Welcome back

■ Restaurants and bars reopen doors to indoor dining — with restrictions mandated by state

By Sharon Stone


Depending on their particular schedules, area restaurants are announcing their own reopening dates.

According to the National Restaurant Association, Michigan lost a net 46,600 eating and drinking place jobs in December.

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The Fenton Downtown Development Authority approved the sale of the Fenton Fire Hall restaurant to CHAR-BAR Fenton LLC, an entity of Union Joints, for $1 on Jan. 19.

This comes nearly nine years after the Fenton DDA entered into an agreement in which the city would lease the land to

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faces up to five years in prison for being a felon in possession of ammunition after altercation in Fenton Township

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Lesley Aikins, 53, of Grand Blanc, was arraigned Jan. 28 in Genesee County 67th District Court on one count of felon in possession of ammunition. This crime carries a penalty of five years in prison and or a $5,000 fine.

Sgt. Andrew Snyder of the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office said deputies responded to a construction site in the 16000 block of Jennings Road in Fenton Township on Monday, Jan. 25 for a reported felonious assault. Witnesses told deputies that two of the male workers began arguing and a physical altercation occurred. The victim told deputies that the suspect, Aikins, threatened him with a handgun. Aikins left the scene and later returned when deputies arrived.

The deputies were given permission by Aikins to search his vehicle. The deputies were unable to locate a handgun, however they did find several rounds of ammunition inside the vehicle. Through a records check, deputies discovered Aikins was a convicted felon, which prohibits him to possess ammunition.

The weapon that was said to be used was never found.
Kurt Chapelle of Fenton Township organizes event after polar plunge is canceled

By Hannah Ball

A local auto group raised approximately $12,000 for the Special Olympics with a modified Polar Plunge on Saturday, Jan. 30 with a dunk tank. Kurt Chapelle, salesman with LaFontaine auto group, organized the event. The annual Polar Plunge is usually held at the Moose Lodge in Fenton Township, but it was canceled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Saturday, more than a dozen groups or people sat on the ledge of the dunk tank and watched as people threw balls at the button that causes the seat to drop and dunk them in ice cold water. Organizers also placed tarps in the back of large pickup trucks and filled them with water. When groups participated, one person would be in the dunk tank and the others would sit on the trucks and fall into the water.

“I put on this event to help out Alikhan,” Chapelle said. “He’s family and he and his peers deserve this.”

AliKhan Amlani is a Lake Fenton High School graduate and friend of Chapelle. He participates in the Area 13 Special Olympics group in Michigan. Ryan LaFontaine, CEO of LaFontaine Automotive Group, was the first to go in the dunk tank. Photo: Hannah Ball

State Rep. Mike Mueller watches as his wife, Angela, throws the ball to dunk him in the tank. Photo: Hannah Ball

In a Facebook video the day after, Chapelle and Amlani thanked the LaFontaine family for helping putting together the event. They thanked the school districts of Lake Fenton, Fenton and Linden. All three superintendents attended and tried to dunk each other.

“The support from our local business owners was amazing,” Chapelle said in the Facebook video. “The Wentworth group, Dr. Wax Orthodontics. We had Mike Mueller, state representative. How amazing is that? Just reminds me of what a wonderful community we live in.”

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The last thing they want to happen is to learn of a COVID-19 exposure with an employee or diner, only to have to close their doors again.

Owners and their staff are undoubtedly prepared to showcase their clean space and possibly new menu items.

Just as the case with only outdoor dining, space will be limited and everyone needs to be patient with service. I’m guessing that restaurants that have been offering outdoor dining will keep that option available since their indoor dining will be limited to 25-percent capacity with a maximum number of people capped at 100.

Our restaurants and everyone involved, from the dishwashers, vendors, delivery drivers, servers, hosts, owners and more, have been hit harder from this pandemic and closures than most other professions.

My husband I ventured out to Beale St. BBQ Monday evening to see what it was like to eat indoors again at a restaurant. The seating was well spaced out and the food and service were perfect. We were not disappointed.

