

Forecast breakfast goes virtual

■ Local leaders see signs of optimism and hope as world emerges from pandemic

By Sharon Stone

The annual Forecast Breakfast, hosted by the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce, was held remotely this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Laundry, Lewis & Knopf CPAs, PC and Consumers Energy sponsored the online event.

Keynote speaker was Jim Holcomb, senior executive vice president and general counsel of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. In a pre-recorded video, Holcomb said although times are difficult now, he looks forward to when everyone can meet again in person.

The Michigan Chamber has 5,000 members and there are members in all counties of the state. "We are the leading voice of business advocacy," he said. He added that the vaccine is crucial for moving forward.

Holcomb asks that all elected officials work together. He said the state must reopen to protect Michigan's economic competitiveness. "We can get back to work while keeping safe," he said. He added that the government

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Three dozen dogs now have path to better life



Takara Hipkins, kennel lead at Adopt-A-Pet, holds Hope, one of the dogs recently rescued from a hoarding situation in West Virginia. Photo: Hannah Ball

Fenton Adopt-A-Pet travels to West Virginia, rescues more than 30 animals from hoarding situation

By Sharon Stone

The lives of 36 dogs and puppies are changing for the better after Jody Maddock and Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton traveled to West Virginia to rescue the animals. Some un-

doubtedly have a long road to health and happiness though due to their previous living conditions.

The group initially brought back 30 animals, but Wednesday morning, Jan. 27, one of

the pregnant dogs gave birth to a puppy. Maddock and her crew will bring back the remaining five animals they committed to rescue this weekend, for a total of 36 animals.

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County task force seeks more volunteers

■ The network of organizations part of task force have delivered more than 1 million pounds of food

By Hannah Ball

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office is seeking more volunteers to join the Community Care Task Force.

During his weekly press briefings, which are livestreamed on Facebook, Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson announced that the Community Care Task Force is expanding.

The task force was launched March 17, 2020, when Swanson deputized more than 40 faith-based leaders in the county who lead organizations that helped vulnerable members of society when the COVID-19 pandemic began.

The Fenton Center of Hope is one of those organizations.

The task force helps people with different needs, including delivering food. Since March 2020, the task force has delivered more than 1 million pounds of food to Genesee County residents.

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“We’re going to do some amazing things starting next week.”

Chris Swanson
 Genesee County sheriff



“iPhone scam: someone representing DTE and Consumers

Energy saying you can get 25 percent discount. You need to give personal information. Don't.”



“It would be so much better if everyone simply bagged all their trash so when it is picked up it doesn't blow out of the truck.

That little action by itself would almost eliminate the litter along the road. You care about the earth? Do the right things.”

“Talk about customer service. Called Alpine and no answer. They say they saw they had a missed call and they called me back. They had phone problems. Wow!”



New Treatment for Knee Pain Covered by Insurance

By Erica Rainer

Are you suffering with some form of chronic or debilitating knee pain? Osteoarthritis of the knee is the most common cause of knee pain and it usually occurs in older generations. Though many people are led to believe that there is nothing that can be done to treat their knee pain complaints other than pain medication or surgery, there is now new, safe and effective treatment options available! The symptoms of knee pain can seem to start suddenly or slow, gradually worsening over time. Noticeable issues may include some or all of the following conditions; swelling, tenderness, buckling or locking of the knee joints, cracking or popping sounds, decreased range of motion, weakness, pain in the morning or after inactivity, pain when walking, discomfort when climbing stairs or rising from a seated position or kneeling along with many other uncomfortable situations. These problems can arise from a vast number of issues such as Osteoarthritis, Patella Tracking, Knee Tracking issues, weight gain, past injury, failed surgery, the inability to have motion in the knee or many other underlying issues.

Are you or someone you love suffering with chronic knee pain that is causing you and those around you to miss out on cherished times and beautiful memories?

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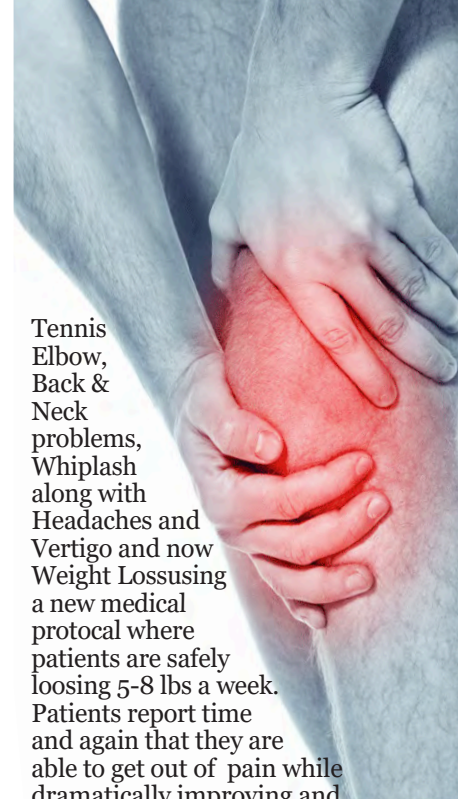
More than 30% of adults in the U.S.. are dealing with some form of life altering knee pain. Knee or joint pain is actually one of the leading causes of chronic degenerative disease in the U.S.

"I can dance with my wife and walk without pain. I am so thankful I found them." ~Jim S. of Holly

"When patients come see us, many have been placed on medications which clearly won't heal their underlying problem however some are not a candidate for surgery and others have already had a failed surgery and simply don't want to go down that road again or even start down that road in the first place. So they come see us and **thankfully our Knee Pain Protocol has an extremely high success rate, we won't**

We have said it before and will say it again, the office has been the talk of the town since joining forces with medical and chiropractic and due to the fantastic results patients see regarding treatment options to initiate healing, enhance function, range of motion and the quality of their lives.

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Tennis Elbow, Back & Neck problems, Whiplash along with Headaches and Vertigo and now Weight Loss using a new medical protocol where patients are safely losing 5-8 lbs a week. Patients report time and again that they are able to get out of pain while dramatically improving and regaining their quality of life with the help of the Painless Team. The clinic just moved to their new, much larger location at 404 Rounds Dr. Fenton and is a full collaboration of a well

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"The general problem with mainstream medical when evaluating and treating knee pain is that we tend to rely on anti-inflammatories or surgeries which are only acute care or emergency approaches but in most cases knee pain is a degenerative condition and there are no pill or surgery that will slow down or reverse this sort of degenerative process" said Michelle Wojek, the Nurse Practitioner at the Fenton clinic, Painless Treatment Centers of Michigan, home to Painless Medical & Painless Chiropractic. The majority of people that suffer with knee pain rely on non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs which attribute to a minimum of 16,500 NSAID-related deaths each year with osteoarthritis patients alone, however... if left untreated the condition can lead to further knee or nerve damage, causing the need of a cane, walker or complete loss of the ability to walk, even amputation in some cases.

accept a patient unless the team has full confidence that they are a good fit for the program and that they will get results. I guess that's why we have such a good reputation." said Zandrea, the Patient Advocate at the Fenton Clinic. **Imagine a life without knee pain...** With recent advancements in technology and treatment options, clinics all over the country are seeing larger success rates and faster results for their chronic, degenerative, knee and joint pain patients. "These new regenerative options, paired with a multifaceted approach, has been life altering for our patients and our clinic. We have only just begun spreading the good word about many of the successful protocols our clinic offers and there has yet to be one that has been anything less than miraculous. Our referrals have tripled due to positive results... It's just really heartwarming to see people so happy." said Michelle.

serve basis and messages left over the weekend will count, as long as they can reach you by phone next week. **My advice, don't suffer any longer, waiting around for it to get worse...** If you or your loved one is experiencing swelling, tenderness, buckling, locking of joints, cracking or popping, decreased range of motion, weakness, pain after walking, in the morning or after inactivity, discomfort when climbing stairs or rising from a seated position, kneeling or any of the other horrible issues or loss that knee pain can cause, take action because it will progress and surgery should always be the last resort. Don't wait, find out if the their Knee Pain Protocols can help you regain the strength and get rid of the pain in your knees! Over the years the Painless team has made quite the name for themselves. They have successfully helped thousands of patients with chronic conditions of Neuropathy, Sciatica,

running Medical and Chiropractic team, working hand in hand to provide our community with the best treatment options available. They will work together with your primary care doctor, as primary care is not a service they offer but in the majority of cases a referral is not needed. The team is well known for tackling chronic conditions and has a good reputation. The vast majority of their patients enjoy superior, lasting relief. In fact, many who have suffered and tried other treatment options with no luck, only to have been told that they are just stuck with their pain and discomfort, have credited the Painless care team for giving them their lives back!

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Sheriff holds human trafficking town hall

■ Teenagers have fake Instagrams, secret conversations; can leave them vulnerable to predators

By Hannah Ball

Predators use social media apps to prey on the young and vulnerable. Sheriff Chris Swanson held a virtual town hall on the Genesee County Sheriff's Office Facebook page with Dep. Tori Dallas and Claudnyse Holloman, president and CEO of Voices for Children, on Thursday, Jan. 28 about how human trafficking happens. They discussed common apps to watch out for, techniques predators use, "sextortion," and more.

"What we're telling you is from the predators' playbook," Swanson said. Genesee Human Oppression Strike Team (GHOST) has arrested more than 90 pedophiles in the last two years, and this information comes from what law enforcement learned from them.

Dallas, who works in GHOST, explained that teenagers use different social media apps to talk to people they don't know, and they can be pressured into sending explicit photos.

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Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson leads a live streamed town hall on Thursday, Jan. 28 with Dep. Tori Dallas and Claudnyse Holloman, president and CEO of Voices for Children, to talk about what apps predators use to prey on young people. Some of these apps are Facebook Messenger, Instagram, Kik, TikTok and more.



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A message from the superintendent

"Great moments are born out of great opportunities."

Herb Brooks, the head coach for the 1980 U.S. Olympic Hockey team, uttered these words to his team prior to the Miracle on Ice. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused all of us to reflect, and look at creating great opportunities for our students, staff, and community.

Our restaurants have created outdoor dining atmospheres in Michigan!

Our immediate families have become more connected.

Our communities have come together to support one another in an extraordinary way. How we shop, or purchase items, has become a virtual experience. And, the way we educate and engage our students has changed our mindset to say, "I can!"

