

# Fake money circulating in area

■ One man arrested for passing fake \$50 bill in Fenton — police take multiple reports of counterfeit bills over weekend

By Sharon Stone

Fenton police responded to Walmart on Owen Road on Saturday, Jan. 9 at

5:32 p.m. on a report of a male attempting to pass counterfeit money.

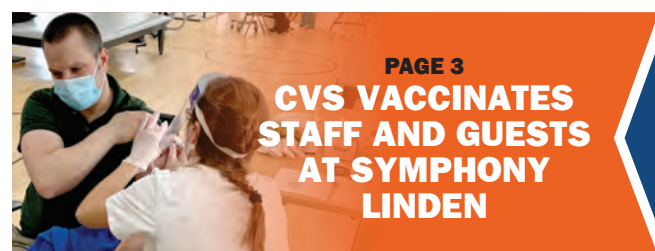
Responding police officers made contact with the man, later identified as a 28-year-old Flint man.

Lt. Jeff Cross said officers recovered several counterfeit \$50 bills in the man's possession. The man was arrested. During a search, police also

recovered methamphetamine in the man's possession.

The man was transported and lodged at the Genesee County Jail, pending arraignment on the two charges, uttering and publishing (passing) counterfeit bills and possession of methamphetamine.

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## Male suspect gets away

■ Shoplifter leads Fenton police on short pursuit, ditches van and flees on foot

By Sharon Stone

The Fenton Police Department is asking the community for help to identify a retail fraud suspect that led police on a short chase in a stolen van Saturday, Jan. 9.

At 2:30 p.m., Fenton police were dispatched to Walmart on Owen Road for a retail fraud in progress. A male had exited

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## Fenton Township home destroyed by fire



A Fenton Township family and pets escaped unharmed after their home caught fire late Saturday night, Jan. 9. Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz said the house is a total loss. One firefighter was hospitalized with injuries when the front foyer collapsed on him. See story on Page 5. Submitted photo

## Fenton students to return to classrooms

■ Optional in-person learning to start again Tuesday, Jan. 19

By Sharon Stone

For students choosing in-person learning at Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS), they will head back to the classroom Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Superintendent Adam Hartley  
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“The students will get to have that first day of school all over again.”

**Adam Hartley**

*Fenton Area Public Schools superintendent*



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# CVS vaccinates staff and guests at Symphony Linden

■ Company posts daily vaccination numbers for long-term care facilities

By Hannah Ball

Approximately 170 people at Symphony Linden received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine Friday, Jan. 8.

CVS Pharmacy employees administered the inoculations to staff and guests at the assisted living facility in downtown Linden. They began at 11 a.m. and finished at approximately 7:30 p.m., said Stephanie Viener, assisted living sales director at Symphony.

They will receive the second doses three weeks from Friday, Jan. 8.

Viener said it was a “really positive” feeling that day.

“A lot of people are really excited to get the vaccine. Just after everything we’ve been through ... I think people were just relieved and happy and excited to get it done,” she said.

CVS and Walgreens are both vaccinating residents and staff at skilled nursing facilities and other skilled nursing and long-term care facilities as part of the federal program Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care Program.

Every weekday at 4 p.m., CVS up-



A CVS employee administers the COVID-19 vaccine to Dr. Tiffanie Covio of Symphony Linden on Friday, Jan. 8. Photo: Hannah Ball

dates its numbers at cvshealth.com.

As of Monday, Jan. 11, CVS had administered 18,946 first doses in 213 skilled nursing facilities, as well as 5,033 first doses in 98 assisted living and other long term facilities.

CVS stated they plan to vaccinate about 140,000 people in Michigan over the next 12 weeks.

“I think people were just relieved and happy and excited to get it done.”

**Stephanie Viener**

*Symphony Linden assisted living sales director*

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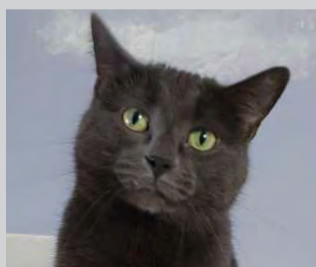


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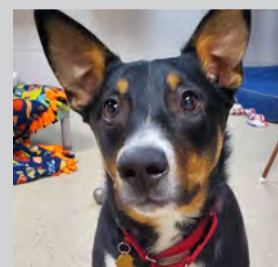


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## Building Brands

**W**e did it! We made it through 2020! I'd say this calls for a massive celebration, except that massive celebrations are kind of frowned upon these days. So, instead of a big party, how about you give yourself a big pat on the back. Last year (man, it feels good to type that) was hard and while the start of 2021 isn't much easier, the middle and end are looking a little bit brighter.

