving aggressively. (Finishing one short of the record) showed me that I am capable of reaching my goals."

"I also saw improvement in my shot placement as the season progressed. Being able to place the



Holly's Paige Weeder works on getting a dig during a 2020 volleyball contest. Weeder is our 2020 Tri-County Volleyball Player of the Year. Photo by Christopher Summers

ball can be just as effective as a big swing, and this season I really used this to my advantage."

"Paige has grown so much during her high school career," Maher said. "At the beginning it was like her mind was a year ahead of her ability. She always knew the right thing to do in game situations but her swing or footwork just wasn't there yet. Her errors would be the result of taking difficult shots on offense or making a really aggressive read on defense, but her decision making was always spot-on. It was a matter of time for it all to come together. These last two years, everything really came together for her, and she handled herself with so much maturity on the court. She became our go-to hitter and a player that other teams had to watch."

Weeder says the two league championships are some of her most memorable moments on the court, but it was what the team did before a match that created some of her greatest memories.

"We had rituals we would do before every game and it really got us hyped up," Weeder said about the team's pre-game routine in the locker room.

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FEATURES

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1 Moves like a dog's tail

5 Sicilian erupter

9 Not too swift

16 Slack-jawed feeling

19 Question to an unknown caller

21 Portable grill

22 See 38-Down

23 Start of a riddle

25 In favor of

26 Downhillers, e.g.

27 "—-haw!" (rodeo yell)

28 Magazine agent's success

30 Total failure

32 Riddle, part 2

36 Run — (buy drinks on credit)

37 Title for Lancelot

39 Sleep study acronym

40 Big vases

41 Riddle, part 3

49 Cab

Calloway catchphrase

50 Lovingly, to a musician

51 Common folks

55 Similar to

57 Actor Kilmer

58 Peppery

59 Boxer Clay, later

60 Riddle, part 4

69 PC combo key

70 Water, in Vichy

71 A, in Italy

72 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"

73 Riddle, part 5

81 Author Rand

82 Fall Classic mo.

83 12, on a sundial

84 Small kid

85 Clorox, e.g.

87 Having no 131-Across

91 Sarajevo locale

96 Riddle, part 6

99 Some vipers

102 — -pah-pah

103 Gen. Lee's side: Abbr.

104 Half-pint

105 End of the riddle

111 — Stone (hieroglyphic discovery)

114 Gretel's brother

115 Metal source

116 Painter's undercoat

117 A Gershwin brother

118 Riddle's answer

125 Sci-fi author Stanislaw

126 Email, e.g.

127 Some overcrowded houses

128 Historic span

129 Smiled villainously

130 See 74-Down

131 Top of a car

DOWN

1 It follows "/" in a URL

2 "Feels so nice!"

3 Loses one's hair

4 Not guaranteed only to float

5 Merman of song

6 British prime minister May

7 Small peeves

8 Enzyme-name suffix

9 Transparent

10 Dwells

11 Shikoku sash

12 Is no longer

13 Here, in Le Havre

14 Sandbar

15 Indian language

16 Public scandal

17 Like Afghans

18 Act of exiting

20 Clic — (Bic brand)

24 Drain-clearing stuff

29 Shocks

30 Quick race

31 Sewing case

32 Baby buggy, to Brits

33 Tolkien meanies

34 Fish in a Pixar title

35 Doctors' gp.

38 With 22-Across, spaced out

42 "If — a Hammer"

43 Mouselike animal

44 1970s Chevy

45 "Curses!"

46 Shed skin or feathers

47 Doctors' gps.

48 Curse

52 Resident of Riyadh

53 Page of "Juno"

54 Album's first half

56 Make — in (begin working on)

58 "Grand" hotel

60 1983 comedy with Mr. T

61 Gasoline additive

62 Wading bird

63 Sickly

64 Label

65 Color shade

66 "Say again?"

67 Rock's Brian

68 Boat mover

74 With 130-Across, home of a Scottish "monster"

75 Say again

76 Old lovers

77 "Say it — sol!"

78 — Field (Mets' home)

79 Drifting sort

80 English prep school

86 Aides: Abbr.

87 "Hmm, I guess so"

88 Grandiosity

89 In the past

90 Magazine or book divs.

92 Wall — (financial district employee)

93 Nearly massless particle

94 Lacks entity

95 "— boy!"