Creating an in-person learning environment that is safe, effective, and consistent for all students and staff has always been a priority. On Nov. 23, 2020, Linden Community Schools made the transition to move



Russ Ciesielski
Linden
Community
Schools
superintendent

to a remote learning environment. Beginning Jan. 19, 2021, the beginning of the second semester, Linden Community Schools transitioned to a district wide (all grades) hybrid learning model. Making this transition to a hybrid learning model created a more consistent learning environment for our students, and has allowed the district to operate in a more efficient and effective manner. The hybrid model incorporates face-to-face instruction with remote learning.

We now have the ability to monitor and evaluate the mode of instruction moving forward. Ultimately, our goal is to get all of our students back to an in-person learning environment as soon as possible.

Being able to think differently about how we educate our students has brought attention to the opportunities that lie ahead for our students. We are all in a position to make a choice about the growth and development of our young learners. Making that choice a great moment is dependent on individuals like us, who continue to look for great opportunities.

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

Have you adopted an animal? What was the experience like?



"We adopted four over several years. All great little dogs. Have one with me now."

Lillian Kateman
Fenton



"We adopted a sweet Chihuahua from Adopt-a-Pet in Fenton. She didn't have a great life before. She has it made now. Spoiled rotten. She loves her brother and has a big personality. Great experience!"

Dawn Golden, Holly



"Our family's three cats are all rescues, and we could not love them more!"

Stephanie Ogle
Fenton



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Maddock had posted on Adopt-A-Pet's Facebook page Monday about her trip to West Virginia. She had been contacted by a small, rural shelter to help with a hoarding situation involving more than 75 dogs.

The woman who had been caring for the homeless animals died. Maddock was told the woman started with taking in one homeless dog, which then turned into 10 and then people would just toss the animals down her hill expecting her to take care of them.

"As you can imagine, caring for and feeding 75-plus dogs was not easy and medical care was non-existent," Maddock said.

With the help of donated gasoline from Marathon Oil Flint, Maddock and others drove to West Virginia last weekend. They found dogs and puppies living on the flood plain next to railroad tracks in mud, feces and urine. She said many were on 3-foot-long chains attached to dilapidated shelters unable to escape from their own waste. The shelters were broken plastic kennels with no insulation, wooden boxes with some tin thrown on top, or even less.

She said the dogs that were not chained ran loose along the river, railroad tracks and in the mountains. "At least those running loose could seek shelter in the falling down trailers on the property, but still there was no fresh water — instead bowls of green slime



and mud," Maddock said. More than 70 animals live outdoors at the home of a woman who was trying to take care of them in West Virginia. When the woman died, a rural shelter reached out to Fenton Adopt-A-Pet for help. Adopt-A-Pet rescued 36 dogs and puppies. Volunteers are taking care of their health needs and preparing them for their forever homes. **Submitted photo**

and mud," Maddock said.

Maddock said a few other rescue groups were able to come in and help the rest of the dogs, horses, chickens and cats.

The animals are all mixed breeds. Maddock said it was a very smelly trip

home and the dogs didn't know what was going on so they were quiet the entire drive. They had to rent a vehicle. They couldn't fit all of them in one trip so five more are coming to Fenton on Saturday, Jan. 30.

Now that the animals are in Fenton,

Maddock and Adopt-A-Pet are focused on their health and finding forever homes for them.

"Most have had very limited contact with people," Maddock said. "Many have never experienced toys. They did not know what to do with the beds and blankets and used them to urinate and defecate on. Now, they have discovered the pleasure of soft, dry beds to lie on; toys for the first time; a constant supply of fresh water; and plenty of food that they don't have to fight over."

Maddock said these animals need time, love and money to acclimate them to their new healthy life.

On Wednesday, Maddock said, "Some are still so leery of people and they don't want to be touched. Others are very slowly starting to enjoy our attention. Chicken and hot dogs are helping a lot."

"We have volunteers coming to just sit with them to get used to people. We hand feed all of them. We will start getting them used to leashes this week."

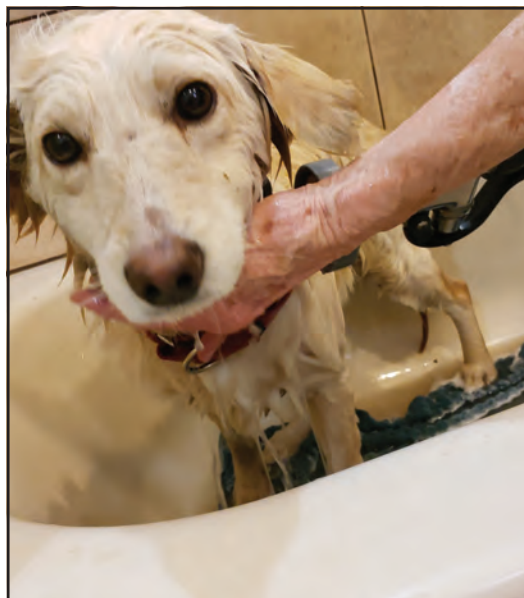
Maddock said it's a lot to handle, and the volunteers and staff have really pulled together to help and many fosters have come forward to help with the least feral.

Adopt-A-Pet is asking for donations to help with their cause. She added that Magoos in Fenton provided dog food, however donations are needed to help with medical costs and long-term care.

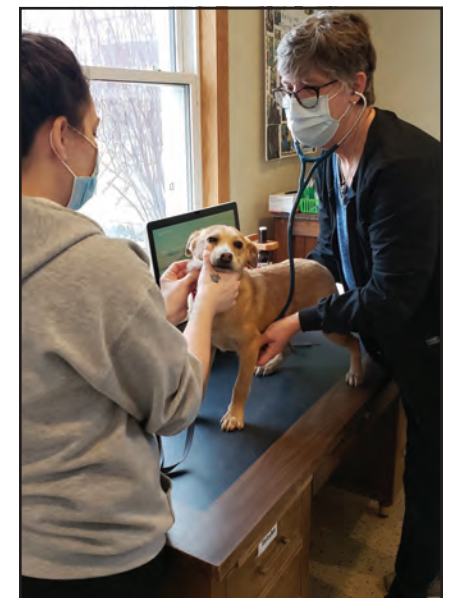
For details on how to donate, go to adoptapetfenton.com.



Takara Hipkins, kennel lead at Adopt-A-Pet, feeds Lucky, one of the dog rescued from West Virginia earlier this week. Many of these dogs are shy and will need time and care before they are ready to be adopted.



Adopt-A-Pet posted these photos on its Facebook to show these dogs getting needed care after being rescued. **Submitted photos**



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Luncheon canceled

■ **Oldest George Washington Club in nation cancels Holly event due to COVID-19**

The oldest George Washington Club in the United States has canceled its annual luncheon because of COVID-19.

The Holly Washington Club would have celebrated its 126th luncheon in February to honor the first president of the United States George Washington. Traditionally, the luncheon is presented the third Thursday of February.

In a press release by Joe Mishler of the George Washington Club, the club celebrates the life, work and accomplishments of George Washington. He was the first American veteran, Commander in chief of the Continental Army during the America Revolution, President of the Constitution Convention, and the first president of the United States.

In these trying times, the Washington Club wishes to keep the memory and spirit of George Washington alive.

The Washington Club holds a luncheon once a year and has done so since 1892 with the exception of two years: 1918 because of World War I and 1920 the flu pandemic. Through the years, the club has met in different locations around Holly. After lunch is served, a speech about George Washington is presented, often school children perform, and the scholarship essay is presented.

Approximately 130-150 people attend the luncheons, and that number has been growing over the past 10

years. In recent years, the luncheon has been held at the Holly First Baptist Church.

A brief meeting is held to present the officers for the next year. Currently, Richard Kinnamon is the president, Laura Oldaugh is vice president, Kaye Thorsby is secretary and Pat Walls is the treasurer. The club will retain the same officers and board for next year.

There is also a board of advisors: Joe Mishler, Ina Golden, Dale Smith, Tom McKenney, Chester Koop, Virgil Long, and Pat Pfenning,

The scholarship is open to any Holly Area Schools senior. One of the requirements is the student has to write a 300-word essay about the importance of George Washington. This is a \$500 scholarship, which is usually presented at the luncheon by the student.

Even though the luncheon is canceled, the Club will still present the scholarship. They will also produce a video, which will present the history of the club and a speech about George Washington. When the scholarship is determined, a video will be made of the essay and it will be presented. These videos will be posted on the Holly Washington Club Facebook Page.

The Washington Club is a 501(c) 3 non-profit. If you would like to donate to the scholarship fund, Mishler said they would greatly appreciate your gift.

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By Hannah Ball

Electric union workers are partnering with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office to help feed hospital workers.

Neil Parish, who represents contractors from the Flint division of the National Electrical Contracting Association, said they plan to buy lunches from Genesee County restaurants that will go to people fighting COVID-19 on the front lines.

During the weekly press briefing on Wednesday, Jan. 27, Parish said, "I think we've seen first hand the impact COVID-19 has had on our business, our contractors, on our IBEW (In-

ternational Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) brothers and sisters and on our family members and relatives in the community," he said.

They wanted to find a way to support people who needed it, and they thought of Sheriff Chris Swanson and the "Walk With Us" initiative.

"What we hope to start is kind of a catalyst," he said. "We want to offer support. We want to show our appreciation of all the men and women who have been working in the local hospitals here, providing the care to all of our loved ones who have fallen ill with this disease. We also

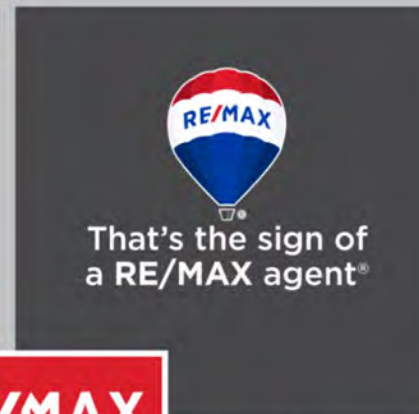
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Neil Parish

National Electrical Contracting Association Michigan Chapter executive director



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City of Linden:

Trash, recycle and yard waste will now be collected on **WEDNESDAY** (First recycle collection on 2/10/21 and every other Wednesday thereafter).

Village of Holly:

Recycling for the entire Village will now be on **WEDNESDAY**. All residents will receive recycle collection on 2/3/21 and every other Wednesday thereafter.

Jayne Hills & Silver Lake (Tyrone Township):

Trash and recycle will now be collected on **FRIDAY**. Recycle service will continue on an every other week basis.