Even in a pandemic, a new year means new beginnings and, of course, New Year's Resolutions. I didn't used to be a fan of resolutions, but in recent years (even in 2020) I found it helpful to have a guidepost.

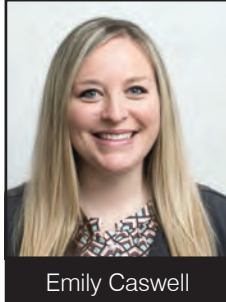
So here it goes: When it comes to life and business in 2021, my resolution is to be light.

Last year was heavy and I've felt the weight of it (and I'm not just talking about the quarantine 15). I've let myself get bogged down. I've wasted time feeling sorry for myself, when really I have so much to be thankful for.

This year, my aim is to be light. I'm going to face what's ahead and move forward. I'm going to be light on con-

## What's your New Year's Resolution?

sumption (be it of clothes, junk food, the internet), light on things (this is the year I'm going to really purge my garage), light on feeling guilty for the things I can't do (so, I can't cook, who cares? I make the best cheese board you've ever seen).



Emily Caswell

I'm going to be light on stress — if we can survive 2020 we can survive anything. I hope to be light on anger, sadness and anxiety.

I want to be light for myself, yes, but also for other people — clients, friends, family. Whether they need a laugh or

something bigger, I hope to be able to provide that.

A friend of mine in Chicago closed out 2020 creating kits for the homeless in her neighborhood. She collected donations to make it possible and spent a day handing out 60 kits. The exercise made a lasting impact on her for many reasons. One being that she was forced to look in dark places most of us avoid — under freeways and in alley ways. She encouraged those of us following her efforts to be the light in those dark places moving forward.

2020 might be over, but there is still darkness, and I hope to shine a light on it.

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

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**Theron Wilson**  
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"Pay off our debt and my family's debts! Charitable donations and travel when we can!"

**Tammy Gramer**  
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## Governor, AG commend bars, restaurants

■ Say 32 of 8,500 establishments' liquor licenses suspended due to COVID-19 violations

On Monday, Jan. 11, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Attorney General Dana Nessel and other state officials issued statements highly commending bar and restaurant owners for their ongoing compliance with the state's emergency health orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Currently, licensed establishments are strictly prohibited from allowing in-person dining and gatherings, as defined by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Gatherings and Face Mask Order.

"Our bar and restaurant owners have made incredible sacrifices over the past 10 months to keep their communities safe and slow the spread of COVID-19. I want to thank those who have enacted strict safety protocols and worked around the clock to save lives," Whitmer said. "My administration has been working hard to secure crucial support for these businesses. I was proud to, among other things, negotiate with the legislature to sign a bipartisan supplemental budget that provides support for small business owners like these. I will keep working around the clock on their behalf."

Whitmer's financial relief efforts for bar and restaurant owners began last April when she authorized a spirits buyback program for on-premises liquor licensees whose businesses were affected by the health crisis. More than \$3.3 million in financial relief went to 670 bar and restaurant owners across the state — a financial lifeline averaging \$5,000 for hard-hit hospitality businesses. She recently announced a second liquor buyback that is in the works. In June 2020, the governor signed legislation allowing bars and restaurants to sell cocktails and alcoholic drinks to-go for the first time in Michigan and expanded bars' seating capacity in outdoor social districts.

## Fenton Township home destroyed by fire

■ Family and pets escape unharmed, one firefighter injured when foyer collapses

By Sharon Stone

At 11:50 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 9, the Fenton Township Fire Department responded to a residential structure fire in the 5100 block of Cottage Court in Fenton Township.

The house, a two-story home with an attached garage, was fully engulfed in flames.

Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz said the alarm came in just before midnight. He said they believe the fire began in the garage and spread quickly to the roof and attic of the 3,400-square-foot home.

Volz said the family and their pets were able to get out of the home uninjured. Two vehicles were in the garage and tires popped causing



The Fenton Township fire chief said a fire that destroyed this home on Cottage Court started in the garage and quickly spread to the roof and attic.

Submitted photo

loud bangs.

The house is a total loss due to the extent of damage. Volz said the homeowners are insured and the family is staying with relatives.

The fire chief said one firefighter was injured early in the response when the front foyer collapsed on him. He was transported to Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc Township. Volz said he is hoping for a quick recovery.

Fenton City, Linden City, Argentine Township, the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA), Mundy Township, Hartland, Burton and Swartz Creek fire departments also responded to the fire.

Volz said his crew cleared the scene at approximately 7 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 10. On Sunday afternoon, Volz was heading back out to the home to complete their investigation and to talk to the homeowners.

In July 2020, Whitmer increased the discount on spirits purchased by on-premises licensees from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) from 17 percent to 23 percent for 12 months.