97 Vie for the love of

98 Lurches from side to side

99 For a spell

100 Generous type

101 It's west of Colombia

106 Bursts (with)

107 Of the past

108 Ski cottage

109 Like pop flies

110 Co.'s top dog

112 Hall's pop partner

113 Slightly built

116 Admiral Graf — (German warship)

119 Mao — -tung

120 Sugar-name suffix

121 Big rabbit feature

122 Peak: Abbr.

123 Siouan tribe member

124 Abbr. on a bounced check

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Puzzle Answers

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

MIDWEEK SUDOKU ANSWERS

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MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:

POLKA, FLUID, MANAGE, OUTING

Answer: To cover the opening of the new shoe store, the TV news crew needed — **FOOTAGE**

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:

REGARD, STRIVE, ENDOW, DEFER

Answer: **DINER'S**

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 27 min.

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WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

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The Times' most read stories of 2020

■ Target break-ins, house fires and face masks made from furnace filters

By Hannah Ball

2020 was a year engulfed by a global pandemic, yet the majority of the most read stories from Tri-County Times were about fatalities, accidents, criminal sexual conduct and more.

Here are the Tri-County Times most read stories of 2020.

1. Crash claims life of 28-year-old man 90,519 views

Published February 27

A 28-year-old Holly Township man was killed in an automobile and semi-truck crash in Holly Township. The

investigation revealed that the Holly Township man was traveling west-bound on Grange Hall Road just west of Fish Lake Road. He lost control of his vehicle, and crossed into oncoming traffic. His vehicle was struck by an eastbound gravel hauler.

2. Locals make "medical" facemasks with furnace filters 69,608 views

Published March 25

Keri Lay started the local Facebook group "Masks for Medical Staff," which resulted in more than 500 masks made over one weekend to be donated to medical professionals. This group is making washable masks with a removable pad made from disassembled furnace filters.

3. When will unemployment funds be sent? 36,106 views

Published April 30

Millions of American had lost their jobs at this point in the pandemic, and once Congress passed legislation to help families, the biggest question was — when will that money be sent?

4. Holly man charged with 15 felonies 33,127 views

Published February 4

Jeremy David McCallum, 43, of Holly Village was arraigned Feb. 4 on 15 felonies in Genesee County 67th District Court. Charges include 10 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim less than 13 years of age, two counts of felony firearm, one count of possession of sexually abusive activity, extortion, and assault with a dangerous weapon. His crimes were discovered after his son told police.

5. Lake Fenton community heart-broken 30,852 views

Published May 26

On Sunday, May 24 Lexi Simon, 17, of Fenton, was killed in a personal watercraft (PWC) accident on Lake Fenton.

6. Fenton included in GHOST sting operations yielding 17 arrests 28,770 views

Published August 14

At a Friday, Aug. 14 press conference, Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson announced the arrest of 17 people from seven different sting operations relating to crimes involving child pornography or human trafficking.

7. Extreme speed leads to fatal 'fireball' crash 26,196 views

Published January 29

On Saturday, Jan. 25, Raymond Frederick Luchenbill Jr., 71, of Burton, was killed on impact in a single vehicle crash in Fenton Township. He was traveling between 65 and 80 miles per hour and struck a tree head on while on Linden Road, just north of Thompson Road.

8. Two suspects charged in Target break-in 23,216 views

Published January 22

After a January 13 break-in at the Target in Fenton, police announced that Kquazay Duane Vinson, then 17, of Grand Rapids was charged with one count of breaking and entering of a building with intent to steal. A cash surety bond of \$30,000 was ordered. A second suspect, Jamone Dalmontae Carter, then 17, of Grand Rapids, was arraigned on charges including resisting an officer, fleeing and eluding and burglary-forced entry.

9. One person killed in early morning house fire 21,618

Published October 16

The city of Fenton fire and police departments responded to a house fire, Friday, Oct. 16, at 5:50 a.m. in the 800 block of W. Shiawassee Avenue. There were two occupants in the home at the time of the fire and there was one confirmed fatality. The other escaped uninjured.