Shannon Glen (Tyrone Township):

Trash and recycle will now be collected on **WEDNESDAY**. Recycle service will continue on an every other week basis.



HOT LINE CONTINUED

NOW THEY'RE SAYING to wear two masks. Ya, right. You go ahead. If you truly believe masks work, then you'll be protected. Don't worry about me.

DOES BIDEN EVEN know what the heck he is signing? Where are our legislators and why aren't they doing something to protect us from these stupid executive orders? What happened to voting on proposals?

THE GOVERNMENT TAXED our pensions. People of Michigan asked our governor to reverse that. She said no. But you voted for her. What has any of her closing policies done to help with virus spread? Nothing.

WEARING A MASK should be at the sole discretion of the individual. People need to mind their own business and not mock others while out. If you are vulnerable or afraid, wear a mask. No questions asked.

STOP BUYING CHINESE products? If that huge market stops buying our huge surplus of farm products our economy takes a huge tumble. Come on now, it's called trade, good for both.

YOUR BELIEF THAT a Trump third party would not pull equally from Republicans and Democrats is misplaced. Trumps' ideology, policies and practice are the most centrist option around. If a party apparatus can tone down his personality, it's a guaranteed winner.

GENTLE REMINDER: ALL the vaccination successes Whitmer and Biden will be touting in the near future stand on the shoulders of Trump's rapid development. The Dems should end every statement they make with these three words: Thank You, Trump.

TO BIDEN VOTERS: now that a week has passed, please gloat and tell us which of his executive orders you are most happily excited about.

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Lake Fenton Community Schools will be receiving sealed bids for
"Asbestos Abatement for 2021 Renovations at Lake Fenton Middle School".

This project will be completed in May and June 2021, prior to building renovation activities and will include the removal and disposal of asbestos floor tile, asbestos fire doors and fire door frames, asbestos door caulk, asbestos window caulk and glazing, asbestos thermal systems insulation, asbestos light heat shields.

Bids will be **RECEIVED** until 1:00 pm local time Friday, February 12, 2021. Sealed bids should be mailed or delivered to:

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The **OPENING** of the bids will take place at that time. Bid documents are available from Arch Environmental Group, 37720 Interchange Drive, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335, (248) 426-0165, www.archenvgroup.com, starting Friday, January 29, 2021, at 5:30 P.M. All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn statement, in accordance with MCL 380.1267, disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner(s) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education of the School District or the Superintendent of the School District.

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**POLICE & FIRE
REPORT**

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

**ESTRANGED HUSBAND
ACCUSED OF DAMAGING
VEHICLE**

On Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 5:57 a.m., Holly police were called to assist a Holly woman who said she was followed in her vehicle by her estranged husband. At a stop sign, her estranged husband exited his vehicle and caused damage to the woman's vehicle and then left. A person other than the woman owned the now damaged vehicle. Officers are investigating, pending the victim's intent to prosecute for the damage.

**WANDERING DOG IN HOLLY
TAKEN TO ANIMAL SHELTER**

On Friday, Jan. 22, at 9 a.m., Holly police were dispatched to assist a caller in restraining a loose dog who had misplaced his human. The caller reported the dog was almost hit by a vehicle in the area of Maple and Elm streets. The officer and citizen captured the brown male dog. No one claimed him so he was picked by an Animal Control officer and is being safely held at the Oakland County Animal Shelter until his human is located.

**DRUNK MAN TRIES
TO PICK A FIGHT**

On Friday, Jan. 22, at 8 p.m., a Holly man reported he was walking near the post office when a tall, intoxicated man, wearing glasses and dark clothing suddenly appeared from behind a building and tried to start a fight with the caller. The caller had no idea who the man was or why he was looking for a fight. The caller left the area and reported the incident to police. Officers could not locate the intoxicated man, but continued with extra patrols in the area.

**ARMED ROBBERY AT CVS IN
HOLLY**

On Saturday, Jan. 23, Holly police officers were dispatched to the CVS Pharmacy on Grange

Hall Road for a reported armed robbery that just occurred. A lone Black male suspect wearing a blue medical style face mask entered the store and demanded cash. The suspect left eastbound on Grange Hall Road in a newer black Chevy Malibu. Officers were able to recover video and witness evidence at the scene. The suspect and vehicle match similar robberies in multiple area communities. Holly police officers are working with those police agencies to determine the suspect's identity.

**POLICE OFFICER AND
CITIZEN CHANGE FLAT TIRE
FOR MOTORIST**

On Sunday, Jan. 24, at 12:30 a.m., a Holly police officer drove up behind a female driver with a flat tire on the side of N. Holly Road. The officer and a citizen stopped and helped change her tire so that she could continue driving.

**MOTORIST KILLED IN I-75
CRASH, HIGHWAY CLOSED**

On Friday, Jan. 29, at approximately 6:45 a.m., Michigan State Police (MSP) troopers were notified of a serious traffic crash located on northbound I-75 near Rattalee Lake Rd., in Springfield Township. Preliminary information revealed that traffic was backed up due to a previous crash. The driver of a passenger vehicle was stopped on the roadway in the right lane and noticed a large box truck travelling slowly behind her with its hazard lights on. A short time later, the driver of the large box truck rear ended her car. She was not injured. The large box truck with a driver and passenger now stopped in the lane was rear ended by a smaller box truck. There was no one hurt in the large box truck. The driver of the smaller box truck was pronounced dead on the scene. As of press time, he has not been identified and a death notification has not been made. The investigation is continuing into this crash and attempts are being made to identify the driver and notify his family. The freeway was closed Friday afternoon for the investigation.

FORECAST

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cannot remove business owners from making decisions for their own businesses.

For 2021, Holcomb said they expect the sales of cars and light trucks to be strong. Housing will remain strong and manufacturing will rebound. Retail, leisure and hospitality industries will still be hampered.

Holcomb said they expect 137,000 new jobs in Michigan in 2021. By 2022, he expects a 3-percent personal income growth.

The Michigan Chamber is pushing for common sense policies from our government. The Chamber is member driven. "We need a flat income tax rate and we oppose punishing businesses," he said.

Skilled workers are in need. He said a four-year degree is not right for everyone and students need a real world education.

The Michigan Chamber is advocating for the Enbridge Line 5 tunnel. He said its critical to build below the lake bed so that our energy needs are met and the lake is protected.

Regarding health care, Holcomb said they are looking for consumer driven reforms so that patients can make informed choices.

Holcomb said he is optimistic for 2021 and we need to reopen Michigan safely. To learn more about the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, go to MIChamber.com.

FENTON CITY

Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland summarized his forecast by the different departments in the city.

The police department will see upgrades with its fingerprinting systems, its seven-year-old in-car camera systems, and life scan systems.

The building department is involved with the Clear Path assisted living facility on Fenway Drive, which will hire 25 employees and cost \$5 million to build. Site plans for Ciena Health Care on Beach Street were approved. This is a \$2 million project. McLaren on Owen Road will be adding an MRI mobile port at a cost of \$100,000. Taco Bell on Owen Road will also be torn down and rebuilt. Other developments also are in the works.

The fire department celebrated its 150th birthday in 2020. Celebrations were canceled however, a sculpture

was donated downtown for the department. A new fire truck was purchased for \$620,000. Markland said continued COVID response improvements will continue in 2021.

The clerk's office handled unprecedented voter turnout with 2020 elections all while dealing with restrictions because of the pandemic. The department will continue implementing new ways to communicate with residents.

The department of public works (DPW) will continue lead line replacements and apply for grants from Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). Paving of Shiawassee and portions of Silver Lake Road will be done. Improvements at Adams Park will cost \$14,500 and \$495,000 will be spent on new roofs for the police station and library. Riverwalk improvements will be made.

Markland said the DPW will continue crack sealing on city streets. Silver Lake Park will see improvements. He expects the 111 LeRoy Place to be done in 2021, which will add to the downtown experience.

The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has been busy, Markland said. Expanded outdoor dining in the downtown area created a safe atmosphere for businesses and visitors. The DDA contributed \$300,000 to the eGift card program, which matched eGift card purchases that people made, bringing in \$600,000 to Fenton businesses. They are looking at continuing the Fenton Street Experience in 2021, where certain downtown roads are closed to through traffic.

"It's an unprecedented time and we are proud of how all of the city departments have responded," Markland said.

LINDEN CITY

Linden Mayor Pro Tem Brenda Simons said she is looking ahead to brighter days and partnering with neighboring areas to create a year of positive changes.

The former Union Block building has been rebuilt by Dr. Nicole Wax, owner of Dr. Wax Orthodontics, which is now in the new building, along with two other businesses, Purple Blazers coffee shop and Positively Pediatrics. Simons also welcomed Bad Donkey BBQ and West Sky Wellness to the city. She said senior housing, single family homes and the development of the Beacon & Bridge are ongoing.

FENTON TOWNSHIP

Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk of Fenton Township, said the township will continue to be a partner to its neighboring communities. The township is 95 percent residential, also known as a bedroom community. Broecker said the building forecast increased and it is expected to stay strong in 2021.

With the COVID vaccine, he expects things to get back to normal and the economy should improve. Continued development of the Thompson Road Corridor is expected. The township is seeking grants for sewer system upgrades. The township also will be doing road projects and upgrades at the fire stations, as well as enhanced communication with residents through social media.

HOLLY VILLAGE

Holly Village Manager Jerry Walker said 2020 was an unusual year and they saw the struggles of businesses trying to provide services that customers expected, albeit during a pandemic. He said one business closed during the pandemic, but it was quickly replaced by another.

Walker said he sees a bright future and looks for a rebounding economy.

He said the village is focusing on three main visions, which include the creation of a social district, growth of the Grange Hall Road/N. Holly Road area and the relocation and preservation of the historic train depot.

Walker said Holly Village's motto of "timeless appeal, hometown feel," continues.

TYRONE TOWNSHIP

A statement by Supervisor Mike Cunningham was read since he was unavailable to take part in the event. In his letter, he said that there was a lot of promise as 2020 arrived and then the COVID pandemic hit.

He said Tyrone Township did elect two new officials, Herman Ferguson and Zachary Tucker. Twenty new homes were built. Some of the road paving projects included Linden Road, between Bennett Lake Road and the county line, and White Lake Road, from U.S. 23 to Carmer.

Township offices moved into its new space in November 2019, and it is serving the township and residents well. With concerns of revenue sharing from the state, Cunningham said it's crucial that they keep a close eye on the budget.