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel also praised the state's bar and restaurant owners. "I applaud every business owner in Michigan who has stepped up, braced themselves for the storm, and complied with Michigan's public health emergency orders," Nessel said. "This pandemic has brought them to their knees, but the vast majority of them have worked hard to stay open during the worst of times. Their creativity, innovation and sheer fortitude have set the gold standard for the rest of us."

The MLCC Chair Pat Gagliardi said that the vast majority of liquor licensees are compliant with emergency public health orders and have taken the high road, setting high standards for the industry.

Of the approximately 8,500 on-premises liquor licensees in the state, the MLCC has suspended the liquor See **RESTAURANTS** on 8

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### The 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment

The events of Jan. 6 in Washington, D.C. have resulted in calls from some of our nation's leaders and others for President Trump to leave office by resigning or being removed by impeachment or by Vice President Pence invoking the 25th Amendment.

Historically these are infrequent occurrences.

A resignation has only happened once when President Richard Nixon resigned on Aug. 9, 1974.

Additionally, there are three presidents who have been impeached, Andrew Johnson, William Clinton and Donald Trump. They all remained in office as their impeachment trials resulted in not guilty verdicts.

As to the 25th Amendment, a vice president has never attempted to

remove a sitting president under its Section 4.

Today I will provide a very brief summary of this amendment.

The 25th Amendment to the United States Constitution became effective Feb. 23, 1967.

It was added to clarify what happens when the president or vice president is removed, dies, resigns, or in the case of the president, is unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office. It was in response to the 1963 Assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The concern was who would be in charge if he had lived and was in a coma.

The Amendment has four sections.

The first two provide for a succession order when there is a permanent vacancy in the office of the president or vice president.

The third section provides for the vice president to take temporary command when the president requests it in writing.

The never invoked Section 4 is lengthy and provides that if the vice president and a majority of the principal officers of the 15 executive departments (most of which are cabinet positions) or another body appointed by Congress, informs Congress that the president is unable to discharge his or her duties, the vice president immediately assumes the powers and duties of the office as acting president.

There are provisions for the president to contest this declaration.

Ultimately, it is up to Congress to vote on the issue and if it agrees with the declaration, the vice president continues as acting president. If not, the president resumes the office.

These are difficult times and another impeachment may be on the way.

Let us all hope that everything turns out for the best.

## Linden waste collection days change to Wednesdays

■ Change is effective  
Wednesday, Feb. 3

By Hannah Ball

Republic Services will now pick up waste in Linden on Wednesdays rather than Fridays.

This change begins Wednesday, Feb. 3. This was announced at the Monday, Dec. 14 Linden City Council meeting.

Weekly yard waste collection will restart in April on Wednesdays.

"We are committed to providing our customers with the best, most cost-efficient service and we look forward to working with the city of Linden. If you have any questions regarding your new service day change, please call our Customer Service department at 1-800-438-0966. Thank you for allowing Republic to service your waste removal needs," said Republic Services in a statement to the Linden City Council.

Mayor Danielle Cusson said, "We believe Wednesday will be better for our residents. With the new pickup day, our city office will be open the entire day and can more timely address any issues residents may have with collection."

Republic Services also has announced changing collection days for residents in Fenton Township. Effective the week of Feb. 1, the company will pick up waste and recycle bins in this municipality on Fridays. Before, the company would do collection on different days in different areas of the township.

At a Fenton Township Board of Trustees meeting on Jan. 4, Gary Hicks, municipal services manager for Republic Services, said they're working on consolidating their operations to make collection days run more smoothly.

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## LEARNING

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told board members and audience members of the Zoom meeting Monday, Jan. 11 that the school district's target date of Jan. 19 is still in effect. While some students will continue with remote learning, students that wish to take part in in-person learning five days per week can do so beginning next Tuesday.

The schedule will be as it was in November 2020. The Young 5s through fifth grade will remain as cohorts (groups that stay together all day), and bus transportation will be provided. Students sixth grade and higher will have late start times in order to stagger busing.

"It's the same schedule as November," Hartley said. "We'll have some sense of normalcy." He added that he's excited to see students and staff in person. COVID-19 safety protocols will continue to be implemented for everyone.

Hartley is hopeful for the COVID-19 vaccine and anticipates learning from the Genesee County Health Department of when vaccines will be available for the district's employees. As soon as he learns more, he will relay that information on to the staff. Any employees that live in Livingston or Oakland counties are advised to check their health departments for vaccine availability.

With next Tuesday quickly approaching, Hartley said, "The students will get to have that first day of school all over again."

Keith Reynolds, school board president, said that he too is excited for Jan. 19, but stresses that their main focus is to keep students and staff safe.