10. Two-vehicle crash on U.S. 23 ends in ditch 21,583 views

Published June 25

Four people were in the hospital after a two-vehicle crash on U.S. 23 at Silver Lake Road on Thursday, June 25. A vehicle was entering the northbound U.S. 23 entrance from Silver Lake Road and collided with a Penske truck that was traveling northbound. The Penske truck swerved, hit the guardrail, went over it and rolled down the hill. The two men inside were wearing their seatbelts.

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Center of Hope gives gifts to more than 300 kids

■ '...this is their first time being here because of the situations COVID has created'

By Hannah Ball

More than 200 kids will have presents to unwrap Christmas morning thanks to the Fenton Center of Hope.

On Saturday, Dec. 19 and Sunday, Dec. 20, volunteers with the organization placed large bags of presents in the trunks of cars that will go to families who requested help this holiday season.

Jennifer Strygulec, one of the Fenton Center of Hope directors, said they provided gifts for 234 kids from Fenton, Linden and Holly, and for more than 75 kids throughout Genesee County.

Santa was on scene, waving and talking to the kids outside the food pantry, which was decorated with lights and Christmas decorations.

Christina Clark of Fenton Township and a volunteer at FCOH helped at the event by organizing a sign-up at the gym she attends, CrossFit Fenton. Members committed to buying certain presents and dropping them off at the gym.

"They were a huge part of this, too.



A Fenton Center of Hope volunteer takes a bag of presents to a vehicle on Sunday, Dec. 20. Photo: Hannah Ball

People just gave overwhelming support. It was a great community thing," she said.

She's also involved in a prison ministry, which helps provide presents for children who have incarcerated parents. Clark and her family made

the Christmas decorations that gave the center a winter wonderland feeling that weekend, and she helped organize and wrap presents.

Clark said one couple donated 50 sets of Christmas pajamas. The wife was in-

spired to do this after she was at Macy's and heard a woman in front of her in line at the checkout, telling her daughter that they had to return pajamas because they needed the money for other things.

"This woman wept," Clark said. Because of that couple, the families that picked up Christmas presents also received pajamas.

Clark said these women are always thinking about their children first, and she was happy to give presents to the parents, too. Another woman donated gift bags of Mary Kay items.

"This Christmas has been the best Christmas I've ever had," she said. "The fact that my children are here and they're helping. My daughter has been praying with the cars. It's just a different meaning of Christmas this year."

Clark is a regular volunteer at FCOH and has created relationships with people who come to the food pantry.

"Seeing the joy on people's faces, there's no describing how that feels," she said. "We're given the privilege to be able to do this for these deserving people that are in hard circumstances.

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World Health Organization (WHO). At that time, the WHO had declared the 2019nCoV virus, referred to as the coronavirus, was then a public health emergency of international concern because of the global outbreak.

January

On Jan. 30, WHO reported that there were 7,834 confirmed cases, including 7,736 in China. WHO also reported that 170 people had died, all of them from China. While the immediate risk of this new virus to the American public was believed to be low at that time, everyone was asked to do their part to help respond to this emerging public health threat.

February

By Feb. 28, to prepare for the possibility of a coronavirus outbreak locally, the Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) was in constant communication with the three county hospitals and emergency EMS

responders, said John McKellar, health officer at the GCHD. "I know the hospitals are starting to plan for a surge in the possible number of patients. We are starting to ramp up our conversations in the community," he said, adding that people need to think about taking precautions to avoid illness. This included frequent hand washing, staying home if you become ill, covering your mouth when you cough and more.

March

On Wednesday, March 11, shoppers were out at local stores stocking up on toilet paper and disinfectants. Workers stopped and took photos of empty toilet paper aisles. At Walmart, a tall man helped a woman pull down one of the remaining toilet paper packages in an otherwise completely empty aisle.

The disinfectant sprays and wipes were also completely empty. At Target, there was a one package per customer limit.

Both VG's stores were down by about half their normal stock of toilet paper,

and the Silver Parkway location is out of sanitizing items.

Soon, events were being postponed or canceled.

On Friday, March 13, parents in local school districts received notices that all Michigan K-12 school districts will be closed from Monday, March 16 through Sunday, April 5, due to the pandemic, which originated in Wuhan, China. Classes were to resume Monday, April 6.