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'It restores my faith in humanity'

■Holly Township Library has free food pantry for anyone in need — continues to accept donations

By Sharon Stone

The Holly Township Library is spreading the word to make sure that anyone in need knows he or she may stop by the library's front lobby and select items from its food pantry.

Tina Russette, adult/teen services manager at the library, said they have received numerous donations and now they need to reach those in need. "We are still looking for community donations of non-perishable food items as well as toiletries," Russette said.

Russette said library staff

overheard this statement at the library ... "It restores my faith in humanity." She said this was in reference to the overwhelming generosity the community has shown through donations to the library's free pantry.

The free food pantry is available to anyone in need. You don't have to be a Holly resident.

Russette said if anyone has a need and they are unable to get to the library, they should contact the library and the staff will do their best to get the items to them.

You can contact the library through Facebook Messenger, email dhernan@hollylibrary.org or call (248) 634-1754. The Holly Township Library is at 1116 N. Saginaw St., Holly.



The Holly Township Library has a free food pantry for anyone in need. It is located in the front lobby. The library continues to accept donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries. Submitted photos



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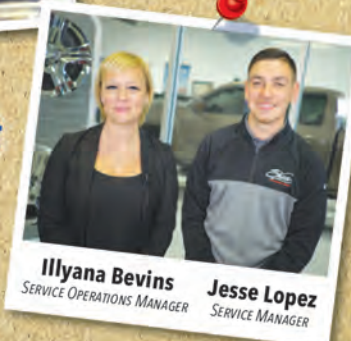
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HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE PERSON who claimed Dr. Fauci testified one year ago this last week in the senate against a travel ban. I would like proof of that. One year ago, this was a novel virus. He didn't testify. He said it wasn't necessary at that moment.

ALL OF BIDEN'S executive orders are really helpful for tearing our country apart piece by piece. God help us all.

WHERE IS BIDEN'S great COVID plan? He said over and over he had a great plan. This week he says 'there

is nothing we can do to change that trajectory.' Wow. So glad you shared your 'plan' with us. Are you people awake yet?

SINCE ENTERING OFFICE, Biden has signed more than three dozen executive actions. That is more than any other president. What happened to his words from last October saying consensus of legislators is democracy and executive orders is dictatorship?

CAN SOMEONE EXPLAIN what just happened with the GameStop stock situation? Can't even tell if it's a good thing or a bad thing. Who won?

Northern Oak Brewery

Excited for reopening with new and unique beers, wines and liquors, food menu and more

When Northern Oak Brewery in Holly opened its doors in September 2015, it offered a modest selection of six craft beers. That was more than five years ago.

Soon, they will be reopening with many new features.

Ed Krupa, co-owner and president of Northern Oak Brewery said they admit that Northern Oak Brewery has had its challenges, including this most recent and current COVID-19 shutdown. Through it all, Krupa said they have always looked toward improvements and growth as a process for longevity.

Edward and Jeannie Krupa, Richard and Kathy Opatik, Bill and Margo McDaniel and Andrew Stark are all shareholders in Northern Oak Brewery. Richard Opatik is vice president and Kathy Opatik is secretary and treasurer.

Northern Oak Brewery is a manufacturer. This requires different licensing than a typical bar or restaurant. Two years ago when Northern Oak Brewery was issued a small winemakers' license, the addition of wines, ciders and meads to the menu helped introduce a new group of customers.

With the addition of a microdistillery license, Northern Oak Brewery will again introduce another segment of the public to the atmosphere and hospitality that is

uniquely Northern Oak Brewery.

The nearly yearlong application period is over. Krupa said a small still sits at the brewery and is ready to produce high quality, smooth, spirits. You won't see Northern Oak Brewery vodka or whiskey at any store. Because we control every aspect of production from grain to glass, expect to enjoy every sip of your specialty cocktail. The plan is to blend and warehouse Northern Oak Brewery brand liquor only for "in house" craft cocktails.

When the ban on indoor dining is lifted, Krupa said Northern Oak Brewery will reopen featuring more than 20 taps of beers, wines, ciders and meads. We are excited about our craft cocktails using vodka and rye whiskey and our new food selections. "Come in for a visit and we'll show you around," he said.

Kathy Opatik said that during the closure, they didn't sit and wait for a reopening. "We worked hard on the new hires and making changes that will improve our server service, our food, and our operation in general," she said. "We want to welcome our customers back to spend time with us when we open and see what we have accomplished."

Opatik said they are very excited to be having what they call a "Grand Reopening." Our plan is to open Thursday, February 11 at 25% capacity. We will be open Thursday - Sunday until the gover-

"We want to welcome our customers back to spend time with us when we open and see what we have accomplished."

KATHY OPATIK
Northern Oak
Brewery



While being shut down during the COVID-19 pandemic, Northern Oak Brewery at 806 N Saginaw St., in Holly, has been busy concentrating on many improvements. Look for an improved menu, craft cocktails created from their distilled vodka and whiskey, and much more. Submitted photo

nor increases this amount.

Please call or text Ed Krupa at (248) 892-2661 to order growlers and kegs, Monday - Wednesdays.

"We have hired a new brewer, Kirk Bielski, who has learned from some of the best brewers in the area," Opatik said. "He is also studying the finer points of the distilling process."

Northern Oak Brewery also has hired a new general manager to improve their operations, food consistency, employee communication and more.

On Valentine's Day we will have a special menu with two seatings at 5PM and 7PM. Reservations are recommended. Check out our Facebook page and/or our website for updates and current hours as well as our Valentine's menu. To order carryout online go to our website www.northernoakbrewery.com or call (248) 634-7515 to order. If you desire curbside service, call us when you arrive and we will bring everything to you.

Northern Oak Brewery is at 806 N. Saginaw St., Holly. Call them at (248) 634-7515.

FEED

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The group will buy lunches from participating businesses for up to \$10 a piece. The Genesee County Community Care Task Force will deliver them.

"We wanted to step up and purchase these meals on behalf of the front-line workers and we just hope this is a catalyst. We hope other businesses, we hope other individuals will step up and support these restaurants, for other hospitals, other units of the hospitals, anybody and everybody," Parish said. "There's plenty of people hurting."

The program begins Wednesday, Feb. 3.

Swanson is inviting restaurants to join the program. Call (810) 257-3422 to get more information. They're asking restaurants to commit to a minimum of 50 lunches.

"We want to make sure hospitals know how important they are, so we're going to focus on our critical care staff. We're talking hundreds and hundreds of lunches per hospital," Swanson said. "We're not asking for donations from the restaurants. We're asking for you to be blessed by union labor. That's the magic of unity."

TASK FORCE

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A new division of the task force will launch Feb. 10. Swanson announced more congregations are joining. They also have the uniformed division of the task force, which is comprised of deputies from the GCSO.

People can sign up to volunteer by calling (810) 257-3422.

"Things are rolling. We're going to do some amazing things starting next week," Swanson said.

Where will you be spending your money?

● May be surprised to learn where it all goes as we get older

By Sharon Stone

New parents may not be able to visualize that one day their largest expenditures won't be centralized around providing necessities for their children.

Adults go through many years of paying for diapers, toys, clothing, food, and education for their children. Yet, when the children have flown the coop, spending patterns change, and even more changes await come retirement.

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Hurley receives recognition for superior senior care

As a leader in clinical care and education, Hurley Medical Center recently received two accreditations for excellent senior care.

The American College of Emergency Physicians recognized Hurley as a Bronze-Standard, Level 3 Geriatric Emergency Department through the Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation (GEDA) program. This recognition is a testament to Hurley's mission of improving patient outcomes by providing standardized approaches to care that address common geriatric issues. It also enhances Hurley's reputation for providing excellent care to older adults.

The GEDA program is voluntary and includes three levels, similar to trauma center designations. It was developed by leaders in emergency medicine to ensure that older members of communities receive well-coordinated, quality care at the appropriate level at every ED encounter. Specific criteria and goals are provided for emergency clinicians and administrators to target in a process that consists of more than two dozen best practices for geriatric care.

A Level 3 emergency department must incorporate many of these best practices, as well as provide interdisciplinary geriatric education and have geriatric-friendly equipment and supplies available. The Level 3 designation also means that Hurley ensures optimal transitions of care from the ED to other settings, such as inpatient care, home or long-term care.

"Hurley continues to receive award recognition for the many layers of services and medical excellence for our patients 65 and older," Cathy Metz, Administrator for Geriatrics, said. "From admission to discharge, Hurley cares for seniors."

That rings true to the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and its partners, the John A. Hartford Foundation, American Hospital Association, and Catholic Health Association of the United States, which recently recognized Hurley as an Age-Friendly Health System Committed to Care Excellence. This designation identifies Hurley as an

exemplar in the movement to improve the health and health care of older adults. To facilitate such goals, the Age-Friendly Health Systems initiative is based on a series of practices focused on addressing four essential elements of care for older patients:

- **What Matters:** Know and align care with each older adult's specific health outcome goals and care preferences across settings of care.
- **Medication:** If medication is necessary, use age-friendly medication that does not interfere with what matters to the older adult, mobility or mentation across settings of care.
- **Mentation:** Prevent, identify, treat and manage dementia, depression and delirium across settings of care.
- **Mobility:** Ensure that older adults move safely every day in order to maintain function and do what matters.

"Hurley Medical Center has always been on the forefront of patient care, and that's why we are participating in this vital effort," Metz said. "The Age-Friendly Health Systems initiative is an important part of our overarching vision to provide every older adult with the best care possible."

Hurley's commitment to providing optimal care to older adults is evidenced not only by these recent awards, but also by its status as the area's only Senior Center of Excellence, which means they provide the extra layer of care and safety seniors need—like offering a bone health program and Fast-Track ER for patients 65 and older.

In addition, Hurley is the only NICHE (Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders) hospital in the region. NICHE is an international organization out of the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing at NYU that awards different levels of excellence based on nursing care. Hurley has achieved their highest ranking.

All of this makes it clear — Hurley cares for seniors. If you or someone you love is a senior citizen needing medical care, Hurley Medical Center—an Age-Friendly Health System with a Bronze-Standard, Level 3 Geriatric Emergency Department—is the place to go.

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Is an RV lifestyle for you?

● Check out these benefits to see if its right for you

By Sharon Stone

Individuals who are approaching retirement or those who already have said goodbye to the working world may find they are ready to make some life changes. Travel is something many older adults enjoy when they have much more free time to see the sights.