Parents, students and the community can read Fenton's detailed return to school plan at [fentonschools.org/return-to-school](http://fentonschools.org/return-to-school).

## RESOLUTION

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One way I'll do that is by continuing to host events with our team and partners that raise money for great causes in the communities we serve. Even in a tough year, View Newspaper Group raised more than \$25,000 for area nonprofits. Another way is by finding stories about great people doing great things and shar-

ing them. Everyone loves good news. Perhaps even more important, I'll work to support our team as they continue to gather information for readers on what's available to them be it food, shelter, mental health support and more.

I'd love to know — what's your New Year's Resolution. Let me know at [ecaswell@mihomemapaper.com](mailto:ecaswell@mihomemapaper.com).

Emily Caswell is the brand manager for VIEW Group, the branding division of View Newspaper Group.

## SHOPLIFTER

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the store without paying for merchandise and fled in a van. A description of the van was provided to police.

Lt. Jeff Cross said a responding officer spotted the van attempting to leave. A traffic stop was initiated, however, the driver of the van would not stop. The van started traveling northbound on Silver Parkway in the southbound lanes. The van went across the lanes and pulled into the entrance near TJMAXX and then exited traveling northbound on Silver Parkway again, but in the correct northbound lanes this time. The van left the roadway near the VG's gas station, turned around and then traveled southbound in the northbound lanes.

The van then traveled into the entrance near Skechers shoe store and drove around to the backside of the businesses. The van drove up the hill behind the businesses toward U.S. 23. It appeared

the driver was attempting to get onto the highway, however, the van got stuck in the snowy ditch.

The driver got out of the van and fled on foot in an unknown direction.

Cross said a Michigan State Police K-9 unit responded, however, a track of the suspect was unsuccessful. The vehicle, abandoned in the ditch by U.S. 23 was a 1995 GMC van. Cross said police believe it was stolen from a Flint resident.

Found in the van were several bottles of stolen liquor, Red Bull drink and laundry soap, all of which were returned to Walmart.

No one was injured in the pursuit and Cross said while the fleeing van was traveling in incorrect lanes, Fenton police traveled in the correct lanes, which slowed them down.

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■■■  
**SO, THE PROGRESSIVE** socialists now in power think they can do what they want. Hold on. Half the country will tell them to stick it where the sun doesn't shine right next to their heads.

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**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** knows what the numbers of those of us conservatives who send in Hot lines. I just sent in five on Saturday evening. Will the Times have the guts to print them? We'll see if they follow big social media and censor me a deplorable.

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**BIDEN, HARRIS, PELOSI,** Schumer and their socialist colleagues must be impeached, forced to resign and removed from office for not condemning soon enough all the violence, property destruction and deaths in the lefts 2020 summer of destruction.

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**Grocery store heroes recognized**

## ■ Sea Life Michigan Aquarium at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills to provide free admission

By Sharon Stone

As a token of gratitude for the unsung men and women battling the coronavirus pandemic head on, SEA LIFE Michigan Aquarium has announced complementary admission for all grocery store workers on weekdays from Tuesday, Jan. 19 to

Friday, Feb. 26 to enjoy a fun escape from their vital work on the front lines.

With the recent holidays, these employees have been working even harder the last few weeks in their important roles that can sometimes go unappreciated.

The Grocery Store Hero Appreciation Days' free one-day admission can only be redeemed online and is valid for weekday visits, Monday through Friday at <http://bit.ly/3sdLION>.

In addition to the free admission for a grocery store worker, they can bring up to four guests who will receive 50 percent off admission as well with the same online offer. When arriving at the attraction, grocery store heroes must show their online ticket and their employee ID or valid pay stub to signify their work as a grocery store hero.

"These grocery store workers are unsung heroes, tirelessly dedicating countless hours in our country's time of need, and it's not lost on us that they do so at the risk of their own health, and sacrificing time with their own families," said Hayley Anderson, general manager of SEA LIFE Michigan. "In our small way, we hope this can bring a little more joy into their lives; and an opportunity for our nation's grocery store workers to spend a day enjoying carefree family fun."

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licenses of a total of 32 establishments for violations due to the COVID-19 pandemic since last September. The licensees' multiple violations of the current MDHHS order include allowing non-residential, in-person gatherings; providing in-person dining; failure to require face coverings for staff and patrons; and failure to prohibit patrons from congregating. During "normal times," the use of Emergency Suspensions by the MLCC is generally infrequent. Over the last seven years, not including the recent Emergency Suspension Orders, there have been approximately 15 such notated suspensions, due to various causes.

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



Property owners in Fenton and Linden cities are required to keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice, per ordinances.

