

Vaccine appointment website crashes

■ Fenton Township reaches 1,000 reported COVID-19 cases

By Hannah Ball

Genesee County does not have enough vaccines for the number of people approved to receive them yet, and the site to register for an

appointment was down the night of Monday, Jan. 18.

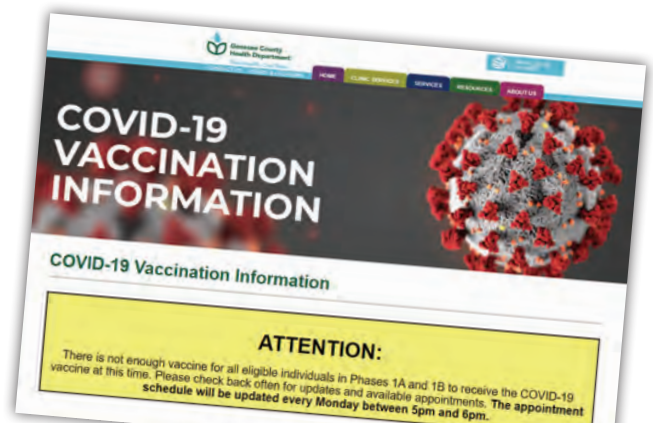
The county was still experiencing technical difficulties going into Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Last week, Dr. Pamela Hackert, who leads the Genesee County Medical Health Office, said they haven't been able to receive the

number of vaccines they requested from the state, and the state isn't able to receive the number of vaccines requested from the federal government.

Those in phases 1A and 1B, who are approved to get vaccinations, hit another snag when

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UP car crash claims life of Fenton woman

■ Three others involved in crash transported to hospital

By Sharon Stone

The Michigan State Police in Marquette County, in the Upper Peninsula, reported that a 20-year-old Fenton woman was killed Saturday, Jan. 16 in a multi-car crash in the Upper Peninsula.

The crash took place at approximately 6 p.m.

According to uppermichigansource.com (WLUC), Michigan Tech sent a message Sunday to MTU students saying Charlotte Jenkins was killed in a three-car

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Fenton students return for in-person learning



A group of Fenton High School students walk the halls during passing time on Tuesday, Jan. 19, the first day back to in-person learning after weeks of only learning virtually. See story on Page 5. Photo: Hannah Ball

Township approves rezoning request

■ Developers one step closer to building 83-bed assisted living facility on Silver Lake Road

By Hannah Ball

On Monday, Jan. 18, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted to rezone a property on Silver Lake Road that would allow for an assisted living facility.

The 8.26-acre vacant property, just north of Price's Airport, is rezoned from Horizon Park PUD to DMK Assisted Living PUD, Planned Unit Development. This is one step closer to the 83-bed assisted living facility developers, which is DMK Development Group, plan to build.

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“I loved seeing the article about the old Fenton castle. I think about that periodically and I just thought of it yesterday when I went by there. I remember living on Main Street and hearing the dynamite blasting for days trying to bring that place down. So very sad.”



“What's up with all the idiots in the mornings and evenings driving without their lights on? Scary.”



“I would just like to thank the Tri-County Times for posting my Hot lines in your paper. It sure helps me get things off my chest.”



MICHIGAN VOTES

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, Jan. 15. The 101st Michigan Legislature held its first session Wednesday, Jan. 13. In the coming weeks, the House and Senate will organize the policy and appropriations committees through which new bills (usually) must pass on their way to potential enactment. No votes are expected before then. The majority caucuses in the House and Senate (both Republican) sometimes signal priorities with the first bills they introduce. With no voting, this report describes those bills plus some others of general interest.

2021 Senate Bill 1: Limit state health department epidemic orders without legislative approval

Introduced by Sen. Lana Theis (R) on Jan. 13, 2021, to restrict emergency orders the state health department (the Department of Health and Human Services) may impose in response to an epidemic to 28 days unless an extension is approved by the legislature. A state Public Health Code adopted by the legislature in 1978 gives the department the authority to issue such orders.

NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 1

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees scheduled a public hearing for Monday, Feb. 1 for citizens to give input on road improvement suggestions. A public hearing will give the township the opportunity to accept citizen input regarding potential 2021 local road improvement projects prior to making any final decisions. Although the township typically conducts the local road hearing in January, it had some unresolved funding issues with the Genesee County Road Commission that needed to be resolved, and moving the hearing to February will provide additional time to develop a list of potential projects, according to meeting minutes.



Lake Fenton youth gathered together in October 2020 to participate in a pumpkin carving activity, strictly following COVID-19 restrictions. Submitted photo

Foundation, trusts give \$20,000 to Young Life

■ Helps cover shortfall from in-person banquet canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic

Compiled by Sharon Stone

The Nartel Family Foundation, The AG Bishop Charitable Trust, and The Stella and Frederick Loeb Charitable Trust have together provided \$20,000 to Young Life Genesee County to help cover a nearly \$50,000 shortfall from its annual banquet due to COVID-19 restrictions. An additional \$37,716 came in via a five-day 5for50k campaign for \$50,000.

Young Life's largest fundraiser is traditionally held in-person in May of every year, covering much of the budgetary needs for the host year and part of the following year. The pandemic forced Young Life to abandon the in-person fundraising dinner for an online version that fell far short of the 300-400 normally in attendance.

"We are so grateful for their support," said Sue Frownfelter, area director of Young Life Genesee County. "Without their generosity, we would be forced to make deep cuts in the programming of Young Life Genesee County. With more than 25,000 youth in our area, we did not want to curtail our efforts to provide healthy friendship and adult support at a time when many need it

most. They truly have been an answer to prayer."

Young Life Genesee County currently serves nearly 7,800 youth in Fenton, Lake Fenton, Grand Blanc, Linden and Flint.