Recreational vehicles are great ways for people to get out and about. An RV is more than just a way to get around; for many people it becomes a lifestyle. According to the RV Industry Association (RVIA), about 10 million American households own RVs.

There have been more RVs on the road in recent years, and there are now more facilities to accommodate them. RVIA says there are now roughly 18,000 campgrounds around the country, and certain facilities are pushing to improve and upgrade campgrounds in national parks and on federal lands.

Individuals considering if the RV lifestyle is for them can refer to this list of **RVing benefits**

• **Inexpensive travel (or living):** RVers may be attracted by the idea of low-cost travel that doesn't involve hotels and airfare and greatly reduces their reliance on restaurants while traveling. RVs can be rented for roughly \$100 to \$500 per day, and RV parks usually run between \$35 and \$50 per night, according to Allianz Travel Insurance. To keep the costs down even more, certain truck stops, big box retailers, churches, hotels,



Individuals considering if the RV lifestyle is for them can refer to this list of RVing benefits.

movie theaters, casinos, rest stops and other roadside locations will allow free overnight parking. Just verify before staying to avoid being ticketed.

• **Freedom to come and go:** When traveling in an RV, there are no set check-in-/check-out times to follow or boarding times to meet. RV travel can be strictly on your schedule.

• **Plenty of help:** Others who have embraced the RV lifestyle tend to be very friendly and ready to make new acquaintances at campgrounds and other stops. Those with more experience may be willing to share their expertise and pitch in to offer tips for better excursions.

• **Creature comforts:** People who vacation or choose to live in their RVs tend to keep familiar items and essentials on hand. Those can include preferred linens, clothing, toiletries, books,

games, and more. When taking such items along, there's no need to pack and unpack much for any trip.

• **Follow the weather:** If desired, RVers can pick up and follow the jet stream. If 70-degree days are your thing, then follow those temperatures coast-to-coast. If you like skiing or snowboarding, you can head to colder climates.

• **Downsize:** The RVIA says that RVs are available across a wide range of price points. So if the idea is to trade in a stationary house for an RV, you may be able to do so for as little as \$6,000 to as much as \$500,000.

The RV lifestyle may attract soon-to-be retirees. There are various advantages to getting on board.

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Submitted by Vonda Van Til

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Keeping the lines of communication open with loved ones can help aging men and women as they transition to life in assisted living facilities.

Staying connected

• Seniors can employ various strategies to stay in touch with families after moving into assisted living complex

By Sharon Stone

Decisions surrounding assisted living facilities are not always easy. Men and women may be reluctant to leave their homes while family members may be worried about how their aging loved ones will adjust to life in an assisted living facility. Though modern assisted living facilities cater to residents with an array of needs and interests, the hesitation about whether to move into such a facility is understandable.

One of the concerns seniors and their families may have about assisted living facilities is how to remain in touch with loved ones. Thankfully, staying connected is easier than ever before. That ease of connection has been on full display throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, during which aging men and women have been urged to limit contact with people outside their households in an effort to reduce their risk of contracting the virus.

When the pandemic is in the rearview mirror, seniors can continue to employ various strategies to stay connected with their families after moving into an assisted living facility.

• **Embrace technology.** It's understandable that seniors are sometimes hesitant to utilize technology. Having spent much of their lives without smartphones and Zoom calls, it may seem like adjusting to

a world where such things are now widely utilized will be incredibly difficult. However, modern technology is user-friendly, meaning seniors won't need much, if any, technical expertise or experience to utilize an assortment of devices that can help them stay in touch. Ask a relative to show you the ropes of a new device or request that staff at the facility teach residents the basics of using devices to stay connected with family. Staff may help set up Zoom calls or help residents learn the ropes of texting.

• **Make a weekly communication commitment.** Work with family members to set up a time each week when you can communicate directly with them. If family lives nearby, this might take the form of a weekly family meal at a loved one's home. If family lives too far away for routine in-person meals, set up a time each week for a family Zoom call.

• **Continue to engage with your interests and fellow hobbyists.** If you were an avid reader who loved to discuss and recommend books to your loved ones, then continue to do so after moving into an assisted living facility. Sports fans who bonded with their loved ones over a shared passion for a favorite team can keep following their team and discussing the latest big game with their friends and family via email, texts or video calls.

Various studies have discovered the positive effects that hobbies can have on long-term physical and mental health. Staying engaged with your passions can keep lines of communication open with friends and family and benefit your overall health.

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How exercise can help you live longer

● Keeps the body and brain healthy and important part of daily life

There are many reasons to get in shape. Weight loss is a prime motivator, as is reversing a negative health effect, such as high cholesterol or increased diabetes risk. Routine exercise also can improve life expectancy.

According to WebMD, exercise keeps the body and brain healthy. That's why exercise should be an important component of daily life no matter one's age.

Research published in the journal Immune Aging found that how people age is 75 percent lifestyle and only 25 percent genetics, which underscores the importance of the lifestyle choices people make.



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CARDIORESPIRATORY FITNESS

Many health experts say that cardiorespiratory fitness may be just as valuable a metric to determine overall health as blood pressure and lipid levels. People with a high aerobic capacity can deliver oxygen to tissues and cells efficiently to fuel exercise, according to data published in the journal Aging & Disease. In a study involving 11,335 women, researchers compared V02 max, also known as aerobic capacity, in women with mortality data. Women who were fit from a cardiovascular perspective had a lower death rate from all causes, irrespective of the women's weight.

MANAGE STRESS AND MOOD

Exercise has direct stress-busting benefits that can promote longevity. The Mayo Clinic reports that physical activity can increase the production of endorphins, which are the body's feel-good neurotransmitters. In addition, exercise can imitate the effects of stress, helping the body adjust its flight or fight response accordingly, and help them cope with mildly stressful situations. While engaged in exercise, people may forget about their problems as they are focused on the activity at hand.

IMPROVE BONE HEALTH

Strength training and physical activity can stave off the effects of frailty and osteoporosis, which affects bone strength. A study published in the Journal of Internal Medicine in 2017 found that hip fractures are associated with diminished quality of life and survival among the elderly. One in three adults aged 50 and over dies within 12 months of suffering a hip fracture, and older adults have a five- to eight-times greater risk of dying within three months following a hip fracture. Building muscle strength, balance and bone density through exercise can reduce falls and frailty, helping to prevent fracture-related health risks.

ADDRESSES SARCOPENIA

The health and wellness resource Healthline defines sarcopenia as the loss of muscle mass specifically related to aging. Doctors once considered this muscle loss inevitable, and it can affect stamina and lead to weakness. However, new indications suggest that exercise is the main treatment regimen for sarcopenia, particularly resistance training.

This is designed to improve muscle strength and help balance hormone

levels by turning protein into energy for older adults.

These are just some of the ways exercise can help older adults live longer, healthier lives.

Avoiding common home accidents

● Recognizing the threat can compel people to take efforts to prevent them

By Sharon Stone

Some of the most common and dangerous emergency situations occur at home. Precautionary measures can make homes as safe as possible, but accidents can still happen.

The National Safety Council (NSC) reported that 25 million in-home injuries occurred in homes in 2018. Accidental death is the third-leading cause of death in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

According to the NSC, the home injury death rate increased by 150 percent between 1999 and 2018.

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MONEY

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According to a 2020 survey from the financial services firm Edward Jones, 68 percent of workers soon to retire said they had no idea how much they should be setting aside for expenses, particularly health care and long-term care.

Professionals approaching retirement would be wise to analyze the Consumer Price Index - Elderly (CPI-E). It is a good reference to estimate which future expenses will cost the most after retirement. The

Bureau of Labor Statistics looks at consumer spending and uses various data to determine the rate of inflation in key areas that apply to older adults starting at age 62.

Individuals may be surprised to learn about where they'll be spending the bulk of their money when they get older. **Here's a look at some key categories.**

• **Housing:** According to data from the Employee Benefit Research Institute, in 2017, the most recent year for which data is available, housing accounted for roughly 49 percent of all spending for seniors. Focus should be centered on lowering those costs when a fixed income is imminent. The possibilities include paying off a mortgage; downsizing a home to have a lower rent or mortgage payment; refinancing a home to a fixed-rate loan so that costs are predictable; and taking on a tenant to offset costs.

• **Food:** The cost of food will not change dramatically, but it can eat into your budget. Even though food costs may decline when there's only two mouths to feed, food and beverage spending may go up due to more leisure time and dining out. Utilize senior discounts by shopping on days when stores offer percentages off purchases. Save money on restaurant spending by eating out at lunch instead of dinner, splitting plates or skipping appetizers.

• **Healthcare:** Experts warn that while many expenses decline in retirement, health care spending increases. According to Fidelity, the average 65-year-old couple retiring in 2020 in the United States needed roughly \$295,000 just to cover their retirement health care expenses. Those with family histories of severe illnesses or those with preexisting conditions will need even more. It's also important to realize that roughly half of the population will need long-term care at some point, according to The Motley Fool, and that requires advanced budgeting as well.

Many people find that Medicare supplement plans can bridge the gap in expenses that government-run plans will not cover. Saving through a health savings account (HSA) when employed also can create extra cash on hand for retirement expenses.

Understanding which retirement expenses will be high can help people plan better for the future.

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ACCIDENTS

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The top five most fatal household injuries in the United States are poisoning, falls, choking or suffocation, drowning, and fires/burns. Recognizing the threat these accidents pose can compel people to make every effort possible to prevent them from happening.

• **Poisoning:** Poisoning can be attributed to exposure to household chemicals, but illicit drugs and alcohol use, as well as prescription drug overdoses, have become major contributors to accidental

poisonings. Keeping medicine and liquor cabinets locked can prevent children and teens from accessing items that are off limits. Disposing of unused or expired prescription medication can help remove drugs from the home. Educating children about the dangers of drugs and alcohol also may help.

• **Falls:** Falls can happen at any age but they're most common among the very young or very old. Installing grab bars in bathrooms, improving indoor lighting and removing tripping hazards like area rugs or toys from high traffic areas can

reduce the likelihood of falls.

• **Choking/suffocation:** U.S. News & World Report indicates airway obstruction, which includes choking, suffocation and strangulation, claims about 1,000 lives a year. Eating too quickly and failing to chew adequately at any age can cause food to become lodged in the throat. Older adults may lose the ability to chew or swallow adequately due to cognitive disorders or other conditions.

