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Township joins river trail coalition ■ Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition helps maintain health of river, launch sites and more

By Hannah Ball

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees unanimously voted to join the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition (SRWTC) during a virtual meeting Monday, Feb. 15.

David Lossing, chair of the SRWCT, gave a presentation on the coalition and the different groups that maintain and add to the quality of the Shiawassee River.

Supervisor Vince Lorraine said the coalition is a "great project," and he wants more people to know about it.

Treasurer John Tucker complimented the river paddles and said these organizations are adding to the usage of the river.

"It's great to see the participation in that," he said. Argentine Township Supervisor Brian Saad welcomed

the township to the coalition.

Lossing said during the COVID-19 pandemic, more people are participating in river-related activities.

The Shiawassee River is part of the Saginaw Bay watershed, which runs through 22 counties. The Shiawassee



David Lossing, chair of the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition, gives a presentation to the Fenton Township Board of Trustees. The township joins 21 other organizations supporting the river in four counties.

River is 88 miles and was designated a National Water Trail on Oct. 22, 2020. It's one of five national water trails in Michigan and 33 in the U.S.

The coalition's founding groups consist of Head-

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Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition

water Trails Inc., Keepers of the Shiawassee and Friends of the Shiawassee River, which created a memorandum of understanding to state that the SRWTC will be the umbrella organization that coordinates the three non-profits and efforts relating to the river.

These organizations managed three different parts of the trail- the upper, middle and lower areas.

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"Now coordinated into one trail system, the public will envision an approachable recreational resource with relative ease and safety," according to Lossing's presentation.

The website, shiawasseewatertrail.org, has information on the 14 sites to put in or take out recreational vessels, as well as information on restaurants near these sites and other amenities. It includes the distance of different routes and the level of paddling skill needed.

Lossing discussed past projects and achievements. They've secured grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and were designated as one of the first eight "State Water Trails" in Michigan.

The Shiawassee River is now part of Terrain360, which is a company that digitally maps water trails. The village of Vernon recently installed the 29th launch site on the river with the first kayak locker. Organizers are working to install mile markers along the river. Holly Township provided funding to the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy to use GIS mapping along the river to place mile markers.

They've also partnered with the Conservation Fund, MDNR, and Friends of the Shiawassee River to release 250 sturgeon back into the river, and they received a grant from the Great Lakes Integrated Sciences Assessment (GLISA) to understand the effects of climate change on the Shiawassee River.

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Hyfi is working to install water sensors on bridge decks over the river to monitor the flow and depth. They've also partnered with Fenton Winery and Brewery to create a craft beer and wine named after the river. They raised nearly \$1,500.

The SRWTC has committees on recreation planning, launch sites, stream monitoring, advancement, community engagement, nominations, signage and invasive species.

Goals for the SRWTC include:

 Promote and improve river related recreation

 Public access sites and user experiences

• Inform and educate the public on topics related to river health, safety, and Leave No Trace Principles

 Support local and regional efforts to increase water based recreation

- resources for future generations



Partner organizations include:

Oakland County:

Headwater Trails, Inc. North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy Village of Holly Holly Township

Genesee County:

Keepers of the Shiawassee Ponemah-Squaw-Tupper Lake Association Sierra Club-Nepessing Chapter City of Fenton City of Linden Argentine Township Genesee County Parks and **Recreation Commission**

Shiawassee County:

Friends of the Shiawassee River Village of Byron's Downtown Development Authority Village of Vernon City of Corunna City of Owosso Shiawassee County Parks and Recreation





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NOTICE OF 2021 ANNUAL BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Review of the Township of Holly will meet at the Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan as follows:

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 1:30 PM - Organizational Meeting to receive 2021 Assessment Roll from Assessor [MCL 211.29(1)

Appointments will be taken for:

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 from 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM and 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Monday, March 8, 2021 from 1:00 PM-4:30 PM and 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Thursday, March 11, 2021 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and 1:30 PM-5:00 PM

Friday, March 12, 2021 ONLY OF NECESSARY from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and 1:00 PM-4:00 PM or signing session only 1:00 PM.

The Board of Review will accept written appeals if received prior to the closing of the Board of Review. The 2021 tentative equalization ratio is 50% and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classification.

Appointments before the Board of Review may be made for the dates listed above by calling Oakland County Equalization, toll free, 1-888-350-0900 Extension 85583 or 248-858-5583. Appeals may also be made in writing and must be received prior to the closing of the Board of Review. All written appeals should be addressed to:

> Oakland County Equalization, Holly Township Assessor 250 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Suite 1000 West Pontiac, MI 48341

Please use Parcel Identification Number when referring to your property so that records can be quickly located.

