

'We're very encouraged by what's going on'

■ Approximately 21 percent of Genesee County is vaccinated

By Hannah Ball

As of Wednesday, Feb. 24, 86,350 people in Genesee County have received COVID-19 vaccinations.

Major David Stamm, stand-

“Just be patient. We’re trying to get to you as quickly as possible.”

David Stamm

Genesee County Sheriff's Office major

ing in front of Flint Northwestern High School as it was being used as a vaccine clinic, gave the update Wednesday, Feb. 24 for the weekly update through the Genesee County

Sheriff's Office.

“Those have been inoculated through our partners with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office paramedic division, See **VACCINATED** on 11



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Be aware of carbon monoxide danger

■ Check your furnace, water heater and chimney, as well as batteries in CO detectors

By Hannah Ball

Last week, multiple people died in Texas and more than 100 were hospitalized from carbon monoxide poisoning during a power outage that affected millions of people.

Some used generators inside their homes to deal with freezing temperatures, while others kept their cars running inside their garage. Both can be fatal.

Local fire chiefs still urge residents to be aware of carbon monoxide. February 20 marks the five year anniversary of the Quasarano tragedy, when the family of six was found dead in

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The weather is anyone's 'Game'



The Game sculpture in downtown Fenton was covered in snow Tuesday Feb. 26, after the snowstorm dropped 8-9 inches on the area and temperatures were below the 20s. The weather warmed slightly the week of February 22, and Fenton is expected to have temperatures in the 40s in the coming days, according to Accuweather. Photo: Hannah Ball

Councilors discuss request to provide water for outside entity

■ Multiple officials mention Linden's water pressure issue

By Hannah Ball

Linden City Council further discussed allowing an entity outside the city to connect to the city's water system.

The proposed facility, owned by DMK Development, is in Fenton Township on Silver Lake Road

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“It's a unique situation providing water to an entity outside the city.”

Roland Alix
HRC



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“Linden City council: I hope your approval of Beacon & Bridge's plan to place a building at the edge of the sidewalk of East Broad and South Bridge includes enough 'setback' to allow for a 'wide-width-walkway,' as opposed to the walkway approved for the Union Block Building across the street.”

“Street talk asked for winter driving advice. Becky wrote to avoid U.S. 23 between Center Road and I-69. That's great advice. Five cars slid into the median between Center and Owen this past Sunday. Take heed. Thanks, Becky.”



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Linden Hotel owner now on Linden DDA

■ Shares thoughts on restaurants open at 25 percent capacity for in-door dining

By Hannah Ball

Karen Stroud, co-owner of the Linden Hotel and Crow's Nest, is the newest member of the Linden Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

The past 12 months have been tumultuous for business owners, and restaurants owners are no exceptions. Stroud and her sister, Sharon Flowers, who co-own the Linden Hotel and Crow's Nest, have had to deal with no in-door dining, as well as questions about redevelopment and an underground gasoline leak relating to Beacon & Bridge gas station next door to them.

Stroud was contacted by Mayor Danielle Cusson to fill a spot on the DDA, and the Linden Council City approved the appointment Monday, Feb. 22.

"My dad was on the DDA. Plus, of course, I'm interested and want to be a part of what's going on for the downtown," she said. Their father, Jack Furry, was the previous owner of the Linden Hotel and Crow's Nest and was well known in Linden. He died Saturday, Jan. 30.

Her main goal is helping businesses thrive.

"I guess it's more on the business aspect with what's going to improve



Karen Stroud, co-owner of the Linden Hotel and Crow's Nest, is the newest member of the Linden Downtown Development Authority. Photo: Hannah Ball

business," she said, adding that's similar to the goals she has with Grow Linden. "I'd like to have a network for businesses if they need help with something, or if they're a new business, to be able to have a support to come to with questions or help they may need

“I said, ‘it’s almost like we’re running a real restaurant again.’”

Karen Stroud
Linden Hotel and Crow's Nest co-owner

with advertising or networking with people."

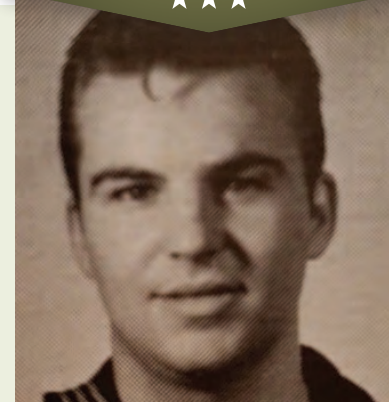
One topic she's interested in pursuing is parking. She said the city has been working to find more

areas to develop into parking, which would help bring more people to downtown.

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Since then, the health department has added an additional vaccination day and an additional vaccination station at the Karl Richter Campus, and they are averaging more than 1,000 vaccinations daily. As one Broncho community, we rose to the challenge when we learned the former Village of Holly Fire Department station is limited to providing 400 vaccinations daily to serve northern Oakland County.