This notice was via an order from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, when she announced at a news conference shortly before midnight, March 12.

Starting, Monday, March 16 at 3 p.m., all dine-in services at bars and restaurants in Michigan were shut down, following an executive order signed by Whitmer, due to the coronavirus outbreak. Takeout and delivery services were still allowed. This restriction was to be in effect until March 30.

On March 16, Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn declared a state of emergency within the city of Fenton due to COVID-19 concerns. This declaration followed the national, state and county announcements, and it was to make the city eligible for state, federal and county resources to respond as the city continues to address changing conditions.

On March 17, Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson announced the creation of the Genesee County Community Care Task Force in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Two local congregations, The Rock Church and The Freedom Center, are participating members. Genesee County had four confirmed cases of coronavirus as of Friday, March 20, and more people were working from home to help slow the spread.

On Monday, March 23, Whitmer signed the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order (EO 2020-21), directing all Michigan businesses and operations to temporarily suspend in-person operations that are not necessary to sustain or protect life. This meant for at least the next three weeks, individuals were to only leave their home or place of residence under very limited circumstances, and they must adhere to social distancing measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

By the end of March, Holly Area Schools were providing an average 1,200 free meals daily to families in need across the Broncho community during the continuing pandemic.

A deal aimed at easing the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic was approved by the White House and Senate and was approved by the House on March 27. The \$2 trillion stimulus package delivered much-needed aid to workers, small businesses and health care providers.

Whitmer signed an executive order March 29 outlining new protocols for all correctional facilities across the state through April 26 in response to the pandemic.

Kirk Norman, owner of Snappers on the Water in Deerfield Township, began giving out free dinners March 23 to anyone who needs a little help during the coronavirus pandemic. The meals were free; no questions asked.

April

State Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Fenton Township) reported that the state Legislature approved a plan Tuesday, April 7, to extend Michigan's state of

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emergency brought on by coronavirus to May 1, rather than to mid-June as recommended Whitmer.

"The public health crisis is ongoing, and I certainly believe we should extend the state of emergency to curtail the spread of the virus, but mid-June is too long," Mueller said. "An extension to May 1 is a better time frame and we can always extend it if we need to."

In mid-April, it was reported that \$1,200 stimulus checks would be sent to Americans. The money was meant to help people pay bills and stimulate the economy in the midst of a global COVID-19 pandemic that has left more than 22 million Americans filing for unemployment.

May

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson announced May 19 that all registered voters in Michigan would receive an application to vote by mail in the August and November elections.

"By mailing applications, we have ensured that no Michigander has to choose between their health and their right to vote," Benson said.

Michigan bars and restaurants in southern and central Michigan learned they could reopen to indoor dining at 50-percent capacity Monday, June 8. This came after the Upper Peninsula and northern Michigan businesses were allowed to reopen May 18. Whitmer made the announcement June 1.

The numbers of COVID-19 confirmed cases, probable cases, deaths and recoveries change daily. Cumulative COVID-19-associated hospitalization rates since March 1 were updated weekly, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). On Wednesday, June 24, the overall cumulative COVID-19 hospitalization rate was 94.5 per 100,000, with the highest rates in people aged 65 years and older (286.9 per 100,000) and 50-64 years (143.0 per 100,000).

July

On Friday, July 10, Whitmer signed executive order 2020-147, which reiterated that individuals were required to wear a face covering whenever they were in an indoor public space. It also required the use of face coverings in crowded outdoor spaces.

September

Holly Area Schools announced they would be fully virtual until Oct. 30 with the option of resuming in-person learning sooner given clear guidance and direction from the county and state health departments. Local school districts had varied schedules with some completely remote, some in-person or a mix.

Homecoming events at schools were canceled.

October

On Friday, Oct. 2, Michigan's Supreme Court ruled that Whitmer lacked the authority to extend or declare states of emergency in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Democratic governor issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency in March and expanded it via another executive order in April. The Republican-controlled legislature passed a resolution to extend the state of emergency, but only until April 30. Whitmer had issued several more orders related to the pandemic, according to npr.org.