"The Nartel Family Foundation is proud to support Young Life with their continued outreach to the youth of Genesee County," said Timm Allen, communications officer and trustee of The Nartel Family Foundation.

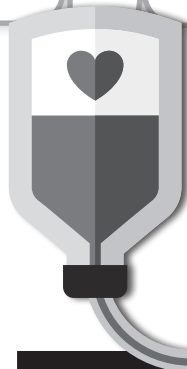
Young Life is an international faith-based non-profit organization that has been active in Genesee County since 1965. Late businessman Woody Skaff invited numerous other business associates to help spearhead the outreach to unchurched youth. Since then, thousands of area youth have been positively impacted by the high-energy programming and one-on-one relational mentoring that occurs with Young Life staff and volunteers.

Young Life activities for high school aged youth and WyldLife activities for middle school aged youth currently are available in Fenton, Grand Blanc, Linden and Lake Fenton.

Four full-time and two part-time staff head teams of trained volunteers.

If interested in learning more about Young Life of Genesee County or helping with the outreach efforts, contact Sue Frownfelter at sfrownfelter@genco.younglife.org or (810) 391-2189.

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'Honoring Our Veterans'

■ Back by popular demand, every issue of the Times in 2021 will feature a local veteran

By Sharon Stone

Keep sending in your veterans.

In every 2020 issue of the Times, a veteran with ties to the tri-county area was featured on page 3.

This feature was a combined initiative between the View Newspaper Group and the generosity of Roger Sharp Sr., owner of Sharp Funeral Homes.

Because of the overwhelming success and positive feedback from the Times' readers, this feature will con-

tinue and be sponsored by Sharp Funeral Homes throughout 2021.

Sharp, who has long been an advocate for the military men and women who serve our country, generously agreed to continue sponsoring this feature.

The military personnel to be featured must live in the tri-county area or have ties to someone in this area. They must have been honorably discharged. The individual featured would not have had to serve in a foreign war, just served in one of the branches of the military – Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force or the Coast Guard.

The Times encourages families to submit the local veterans in their lives even if they have died. The Times is proud to honor all of our veterans. There is no cost

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If you have a friend or loved one that you would like to feature on this page, please submit their full name, hometown, rank at time of discharge, years served and in which branch of the military. Be sure to include a list of medals or honors they may have received. If they did serve in a foreign war, list the war or war era.

Please send this information, with their military photo or other preferred photo of the veteran to Tri-County Times, 256 N. Fenway Dr., Fenton, MI 48430. You may also submit all of this information by emailing Editor Sharon Stone at sstone@tctimes.com.

If you have any questions, email Stone at the email above.

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Sharin' the spotlight

By Editor Sharon Stone

Who doesn't like to get a birthday card or a check in the mail? These nice surprises make up for all the credit card statements, junk mail and bills that never seem to stop showing up in our mailboxes.

With the Times' recent switch to having the U.S. Postal Service take care of our delivering, your local newspaper also finds you via your mailbox.

Throughout the tri-county area, there's a combination of walking and driving routes. My family's mailbox is at the road. Our mail carriers over the years have always been friendly. They usually wave with their hand filled with envelopes ready to go into the next mailbox.

After some research, I found that a typical walking route could be up to 12 miles long. Can you imagine walking 12 miles a day carrying a heavy postal bag? Imagine if it were 100 degrees on a beautiful July day or zero degrees on a bitterly cold January day. I can't. One study found that a mail carrier with a walking route could be taking 1,906 steps per hour, which adds up to about 15,250 steps in an eight-hour shift.

Walking mail carriers have to be ready for anything. Unfriendly dogs require them to carry pepper spray. Some carry small treats so they can make friends with the dogs they see every day. Sometimes wasps make nests inside mailboxes.

Mail carriers do more than just deliver mail

Now that the ground is covered with snow, it's important to keep the sidewalks and paths to our mailboxes clear and safe. I'm sure your mail carrier will appreciate not having to trip over something or sliding on ice.

Mail carriers driving one of the big boxy mail trucks have their own issues to deal with, such as impatient motorists coming too close to them as they pass on a busy road. The snow piles that generally end up along the edge of the road and underneath roadside mailboxes can be dangerous. If you have a difficult time getting to your own mailbox, your mail carrier will too.

Over the years, mail carriers get to know the families on their route. There have been stories of when mail carriers



Sharon Stone

noticed that mail had piled up inside a mailbox. Out of concern for their customer, some have called 911 only to find out that the resident had a health issue and needed help.

I ran into one of our mail carriers one time while out with my husband. She somewhat recognized me and as soon as I asked her if she delivered our mail, she instantly knew my address and where I lived. She told me fun stories about my neighborhood. I could tell she enjoyed her job.

So, to all of our mail carriers who endure the rain, snow, heat, cold, dogs, cats, junk mail, distracted drivers and more just to deliver a greeting card, check or bill to us, we appreciate how you keep an eye on our neighborhoods.

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IF BIDEN PASSES minimum wage to \$15/hour, I will no longer tip. I'm sure the cost will be already rolled up to the meal cost, hair cut cost, etc.

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I COMPARE GOVERNOR

Whitmer's recent article praising the sacrifices made by Michigan restaurant owners to receiving a get well card from your dentist who pulled out the wrong tooth.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

ANNOUNCEMENT. It's time to take down your Christmas decorations.

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TYPICAL DEMOCRAT. DOESN'T

like Trump flags so he whines to city council in an attempt to censor free speech. Funny how that works: Trump flags are divisive but banning free speech isn't. Can you say 'double standard?'

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FACEBOOK, TWITTER AND

Google rely extensively upon frequency bandwidth of the electromagnetic spectrum to deliver their content. Collectively, we as citizens own that bandwidth. As such, private companies using that bandwidth forfeit a right to censor.