The vaccination program is the latest example of our strong relationship with



Scott Roper
Holly Area
Schools
superintendent

Bronchos giving back through COVID-19 vaccination program

the Oakland County Health Division. We continue meeting with county health officials every week to discuss the progress of our Return to Learn Plan. This relationship has played a critical role in our ability to offer the full In-Person learning option to our families.

Working with our community partners, also including the village of Holly Fire Department and Fire Chief

Steve McGee, we are taking significant strides toward vaccinating our entire community as we continue to face the many challenges posed by the public health crisis.

More than 50 percent of our teachers, as well as many of our support staff and

other district employees, have received the first vaccination, either at the Karl Richter Campus or other locations in Oakland County. This has created a palpable sense of relief and hope in our hallways, particularly for our front-line educators working with our students face-to-face every day.

As we continue to expand the number of our employees receiving the vaccine, we are also reducing the need for our staff, students and families to quarantine. This is paramount, given we must be able to fully staff our buildings to keep them open.

As one community, #Broncho-sUnited, we will continue facing the many challenges posed by the public health crisis head-on.

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WHAT GIVES FENTON? Most other schools have not been charging to attend the basketball games, so why would you charge during this time?

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DOES PELOSI SCARE anyone else besides me? I feel sorry for her soul.

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WHY CAN'T PEOPLE say China virus? That's where it came from. I don't blame anyone who is Chinese, but I do blame the Chinese government. We should be very upset. They hid it. They denied it. It could have been stopped before it did.

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FORCING OR COERCING children to wear masks for six hours a day just to go to school is child abuse.

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BIDEN'S ONLY GOAL is to undo all of Trump's accomplishments. He actually canceled President Trump's 'Operation Talon' program that targeted sex offenders living in the U.S. Illegally. He is destroying America, and it's happening fast. God, help us.

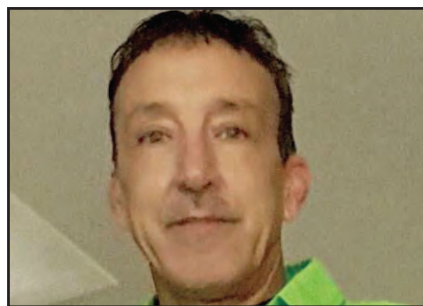
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Would you rather be an introvert or an extrovert?



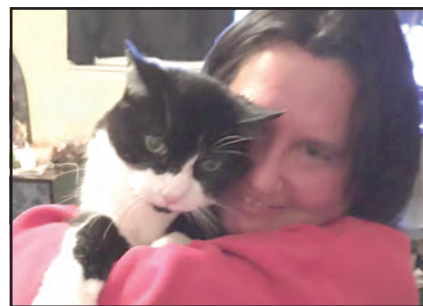
"Introvert here, would much rather be an extrovert. It looks easier and more fun!"

Jan Younce
Fenton



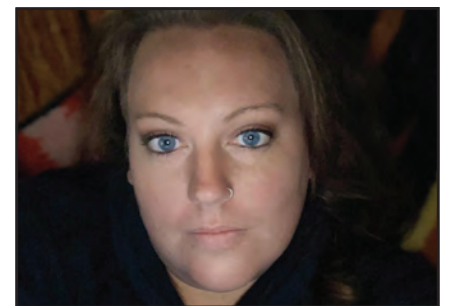
"Both, depending on the situation. 'To every thing there is a season...'"

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"I am an extrovert. I love to go out and enjoy life among the people of Fenton. I enjoy going to the various restaurants!"

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"I'm an introvert but I would rather be an extrovert."

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Michael Bolton, an Argentine Township resident and director of the Rise Up Initiative, opens his Narcan kit in his office located in the Ferris Wheel building in Flint. He carries Narcan with him to save people who have overdosed. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

Argentine resident helps those struggling with addiction

■ Overdose numbers worsen due to pandemic

By Hannah Ball

Help for people struggling with addiction can be found in Argentine Township through the Rise Up Initiative.

Argentine Township resident Mike Bolton, founder of the program, trains people in using Narcan. He's also a harm reduction coordinator and peer recovery coach and helps get people into rehabilitation centers.

Starting this week, Bolton will host meetings every Tuesday from 7-8 p.m. at the Argentine Church of Nazarene on S. Seymour Road in Argentine Township for those seeking help. Tuesdays are when they see the most overdoses compared to other days of the week.

"It affects everyone, not just the poor, broke minorities in the inner cities. It affects everyone. It affects soccer moms," he said.

He's often called to go out to help people who are overdosing because he partners with Families Against Narcotics, a nationwide program that helps people struggling with addiction. On Wednesday, Feb. 24, Bolton found someone in their car on the side of the road who overdosed on opioids. Bolton used Nar-

can to save him.

Many places where people could get help for addiction were closed because of the pandemic, and Bolton said there was a spike in deaths after people received the stimulus money.

"Overdose deaths took off like a rocket," Bolton said. One issue is the location of clinics and meetings.

"We don't have meetings out here," he said, mentioning areas like Argentine Township and Byron. "Everyone has to go to Flint for all the services. The kids out here, they don't want to go where they bought drugs at."