Be kind, be patient, continue to dress warm in case you end up outdoors again, pay attention to the instruction signs on the restaurant door, show your appreciation for your server’s hard work and tip as you would like to be tipped. Remember, servers are only waiting on one quarter of guests, which means they are likely only making one quarter of what they were making pre-pandemic.
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**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

**JOE BIDEN’S DOG** is not the first rescue dog in the White House. LBJ’s was.

**OKAY, I UNDERSTAND.** Two vice presidents took office after two presidents were assassinated, which made Joe 47th vice president.

**TO THE RUDE** Walmart self-checkout employee who would not help me key in 20 storage bins and told me 'you can do it, it’s not that hard.' You gave me your name and I did not complain to a manager, just help people next time when they ask nicely.

**IF WHITMER IS** doing such a good job, why the blanket rejection of all Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests for data and documents? The intentional hiding of facts just screams guilt.

**REALLY? CHILDREN IN** chronic poverty and suffering just to our north, yet we travel to West Virginia to ‘save’ dogs? What does that say about the state of our morals?

**I AM IN** agreement with many of the executive orders President Biden is signing. For those of you that disagree I hope you immediately return the $1,400 stimulus check if passed.

**MY SINCEREST THANKS** to all the people and agencies connected to the COVID shots passed out at LFHS Saturday, Jan. 30. They were prompt, courteous and knew exactly what to do and how to do it. Well done.

**IF STIMULUS MONEY** can be printed up by hundreds of billions to help hurting Americans, could not the same be done if Social Security payments are in jeopardy?

**TO THE YUPPIES** that have an attitude about snowmobiles at the Linden park. We are taxpayers also and very cautious of the people walking. Stop yelling and throwing the finger at us, we also enjoy our winters. If you don’t like it, walk somewhere else.

**ONCE I’VE BEEN** vaccinated, I won’t be wearing a mask anywhere ever again. If you want to wear one to protect yourself I won’t yell at you, so please don’t yell at me.

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years ago, an agreement was made with the county emergency operations team to use the site in case of emergencies such as a pandemic. Five other school districts in the county are part of this team.

COVID-19 case numbers and hospitalizations have been trending down in the past week nationwide and in Michigan. More than 33 million people have received vaccinations in America. In Michigan, more than one million people have been vaccinated as of Monday, Feb. 1.

More than 30,000 people have pre-registered online at gchd.us and are waiting for the call to make an appointment. County employees will call these people as more doses become available. They’re working on a database that will sort people into the different phases.

After everyone in phase 1B is vaccinated, which is those over 65 and first responders, approximately 45 percent of the population in Genesee County will be vaccinated.

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Robert Soderstrom, M.D., a volunteer with the Genesee County Health Department, administers a vaccine to a woman in the Lake Fenton High School parking lot on Saturday, Jan. 30. Photo: Hannah Ball

Kaye Ringler, a retired registered nurse and volunteer with the Genesee County Health Department, looks at a few doses of the Moderna vaccine in one of the vaccination tents set up in the Lake Fenton High School parking lot on Saturday, Jan. 30. Photo: Hannah Ball
**MCC Board elects officers**

**New members sworn in by Judge Duncan Beagle**

By Sharon Stone

The Mott Community College (MCC) Board of Trustees elected new officers at its Jan. 25 organizational meeting, in addition to swearing in two new board members. The organizational meeting is held every two years to swear in new trustees, elect officers and assign committee membership.

Newly elected board members Janet Couch of Mt. Morris and John H. Daly III of Flint were sworn in by the Honorable Duncan Beagle of the Genesee County Circuit Court. Both were elected to serve six-year terms that will end in 2026.

The board elected Anne Figueroa of Mt. Morris as chairperson, Art Reyes of Grand Blanc Township as vice chair, Matthew Norwood of Linden as secretary and Michael Freeman of Flint as treasurer.