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

Should students learn in person or virtually right now?

streettalk



"Each school district has a different set of circumstances to deal with, classroom size, hallway size, number of students in a class/building. One size

will not fit all, sorry to say. This is a different world that we live in now. Change is difficult and parents/people want everything back the way it was before, that isn't possible."

Delynn Fairbanks, Linden



"In person if the schools have the resources and staff to make it possible. Elementary age kids do not need to be on Zoom meetings

all day and doing all school work electronically. I think kids have really suffered this past year academically by not consistently being in school in person."

Allison O'Brien, Fenton



"Honestly, I think it should be based on the needs of the individual students, considering some may have health issues, among

others, that might warrant virtual learning. Both should be offered since every parent has their own views about the pandemic and their children's education."

Andy Butts, Gaines



"In person! My kids do not seem to learn anything from me. Something that takes the teacher five minutes to do takes us

an hour. I applaud people that can make it work. We cannot."

Ann Bradley, Fenton

WEBSITE

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the vaccine appointment site, on gchd.us, crashed Monday at 5 p.m.

Local COVID-19 cases

Fenton Township reached exactly 1,000 reported COVID-19 cases as of Monday, Jan. 18, according to the Genesee County Health Department.

Township officials estimate the township's population size to be approximately 17,000.

Argentine Township: 395 cases with a population size of 6,514

Fenton: 646 cases

Linden: 207 cases

GENESEE COUNTY NUMBERS AS OF MONDAY, JAN. 18

Cases: 20,353

Deaths: 627

Fatality rate: 3.1 percent

Positivity rate: 8.1 percent

In Michigan, those able to receive a vaccine are in Phases 1A and 1B. Phase 1A consists of healthcare personnel and residents in long-term care facilities. Phase 1B consists of those age 65 and older and frontline essential workers in critical infrastructure.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has a vaccine dashboard showing how many vaccines have been distributed in the state and each county. As of Monday, Jan. 18, 1,049,575 vaccines have been distributed, with 609,375 of those shots coming from Pfizer and 440,200 coming from Moderna.

Genesee County is considered in the low-to-moderate category with 23,425 vaccines distributed. Approximately 14,625 were the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine and 8,800 were the Moderna vaccine.

Oakland County is the only county in Michigan that's considered to have a "high" vaccine distribution number with 111,400 vaccines distributed. Approximately 97,500 of those were Pfizer and 13,900 were Moderna.

Both vaccines have been approved for ages 18 and up and they involve two doses. Pfizer's vaccines are recommended to be given 21 days apart and Moderna's is recommended to be 28 days apart. Those who had a prior COVID-19 infection are approved to

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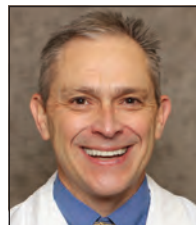
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MCLAREN FLINT WELCOMES FAMILY MEDICINE PHYSICIANS TO MEDICAL STAFF

Christopher Harrison, DO, and Jeffery Bossenberger, DO, both board certified in family



Christopher
Harrison, DO



Jeffery
Bossenberger,
DO

medicine, have joined the medical staff at McLaren Flint. Both doctors are seeing patients at McLaren Flint-Fenton Family Medicine, 17200 Silver Parkway, in Fenton. Harrison completed his residency at Ascension Genesys in Grand Blanc. He earned his medical degree from Des Moines University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa. Bossenberger completed his residency at Ascension Genesys in Grand Blanc. He earned his medical degree from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in East Lansing. Harrison and Bossenberger are accepting new patients and can be reached by calling (810) 714-9660.

get the vaccine, but should wait until they are recovered from the virus and until their quarantine period has ended.

The application link can be found at gchd.us/covid.html. It's called V-Safe Application and contains a step-by-step guide on how to register for a vaccine appointment.

Fenton students return for in-person learning

■ Principal says about 75 percent of students chose in-person learning

By Hannah Ball

Fenton High School returned to in-person learning Tuesday, Jan. 19 after weeks of only using virtual learning.

Principal Laura Lemke said approximately 260 students did virtual learning during this past fall semester. When they returned Tuesday, they had a net gain of 30 people in the building because more chose in-person learning. Lemke said 50 more students returned to in-person, while some chose virtual instead.

FHS has approximately 1,180 students this year. Lemke said about 75 percent of students are learning in person and 25 percent are learning at home.

"That's pretty consistent for a lot of districts in the county," she said. "About 75 percent want face-to-face, 25 percent are doing some sort of virtual."

Fenton's schedule offers three



Fenton High School students wear masks as they go to and from classes on Tuesday, Jan. 19. Photo: Hannah Ball

classes a day. Students stay in those classes for three weeks, and then they switch to another three classes for the next three weeks.

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CAR CRASH

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crash on U.S. 41, near Michigamme.

Jenkins was a third-year computer engineering student. The university had counselors available for students Monday. According to the university, Jenkins was involved within residence education and housing services and served as the resident assistant for the "Women in Engineering" community in McNair Hall.

Police said she was driving a red 2005 Pontiac Aztek and was traveling westbound on U.S. 41, in Michigamme Township. A 19-year-old Brighton woman was also in the vehicle.

Jenkins reportedly lost control of the Pontiac and hit two eastbound vehicles, police said. She died from her injuries.

Her passenger was transported to UP Health System Marquette with serious injuries, according to WLUC. Two other drivers involved in the crash also were transported to the hospital for treatment of injuries.



Two memorable Inauguration Days

Today at noon, Joseph Robinette Biden will take the oath of office and become the 46th President of the United States.

It promises to be a very memorable Inauguration Day in a number of ways.