On Thursday, Oct. 29, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) revised and extended its epidemic order, as Michigan continued to see a surge in cases, hospitalizations and deaths. Although most of the order was unchanged, new provisions targeted indoor gatherings where COVID had spread most rapidly.

November

The MDHHS issued a new emergency order Sunday, Nov. 15 that enacted a three-week pause targeting indoor social gatherings and other group activities. Under this order, indoor residential gatherings were limited to two households at any one time. However, MDHHS strongly urged families to pick a single other household to interact with over the next three weeks, consistent with new guidance released by the department.

On Nov. 25, the MDHHS issued citations and the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) suspended liquor licenses to establishments, including one in Fenton, that were in violation of the recent public health order issued on Sunday, Nov. 15.

December

On Monday Dec. 7, the MDHHS extended by 12 days the epidemic order that restricts indoor social gatherings and other group activities. The additional 12 days would allow the department to determine the full impact of the Thanksgiving holiday on the spread of COVID-19 across Michigan.

On Dec. 18, Whitmer announced that Michigan's casinos, movie theaters, bowling alleys and similar venues would be allowed to reopen Monday, Dec. 21, with some restrictions in place. High schools also were allowed to resume in-person classes.

Indoor dining will remain banned, at least through Jan. 15, 2021.

On Monday, Dec. 21 the city of Fenton and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) announced an e-Gift card program where those buying a gift card for a participating business would receive a matching gift card to help boost local businesses.

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The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday December 21, 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 \$241,153.23.
4. Granted a 2-year extension of the tentative approval for the Preliminary Plat of Pinnacle Shores.
5. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-24, recognizing the Lake Fenton Music Boosters as a nonprofit organization operating in the community, and recommending that their application to the State of Michigan for a charitable gaming license be considered for approval.
6. Approved a 2-year building inspection services agreement with STSA Construction, LLC.
7. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-25, acknowledging the receipt of petitions and scheduling a public hearing for a proposed drainage improvement special assessment district for the Loon Harbor Preserve condominium subdivision.
8. Approved a 2-year law enforcement services agreement with the Genesee County Sheriff Department.
9. Approved the hiring of Ricardo Munoz as a member of the Fenton Township Fire Department.
10. Approved committee and miscellaneous appointments for the 2020-2024 township board term of office.
11. Adopted amendments to the 2020 Fenton Township Budget.
12. Authorized the Township Supervisor to submit a counter-offer on the proposed sale of tax reverted property.
13. Adjourned at 8:40 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 re-opens to the public. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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On Tuesday, Dec. 8, deputies from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to the 2000 block of Ray Road for a larceny report. Neighbors observed a black Oldsmobile Alero occupant take packages off a front porch and leave the area. A short time later, the same vehicle was seen in a driveway on the 2000 block of Thompson Road. No items were taken from that residence. The same vehicle was reported in Grand Blanc Township earlier that day involved in the same type incident. This incident remains under investigation.

BUILDER'S TOOLS STOLEN

On Wednesday, Dec. 9, deputies from the Office of Genesee County Sheriff responded to the 11000 block of Princewood Circle for a larceny report. The area is an active home construction site. Contact was made with the contractor who reported that several items were stolen from his trailer. The items include a \$2,200 laser level. This incident remains under investigation.

IMPROPER TURN LEADS TO ARREST FOR OWI

On Sunday, Dec. 13, while on routine patrol, deputies from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office observed a Chevrolet Impala make an improper turn from Fenton Road

onto N. Long Lake Road. Contact was made with the driver. The odor of intoxicants was emanating from the vehicle. The deputy conducted a field sobriety test on the driver and it was determined the driver was intoxicated. The vehicle was impounded and the driver was arrested for operating while intoxicated and transported to the Genesee County Jail.

ITEMS STOLEN FROM UNLOCKED VEHICLE AT PARK

On Monday, Dec. 14, a deputy from the Office of Genesee County Sherriff's Office responded to the 5500 block of Hidden Ridge Trail for a larceny report. The female victim reported that she was at the Linden County Park Dec. 7 and when she returned to her truck, her cell phone and credit cards were missing. The vehicle was left unlocked at the time of the larceny. This incident remains under investigation.