“Mott Community College is fortunate to have such capable and hardworking individuals that care about the institution on our board,” said MCC President Beverly Walker-Griffea. “With this biennial cycle of board elections we had an opportunity to thank outgoing Board Chairperson Michael Freeman for his four years of service leading the trustees through some of the college’s most challenging and yet successful years, and welcome incoming Chairperson Anne Figueroa.”

During Freeman’s tenure as board chairperson, MCC was twice named one of America’s top community colleges by the Aspen Institute, the Culinary Arts Institute was opened in downtown Flint, Woodside Church was re-purposed into the Lenore Croudy Family Life Center, and renovation of the Ballenger Field House was completed.

“Mr. Freeman is truly an asset to the college, and we look forward to his continued service as our new treasurer,” Walker-Griffea said.

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IS THERE NO one in Fenton upset about the roads early morning after a snowstorm? Not a plow truck in site until after 9 a.m. or so.

INSTEAD OF RAISING the hourly wage to $15, why not just add a zero to all the paper money. That way, instead of making $12 an hour you will make $120 an hour. Of course, $5 gas will be $50 but you will make $120 an hour.

CORRECTION, THE REPUBLICANS in our state decided to tax our pensions. Republican governor, Republican house, and Republican senate taxed our pensions to give businesses a tax cut. Facts matter.

BIDEN IS REALLY good at signing executive orders and doing as he’s told.

C’MON DEBBIE STABENOW and Gary Peters. You know darn well that making D.C. a state would be unconstitutional, yet you go along with it. Why? You need to step down now.

The right to a speedy trial and the pandemic

One of the most basic and fundamental rights is that a criminal defendant has the right to a speedy trial as guaranteed by both the United States and Michigan constitutions.

The present pandemic has made all of us subject to a number of restrictions. I won’t detail them here except for one — because of necessary public health and safety measures ordered by the Michigan Supreme Court limiting live court proceedings, there has been a very significant reduction in the number of criminal jury trials held since March, 2020.

As a result, the question now being asked is what effect this has on defendants’ speedy trial rights?

Someday this question will be answered. In the meantime, the following is a brief summary of Michigan law as to determining speedy trial right violations.

The right to a speedy trial is based on the proposition that an accused’s guilt or innocence must be decided promptly.

There is no fixed number of days of delay after which the right can be said to be violated.

Instead, whether an accused’s right has been violated depends on a consideration of four factors:

• The length of delay,
• The reason for the delay,
• The defendant’s assertion of the right, and
• The prejudice to the defendant.

When there is a delay of 18 months or more, prejudice is presumed, and the burden shifts to the prosecution to show that there was no injury. A presumptively prejudicial delay triggers an inquiry into other factors to determine if there’s been a violation.

Delays that are due to docket congestion are given only minimal weight in deciding if a violation occurred.

Prosecutorial negligence is not weighted heavily in favor of finding a violation.

Delays attributable to the defendant are not held against the prosecutor.

There are two types of prejudice. The first is prejudice to the defendant’s person, which means being incarcerated during the delay. The second is prejudice to the defense when the delay results in the defendant not being able to prepare an adequate defense.

A finding of a speedy trial right violation requires the case to be dismissed.

This is a true “pandemic question” and the answer will ultimately come from Michigan’s Appellate Courts. We’ll see what happens.

Michigan Votes

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Jan. 29.

The new 101st Michigan Legislature resumed sessions this week after a weeklong suspension. It will likely be several more weeks before new bills advance through committees and are taken up by the full House or Senate for a vote. There was one politically meaningful action this week when the Senate Republican majority brought forward a vote to disapprove 13 administrative board and commission appointments made by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. This was said to be a protest against Gov. Whitmer for not engaging the legislature in the state’s coronavirus epidemic response decisions, and passed on a 19-14 party line vote with three members absent. Five proposals to amend the state constitution have been introduced in the legislature’s opening days, and are described below. To become law, constitutional amendments must be placed on the ballot and approved by a majority of voters. To be placed on the ballot, a constitutional amendment proposed by legislators must receive a two-thirds majority vote in the House and Senate.