These include the presence of some 25,000 National Guard Troops in Washington, D.C. providing security, numerous streets and bridges going into the Capitol being blocked off, fences erected, and attendance at the event being severely limited.

There's tension in the air and as things have unfolded in the last few months, it's difficult to put it all into perspective.

However, what can be said is that in the past there have

been other difficult or memorable Inauguration Days when there were deep divisions in our country.

One in particular stands out — the 1861 inauguration of President Abraham Lincoln. Here's what happened.

On Nov. 6, 1860, Abraham Lincoln was elected as our 16th President.

A number of people in the southern states were adamantly opposed to him because they believed he would eliminate slavery.

Indeed, seven states seceded from the Union between his election and his inauguration on March 4, 1861.

This opposition manifested itself in a number of ways including:

- A mob unsuccessfully tried to break into the Capitol Building on Feb. 13, 1861 to disrupt the counting of the states' certified electoral ballots.
- Two assassination plots were uncovered to kill Lincoln on his way to the inauguration.
- There were numerous other rumored plots to kidnap or kill him or disrupt the government.

As to disruptions, there was a plan, which involved a march on Washington by insurrectionists to seize control of the government.

As a result of all of this and more, all available military personnel were called upon to provide extensive inaugural security.

This included green-coated sharpshooters on the roof of the Capitol Building and the carriage that Mr. Lincoln took to the inauguration being entirely surrounded by marshals and cavalry to the point that it was almost hidden from view.

No one knew if Lincoln would be shot that day.

President Lincoln's inaugural address also was memorable as he called for unity in a time of conflict.

Everyone has an opinion on recent events. It is my belief that we all want the violence to stop while recognizing the right to free speech.

Hopefully, this will come to pass.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

A FRIEND SAID to me, 'There must have been election fraud. Did you see all the Trump flags this summer?' I voted for Biden and my other friends did as well. I flew one flag; the only one I respect 'The Stars and Stripes.' Respect our House.

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ANYONE NOT PAYING attention to what is happening to our free speech rights better start immediately. Remember when some local school boards years ago wanted to ban certain books? This is the United States of America and we have rights like no other country in the world. Respect that.

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WE HAVE A Democrat group trying to remove State Rep. Matt Maddock from office just for being at the U.S. Capitol to protest the fraudulent election. It's our right to peacefully protest but the left brands us all as insurrectionist, even though we were not part of the riot.

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A PROGRESSIVE TACTIC is that if a lie is repeated enough, it will eventually be believed to be the truth. Something isn't true just because a liar says so.

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WHEN WILL THE attempt to silence me, a conservative, happen since I use an Apple iPhone and have used Google many times in the past for the conservative Hot lines I send. Especially when I favor going after their wallets for violating our First Amendment rights.

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TO THE PERSON allowing their trash to come out of their truck on Silver Lake Road. This time I have your receipt with all your information. Please stop littering.

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TO THE WOMEN who runs with her golden retriever attached to her waist. Shame on you for not allowing the dog to stop to potty on the lawn. He has to go on the run. I saw the feces on the sidewalk after you went by.

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GOV. WHITMER NEEDS to be recalled. None of her shut downs have worked. Restaurants and churches need to be reopened. If you don't feel safe going, you don't have to go. They were doing a great job of keeping people apart. But you can get on a crowded plane.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

YOUR STORY ON the old castles in Fenton was fascinating. We wish we could have seen them in person.

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BEFORE OUR VERY eyes we are witnessing the failure and futility of centralized medicine. How the heck are state and federal governments going to manage a complex, universal health care system when they can't manage a simple vaccination project? They had 10 months to get ready.

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STATE REP. MIKE Mueller, your response to our governor was just lame and too late. Why aren't you

doing more to push for reopening our economy? Be the voice we elected you to be.

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A PRESIDENT IS above the law when he exercises a pardon for anything and everything.

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HARBAUGH FOR FIVE more years at 'Mythagain.' The AD is going to make sure Harbaugh wins more games. Just look at the powerhouse nonconference teams for the next two years — Connecticut, Hawaii, Bowling Green, East Carolina, UNLV and Colorado State. Only one team had a winning record in 2020.

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LET'S BAN THE professional politician. Nobody, at any level, local, state and federal should be allowed more than six years. All judges, too.

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YOUR ARTICLE ON the vaccine had Sheriff Swanson saying he took Tylenol for symptoms he had after receiving the shot. A recent AARP article said some studies indicate that fever- reducing medicines reduce the effectiveness of vaccines by interfering with the immune response. Should wait until six hours after the shot.

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ANY GOVERNMENT THAT pretends to represent the people doesn't need an army to protect its leaders from the people.

REZONING

Continued from Front Page

The proposed project is called Silver Lake Road Assisted Living.

The Planning Commission recommended approval for the project Oct. 8, and the Board of Trustees discussed it Nov. 9. During these discussions, the Fenton Township Master Plan classified this area as Low Density Residential and township officials debated over whether an assisted living facility is classified as low density residential development.

The Planning Commission conducted a review of the Master Plan.

Township Zoning Administrator

Treasurer John Tucker, who's also on the Planning Commission, said they debated about if the parcel should be classified as high density residential instead.

The amendment was approved with the following conditions, according to Fenton Township meeting minutes:

- **The maximum** building height shall not exceed 29 feet, unless the method for fire protection is reviewed and approved by the fire department, in which case it may exceed 29 feet but shall not exceed 47 feet.
- **Minimum setbacks** shall be

“The Planning Commission has found that the use is consistent with that area.”

Mike Deem
Fenton Township zoning administrator

established at the time of site plan review and approval and shall be a minimum of 10 feet.