## Who's responsible for shoveling sidewalks?

■Property owners are expected to keep sidewalks free from ice and snow

By Hannah Ball

Residents in Linden and Fenton cities are responsible for clearing the snow off sidewalks on their properties.

In the 2020 winter newsletter, Linden officials reminded residents that it's important to keep sidewalks in front of houses and businesses clear of ice and snow.

"The elderly, disabled and school children especially need sidewalks to be cleared for safe passage during the winter months. Your neighbors are counting on you! Please do your part to maintain a safe and accessible pathway by clearing your snow and ice within 24 hours of accumulation. As you are clearing your sidewalks and driveways,

do not push, plow or shovel snow into the streets."

In Fenton, City Ordinance, 29-15 states that the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks is the responsibility of the property owner.

"The occupant of any premises, or the owner of any unoccupied premises, is required to keep the sidewalks in front of or adjacent to such premises cleared, so far as is practicable and reasonable, from snow, ice, rubbish, excessive dirt, or any encumbrance, to facilitate pedestrian use.

"Whenever any snow or ice has fallen or accumulated, it shall be cleared within 12 hours after it has fallen or accumulated. If the owner or occupant fails to comply with this requirement, the city may remove the same and charge the cost thereof against the abutting property as provided in section 28-16," the ordinance states.

## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

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### DRIVER RUNS RED LIGHT, POLICE RECOVER PISTOL IN VEHICLE

At 2:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 5, a Fenton police officer on patrol observed a vehicle exit from southbound U.S. 23 onto Owen Road. The vehicle drove through a red light in front of the officer. A traffic stop was initiated. The driver told the officer that he had a firearm in his vehicle but did not have a concealed pistol license (CPL). A search of the vehicle revealed a pistol on the center console. The man, a 27-year-old Flint resident, was arrested on the CPL violation and lodged at the Genesee County Jail pending his arraignment. A passenger in the vehicle was not arrested.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### McLaren Flint welcomes psychologist to staff

Yen Ju Lee, PhD, clinical psychologist, has joined the staff at McLaren Flint. Lee is seeing patients at McLaren Flint Family & Behavioral Medicine, G-3230 Beecher Road, Suite 1, in Flint. Lee completed his fellowship in Clinical Health Psychology at Ascension Genesys in Grand Blanc. He earned his medical degree from the University of Detroit Mercy in Detroit. Lee is accepting new patients and can be reached by calling (810) 342-5656.



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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR LOON HARBOR PRESERVE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**To the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested persons:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions of property owners within the township signed by the record owners of land whose land area constitutes more than 50% of the total land area of the proposed district, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton proposes to construct drainage improvements in the Loon Harbor Preserve condominium subdivision, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:

#### **Units 1-83 of the Loon Harbor Preserve Condominium Subdivision**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received preliminary plans showing the improvements and an estimate of the costs of such construction, contingencies and related services in the approximate amount of \$41,400, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the special assessment district. The Township Board has also tentatively found the petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of cost, proposed special assessment district and petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk, if open to the public, from the date of this Notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing. Said plans, estimates of cost, proposed special assessment district and petitions are also available for review and examination on Fenton Township's website at [www.fentontownship.org](http://www.fentontownship.org).

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such petitions, plans, district and estimate of costs will be held electronically via Zoom, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday January 18, 2021.**

At the hearing, the board will also consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters filed with the board at or before the hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments or changes to said plans, estimates, costs or special assessment district.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing and to submit any comments they may have.

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## Genesee County distributes all vaccines

■ **Allocations from State of Michigan depleted — watch for updates, appointment opportunities online**

Genesee County departments have been receiving extreme call volumes inquiring about COVID-19 vaccination appointments, which is overwhelming their phone systems.

As of Monday, Jan. 11, all vaccines that were allocated to Genesee County by the State of Michigan have been distributed. There are no more appointments available at this time.

Once the health department has more vaccines available, the scheduler will again be added to the health department's website at [www.gchd.us/covid19vaccine/](http://www.gchd.us/covid19vaccine/).

The health department will continue to post updates on various platforms and in the media related to vaccine availability as it gets further information.

Continue to check the health department's website frequently for updates.

Visit [gchd.us/covid19vaccine](http://gchd.us/covid19vaccine) for additional information on the vaccine, priority groups, vaccine registration form and scheduling.

## FAKE MONEY

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Following his arraignment, his identity would be released.

### **MORE REPORTS OF COUNTERFEIT MONEY IN FENTON**

Cross said Fenton police also took several complaints over the weekend involving counterfeit \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills. The bills recovered by police passed the counterfeit bill detector pen (ink test). It is unknown if these cases are related to the Flint suspect mentioned above.