Senate Joint Resolution A: Remove university spending from allowable School Aid Fund uses

Introduced by Sen. Tom Barrett (R), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment to strip-out language currently in the Constitution of 1963 allowing tax revenue earmarked to the state “School Aid Fund” to be used for state universities. Tax dollars earmarked to this fund could only be spend on K-12 public schools and community colleges.

Senate Joint Resolution B: Equalize school district funding

Introduced by Sen. Tom Barrett (R), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment to require that by Oct. 1, 2024, all school districts receive the same amount of total state and local per pupil revenue for school operating purposes.

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Fenton had representation at Let Us Play rally

By David Troppens

Korryn Smith should be taking jump shots this time of year.

The Fenton senior girls basketball player should be grabbing rebounds, playing defense and occasionally cheering her fellow teammates from the bench during what should be the final weeks of the varsity girls basketball season prior to the start of district play.

But instead of playing a game on Friday night, her practices involved non-contact sessions, and that’s not supposed to change until at least Feb. 21 according to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s most recent extension to winter sports that involve physical contact. Those sports include basketball, wrestling and hockey.

“Practices are very different than usual,” Smith said. “There’s not much more to do because after one day of non-contact practice, every day is pretty much the same. We are doing a lot of conditioning. We need contact sooner than later. I’m hoping that happens.”

Smith was one of around 1,000 Michigan athletes to attend the rally. The Fenton senior girls basketball team had representation at Let Us Play rally at the Capitol House in Lansing.

Fenton’s Korryn Smith went to Saturday’s Let Us Play Rally at the Capitol House in Lansing. (Photo provided)

Spencer makes easy work of Seldon, improves to 12-0

By David Troppens

Joey Spencer’s 12th professional boxing match of his career was delayed about two or three minutes Saturday night, because the paramedic on ringside couldn’t be found.

The delay was longer than the actual bout. Spencer had one of his most impressive professional showings, knocking out Isiah Seldon twice in a span of 135 seconds, improving his record to 12-0 with nine knockouts.

“It felt good,” Spencer said. “This fight was at middleweight. Usually I’m at 154 (pounds) and the fact he was bigger than me could’ve made things uncomfortable for me. But I knew if I hit him on his chin, it was going to be over.”

Seldon, who entered the bout with a 14-3-1 record, never had a chance as Spencer had to land about 10 punches to finish his night on a FOX Network broadcast of Premier Boxing Champions at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

Spencer and Seldon were the first bout of the primetime event (there was an undercard program prior to the start of the prime time show) and Spencer dominated from the start. He landed a nice left-right combination about a minute into the first round. The straight right recorded his first knock out of the son of former heavyweight champion Bruce Seldon.

When action began again, Seldon tangled up Spencer and delivered three illegal overhand right chops to the back of Spencer’s head. The illegal tactic cost Seldon two points on the scorecard. But it didn’t really matter much because a left shot to Seldon’s head dropped him for the second time and the fight was called by knockout.

“Normally I would’ve retaliated if someone hit me in the back of the head like that. I would’ve hit him in the back of the head,” Spencer said. “I still have a headache (this phone interview was done about five hours after the fight) because I took those shots. I didn’t because I knew he was done and hurt. He was trying to buy time and I didn’t want him to get DQ’d. I was able to get the knockout win and not get the DQ.”

Spencer has fought on television in 11 of his 12 bouts. Still only 20, Spencer’s strength commanded Seldon’s respect from the opening second. Spencer’s physical maturation and strength maturation were evident from the start.

“I just know I am getting bigger, stronger and I’m getting older,” Spencer said. “Things are changing in the gym. (During) COVID I ended up not wasting any time. I’ve been in the gym getting stronger, strength training with Josh Kosier, my strength and conditioning coach. … I’ve gotten more natural strength and also (more) strength. I’ve developed.