- **The maximum** number of beds shall not exceed 83.
- **The landscape** and buffering plan shall be subject to Planning Commission approval.
- **The developer** of the PUD project shall pay to Fenton Township the total cost of any necessary upgrades to the sanitary sewer system, as determined by the Township.
- **The Planning** Commission and Township Board will evaluate this request in five years and may initiate a rezoning of the property if the developer has not demonstrated that suitable, continual progress has been made to develop the property consistent with this ordinance.

Mike Deem said the Planning Commission reviewed the master plan and this area was classified as low density residential when the surrounding areas were medium density residential.

Linden is more comparable to medium or high density residential, Deem said, and it's close to Fenton and U.S. 23 exits and entrances.

Based on these factors, the low density residential classification was determined to be an error and it should be classified as medium density.

Deem said the Planning Commission will start the process of amending the future land use map.

“The Planning Commission has found that the use is consistent with that area,” Deem said.

Amending the master plan will be a separate agenda item the board will vote on.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE
LOON HARBOR PRESERVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF FENTON TOWNSHIP,
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THE OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN THE
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ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that that Supervisor and assessing officer of the township has reported to the township board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by her covering all properties within the Loon Harbor Preserve Drainage Improvement Special Assessment District benefited by the proposed drainage improvement project. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the costs of repairing and improving the storm water detention pond in the Loon Harbor Preserve subdivision, and work incidental thereto within the aforesaid special assessment district as more particularly shown on the plans on file with the Township Clerk at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the township, which assessment is in the total amount of \$41,400.40.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessing officer has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board will meet on Monday February 1, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom (**Meeting ID: 912 2803 5010; Passcode: 769302**) for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the Fenton Township office and on the Fenton Township website at www.fentontownship.org from now until after said hearing. Protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

An owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent may attend the hearing by telephone to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her attendance by telephone shall not be required. (The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 35 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.)

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Wujciak leads Powers, collects D3 state title

By David Troppens

"Controlling the uncontrollable."

That's how Powers senior Lara Wujciak described the 2020 girls swimming and diving season that didn't end until 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But when Flint Powers and Wujciak were able to finish their season Saturday at the Division 3 state meet held at Lake Orion High School, they were in total control.

Wujciak won an individual event state championship and the Chargers' squad, made up of three tri-county state qualifiers, placed eighth at the D3 event.

Wujciak won the 100 yard butterfly and took third in the 100 breaststroke. She also helped two relays place. Meanwhile, Lauren Taylor competed in two individual events and two relays while Katelyn Iordanou competed

in a relay as well.

Wujciak was the area's biggest star. She entered the 100 butterfly as the top seed with a time of 56.59 seconds. She improved upon that time, winning with a time of 56.77 seconds. She won the race by .35 seconds against second-place Cranbrook Kingswood's Hale Oal. Wujciak led at the halfway point with a time of 26.69 seconds, .13 sec-

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Fenton resident
Lara Wujciak (right)
and Powers coach
Chase Harvey

Olsen, Tigers have a day to remember at state meet

Fenton junior collects fourth state title, second runner-up finish

By David Troppens

Grand Rapids — Gracie Olsen added another individual event state championship to her resume Saturday at the Division 2 State Swimming and Diving Championships held at Northview High School.

The Fenton junior defended her D2 100-yard butterfly state championship, posting a time of 55.18 seconds, narrowly matching her seeded time of 55.17. She won last year's title with a time of 55.57 seconds.

She also collected her second individual event runner-up finish of her career, taking second in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:50.61. Olsen was the defending state champion in that event as well, but fell one spot short of repeating.

The 100 butterfly was Olsen's final individual event on Saturday. She dominated the event from the start, finishing the first 50 yards in

26.06 seconds, .18 seconds ahead of second-place Rhian Russell. She increased her lead during the second half of the event, winning the race by 1.07 seconds.

"It's really special," Olsen said about defending her championship. "It's something I never take for granted. I just couldn't do it without the people I have and everything that has led up to it. I'm really thankful for everyone. It's just really super special."

Olsen solidified herself as Fenton's greatest swimmer in school history. She started her career by earning an individual state championship in the 200 individual medley her freshman year. She also was the runner-up in the 100 butterfly with a time of 55.69 seconds. Along with winning the 100 butterfly last year, she also took the top spot in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:48.98.

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Fenton's Gracie Olsen collects her medal for her fourth individual state title in her swim career from Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brad Jones at Saturday's state meet. Photo: David Troppens

Fenton places seventh in final team standings

By David Troppens

Grand Rapids — For a long time it looked like the Division 2 state swim and diving championships were never going to happen during the 2020 fall season.

They were suspended twice and 2020 came and went. Yet, the three Division state meets finally did happen and the Fenton varsity girls swim team made sure they made an impact while at the D2 event, earning an individual state championship, a runner-up finish and two other All-State performances during the Tigers' seventh-place team finish at the D2 meet held at Northview High School on Saturday.

"It was awesome," one of Fenton's senior swimmers Abigail Dolliver said. "We had a lot of high expectations this year. We are definitely the strongest we've

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ever been. It definitely was an honor to anchor the last relay to end the season, especially with this being our longest season and this being our third state meet after they canceled it (two other times).

"A blessing in disguise is a great way to put it. I'm very grateful that my last season was my longest season, even if it wasn't exactly the way we wanted it to be. It was the most time I got to spend with these girls."

"This season definitely had high highs and low lows," sophomore Sophie Stefanac said. "We had meets canceled and rescheduled, but today was definitely one of the highest highs and I'd definitely do it again. It's a great time."

"I just love the fact that these girls got to finish the season on their own terms," Fenton varsity girls swim coach Brad Jones said. "We had some great swims. We moved up as a team overall. We finished seventh which is great for us."