Police are investigating the cases and will turn the confiscated fake bills over to the Secret Service for follow up.

Cross said if the bills pass the ink test, the bills are likely a lower denomination

bill that has been washed and reprinted to appear as a \$20, \$50 or \$100 bill. He said anyone accepting anything larger than a \$10 bill should closely inspect it and look for the watermarks. If you suspect the bill is counterfeit, confiscate the bill immediately to prevent it from further circulation and turn it over to your local police department.

If the Secret Service determines that the confiscated bills are legitimate, they will return them to police in order to be returned to the rightful owner.

To combat fake money, Cross said some businesses are purchasing automatic counterfeit detectors with infrared, magnetic and ultraviolet sensors, which cost approximately \$100. The bills are inserted into the machine for instant detection.

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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.

House Bill 5846: Repeal drivers license suspension penalty in many laws

To repeal provisions that authorize the state to revoke, suspend or deny an individual's drivers license for violations of a large number of laws, many unrelated to driving or vehicles. This is part of a bipartisan legislative 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

House Bill 4488: Limit using criminal background to bar occupational licensure - To limit the use of criminal records to determine whether an individual is eligible to get an occupational license mandated by the state, which is required to earn a living in many professions. Specifically, with some exceptions a licensing board or agency could not consider past civil judgments or lawsuits against an individual, or the mere fact of a criminal conviction, as evidence of a "lack of good moral character." This is one of several bills amending different license 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

Senate Bill 1256: Restrict county road commission power to regulate and tax "5G" - To include county road commissions in a 2018 law that caps the amount the state and local governments can charge for zoning, permits and other fees imposed on these "5G" networks. The bill would limit the power of county road commissions to regulate and tax this industry.  
Passed 36 to 2 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

HOT LINE CONTINUED

SO THE LEFT wants statehood for D.C., and Puerto Rico so they can gain an advantage? When is the U.P. going to apply for statehood or secede from Whitmer?

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BIDEN DIVIDING THE country even more by getting on TV and saying if the people who broke into the capitol were Black they would have all been shot. Guess he's inciting riots to start again.

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THERE WAS NOT mass fraud people. Quit lying, 60 court cases, Trump's own cyber security, DOJ, FBI NSA all said it was a fair election.

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THE TAKE DOWN of Parler.com by a few trillion dollar companies that got together to get rid of their competition should worry everyone.

NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Fenton Board of Education elects officers  
During the Fenton Board of Education meeting Monday, Jan. 11 via Zoom, school board members elected their officers for 2021. The school board is comprised of Keith Reynolds, Kimberly Gruber, Dana Jones, Pamela Dickie, Scott Pushman, Emily Rossmassler and Matthew Welch. On Monday, the school board voted to elect Keith Reynolds president. Emily Rossmassler was elected vice president. Dana Jones was elected secretary and Pam Dickie was elected treasurer. All votes were unanimous.



# Fenton's DeRidder continuing dominant season at Michigan State

By David Troppens

Fenton resident and Michigan State University's starting goalie on the men's hockey team Drew DeRidder keeps seeing his star rise higher as the season progresses.

First, the junior earned the starting position in between the pipes to start the season. Second, in early December he was named the Big Ten's Second Star of the Week. Since then, he's soared to even higher heights, earning the Big Ten's First Star of the Week twice. He was named the First Star for the first time when he

made 89 saves and posted a 95.7 save percentage, helping the Spartans post a 1-0-1 record against 16th-ranked Notre Dame at the time.

He earned it again on Jan. 5 when he helped lead the Spartans to a 1-1-0 record against the Penn State Nittany Lions, making 64 saves and posting a 97.0 save percentage in the two recent contents.

On Dec. 19, DeRidder made a season-high 47 saves against the Fighting Irish in a 1-1 overtime tie at Notre Dame's Compton Family Ice Arena, a game played on NBC Sports Net-

work.

DeRidder held Notre Dame's power play off, stopping three power-play chances, including three minutes of a major penalty in the final period. Then, the Spartans were shorthanded again with 1:46 left in overtime, but DeRidder and the Spartans held on to earn the tie.

"He was outstanding. He made a lot of good saves and took care of rebounds," Michigan State coach Danton Cole said. "He was square to the shooters, quick to the post and

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Michigan State goalie and Fenton resident Drew DeRidder

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## Sports Times

### Powers swimmers preparing for D3 state swim meet

By David Troppens

While a great amount of the focus this Saturday in the tri-county area will be on the Division 2 Girls State Swimming and Diving Championship, there certainly will be some focus on the D3 event at Lake Orion High School on Friday and Saturday as well.

That's because the Powers Catholic varsity girls swim team will have two tri-county swimmers at the event — Lara Wujciak and Lauren Taylor.