Linden’s Joey Spencer won his 12th professional bout with a first-round knock out against Isaiah Seldon Saturday night as part of a FOX network broadcast.

Fenton swimmers win first meet of season

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity boys swimming and diving team are nine-time defending Flint Metro League champions.

It looks like the squad wants to extend its league championship run to a decade if the Tigers’ first league meet is any indication. The Tigers defeated the Swartz Creek/Flushing co-op team by a 113-63 score.

Fenton took first place in 11 events. Three swimmers finished with firsts in four events — Jack Fries, Max Haney and Gavin Crews. All three swimmers took part in the 200 freestyle relay, teaming with Kaz Sieja to win with a time of 1:34.70. Crews and Haney combined with Evan Koch and Braden Falvo to win the 400 freestyle relay (93.41.20). Finally, Fries teamed with Sieja, Falvo and Koch to win the 200 medley relay (1:50.87).

Individually, Fries took the top spot in the 200 freestyle (1:57.94) and in the 100 backstroke (1:00.11).

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Despite low numbers, Bronchos give Oxford a battle in first meet of season

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity boys swim team has low numbers.

The squad currently has just 10 athletes on the team.

Yet, the Bronchos gave a pretty good showing in their first meet of the season.

The Bronchos won eight of the 12 events but the team’s numbers hurt the squad when it came to earning depth points, resulting in a 100-81 loss to Oxford High School.

“I was encouraged by how well we managed to do with the very small amount of practice time we have managed to get in so far,” Holly varsity boys swimming coach Kurtis Knight said. “To be honest I wasn’t expecting any crazy times from my guys since many of them have not built up enough endurance yet with only about a week of practice time so far, but there were a couple of swims the other night that surprised me and have given me an inclination to believe that there will be some really nice levels of improvements made as the season goes forward.”

The COVID pandemic and the recent pause meant that swim teams haven’t been able to train as early this winter as they usually can.

“Its main impact has been on the delayed start to our season,” Knight said. “Usually we would already have been in the pool for about two months at this point. When it comes to the actual competitions we have limited spectators due to social distancing concerns.”

Drew Hignite and Zachary Rockafellow had outstanding first meets, both winning all four events they competed in. Hignite and Rockafellow teamed with Collin Wilczak and Brandon Strickert to win the 200 medley relay (2:02.17). They also ended the event by teaming with Nathan Costigan and Shane Valerio to win the 400 freestyle relay (4:24.02). Meanwhile, individually, Hignite won the 200 individual medley (2:28.89) and the 100 breaststroke (1:08.82) while Rockafellow won the 100 backstroke (1:11.86) and the 100 butterfly (1:10.68).

Three Holly athletes captured individual firsts. Wilczak took the top spot in the 200 freestyle (2:24.92) while Strickert won the 500 freestyle (6:37.90).

The Bronchos had two individual second-place finishes. Wilczak earned runner-up honors in the 100 butterfly (1:21.31) while Costigan took second in the 100 backstroke (1:20.64).

“I was coming in here and I knew that he was planning on being bigger than me and was planning on roughing me up. That’s what he said during some interviews this week, so I was coming into town and not having it. … Now after the fight there’s no hard feelings but that’s what I was bringing to the table coming into the fight. And it’s the intensity I brought from my training camp.

“(Cantu) was trying to head off what happened with the behind the head shots, that wasn’t going to happen so it wasn’t on my side.”

It was just Spencer’s second fight in the last year, but as Spencer mentioned there hasn’t been a break in the gym, and it showed. It was his first knock out in the first round since beating Cory Macon by knockout in 2:36 on Sept. 30, 2018. It was his second-fastest pro bout of his career. The fastest was his second fight, a 55-second knockout victory against Ousmane Sylla on April 13, 2018. Saturday night’s fight was Spencer’s first scheduled eight-round bout of his pro career.