"This is an amazing group of girls. There is no downside to spending extra time with them. It certainly was an emotional roller coaster. It was not knowing when you were going to compete, but I would spend another six months with this group. ... They support each other and that's what it's all about. Just to finish the season as they were supposed to for our seniors and walking out with their heads up with some great swims. I'm so proud of the girls."

Gracie Olsen finished her season with her fourth individual event state championship of her career and her second individual runner up finish. She won the 100 yard butterfly (55.18) and took second in the 200 freestyle (1:50.61). More about her individual performances can be found in another story in this publication.

The Tigers' best team effort tied the best relay finish by a Fenton team at the state meet. The 400 freestyle relay team of Olsen, Stefanac, Delaney Fries and Dolliver tied last year's third-place finish at the state meet, earning that placing again this year with a time of 3:36.71.

"It definitely meant a lot because I haven't been on the relays with these girls before," Stefanac said. "I've seen it but I've never got to experience. Today was definitely really special."

"The relay was the best feeling," Olsen said. "With swimming there is a lot of individual tendencies. You swim your own race and there's not a ton of relays. So when you get a chance to be with your team in that one event and you get that feeling you are all together it's awesome because it really feels like a team sport."

Stefanac earned All-State honors in an individual event as well. She tied for sixth in the 100 backstroke (59.19) to earn that status. She also placed ninth in the 100 freestyle (54.31).

"I was close to both of my best times and I was proud of both of those (events)," Stefanac said. "Our relays did really good. I'm really proud of what we've done today."

Two others had individual events. Maddie Kazmierski capped her career by placing 13th in the 100 butterfly



Two of Fenton's varsity girls swim team members that competed at the D2 state swim meet were Abigail Dolliver (top) and Maddie Kazmierski. Photos: David Troppens



Fenton's Sophie Stefanac (middle) dives into the pool to start the 200 freestyle relay at the Division 2 state meet Saturday. The Tigers finished seventh in the team standings at the event. Photo: David Troppens

(1:01.14) and 17th in the 500 freestyle (5:22.95). Finally, Dolliver placed 13th in the 100 breaststroke (1:09.00).

The Tigers had two other relays place. The 200 medley relay team of Olsen, Dolliver, Halee Alexander and Fries placed ninth (1:51.88) while the 200 freestyle team of Stefanac, Rose

Haney, Fries and Dolliver placed 11th (1:41.44).

"We went through this season not knowing if we were going to have another meet, and it was nice to know it has finally come to an end," Stefanac said. "We finally had a goal and we finally reached it."

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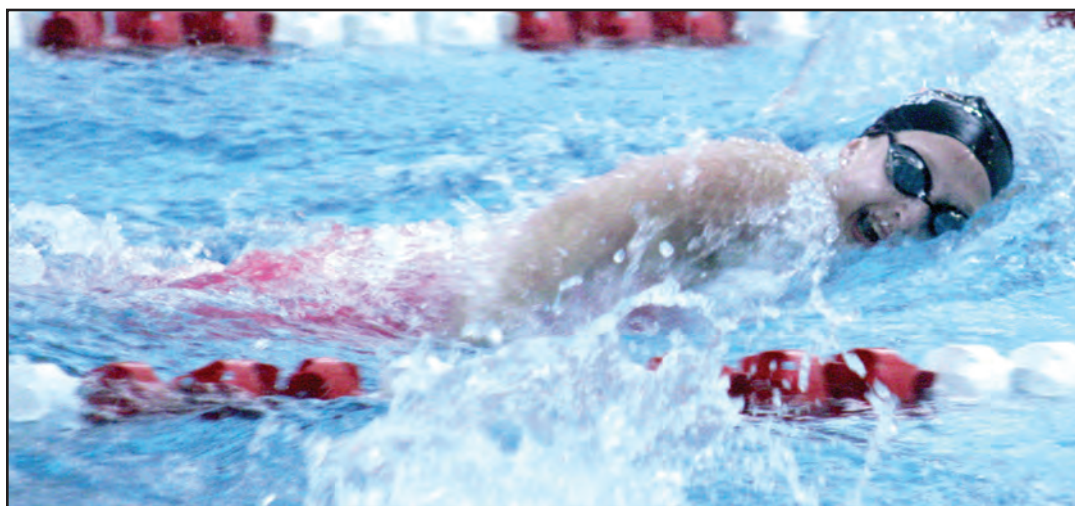
This season she also competed on two Fenton relays, helping the 400 freestyle relay team to a third-place All-State finish for the second straight year.

The team of Olsen, Sophie Stefanac, Delaney Fries and Abigail Dolliver posted a third-place time of 3:36.71, tied for the best relay finish in school history. Last year the 400 freestyle relay team that also included Olsen, Fries and Dolliver posted a time of 3:34.55 to earn their third at the state meet. Lillie Kromer was last year's fourth participant. Olsen also competed in the 200 medley with Dolliver, Halee Alexander and Fries, taking ninth with a time of 1:51.38.

For a quick moment Olsen thought she had won two individual event state titles as she did a year ago. She won the fast heat of the 200 free-

style with a time of 1:50.61, beating Samantha Clifford (1:52.76) easily. However, little did Olsen know, Portage Northern's Hannah Williams raced in the first heat (traditionally the slowest swimmers in an event) and posted a time of 1:49.42 while the other two heats worked on getting prepared for their races, not knowing about the time. That's why Olsen thought she won when she finished her race.

"I didn't know that until after the fact," Olsen said. "I finished and was like, 'Oh my gosh, I got first' and Jones was like 'No, you got second. There was a girl that went 1:49 earlier,' so that hurt a bit. I was happy for her, and it was a little bit of an off-race for me. I didn't feel great. But I was able to come back in the fly and feel good. I was happy about that. And then the relay made up for all of that,



Fenton's Gracie Olsen placed second in the 200 freestyle at the D2 state swim meet Saturday. She also captured her fourth state title of her career, winning the 100 butterfly. **Photo: David Troppens**

which was good. It was really great."