Wujciak will conclude her prep swimming career with a great chance of finishing her career with an individual event state championship. Wujciak is the top seed by better than two

**See POWERS on 13**

### : Olsen, Tigers looking to make their mark in Fenton history

By David Troppens

She's only into her junior year but Gracie Olsen has already reached the Mt. Rushmore conversation when it comes to Fenton High School's top athletes of all time.

The Mt. Rushmore conversation in sports terms is a discussion of the three best athletes for a given subject. It's easy to see why she's in that discussion. In her first two seasons with the Fenton varsity girls swim team, Olsen captured three Division 2 individual event state championships and one individual event runner-up finish.

She is preparing for Saturday's D2 Girls State Swimming and Diving Championship to be held at Grand Rapids Northview High School.

Olsen is one of seven Tigers who will compete at the state meet, and she'll be a favorite to possibly earn two more individual event state championships. In fact, she enters the state meet as clearly the top seed in the 200 yard freestyle (1:51.28) and the 100 yard butterfly (55.17) by

more than a one-second gap in each event. Olsen understands the legacy she's created during her prep career.

"I do think about it," Olsen said. "I've been told a couple of times (about her historical accomplishments). It's very motivational more than anything. I try to stay humble and I think it's super cool. But what I am really glad about is I have one of the best teams to train with and some of the best teams out there."

Comments like that don't come out of Olsen without questions prodding those statements, which reflects just how humble she is. Talking about her teammates is much more natural for her.

It's already challenging to find someone with Olsen's credentials as impressive as hers in Fenton school history. If she won two more state championships this weekend, Olsen should likely lock up that top spot with her senior season still remaining.

But nothing is a given this



Fenton's Gracie Olsen is looking to win her fourth and fifth individual event state championships at the D2 state meet Saturday.

Photo: David Troppens

season. With COVID-19, training has been extremely difficult for swimmers. The state meet was suspended twice already, and has interrupted traditional training methods. Usually swimmers work hard, gaining mileage during the season. Then, as the state meet approaches they lessen their work load to create added energy for the state event. With the prac-

tice sessions interrupted twice this season, it's likely no swimmer will match the times they expected to if the actual event happened in November.

"We started (practicing) together last week," Olsen said. Before that, I was going to Lakeland High School. ... I was there with a group of girls. It was really cool to see a lot of

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## OLSEN

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other swimmers from all over the place practicing by themselves. It just showed a lot of dedication. It was really great to see everyone come together and show a lot of pride.”

Just having a state meet will feel like an accomplishment.

“I think it’s really great we are able to pull this off after all of this,” Olsen said. “We were really uncertain anything was going to happen. I think it’s great we get a chance, especially for our seniors.”

The Tigers’ other competitors at the state meet will be Maddie Kazmierski (100 butterfly and the 500 freestyle), Abigail Dolliver (100 breaststroke) and Sophie Stefanac (100 freestyle and 100 backstroke) in individual events. Delaney Fries, Rose Haney and Halee Alexander also will attend and will compete on the Tigers’ relays. All three Fenton relays are qualified with the 400 freestyle relay team of Olsen, Stefanac, Fries and Dolliver seeded third.

The adversity of the season is going to make the state meet special.



Fenton’s state qualifiers for the Division 2 for the girls state swim team are (from left starting with the front row) Gracie Olsen, Rose Haney, Halee Alexander, Sophie Stefanac, Delaney Fries, Abigail Dolliver and Maddie Kazmierski. Photo: David Troppens

“Absolutely it’s going to be super special,” Olsen said. “Our time trial meet we had back in November was super special too, but the fact that they were able to pull this off is special.”

“I just want to go and see what happens. My club team had a meet in Elkhart, Indiana a few weeks ago and this is kind of like another follow up. I’m excited to see what happens. I just want us to have a good time.”

## DERIDDER

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did an outstanding job positionally and athletically.”

A day later, the Spartans won a 4-3 overtime victory against the Irish as DeRidder made 42 saves.

On Jan. 4, the Spartans returned home and lost a heartbreaking 1-0 verdict to the Nittany Lions. DeRidder was outstanding in the contest, saving 28 of 29 shots, including a breakaway by Penn State’s Kevin Wall with 12:30 left in regulation. The only goal allowed came with 2:56 left in the first period by Penn State’s Sam Sternschein.

A day later, the Spartans avenged the 1-0 loss with a 5-1 victory. DeRidder saved 36 of 37 shots at Munn Ice Arena.

In his most recent performance he allowed just two goals on 38 shots in the



Michigan State goalie and Fenton resident Drew DeRidder has saved 94 percent of the shots he’s faced this season. He’s earned First Star Player of the Week honors in the Big Ten twice this season.