Keeping a home clean, monitoring children and seniors while eating and

learning the Heimlich maneuver can help prevent injuries.

• **Burns/fires:** Install plenty of working smoke alarms and hold fire drills to reduce the risk of fire-related deaths and injuries. Turning down the temperature of a home water heater to avoid scalding and exercising caution in the kitchen, where many fires originate, also is key. Never leave food unattended on the stove.

Home accidents can happen, but awareness of common incidents may compel people to place a greater emphasis on prevention.

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Holly Chamber announces 'Community Dollars'

■ Anonymous donor jump starts matching program to help Holly area businesses during pandemic

Compiled by Sharon Stone

The Holly Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce a Community Dollars program to help support the local Holly area businesses.

"We have had a lot of interest in offering a certificate that could be used in multiple businesses in the Holly area. We believe this is a great opportunity for Holly." Executive Director Richard Kinnamon said.

The Holly Area Community Dollars are a unique paper certificate designed specifically for Holly Area Chamber member businesses. There are currently more than 40 participating restaurants, retail, and service locations where the certificates can be redeemed.

Community Dollar Certificates will be available all year long for gift giving for birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, or just to treat yourself. Your business or organization may also like to give these certificates for special recognition or awards.

The certificates will be available in \$10 and \$25 denominations on the website visitholly.com, or by appointment at the Holly Area Chamber office.



More than 40 Holly area businesses are participating in the Community Dollars program created by the Holly Area Chamber of Commerce. The chamber will provide a 50-percent match on certificates bought. **Submitted photo**

Certificates will be mailed for a small fee or may be picked up at the Chamber office. A full list of participating businesses is also available on the visitholly.com website.

BONUS MATCHING MONEY

An anonymous donor has made it possible for the Holly Area Chamber to provide a 50-percent match on certificates purchased. With the bonus offer, the buyer will receive a 50-percent match in bonus certificates with their purchase. Buy two \$10 certificates and receive an additional \$10 certificate. Buy two \$25 certificates and receive an additional \$25 certificate.

In order to allow the most people to participate, a buyer can purchase up to \$100 to receive up to \$50 in bonus certificates. The bonus offer will be available beginning at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, Feb. 3, and bonus matching will be available until the matching funds of \$25,000 have been given out. Regular certificates will need to be spent within one year, and the bonus certificates will need to be spent within six months, by the end of July.

Regular Community Dollars will continue to be available throughout the year.

This is a great time to be considering certificates as Valentine's Day is approaching. Holly's local businesses will certainly appreciate the "love" as these certificates are spent in their establishments, Kinnamon said.

Everyone has expressed a desire to help local restaurants and retailers as

many of them continue to struggle during these challenging times. This is one way the Holly Area Chamber is bringing business and the community together.

You may contact the Holly Area Chamber offices for more information at (248) 215-7099, or by email at thehollychamber@gmail.com.

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Richard Kinnamon, executive director of the Holly Area Chamber of Commerce, shows a Community Dollars certificate created specifically to help participating Holly area businesses.

NEWS BRIEFS

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Adopt-A-Pet plans V-Day fundraiser

The 2021 Adopt-A-Pet Wags & Whiskers in the Woods annual fundraising auction has been canceled due to COVID restrictions. This is the largest fundraising event for Adopt-A-Pet. In hopes of recouping revenue lost from this event, Adopt-A-Pet is planning several smaller fundraisers throughout the upcoming year. The first fundraiser plan is an outdoor Valentine's Bake Sale on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021 at Adopt-A-Pet from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hundreds of baked items will be available for purchase. Guaranteed availability of these limited quantity heart-shaped treats for your sweetheart is possible by preordering via email to BethHammondAAP@gmail.com. A two-pack of these special cookies packaged in a decorative bag is only \$10. All pre-orders must be picked up by 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2021. All proceeds from the Valentine's Bake Sale will go to help cover medical and housing costs of the 35 dogs rescued from a recent hoarding situation.



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MHSAA's Uyl pushing for earlier start than Feb. 21

By David Troppens

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is just going to keep on pushing forward according to MHSAA executive director Mark Uyl.

During a discussion with Bill Simonson, the host of the radio program 'The Huge Show' on Thursday, the MHSAA remains committed to getting the winter contact sports of basketball, competi-

tive cheer, wrestling and hockey started sooner than later.

Currently, through Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's recent order, those sports won't be able to return to action until at least Feb. 21. But with a better relationship with the new leadership at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (Elizabeth Hertel was appointed to the MDHHS director posi-

tion last week after ex-director Robert Gordon resigned) and with the data Uyl holds, he hopes to get those winter sports seasons started before that Feb. 21 date. There also has been more of an out pour of support for the student-athletes who want to see their seasons start as soon as possible throughout the state.

"We feel that our message is really

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Sports Times

Varsity coaches enjoy their time coaching eighth-grade middle school volleyball programs

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — Ally von Daggenhausen and Deena Maher know about the life of being a varsity volleyball coaches.

Von Daggenhausen is Lake Fenton's varsity mentor while Maher is the head coach for Holly's two-time defending Metro League Stripes Division championship squad.

But that's not where their responsibilities end. Both are the eighth-grade coaches for both programs' middle school teams. And both of those programs were able to meet up at Lake Fenton High School in contests between the schools on Wednesday.

There were seventh-grade and eighth-grade contests with both grade teams split into two different squads. In the eighth-grade competition, Lake Fenton's first squad defeated Holly 25-10, 25-13. In the second game, Lake Fenton's second squad also won 25-17, 25-17.

In seventh-grade action, the Blue Devils were able to make up for not playing a match all season long with some strong performances. In the opening match, Lake Fenton's first team beat Holly 25-11, 25-11 and the in the match between the second seventh-grade teams, Lake Fenton won the first set 26-24 and Holly won the second set 25-23.

The middle school volleyball season has had its ups and downs due to COVID-19.

The seasons started in the fall, but then were suspended when the recent pause started. The squads returned to action last week, giving the teams a reprieve for their seasons for a two-week period.

"I think they did really well for not playing in a really long time," von Daggenhausen said. "We've only had one game previously. We got quarantined early on so it was really awesome to see them come out and do really awesome. We got a lot of three-touches on plays which was awesome. That's kind of unheard of at the eighth grade level. We didn't have many serving errors either which is great as well."

Both coaches enjoy watching the girls
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Holly's Alexander Denardo (above) attempts an attack in one of the eighth-grade matches. Lake Fenton's Ellie Spezia (left) dives to the ground to make a dig. Holly and Lake Fenton competed in seventh-grade and eighth-grade matches Wednesday.

Photos: David Troppens

Spencer's 12th pro boxing match is today

By David Troppens

The "Small Town Soldier" Joey Spencer will give area sports fans some must-see television tonight (Jan. 30) as part of Fox Network's Premier Boxing Champions card.

The fight against Isiah Seldon at the Shrine Auditorium and Expo Hall in Los Angeles, California will be broadcast on FOX with the bouts starting at 8 p.m. It is scheduled to be an eight-round fight.

Spencer, now 11-0 with eight of his professional victories ending due to a knock out, will be competing for the first time since beating Shawn West by knockout on Aug. 22 in another bout held in Los Angeles.

Spencer has had a chance to relax and train in between fights.

"I've gotten a lot better as a fighter," Spencer said. "I was able to spend time in the gym and get in some good sparring. I improved on my fitness, endurance and boxing skills. I think this is the perfect time to move to eight rounds."

Seldon is 32 and has a decent amount of professional experience compared to most of Spencer's early opponents. He holds a solid 14-3-1 record with five of those victories com-

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Wrestling is one of the four contact winter sports still waiting to start their seasons.

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play at a young age.

"It's fun to get to know them at this age," Maher said. "I get to see how they grow up and watch those who continue to become good volleyball players. And then I get to see the other girls in the hallway as well. Whether they are playing volleyball or not, it's always fun."

"It's nice to get to know their skill development and to know how they best learn," von Daggenhausen said. "It's nice to get them early so you can shape their skills and their playing styles."

Von Daggenhausen has another interesting dynamic. She's currently coaching her sister, Kelsey von Daggenhausen, who is eight years younger than she is.

"I'm so happy for them, and I get to coach my little sister too," von Daggenhausen said. "It can be hard, but it's a lot of fun."

Developing skills is the key at the middle school level, but winning always is fun as well, and the Blue Devils had a strong day. In the first set of the first eighth-grade match, Lake Fenton's Ellie Spezia had a kill early, but Holly's



Lake Fenton seventh-grader Madelyn Teffner makes a dig during the Blue Devils' match with the Holly Bronchos.

Photo: David Troppens

Emmalee Dietzen scored four straight points with two coming on aces at the service line. Holly led early 6-2. However, Lake Fenton's offense came alive with many kills done the stretch.

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ing by knock out. His professional career began on Aug. 2, 2009 with a unanimous decision victory against Damion Reed. He won his first seven bouts and won 11 of his first 12 fights. His only loss was a loss to Lekan Byfield on June 27, 2014. Since then, he's faced stronger competition and has had somewhat mixed results. That said, his only two losses in his last seven bouts have come against undefeated opponents — Tyler Howard (15-0) and Nikita Ababiy (6-0). His most recent bout was March 7 which was a technical knock out defeat against Darryl Bunting (4-6-2). He has competed in 71 professional rounds in his fights compared to Spencer's 34 in his 11 bouts.

Due to COVID-19, Spencer hasn't been able to box as much as he otherwise would've planned during the last year. His only other bout in 2020 was a unanimous decision victory against Erik Spring on Jan. 18. However, Spencer is only 20 and already has 11 professional bouts under his belt, and Saturday's



Joey Spencer has his next bout Saturday (Jan. 30) on FOX. Photo: Trappfotos

contest will be his 11th on television. Spencer has earned the PBC's Prospect of the Year award in back-to-back years during his professional career. His first professional match was against Uriel Gonzales on Feb. 17, 2018.

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UYL

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resonating now," Uyl said. "All of the data we've talked about for months going back to August, and highlighting all of the fall teams, both indoor and outdoor contact and non-contacts we were able to compete each week at a rate of 95 percent-plus. With the MDDHS and their pilot testing program we were able to get all fall sports completed and we've been able to talk about the fact that 5,300 individuals were part of that pilot testing program. Of that 5,300 individuals, 57 had a positive test during the month ... which is one percent. The last time we got updated numbers from Health and Human Services, we have completed almost 30,000 of those rapid tests and it was with a negativity rate of 99.8 percent.