"Not being able to swim against her makes a huge difference," Fenton varsity girls swim coach Brad Jones said. "I think head-to-head Gracie wins all day long, and she knows it. But it certainly wasn't a bad day knowing the way the season went and

knowing the way we had to train and rest."

Olsen has one more season left and will get a chance to add to her already impressive list of state accomplishments next year.

"I might (do the 200 freestyle) next year," Olsen said. "It will be my third year if I do it. That event is one I've

done consistently since I was young. It's always been that one event that I found my spark in.

"I may want to switch it up next year. Maybe if I can get my 100 backstroke down to a 1:01 by next year maybe that's something I will do. Maybe I'll switch it up and do the 100 freestyle. We'll see."

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onds ahead of Oal. She blew out the field in the final 50 yards.

"For the most part, my mind was completely empty but adrenaline was skyrocketing through my body," Wujciak said about the event. "The only thought that really went through my mind was my team. I knew that it was my time to give back to the amazing four years that Powers Catholic swim and dive had given me. It was an honor to be able to represent my school, family coaches and team in such a positive manner."

Wujciak also earned All-State honors during her final prep state meet by taking third in the 100 backstroke with a time of 58.74. She improved upon her seeded time of 58.74 seconds.

Wujciak competed with two relays as well. She teamed with Abigail Merz, Taylor and Olivia Camara to place eighth in the 200 medley relay (1:53.13) while also teaming with

Camara, Emily Bhagat and Merz to take ninth in the 200 freestyle relay (1:42.72).

"I think I swam extremely well," Wujciak said. "It's all about being caught up in the moment and creating a positive atmosphere. At the end of the day, I didn't pay much attention to my times because all I wanted to do was get my hand on the wall."

"I am so proud of this team. I think the amazing performance Powers had derived from the energetic atmosphere we created at every single practice. Our goal was to seize this opportunity that was given to us after being taken away so many times."

Taylor, a junior, also competed in two individual events. She scored points in the 100 butterfly with a 16th-place time of 1:01.89. She also took 22nd in the 200 individual medley (2:20.07).

Finally, Taylor teamed with fellow tri-county swimmer Iordanou, Emily Snyder and Bhagat to place 17th in the 400 freestyle relay (3:55.90).

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Marjorie A. Kimble

1924 - 2021

Marjorie A. Kimble – age 96. Marge Kimble was a Stars and Stripes girl—born on the Fourth of July, 1924. Her parents were Tom and Harriet Swingle. Her beloved sister, Shirley Rizzo,



a life master at bridge, a world traveler, an avid reader (thank you, Linden Library), a lifelong member of the Linden Presbyterian Church, a big sports fan, a committed bargain

will be 100 in February. Marge died on January 15. Except for a short time during World War II, she lived her entire life in Linden and became, in a way, its matriarch. In 1943, she married Ralph Kimble, her only boyfriend ever. They owned a clothing store and a Ben Franklin store in Linden until the late 1950s, after which they had long careers as manufacturers' reps. They were equal partners: year after year, Marge, sample cases in hand, visited retail stores throughout Detroit and the surrounding area to see her clients. And she traveled to trade shows in major U.S. cities—a businesswoman when there weren't so many. Ralph died in 1997. They had two children, Joe (MaryAnn Pierce) and Karen DeBenedet (d. 2018); two grandchildren, Anthony DeBenedet (Anna) and Emily Brooks (Rowan); and three great-grandchildren, Ava, Mia, and Lola DeBenedet. She was Aunt Marge to Tom Chapman (Mary) and a cousin to Jane Davis. She was immensely proud of her family, as parents tend to be. And to Marge and Ralph, their family owes everything. Marge was

shopper, a sweetsaholic, and a kind soul. She had a wide circle of friends who loved her and visited her in her home right until the end. The family is deeply grateful to her unfailing longtime helpers: Jane Davis, Kathy Metivier, JoAnne and John Bond, Flora and Bernard Bedell, Phyllis and Fritz Balmer, Jim and Jake Wambold, Doreen and Tom Bollinger, Martie Lind, Harvey Bartel, John Felch, Bev Smaka, Joe and Mary Sue Duffy, Colleen Weston-Rebock, Laura Briney, Dr. Mary Marshall, and many others. We will miss Marge terribly. But when the time came, she was clear in her wishes: "I've led a good, long life, and I'm ready to go." Donations in her memory may be made to the Linden Mills Historical Society (PO Box 823, Linden, MI 48451)—an organization that was dear to her heart. Or consider donating in her memory to an organization of your choice. There will be a memorial service at a later date. RIP, Marge Kimble. 1-2-O (family sign-off). Beautifully done. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Elwyn C. Hillman

1937 - 2021

Elwyn C. Hillman. On Sunday, January 17, 2021 Elwyn Hillman passed away peacefully at the age of 83. Elwyn was born on June 16, 1937 in Holly, to Charles and Josephine (Casady) Hillman. He graduated from Holly High School in 1956. On June 25, 1960 he married Patricia Ann Crosby. Elwyn is survived by one son, Jeff (Trina) Hillman; daughters, Vickie Rigoulot, Amy (Tim) Lowe, and Heidi (John) Lowe. Grandchildren, Hayden, Jesse and Kelsey Lowe (Fiance Jason Dees), Miranda (David) Sink, Ashton Rigoulot (Fiance Michael Kline), and Alexis Lowe. One great-granddaughter, Everly Sink. In his younger years Elwyn enjoyed hunting and fishing, as well as working on his old tractor or splitting wood. He devoted 50 years to the Springfield Township Fire Department. Co-Owned and worked at Davisburg Homebuilders with his brother Marlan; later added a hardware which he owned and operated with his wife Patricia. Elwyn was preceded in death by his brother, Marlan; and sister-and-law, Norma Hillman. Family viewing will be Thursday, January 21 from 1 - 1:30 PM at Dryer Funeral Home. Graveside service to follow at 2 PM at Andersonville Cemetery. Memorial service to be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Heart Association, or to The Medical Team Hospice: 440 S. Saginaw St. Suite 1300, Flint MI 48507. A very special thank you from the family to nurse Chris Jacobson, and health aide Tamara Eastwood who was an angel during Elwyn's last days. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.