DEFECTIVE HEADLIGHT LEADS TO CITATION

On Sunday, Dec. 20, a deputy from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office observed a Chevrolet van traveling eastbound on Lahring Road near Linden Road in Fenton Township with a defective headlight. Contact was made with the male driver, a 37-year-old Grand Blanc resident. A records check on the driver showed he had a suspended driver's license. The vehicle was turned over to the passenger who possessed a valid driver's license. The driver was issued a citation and released from the scene pending a court date.

DEPUTY REUNITES STRAY DOG WITH ITS OWNERS

On Dec. 21, Dep. Matthew Meek of the Genesee County Sheriff's Office, was on routine patrol in Fenton Township. He was dispatched to the area of Rolston Road and Patrick Drive on a report of a stray dog. He noticed that the dog had a

collar on but it had no identification. Believing that the dog might have been microchipped, he took the dog to Companion Animal Hospital in Linden. The vet technician was able to scan the dog and found the owner's information through the microchip. The dog was soon reunited with its owners.



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Alot of these people, these past couple days, I don't even recognize them from the pantry because this is their first time being here because of the situations COVID has created. That's even more heartbreaking."

Another volunteer who's also Clark's sister-in-law, Stephanie Fisher of Flushing, was one of the donors that helped the FCOH buy presents

“It's just a different meaning of Christmas this year.”

Christina Clark
Fenton Township resident

for the children and families. Fisher met Jennifer Strygulec, one of the directors of the organization, and heard her and Clark talking about helping families and children who had incarcerated parents. “That touched me because that's how my family was. My dad was in prison. Just hearing that those kids were not going to get presents, and I just said, ‘we got to help.’ I told my husband we got to do something,” she said.

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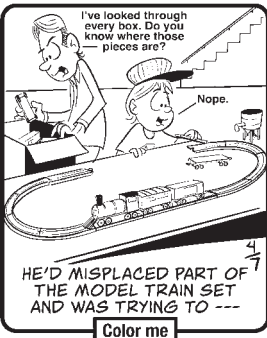
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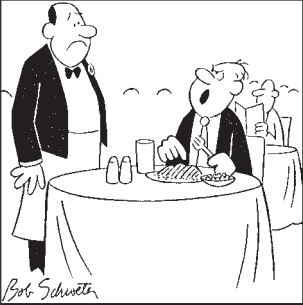
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Obituaries

Times
Barbara Neely

Barbara Neely - age 76, died December 18, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Barbara Sale

Barbara Sale - age 85, died December 16, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Bruce Stewart

Bruce Stewart - age 79, died December 18, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


David Ostrander

David Ostrander - age 64, died December 19, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Dora DeNicolo

Dora DeNicolo - age 92, died December 19, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Gerald "Jerry" Tucker

Gerald "Jerry" Tucker - age 79, died December 18, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Evelyn Lorraine (Hopson) Keway

1939 – 2020

Evelyn Lorraine (Hopson) Keway - age 81, passed from this earth on Friday, December 18, 2020 after a valiant struggle with COPD. Evelyn had a loving heart and a sassy sense of humor. She welcomed everyone into her home and she was the heart of her family. She prepared dinner for her family every weekend and her home was where extended family gathered for the holidays. She loved gardening, reading, watching birds at her bird feeders and doing jigsaw and crossword puzzles. She enjoyed taking family vacations up north and she looked forward to them all year long. She was a loyal patron of the Holly Township Library. She made many friends when she worked at Pontiac Coil Factory. Evelyn came from a



large family and she was very close with her siblings. She was preceded in death by her parents, James Oliver Hopson and Mary Ellen (Bronson) Hopson; and her siblings, Eleanor, John, Louise, Geraldine,

Shirley, Norman, Robert, Donald, Karen, Linda and Lawrence. She is survived by her daughters, Monica (Michael) Wines and Marsha (Mark) Anderson; her grandchildren, Rachel Anderson, Jonah Wines and Zac Cook; her siblings, Ernest (Laurie) Hopson, Gary Hopson and Mary Torres; many nieces; nephews; and her friends, William and Diana Keway. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to the Holly Township Library. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Robert Kelley

Robert Kelley - age 86, died December 22, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Rose Rosamond

Rose Rosamond - age 95, died December 16, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Ruth Penoskie