Protest at the Board of Review is necessary to protect your right to further appeals to the Michigan Tax Tribunal for valuation and exemption appeals and/or State Tax Commission for classification appeals.

HOMEOWNER'S PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AFFIDAVIT INFORMATION IS RE-QUIRED BY P.A. 105 of 2003: If you have purchased your principal residence after December 31 last year, to claim the principal residence exemption for next year if you have not already done so, you are required to file an affidavit before May 1 this year.

Persons needing assistance in attending an appointment should call the Township Clerk's Office at (248) 634-9331 ext. 301 at least 7 business days prior to the appointment. MICHIGAN VOTES LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

- Compiled by Sharon Stone -

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Feb. 5.

House Bill 4019: Allocate new federal coronavirus relief dollars to schools

To appropriate \$868.5 million in recently approved federal coronavirus relief money, which is about 25 percent of the entire amount available to the state, with the rest to be allocated later. The appropriation directs \$510 million federal dollars to expand food stamp distributions and related programs; \$165.5 million for household rent and utility subsidies; \$143.7 million for coronavirus testing and contact tracing; and smaller amounts for other purposes.

Passed 59 to 50 in the House Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47) Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)

House Bill 4048: Allocate new federal coronavirus relief dollars to schools

To revise school spending in the 2021-22 fiscal year to accommodate a \$1.8 billion increase in federal coronavirus

relief. The bill would allocate \$1.490 billion to school districts, which they can spend on any of 15 specific activities listed in the federal relief bill. Among other items, this bill also authorizes \$86.7 million for non-public schools, \$21 million for extra grants to summer school teachers, and more. The bill also appropriates \$363 million state dollars to pay for extra "incentives" to get teachers back in public school classrooms. The bill is 'tie-barred" to House Bill 4049, which transfers the power to close schools during an epidemic from the state health department to local health departments; this means the school spending bill can't become law unless that bill also becomes law. Passed 58 to 51 in the House Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47) YES Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) YES

House Bill 4049: Transfer power to close schools during epidemic from state health department to locals

To establish that the director of the Department of Health and Human Services does not have the authority to issue epidemic-related emergency orders that close schools for inperson instruction or prohibit school sporting events. The legislature gave this authority to the state health department director in the Public Health Code enacted in 1978; the bill would amend that law by instead giving this authority to local health departments.

Passed 57 to 52 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47)YESRep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)YES



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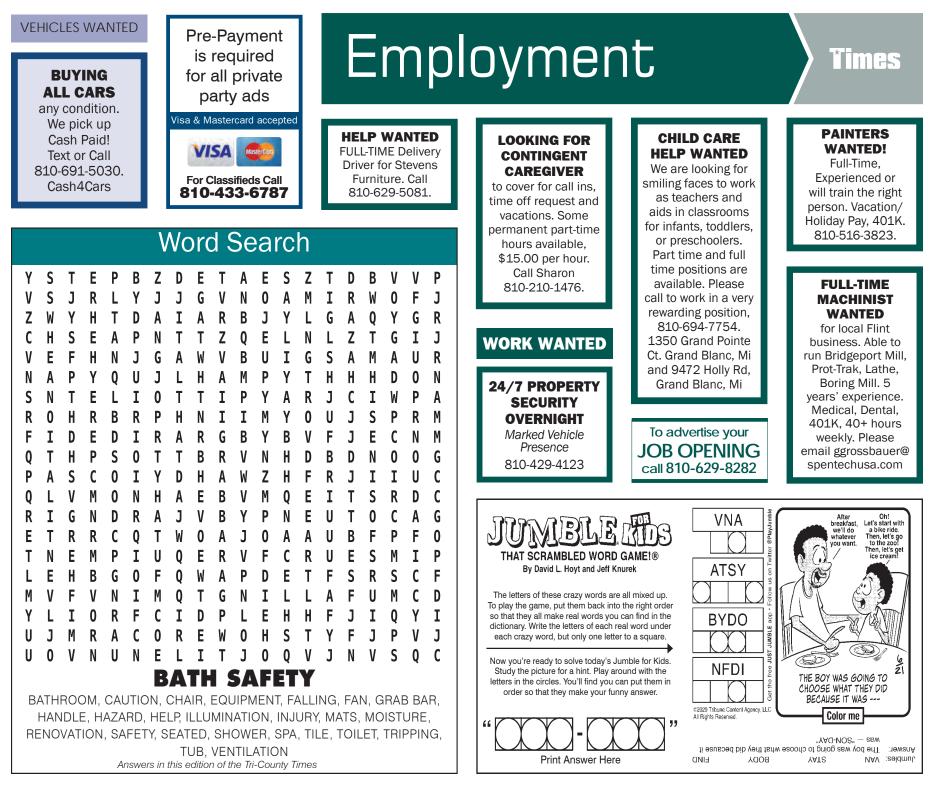
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Lyle Warner, who's friends with the owners of Yesterday's Treasures, said he wanted to help them by shoveling the sidewalks near Mill Street surrounding the store on Tuesday, Feb. 16. Photo: Hannah Ball