Geraldine Leone Leist

1930 - 2021

Geraldine Leone Leist – age 90. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our mother at Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc, following injuries sustained from a fall. Gerry leaves behind her daughters, Sherry Butler, Gale Clemmens (Bob); and her son, Barry Leist (Jane). Gerry leaves behind seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Gerry was born in Fenton, and longtime resident of Milford and Hartland. She returned to Fenton where she lived out her later years. Gerry was an avid volunteer and member of West Highland Baptist Church. Gerry was preceded in death by her parents, Frank Farnham, Besse Minni (Rogers); sister, Dorothy; brother, Roger; loving husband, Kenneth; her daughter, Jill Loft-house; and her grandson, Brian Clemmens. She was a living example of what she believed, to work hard, to be helpful to others and to be kind. We will miss her. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant...enter thou into the joy of thy lord." Matthew 25:21. Gerry had many friends and family and we feel that celebrating her beautiful life at a later date is the best choice for now to ensure that all of those who loved her can honor her together. Arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Geraldine "Gerrie" Buccellato

1943 - 2021

Geraldine "Gerrie" Buccellato - age 77, of Holly, died Sunday, January 17, 2021. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 AM Friday, January 22, 2021 at St. Rita Catholic Church of Holly, with Father David Blazek, Celebrant. Burial will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation with social distancing restrictions will be from 2 - 9 PM Thursday, January 21 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Mrs. Buccellato was born in Detroit on August 10, 1943 to Harold and Rita (Fleming) Geister. She was a phenomenal person and an outstanding wife, mother, and grandmother. She and her husband Pete were married for 57 wonderful years. She was a member of St. Rita Catholic Church and was the director of the church food pantry. Surviving are her husband Pete; three children, Jim Buccellato, Peter (Teresa) Buccellato Jr., and Beth (Richard Pullen) Buccellato; five grandchildren, Jennifer Buccellato, Stefanie Buccellato, Jessica Buccellato, Tyler Pullen, and Nicholas Pullen. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

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Midweek Crossword

ACROSS

1 Wordsworth work

5 Spasm

8 Billie — King

12 Against

13 Granada gold

14 Sea eagle

15 500 sheets

16 Chess piece

17 Right on the map?

18 On an angle

20 Dines

22 Donald Duck's outfit

26 Birth-related

29 "Exodus" hero

30 Vitamin stat

31 Prior nights

32 Pvt.'s superior

33 Grant basis, at times

34 Seminary subj.

35 Take to court

36 Smartens (up)

37 Produce aisle display

40 Pan handler?

41 Rookie

45 Boyfriend

47 Business mag

49 Press

50 Formerly, once

51 French vineyard

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52 Bandleader Puente

53 Makes lace

54 "Dig in!"

55 Salty septet

DOWN

1 Law firm aide, for short

2 Till bills

3 List-ending abbr.

4 Brunch cocktails

5 "Only Love" actress Marisa

6 Lyricist Gershwin

7 Monarch's spouse

8 Army vehicles

9 Test-paper smudges

10 Reply (Abbr.)

11 Court divider

19 Chum

21 Swiss canton

23 Beer type

24 Nantes notion

25 Tiny amounts

26 Soft ball?

27 Say it's so

28 Put on the air

32 Be enough

33 Blockheads

35 That lady

36 Golfer Michelle

38 Closes

39 Full-length

42 Party cheese

43 Greek vowel

44 Seth's son

45 Wager

46 Historic period

48 Big D.C. lobby

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Midweek Sudoku

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

Midweek Jumble

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app.

I feel this is the beginning of something great.

That's the spirit!

AFTER HER DIVORCE, SHE MOVED, WANTING A ---

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

Aries, you will get great satisfaction from various activities this week. Therefore, fill your schedule with plenty of things. Take initiative and invite friends along for an adventure.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Take care of yourself this week, Taurus. Practicing self-care may mean booking a spa treatment or simply catching up on a little rest and recuperation.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

A few different scenarios may play out in the days to come. They may be greatly influenced by how you interact with other people, Gemini. You are the catalyst for action.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer be careful with the way you behave and present yourself this week. You just don't know who may be watching what you do. Keep a low profile.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Receiving mixed messages, Leo? Enlist a trusted advisor to help you sort through the hazy level of communication that is coming your way. Another perspective is handy.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, this week the stars may be playing tricks on you. You may stumble though a few things, but it won't take long to get back on the right path.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, as soon as things get serious this week, you may be ready to make a fast exit. It's better if you stick around and lend your opinion to the situation at hand.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

A lot of unknown factors have been slowing you down over the last few weeks, Scorpio. Now that you are no longer impeded, you can put a plan in motion.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

You may get caught up in some conflicts that you're either not ready for or have no interest to deal with, Sagittarius. Take it all in quietly for now.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Don't try to rationalize the feelings that are moving through you this week, Capricorn. There is no right or wrong way to feel. Acknowledge the emotions as they come.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, do not hide your feelings in a particularly moving situation. Others will empathize with you and appreciate your emotional honesty.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

This week you may want to get away from it all to have a different perspective on your life, Pisces. You may travel even further than first imagined.

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