These are the numbers that Uyl discussed as reasons why it's time to open winter contact sports seasons, and before the Feb. 21 date.

He also discussed how all of

Michigan's direct bordering states — Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin — are currently competing in those sports and have been since Dec. 1. Thirty-five states are currently competing in the same contact sports.

"We see more and more people talking about this," Uyl said. "We have people realizing that we've been ready to go since November. As soon as Health and Human Services said it's time to move forward, and we can begin contact practices and competitions for the four sport sin this holding pattern, we will be ready to do so."

Uyl's biggest ask is to detail the plan on what starting, closing and pausing sports looks like based on the numbers.

"Our ask right now is just please tell us what the numbers are, the metrics are that will allow us to play," Uyl said. "And if they reach a certain level and have to stop, tell us what the numbers are (to play)."

Uyl said he's pushing to make a return date earlier than Feb. 21.

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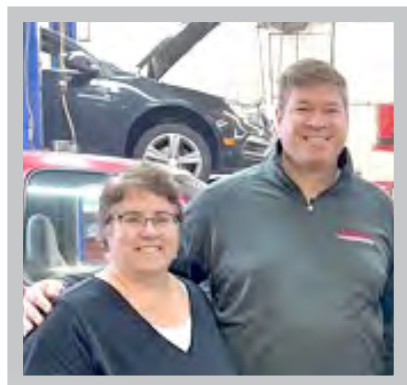
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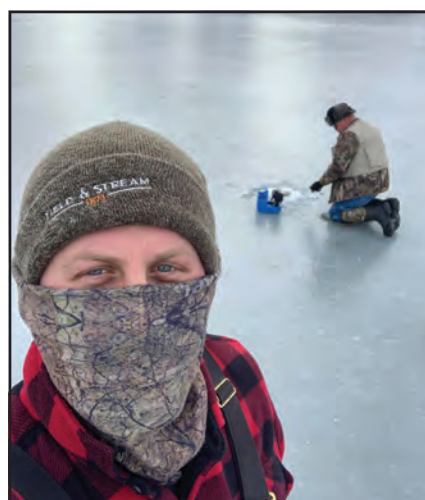
'Stay safe and
have a good time'

By Hannah Ball

The local lakes are frozen, and ice fishers can be found on most bodies of water.

Derek Wylie, a Swartz Creek resident and Linden High School graduate, frequently ice fishes in tri-county lakes. He's been learning fishing since he was 3, and he's been ice fishing for 13 years.

"I always had a passion for fishing. I grew up with a grandpa who loved to fish," he said. "I love the outdoors. Outside is where I'm mostly comfort-



Derek Wylie ice fishes about two times a week. During the winter months, he catches bluegill, crappie, perch and walleye. Submitted photo

able and at peace, and I'm fortunate enough to have people around me who love the sport of fishing and hunting."

He goes ice fishing every chance he can. If the weather conditions are favorable, he'll go once or twice a week. Wylie normally fishes on the weekend, but weekdays are less busy.

People are ice fishing now more than ever because of COVID-19.

One of Wylie's favorite spots is the Lake Fenton Department of Natural Resources boat launch, because it's easy to access.

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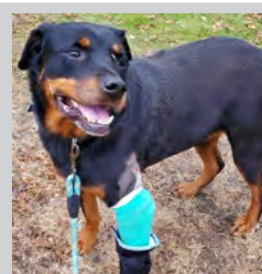
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Swanson said human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world, and he called this information and these techniques “the predators’ playbook.”

Common apps include Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook Messenger, TikTok, Kik and more.

“What I see is frightening,” Dallas said. “As a 13-year-old or as a 9-year-old, I can’t imagine how they process this.”

Snapchat is popular because the app says the media will disappear within 24 hours. However, anyone can download a screen recording app, so anything they view on Snapchat, or on their phone, can be saved.

Holloman, who does forensics and works with victims in Voices for Children, said people will record seemingly private photos and videos and use those for “sextortion,” which is when a predator will blackmail someone into sending them more sexually explicit content. Often, they threaten to send this media to the victim’s parents.

Sharing locations online can be dangerous, too, because it tells predators where someone is.

Dallas said many parents don’t know that their children might also have a “finstagram,” which means a fake Instagram. On their private account, they may post photos of their friends and family pets, but some teenagers have other Instagram accounts set to private.

“They talk to so many other people in their fake Instagrams,” Dallas said.

On Facebook Messenger, there’s a setting to have secret conversations. Go on Messenger, click on the profile

photo and look for the setting that says secret conversation. Swanson said check your child’s phone and if you don’t find any secret conversations, tell them that you’re proud of them.

TikTok is one of the most popular apps right now. Dallas said one thing to be mindful of is how users and teenagers ask for followers. She encourages parents to read the comments on their child’s TikTok videos.

“You’d probably be frightened if you saw those,” she said.

Holloman said a lot of kids think they’ll be discovered by famous people, and they want to be popular.

The online attention they get is often filling a need they have in real life. If they get too popular online, that runs the risk of cyberbullying.

Kids often record these videos late at night when parents are asleep. They can be encouraged by older people on these apps to do certain things in videos that could be explicit.

“The danger is not in the mall parking lot, it’s in their bedroom,” Dallas said.

Another app to watch for LMK, which creates auditory chatrooms. The likes and follows act as digital currency.

Predators often take advantage of being to monetize this content. They may “sextort” someone into posting explicit photos and videos, and they keep the money. Holloman said this is sometimes how predators get young kids to stick objects in orifices and do sexual things at night while their

parents sleep.

More apps to watch for are Live Me, Ok Live, Twitch and Discord. On Live Me, Dallas said they had a case of a young boy under 10 years old who was begging for followers, and watchers were encouraging him to reveal himself. They found out he had a younger brother, and they

wanted to see him, too.

Holloman said by the time a teenager is 16, there’s a “100 percent” chance they’ve been sent an explicit photo of a body part, they’ve sent a photo like that, or they’ve been requested to.

More apps to look for are Whisper, Monkey, House Party and Meet Me.

There’s been a huge spike of human trafficking cases that start online because kids are spending more time at home and online due to COVID. Swanson encouraged parents

to have an open discussion with their kids, but don’t scare them so much they won’t come to you if they make a mistake, such as sending an explicit photo.

Dallas said parents should “get in their business” to make sure these kids know who they’re talking to.

Signs to look for that could mean your child is in trouble online:

Dallas said if your child spends more time in their room and is more quiet and secretive, then they could have an issue they’re embarrassed to reveal to their parents.

Don’t let phones go into the bedrooms at night. Have parental control on devices. Go through each app on a kid’s phone with your child.

Swanson said a lot of this information is harsh, but parents have to be realistic and honest with their kids.

“This is what’s going to harm your kids and your family more than anything else,” he said.

“The danger is not in the mall parking lot, it’s in their bedroom.”

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ICE FISHING

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“It holds a good amount of bluegill and crappie, and you can normally flow a flag,” Wylie said. “Lake Fenton is normally the first lake that freezes around here.”

He also likes to fish at the boat launch on Lobdell Lake. But use caution, he said, because early in the season, there’s sketchy ice in this area because of the current.

“Also Lake Ponemah. They have bluegill, crappie and decent sized pike. I’ve also caught walleye but they’re hard to get,” he said.

This year, the cold weather is “late normal,” Wylie said, but there is good ice around. Most lakes have an average of 4 inches of ice, which is safe to walk on, and some lakes have 6 inches of ice. If you’re not experienced, Wylie recommends waiting until there’s at least 4 inches and to use caution.

Wylie has fallen in a frozen lake three times. Two of those times were on Lobdell.

“It sucked. All three times equally sucked but I was younger and inexperienced. I learned my lesson,” he said.

“Fishing is fishing no matter what time of the year.”

Derek Wylie
Local ice fisher



Local ice fisher Derek Wylie said ice fishing can be an expensive hobby, but anyone can enjoy it with a fishing pole, tip ups, bait and warm gear.

Photo: Hannah Ball

“Fishing is fishing no matter what time of the year. Sometimes you get lucky, sometimes you don’t,” he said.

What helps Wylie is studying fish patterns and where fish prefer to swim in different seasons. In the summer, they like to hide under rocks or by weeds to stay in the shade. In the winter, they stay by weed beds and shallow areas. Midway through the season, they stay around basing lines and drop offs.

“Local bait shops are awesome. They know which lakes are doing well,” he said. “It’s really just moving around and finding fish. It’s taking chances and moving way out. Sometimes it works out for you, sometimes, it doesn’t. Also, fish finders are a huge plus, especially with the technology we have nowadays.”

His biggest piece of advice is “stay safe and have a good time.”



Derek Wylie took a photo of his ice shanty while fishing on a local lake.



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Ice fishing can be an expensive hobby. They need fishing rods, tip ups, bait and warm gear. If it’s too cold outside, a shanty is needed.

“It makes the time more enjoyable, or you can sit on a bucket and have a great time fishing. Fish finders also help,” Wylie said. “You can go ice fishing with a pole and a dozen worms and have a good time. On the other hand, if you plan on being out all season long, you’ll need certain materials to stay warm and mobile.”

Many ice fishers also use fishing shanties, a sled, a snowmobile or an ATV to move the equipment, and a heater.

“The most important thing to have is a spud bar. It’s a bar that you can hit on the ice and you can chip away at it to see how thick the ice is. The old saying in ice fishing is — when in doubt, spud your way out,” Wylie said.

Wylie catches about 500 panfish a year. Some are keepers, some aren’t. In the winter, he normally catches bluegill, crappie, perch and walleye.