He expects his next fight will be in the spring.
LFLF gymnastics team excited about 2021 season while overcoming COVID

By David Troppens

Nancy Holden has been coaching the Linden/Fenton/Lake Fenton co-op girls gymnastics team for six years.

Her seventh season is going to be a bit different than anything she’s experienced with the squad. Of course that has a lot to do with the COVID-19 pandemic.

“It has been a struggle,” Holden said. “We started practice for two weeks, and then we got shut down for eight weeks. We have been back at it for only two weeks and we then had our first meet.”

That first meet was Saturday. In it, the LFLF team posted a team score of 135.175 against the Milford co-op squad at the Hartland Sports Center’s Bounce House.

“We started our first meet with a 135.175 and I thought that was a great start for us,” Holden said. “We are only going to grow from that. They are motivated, getting in condition and I think they are going to do well. I’m very happy with their performance.”

The squad has nine athletes with two seniors on the squad — returning state qualifiers Lauren Hayden and Apryl Smith.

“Our two seniors are our captains and they are doing a fantastic job,” Holden said. “They’ve been two wonderful leaders for the team and they are showing everybody the ropes and motivating the girls. The dynamics of this team are awesome. I couldn’t ask for a better group of girls to get together. Sometimes when you are mixing these schools together they get in their little groups of their school, but that is not the case this year. They are all mingling and becoming great buddies.”

The LFLF team’s leaders had strong first meets with Maty Temrowski, Hayden and Smith scoring one of the squad’s scoring performances in each event. All three were All-State performers a year ago despite the fact the state meet was canceled due to COVID-19. The state gave All-State honors to girls who qualified highly at regional meets.

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Fenton boys bowlers post strong start

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity boys bowling team almost had a prefect start to the Flint Metro League season at Grand Blanc Lanes on Saturday.

The Tigers dominated Owosso 28-2. The girls weren’t as fortunate, losing to Owosso 28-2.

The Fenton boys won both Baker games, 193-161 and 197-182, which gave the Tigers a large 10-0 lead.

In match play, the Tigers posted team scores of 824 and 863.

Aaron Dvorak and Tate Temrowski each recorded 399 two-game series scores, while Peyton Jackson bowled a 362. Jimmy Myers rolled a high game of 167.

The Fenton girls had Baker games of 99 and 118. In match play, the Tigers had team scores of 615 and 691.

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The eating and drinking place sector finished 2020 nearly 2.5 million jobs below its pre-coronavirus level.

The Times reached out to a few local restaurants to see what reopening the dining rooms means to them.

Villagers Restaurant in Holly reopened its dining room Monday, Feb. 1. Owners/brothers Mark and Mike Ruhlig were looking forward to seeing guests. The restaurant’s hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

“We are so happy to welcome customers back into our dining room and thankful for our employees who have been patiently waiting to get back to work,” Mark said.

“It’s been so nice to see regulars that we haven’t seen in a very long time. Our first customer of the day said, ‘I can’t tell you how nice it is to come in and eat my favorite Villagers’ breakfast. I’ve missed this so much!'”

Mark said they are so thankful for the support they’ve received from the Holly community to help them get through a very difficult year.

“We want everyone to know that we are following all of the CDC guidelines because the health and safety of our customers and staff are our top priority,” Mark Ruhlig said. “We look forward to having a full dining room when the rules permit, but until then, we will serve up to 25 percent capacity as set by the MDHHS (Michigan Department of Health and Human Services) mandate.

“I don’t think a lot of people realize the widespread effect the restaurant shutdowns have had. It’s not just the owners and employees; it’s also the customers and the vendors.”

Ruhlig said their vendors will still be affected since the food orders will still not be close to normal. “They have mouths to feed too. Hopefully we will be at full capacity soon, and people won’t be so afraid to dine out.”

Here’s a sampling of a few other restaurants in area and when they are reopening their dining rooms.

The Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grill reopened Tuesday, Feb. 2. They are taking reservations for Valentine’s Day specials for Feb. 13 and 14. To reserve a table, call (810) 750-9463.