Spartans’ 3-2 victory against the Michigan Wolverines at home Saturday.

DeRidder has played in all 12 of the team’s contests and has posted a 5-5-2 record in those contests, recording one shutout. He’s saved 94 percent of the shots he’s faced and is allowing just an average of 2.03 goals a game. Both numbers are career bests for DeRidder.

## POWERS

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seconds on the rest of the field in the 100 yard butterfly (56.59). A year ago, Wujciak finished fifth in the event. She also is the fifth seed in the 100 backstroke (59.27).

Taylor, a junior, also will be competing in two individual events. She’ll be competing in the 100 butterfly and the 200 individual medley. The Powers squad also has all three of its relay teams qualified, and the pair will likely compete on two relays as well. The Powers’ 200 medley relay team is seeded third (1:51.86) entering the meet.

The event will be different than typical seasons. The meet will just have one swim in each event for each individual or relay team.

“I am a big fan of the timed finals situation at states,” Wujciak said. “It is a ‘last one fast one’ situation. A mental test to all swimmers to see if their head is really in the game.”

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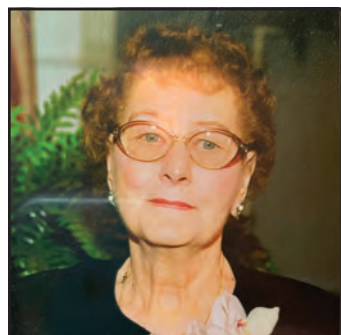
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## Obituaries



**Marie E. Tessens**  
1929 – 2021

Marie E. Tessens - age 91, of Holly, died Sunday, January 10, 2021. She was born in Chicago, IL on August 22, 1929 to Simmion and Helen (Bouffard) Belgraden. She was a loving and caring person with great love for her family. She enjoyed boating, camping, and deer hunting, and she was a member of the Fenton Eagles. Surviving are her daughter, Diane (Gary) Stack; son, Darrell (Cheryl) Tessens; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald; son, Darrin; sister, Madaline Ferraro; and brothers, Ed and Sam Belgraden. Visitation with social distancing restrictions will be from 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 PM Friday, January 15, 2021 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Graveside services will be held at 2 PM Saturday, January 16, at Rose Center Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com).

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**Zella Mae Chapman**  
1939 – 2021

Zella Mae Chapman - age 81, of Fenton, died Monday, January 11, 2021. Funeral services will be held 4 PM Saturday, January 16, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton (A live Stream of the service is available on Zella's obituary page at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com)). Visitation will be held at the funeral home Saturday from 12 PM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to Hospice House of Shiawassee County or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Zella was born October 8, 1939 in New Hudson, the daughter of Stanley E. and Edith I. (Cash) Potts. She married Gerald D. Chapman December 1, 1961 in New Hudson and he preceded her in death February 28, 2010. Surviving are her sons, Stanley Chapman and Joseph Chapman both of Fenton; granddaughter, Brooklynn Rose Chapman of Fenton; brother-in-law, Gary Cole of Brighton; and nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents; brother, Robert "Bob" Potts; and sister, Ruth Cole. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Horoscopes

For the week of  
January 11, 2021

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Be aware of the impact words can have, Aries. You may think what you're saying is innocuous, but it really can do harm without intent. Be conscious of what you're saying.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

You don't want to disappoint people who rely on you, Taurus. But remain conscious of what you can and cannot offer other people. Find the right balance.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Spend some time alone this week to sort things out in your head before you react to a situation that has been on your mind, Gemini. Don't let others affect your state of mind.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Someone draws a proverbial line in the sand and challenges you to take action. This can be a conflict for you, especially if you're not yet ready to make a move.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, a steep climb is before you, but with patience and perseverance, you will eventually reach the summit. Once you do, you will enjoy an extreme sense of accomplishment.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Try not to nitpick your actions. Once you make a decision, stand by your choice and defend it. Typically your gut and your mind do not steer you in the wrong direction.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

You may need to put rational on the side and be a little reckless in the days ahead, Libra. This may cause some temporary disarray, but take a chance.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

You may think you have the perfect plan laid out, Scorpio. However, double- or even triple-check all of your data. Doing so will provide reassurance.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, what you expect to happen this week may turn out to be the opposite of what actually happens. Be prepared for any scenario to come your way.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Emotions may cloud your judgment, Capricorn. Try to look at a situation clearly so you can weigh-in in an impartial manner so you have no regrets.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Sometimes the best things that happen to you can occur in the most unlikely of places, Aquarius. Always keep your eyes open and ready for surprises.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Don't fret if you don't think the same way as another group of people, Pisces. This week you will more fully develop your perspective.



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