Karin S. Winchester, Clerk



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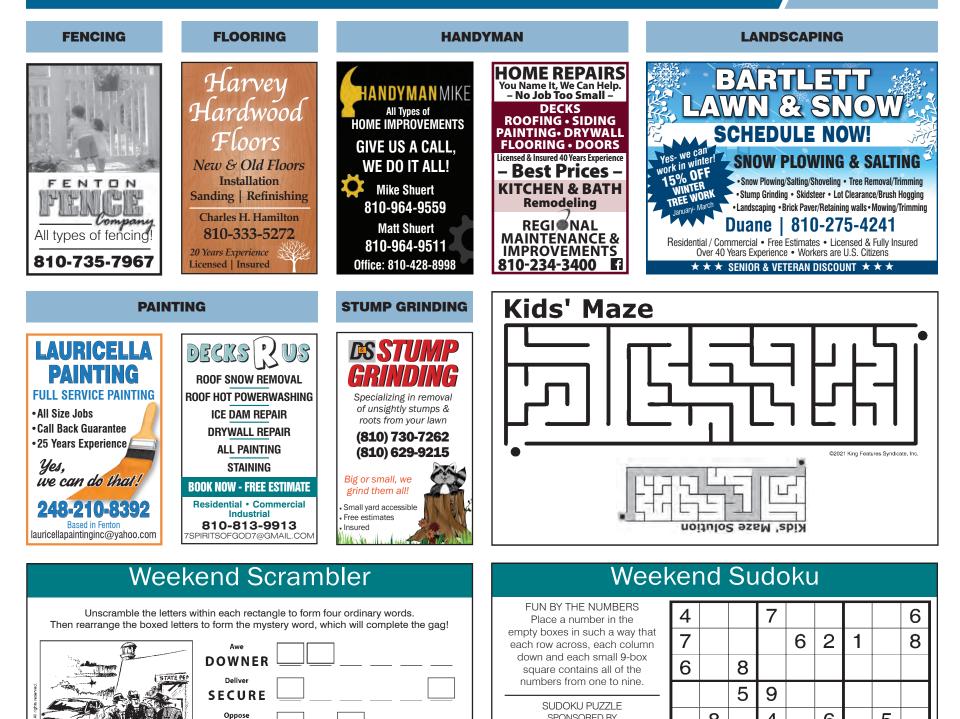
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Obituaries

Cynthia Emmons

Cynthia Emmons - age 64, died February 16, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Donna Hull

Donna Hull - age 92. died February 14, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Ernest Grose

Ernest Grose - age 88, died February 13, 2021 Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



John Moore

John Moore - age 30. died February 10, 2021 Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Kenneth Howard

Kenneth Howard - age 68, died February 15, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Marilvn Kennev

Marilyn Kenney - age 68. died February 13, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Matthew D. Nold - age 62, died Tuesday. December 8. 2020 in Fenton. He was born in Fort Wayne, IN on February 28. 1958 to Curtis and the late Mary (Dilgard) Nold. Matt graduated from Southside High School in

Fort Wayne and ITT Technical Institute with a major in robotics. This led to working in the automotive industry with companies like General Motors, CTS Corporation, and Delphi Electronics, mostly in the Flint area. Finally, Matt got into his first love, restoring antique cars. He was known throughout the country for his expertise in Jaguar and Triumph vehicles.

Johnathan Skaggs

Johnathan Skaggs - age 25, died February 14, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Patsy Jones

Patsy Jones - age 86, died February 16, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Raymond Schrader

68, died February 15, 2021.