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Heave
CRUHL

Shake
MORTER

Hitch
RECUSE

Meld
MELIGN

TODAY'S WORD

Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times

Weekend Sudoku

FUN BY THE NUMBERS
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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	7	6			8			3
4				5	1		2	9

Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times

KING
FEATURES

ACROSS

1 TV ET from Melmac

4 Puncturing tool

7 Restrained like Rover

15 "To a ..." poems

19 Road gunk

20 Zodiac beast

21 Course taker, e.g.

22 Actress Carter

23 Start of a riddle

26 Singer Fitzgerald

27 Grove sight

28 Certain boxing stat

29 Mil. bigwig

30 Pale-looking

31 Riddle, part 2

38 Kilmer of film

40 Alley —

41 Lion's foot

42 Fellow's wig

43 Actor Estevez

45 Sega's hedgehog

47 Look up to

51 Riddle, part 3

55 Lyric-writing Gershwin

56 Globes

57 "Ixnay"

58 "Take this"

59 Brainstorms

61 Parsley bit

64 Riddle, part 4

67 Kay Thompson title girl

70 Native Kiwi

71 Fluctuated greatly

72 Riddle, part 5

75 Odor

77 French port in Brittany

78 Outing ruiner

79 Afflicted

80 Poses

84 Inflated self

85 Riddle, part 6

90 TV talker Phil

93 Slipknot loop

94 Andress of "Dr. No"

95 Highest volcano in Eur.

98 Mil. bigwig

99 Mumbai "Mr."

100 Cotillion girl

101 End of the riddle

107 Throat affliction, for short

108 To the — degree

109 Western Hemisphere gp.

110 McEntire of song

113 Hair removal brand

114 Riddle's answer

120 Deli sandwiches, for short

121 Grow pale

122 Oct. follower

123 O'Hare approx.

124 Anatomical sac

125 Slammer

126 Porker's place

127 Water barrier

DOWN

1 Element statistic: Abbr.

2 Oz lion player Bert

3 Ascend a rock face without aids for support

4 Done in the style of

5 Vanished as if by magic

6 Tilt the head skyward

7 Big Brit. lexicon

8 Houston-to-Dallas dir.

9 Actress Nicole — Parker

10 Vowel sound in "game"

11 Born first

12 Alicia of ballet

13 Use stitches

14 "— a Rebel"

15 Like a single-part process

16 City of India

17 Barkin of "The Fan"

18 Street talk

24 Prefix with colonialism

25 Auction unit

30 Mars, to the Greeks

32 Move around in confusion

33 Pleistocene, for one

34 Spout off

35 Axis-vs.-Allies event

36 Singer Tina

37 Copycatted

38 Bill blocker

39 Eros, to the Romans

44 Young girls

45 Hang-up

46 Be logically connected

48 Letters after "had a farm"

49 Ache for

50 Subdued with a shock

52 Lead-in to lateral

53 Classic soda brand

54 Coach Parseghian

59 Very hot star

60 Anti-alcohol measures

62 Oct. exam for many juniors

63 Home: Abbr.

64 Compound in wine

65 Greedy type

66 Indigo, e.g.

67 Fix firmly

68 One of the Florida Keys

69 Cineplex — (former theater chain)

70 Hurt severely

73 Following loyally

74 Zodiac beast

75 Plum used to flavor gin

76 Roman 1,051

79 Commercial lead-in to -gram or -matic

81 Shivered in fear or revulsion

82 Frilly veggie

83 Wild guess

85 Lewis of rock

86 Apt to pry

87 Artist Vincent van —

88 Master marksman

89 Actress Moran

91 Calvin Coolidge's college

92 Beginning of a web address

96 Papal envoy

97 2017 World Series winners

99 Gives rise to

101 Rachel Maddow's channel

102 Rome's land

103 Ground corn dish

104 Burn — in one's pocket

105 Chili holder

106 Foul up

111 Version being tested

112 Eden evictee

114 "I'm less than impressed"

115 "Who am — argue?"

116 Cave in

117 Siouan people

118 A small number of

119 Trellis plant

PUZZLE CLUE:
TECH BUZZ

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Puzzle Answers

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

MIDWEEK SUDOKU ANSWERS

9	1	6	7	2	4	5	3	8
5	3	4	9	8	1	6	7	2
8	7	2	3	5	6	9	1	4
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7	6	8	2	4	5	1	9	3
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6	8	3	5	1	2	7	4	9
1	2	7	4	6	9	3	8	5
4	9	5	8	3	7	2	6	1

MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:

BOTCH, WINCE, BOTANY, WEEKLY

Answer: The baseball team's winning streak continued — "WON" BY "WON"

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

2	1	9	6	3	5	8	4	7
3	4	5	1	8	7	9	6	2
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WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:

LURCH, TREMOR, SECURE, MINGLE

Answer: SUMMER

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 26 min.

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WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

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Obituaries

Times

Robert Charles "Bobby" Clark

1950 - 2021

Robert Charles "Bobby" Clark - age 70, of Fenton, died Friday, January 22, 2021. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the hospice organization of one's choice. Robert was born May 17, 1950 in Pontiac, the son of Orie Chester and Madeline Mary (Robertson) Clark. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Fenton. Robert was involved with the Hartland Players, Fenton Village Players



and Flint Community Players. He is survived by his sisters, Judy (Ken) Chadwell, Christine Enszer and Mary Ann (David) Jackson; brother, Dan (Marilee) Clark; many

nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Sue; brother, Joe and brother-in-law, Tom. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Gerald T. "Jerry" Long Sr.

1934 - 2021

Gerald T. "Jerry" Long Sr. - age 86, Bradenton, FL formerly of Flint died Thursday, January 21, 2021. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Friday, January 29, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 East Broad Street, Linden. Burial in Toledo Memorial Park. Visitation will be held 4 - 8 PM Thursday, January 28 and 10 - 11 AM Friday at the funeral home. Those desiring may make contributions, may do so to Braden River United Methodist Church, Bradenton, FL. Gerald was born March 12, 1934 in Flint, the son of Charles and Jessie (Wray) Long, Sr. Gerald was a veteran of the U.S. Navy having served in the Korean Conflict. He retired from Chevrolet Delphi West following 30 years of service. He was a member of Braden River United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Moose



Lodge #1072 of Bradenton, FL and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is survived by children, Gerald T. Long, Jr. (Veronica) of Fenton, Kathy (Vern) Uricek of Bradenton, FL, Carol (Neal) Webster of

Bath, Gregory (Brenda) Long of Linden; step-children, Loyd (Janet) Bartholomew, Valerie Miller, Mike (Heather) McGuire, Janice (Mark) Jones, Carolyn Morelli, Jennifer (Scott) Clark, Thomas Jones, Elizabeth Jones, David Leichty; many grandchildren; great-grandchildren, nephews, and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Lillian M. Long; and brothers, James and Charles, and Raymond Long. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Dale Avery

Dale Avery - age 89, died January 25, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Blake Grove

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Connie Aubin

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Clifford Totzke, Jr.

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Curtis "Pete" Thomas

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Donald Vernier

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Gregory Fauth

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Anita Schuessler

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Coleman Williams

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David Hooker

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Flora Evans

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Heather Yeats-Sink

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Anthony McKeenan

Anthony McKeenan - age 64, died January 23, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Obituaries

Times

Marilyn (Sweet) Pratt Redmond

1932 - 2021

Marilyn (Sweet) Pratt Redmond - age 88, of Fenton, died Thursday, January 21, 2021. Marilyn was born November 6, 1932 in Perrysburg, OH, the daughter of Howard Nathaniel Sweet and Jeanette (Stalk) Sweet. Marilyn was a graduate of Bowling Green State University and was a teacher in Grosse Ile. After moving to Fenton she was an early childhood teacher for many years. Surviving are son, James (Stephanie) Pratt; stepdaughters, Phyllis (Randy) Forster, Jennifer (Darrell) Youngquest, Jacqueline (Michael) Walker, Robyn (Brad) Little; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She



was preceded in death by her first husband of 20 years, J. Fred Pratt; her second husband of 42 years, Robert E. Redmond; her elder son, John F. Pratt; and her sister, Joanne Jaynes. A memorial service will

be held at a later date and announced. Those desiring may make contributions to the Fenton United Methodist Church Food Pantry, 119 S. Leroy St., Fenton. Arrangements are being handled by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Norman Earl Spear

1929 - 2021

Norman Earl Spear - age 91, died Friday, January 15, 2021, in Fort Myers FL. Norman is survived by his wife, Linda of Fort Myers, FL; three sons, Norman Dennis (Vicki) of Pentwater, Douglas (Marsha) of Clarkston, and David (Michele) of Fenton; two grandsons, Michael (Ann), and Steven Spear; one great-granddaughter, Sadie Spear. Linda's stepdaughters, Debbie Stewart, and Donna Mishler. Numerous nieces and nephews. Norman was born June 26, 1929 in Saginaw, the youngest of seven children. He grew up in Fenton, and graduated from Fenton High School in 1948. He worked



for General Motors at three locations; Fisher Body Plant One, Flint; Oldsmobile, Lansing; and retired from the Cadillac Plant, Flint in 1988.

After retiring, Norman moved from Fenton to Traverse City, then to Sebring, FL and finally to Fort Myers, FL. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make contributions to The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center; 12648 Brantley Commons Court; Fort Myers, FL 33907. There will be a celebration of Norman's life later this summer. Online obituary and guest book at www.FortMyersMemorial.com.

Joanne Wright

Joanne Wright - age 68, died January 26, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Lloyd Metiva

Lloyd Metiva - age 90, died January 26, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Martin Stefani

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Randall Oyler

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Robert Smith

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Robert Spears

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Steven Beren

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Theresa Dzugan

Theresa Dzugan - age 71, died January 23, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Obituaries

Times



Paul Stickler

Paul Stickler - age 63, died January 27, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Gordon Fray

Gordon Fray - age 80, died January 28, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Jacob Brisendine

Jacob Brisendine - age 89, died January 28, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Harry Cooper

Harry Cooper - age 87, died January 28, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Felton David DeGayner

1936 - 2021

Felton David DeGayner - age 84, of Swartz Creek, died Tuesday, January 26, 2021. In accordance with Felton's wishes cremation will take place. Private interment will take place at a later date in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd, Fenton. Felton was born on December 16, 1936 in Iron Mountain, the son of Ralph and Marie (Seeger) DeGayner. He proudly served in the United States Army from 1957 until his honorable discharge in 1959. Felton and Lonette Dunlap were united in marriage on July 7, 1963. He was the owner and operator of the Flint Pool and Patio for many years. Felton was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was very crafty and enjoyed woodworking. He is survived by his loving wife, Lonette DeGayner; children, Steven DeGayner, Dwayne (Julie) DeGayner and Dawn DeGayner (Mike Cochran); eight grandchildren, Amber, Kory, Cody, DJ, Casey and Trevor DeGayner and Spencer and Karah Bucknam; and siblings, Eugene (Mary) DeGayner, Ralph (Jackie) DeGayner, Hazel Dault, Clayton (Barb) DeGayner and Alden (Sue) DeGayner. Felton was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Marie DeGayner; and brother-in-law, Jim Dault. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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LEASE
\$136/MO
+ TAX

BUY
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WAS \$44,355
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