Ruth Penoskie - age 97, died December 19, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Susan Dinuzzo

Susan Dinuzzo - age 65, died December 18, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Don Kenneth Rumbold

1938 – 2020

Don Kenneth Rumbold - age 82, of Fenton passed away Saturday, December 19, 2020. Visitation at the funeral home will be 2 – 8 PM Monday, December 28, 2020. Funeral Services will be 11 AM, Tuesday, December



29, 2020 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Interment will be 1 PM Tuesday December 29, 2020 at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Don was born August 13, 1938 in Richland Center, WI, the son of Kenneth Wesley and Florence May Elizabeth (Starrett) Rumbold. He was a veteran of the United States Army. He married Daree J. Darby on May 9, 1970 in Flint. He attended GMI. Don retired from General Motors as a Die Maker following 43 years of service. Don

attended Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Brighton. He enjoyed restoring antique cars, especially his Model A's and '55 T Bird. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Daree;

children, Shelley (Rich) Cruz, and Mark (Christine) Rumbold; grandchildren, Jacob and Brendan Cruz, Angila (Ben) Mosley, Andrew (Hope) Histed, Daniel Histed and Jamie Rumbold; great-grandchildren, Benjamin, Lucas, Zachary, and Annalise; sister, Katherine Furqueron; several nieces and nephews. Don was preceded in death by his parents; twin brother, Dan K. Rumbold. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Wilbur Foster

Wilbur Foster - age 92, died December 16, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Patricia Drake

Patricia Drake - age 69, died December 18, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Susie "Sun" Ritchie

Susie "Sun" Ritchie - age 83, died December 18, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Vonna Horwood

Vonna Horwood - age 91, died December 19, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Obituaries

Times

Mr. Jeffrey John Dunfield

Mr. Jeffrey John Dunfield - age 65, of Guntersville, AL, passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side on Saturday, December 19, 2020. Jeff is preceded in death by his father, John R.



Pallesi, Sarah McAuley and Christopher Dunfield (Kristen); 16 beloved grandchildren and countless extended family and friends who have been such a meaningful part of Jeff's life and who

are blessed to know and love him. Memorial gifts in honor of Jeff can be made to Shepherd's Cove Hospice (shepherdscovehospice.com) or Disabled Veterans National Foundation (dvnf.org).

Michael P. "Skinny" Lussier

1959 - 2020

Michael P. "Skinny" Lussier - age 61 of Waterford, passed away Friday, December 18, 2020. Cherished father of Jamie (Trevor) Arnold and Bryan Lussier; devoted son of Donna Lussier and the late Paul Lussier; loving grandfather of Caleb, Kellen, Avery and Aiden; beloved brother of Jacqueline (Dale) Rutenberg, Suzanne (late Dale) Parker, Robin (Andy)



Gazetti, Kristen (Scott) Whiteman, Judith (Mark) Simpson and Barbara (Ron) Hoolihan. Fun loving uncle of many nieces; nephews; and great-nieces and nephews. A private celebration of his life will be

held on Saturday, December 26, 2020 at the Riverside Chapel, Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home, 5630 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford. Online guest book www.modetzfuneralhomes.com.

Gerald Zemore

Gerald Zemore - age 71, died December 16, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Jean Takas

Jean Takas - age 78, died December 20, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Jim Phillips

Jim Phillips - age 72, died December 18, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Bryton A. Cook

Bryton A. Cook - age 14, died December 17, 2020. Temrowski Family Funeral Home



Douglas S. Wiseley

Douglas S. Wiseley - age 61, died December 17, 2020. Temrowski Family Funeral Home



Richard J. Hess

Richard J. Hess - age 72, died December 19, 2020. Temrowski Family Funeral Home



Raymond E. Scott

Raymond E. Scott - age 75, died December 18, 2020. Temrowski Family Funeral Home



Jervaise R. Davis

Jervaise R. Davis - age 66, died December 17, 2020. Temrowski Family Funeral Home



Anna Albright

Anna Albright - age 92, died December 21, 2020. Temrowski Family Funeral Home



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Larry Acker

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Marilyn Ward

Marilyn Ward - age 85, died December 17, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Mary Basista

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