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Robert Anderson

Robert Anderson - age 89. died February 15, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



S. Victor Nyberg

S. Victor Nyberg - age 92, died February 15, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Shelton Michael

Shelton Michael - age 94. died February 16, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Timothy Parks

Timothy Parks - age 46, died February 11, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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Virginia Robinson

Virginia Robinson - age 86, died February 17, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Brett Allen Covert

1963 - 2021



Cleveland, OH to Mark and Joan Covert of Fenton. In addition to his loving parents Mark and Joan, he leaves behind his wife, Pam, of Sulphur, LA; son, Cory Covert, of Las Vegas NV; sister, Kim McClimans of Davison; niece, Brittney Bemb and family of White Lake; and nephew.Michael Lewis of Birmingham. Brett was a 1982 Graduate of Fenton High School, receiving eight varsity letters in Football, Basketball and Track. He was also a graduate of CMU receiving a



favorite sports teams on TV. The majority of Brett's working career was spent working in the gaming industry starting at Caesar's Palace and The Paris in Las Vegas and finally as Assistant Casino Manager at the L'Auberge Casino in Lake Charles, LA. He will always be remembered as a loving son; husband; father; brother and friend. Family was always first to Brett. He will always be greatly missed by all those who loved and knew him. A memorial service is being planned for a later date.

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His 1963 Jaguar XKE

Matthew D. Nold

1958 - 2020

was First In Show in competition rallies all over the US. It now rests in the museum in Auburn. IN. Matt also worked at the H.I.S. ministries and was active in

his local church. He is survived by his father, Curtis (Gloria); brother. Jonathan (Kimberly): and sister, Margaret Cahill. Interment will be at Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, IN with services at a later date. Tributes may be shared at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Edward Sullivan

Edward Sullivan - age 79, died February 18, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.

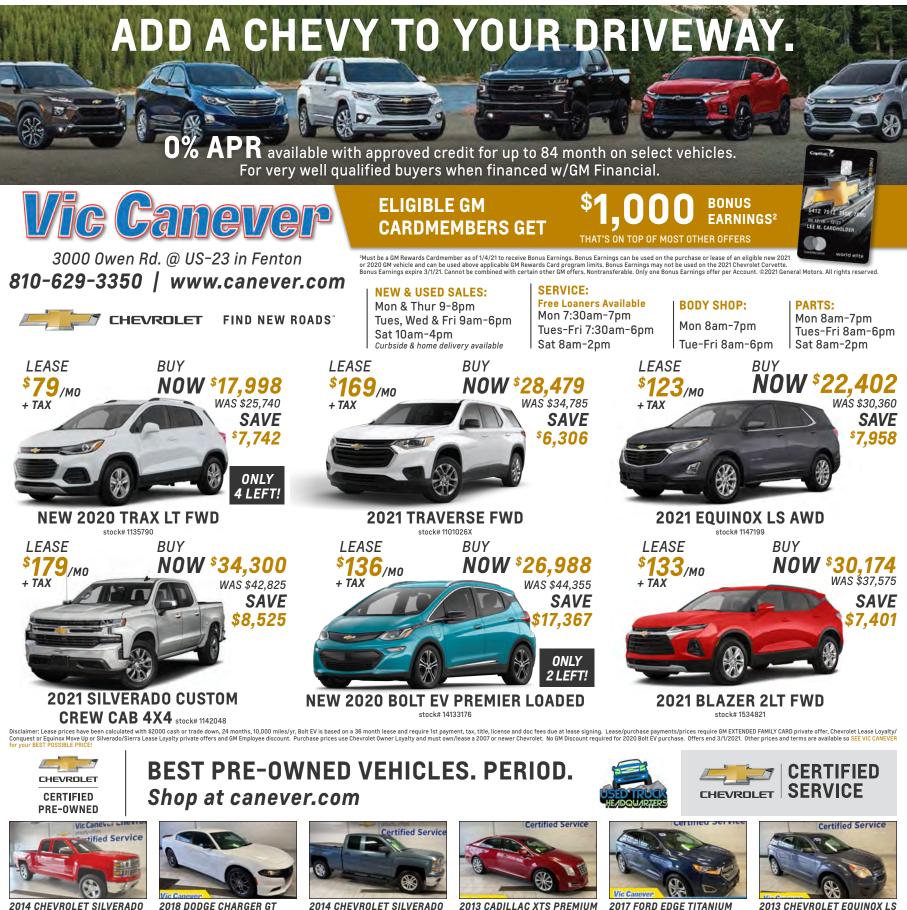


Robert "Bob" Lamson

Robert "Bob" Lamson age 74, died February 12. 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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