Shirley’s Café and Grille in downtown Linden is a breakfast and brunch restaurant. They opened for indoor dining Tuesday, Feb. 2. Their hours are Tuesday - Saturday 7 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Meeting Place (TMP) on Owen Road in Fenton reopened Feb. 2. Adhering to the 25-percent capacity and 10 p.m. curfew, they close no later than 9 p.m.

The Corner Bar & Grill on Owen Road in Fenton reopened its indoor dining room Feb. 1. Outdoor seating remains available. They suggest reservations.

The Blackthorn Pub in Holly reopened its dining room Feb. 1 at 4 p.m. As with all restaurants Blackthorn Pub will be limited to 25-percent capacity and must close at 10 p.m. Seating is first come, first served.

Ciao Italian Bistro in downtown Fenton reopened its dining room at 11 a.m., Monday, Feb. 1.

The Laundry in Fenton reopens today, Feb. 3.

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Harold “Harry” Ermal Collard
1931 - 2021
Harold “Harry” Ermal Collard - age 89, passed away at Bayview in Bradenton, Florida on Wednesday, January 27, 2021. Harry was born on March 21, 1931 in Owosso the son of Ermal and Mildred (Rathburn) Collard. He graduated from Owosso High School and served in the Korean War. In 1964, he married Joan Hill. They owned Lil’ House of Carpet in Fenton until retiring in Palmetto, Florida. He spent his days fishing while he was able. He will be greatly missed by wife, Joan; four children, Rick (Piri) Collard, Tracy (George) Pellett, Michael (Helena) Collard, Michael (Candi) Jordan; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Donald; daughter, Cheryl TrewHELLA; sons, Tom and Mark Jordan. Private family funeral services will be held. Public visitation with social distancing restrictions will be held 5 - 7 PM Friday, February 5, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Warren R. “Jack” Furry
1943 - 2021
Warren R. “Jack” Furry - age 77, of Linden, died Saturday, January 30, 2021. Per the family’s request cremation has taken place and a private service will be held at a later date. Those desiring may make contributions to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Jack was born April 29, 1943 in Johnstown, PA, the son of Cletus and Irene (Carbaugh) Furry. He was a 1963 graduate of Johnstown High School in Johnstown, PA. He married Rosann V. Ciaravella April 29, 1943 in Johnstown, PA, the son of Cletus and Irene (Carbaugh) Furry. He was a 1963 graduate of Johnstown High School in Johnstown, PA. He married Rosann V. Ciaravella August 31, 1963 in Johnstown, PA. He had resided in Linden since 1994 coming from Milford. Jack retired in 1999 from Ford Motor Company in Wixom as an Engineer. He also owned and operated J and R Antiques, Hair Establishment, J & R Video, and Summit Cafe all in Milford and The Linden Hotel in Linden. He was a member of the Milford Police Auxiliary from 1971-1977 and had also drove ambulances. Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Rosann; daughters, Karen (David) Stroud of Fenton, and Sharon Flowers of Linden; granddaughters, Courtney, Taylor, and Skylar Stroud of Fenton, and Hailey and Hannah Flowers of Linden; brother, Robert Furry of FL; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Michael Furry; and sisters, Shirley Furry and Doris Richie. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Lanny T. Lloyd
1951 - 2021
Lanny T. Lloyd - age 69, of Highland, died Saturday, January 30, 2021. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Friday, February 5, 2021 at the Cornerstone Church of Highland. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Visitation with social distancing restrictions will be from 2 - 5 and 7 - 9 PM Thursday, February 4 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Mr. Lloyd was born in Flint on July 14, 1951 to Henry and Minnie-Lou (Lancaster) Lloyd. Lanny was a loving, dedicated and supporting husband, father and grandfather, and he loved spending time with his grandkids. He was retired from General Motors and was a Fenton High School Varsity Baseball coach for 18 years. He attended the Cornerstone Church, was an avid chess player, and loved to watch Jeopardy. Surviving are his wife, Paula; five children, David Lloyd, Danielle Shorrock, Kelly Benson, Heather Israel, and Aubree Lloyd; 12 grandchildren, Mitchell, Zachary, Wesley, Sawyer, Ayla, Emmett, Luke, Isabel, Arthur, Desmond, Hendrick, and Hazel; seven siblings, Will Lloyd, Nina Lloyd, Ina Veenhuis, Terry Lloyd, Rita Lloyd, Zach Lloyd, and Rochelle Hanner. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Eric Lloyd. Memorial donation may be made to the Cornerstone Church or the American Heart Association. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

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Senate Joint Resolution C: Repeal constitutional prohibition on graduated state income tax
Introduced by Sen. Jeff Irwin (D), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment to repeal the current prohibition on imposing a graduated state income tax (as opposed to Michigan’s current flat tax). This would not apply to the income taxes imposed by some Michigan cities.

House Joint Resolution B: Ban lame duck legislative session after election
Introduced by Rep. Gary Howell (R), to place before voters in the next general election a Constitutional amendment to prohibit lame duck” legislative sessions in even years (meaning election years). The proposal would make the Friday before the November general election the last day legislative sessions may be held in even years.
**Midweek Crossword**

**ACROSS**
1. Saudi native
9. Old CIA foe
12. Mentor
13. Err
14. Shoe width
15. Secondhand
16. Watch chains
17. Away from SSW
18. Slightly
19. And so on (Abbr.)
20. Tackles weeds
21. Longing
23. Hearty quaff
25. Ex-hausted
28. Castor's twin
32. Silents star
33. Country singer Shelton
34. Arrest
36. Dwellings
37. Meadow
38. Dancer Charisse
39. Rage
42. Trio after Q
44. Raw minerals
48. Exist
49. — Domini
50. "Damned Yankees" vamp
51. Irate

**DOWN**
1. Oaxaca water
2. Reddish
3. Region
4. "That'll Be the Day" singer
5. Insult
6. Coin aperture
7. Wheel cover
8. Six-pack

20. Tale teller
21. 9 Vegas game
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23. 25 Haunting
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25. "Humbug!"
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**Horoscopes**

**Aries**

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, your ideas may seem a bit fantastical to the people who are closest to you. It could be time to expand your reach a little bit and pitch your thoughts to others.

**Taurus**

Apr 21/May 21

A financial surprise may require extra attention early in the week. Taurus, take a step back and look at things from a new perspective as you try to adjust.

**Gemini**

May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, expressing how you feel to someone special is key to your personal growth this week. Don’t hesitate to share your thoughts and open yourself up.

**Cancer**

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, sometimes routines can be a good thing even if you feel as though change is needed. Knowing what to expect when other things are off-kilter can be comforting.

**Leo**

Jul 23/Aug 23

A supervisor may ask you to take the lead on a project that is right in your wheelhouse, Leo. Put in the extra effort to help ensure the results will be top notch.

**Virgo**

Aug 24/Sept 22

Your perception may be altered through a sudden modification in the way you think, Virgo. This can be a refreshing change for you and open up new possibilities.

**Libra**

Sept 23/Oct 22

Libra, facilitate conversations with new people to broaden your opportunities for social interaction. This may lead to friendships or even promising business opportunities.

**Scorpio**

Oct 23/Nov 21

Thoughts may pop in and out of your mind, Scorpio. The trick is to figure out how to weed out the pertinent ideas from the fluff. Ask others to weigh in if need be.

**Sagittarius**

Nov 22/Dec 21

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**Capricorn**

Dec 22/Jan 19

Emotions run high between you and your partner this week, Capricorn. Enjoy the ride as this outpouring of emotions will strengthen your bond.

**Aquarius**

Jan 20/Feb 18

Aquarians, a recognition of your specific talents and skills is conveyed to you by others. It may inspire you to work on a new project or change departments.

**Pisces**

Feb 19/Mar 20

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