People often overdose in gas stations or McDonald's parking lots, or drug houses in Flint. Bolton said a kid was once found in a McDonald's parking lot dead in his car from an overdose. He'd been dead for two days. Drug overdoses is the leading cause of death for those under the age of 50, and it's the third leading cause of death for seniors, Bolton said.

"I've Narcanned people in church," Bolton said. Some seniors accidentally mix their medications and overdose.

Bolton's goal is to help people with the Rise Up Initiative. He contracts through Hope Not Handcuffs, a nationwide program that works through police

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“Overdose deaths took off like a rocket.”

Michael Bolton
 Argentine Township resident

MRLA introduces reintegration plan

■ Fenton Winery & Brewery and Beale St. Smokehouse BBQ owners seek reduced restrictions

By Sharon Stone

On Wednesday, Feb. 17, the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association (MRLA) released a two-pronged, metric-driven roadmap to eventually restore normal operations within the hospitality industry. The proposed plan authored by the MRLA aspires to provide a clear, metric-driven solution for elected officials that will in turn enable hotel and restaurant operators to remain in business, restore jobs, and return to a more Pure Michigan.

At the end of her Feb. 4 order, which was posted online at [Michigan.gov/coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus), Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) extended the order requiring restaurants stay at 25-percent occupancy with indoor dining and have a 10 p.m. curfew until March 29.

The extension to March 29 found in the

online announcement reportedly caught many businesses by surprise. This is likely to have an impact on revenue from the St. Patrick's Day specials on March 17.

As a continuation of the MRLA's #MISafeDining initiative, the first step of the plan is the creation of a reintegration schedule that directly ties restaurant and event space occupancy to the COVID-19 "Daily Positive Test Rate," reported by the MDHHS. The data is clear, easy to understand and available to the public through the "MI Safe Start Map."

"We have long advocated the need for a more comprehensive strategy for the economic reintegration of our restaurants, banquet centers and entertainment venues in Michigan," said Justin Winslow, president and CEO of the MRLA. "Through this plan, we are putting our metrics where our mouth is and hope it proves a useful tool to elected leaders as we enter a new phase of the pandemic."

The second step of the plan focuses on the importance of a systematic and

expedited vaccination of the hospitality industry as "Other Essential Frontline Workers" under Category 1b established by MDHHS. There is precedence in prioritizing hospitality workers for the vaccine. States with similarly prolonged industry shutdowns like Colorado, New York, Massachusetts and Washington, D.C. have already begun the targeted vaccination of the hospitality industry, arguing it is necessary to the successful reintegration of the very public-facing industry in their states.

"There is no faster way to build back our restaurants and hotels than through the systematic, expedited vaccination of Michigan's hospitality industry," Winslow said. "Vaccination will provide safety to frontline workers, allow for the stable reintegration of Michigan's second largest employer and restore public confidence that they may safely dine and travel once again."

Ginny and Matt Sherrow own Fenton Winery & Brewery (FWB) in Fenton Township. Their business has grown to

a brewery, tap room, winery and wedding venue that accommodates up to 280 guests.

Ginny spoke of the impact of the COVID restrictions on their business and staff before the House Appropriations Committee in Lansing on Jan. 27.

"Matt and I agree that the governor must come out with a clear metric and standard for shutdowns and restrictions," Ginny said. "The hospitality business cannot operate or tolerate continued arbitrary announcements from the MDHHS or any other agency of the state. Our small business and work family is still shuttered, barely limping by within the restrictions set by our own government."

"Today, (Feb. 24) restrictions seemingly not tied to transparent metrics, continue to directly impact the livelihoods and emotional wellbeing of ourselves and our work family."

"I stand strong behind my request during my testimony in Lansing on See **REINTEGRATION** on 11

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departments. People who struggle with addiction can come to these departments and say they need help. Instead of being arrested, they're taken to a rehab facility.

Argentine Township has been a Hope Not Handcuffs department since June 2017. Det. Sgt. Doug Fulton said Bolton helps them anytime he's called to come talk with someone who needs help. Bolton commended the work the Argentine Township Police Department does to help people.

Bolton has an office in the Ferris Wheel building in Flint, which is owned by SkyPoint Ventures and Phil Hagerman. He said the owners and managers of the buildings treat everyone who comes into the building with compassion, and that they support his efforts with the Rise Up Initiative.

He does monthly and weekly meetings at different location in Genesee County to help people. Bolton can be reached at (248) 459-9465. His email is riseuprecovery@icloud.com.

Bolton said the rate of recovery at a normal treatment center is 4 percent, though there are facilities that have higher numbers. Christian-based programs have an 83 percent success rate.

He said there's a stigma against faith-based organizations, but it has the highest recovery rate.

"I recharge my batteries through my faith. I would love for the churches to get involved," he said.

He wants to raise awareness about his Rise Up Initiative to hopefully receive more funding and corporate sponsorships. The funds would go to giving people information about treatment, feeding them when they come to meetings, and toward helping people in general. Bolton has partnered with numerous organizations to

help give coats to homeless people and to give them food.

"I can help you get into recovery. I can help you get a job," he said, adding that many addicts also are dealing with mental health issues and emotional trauma. "There's a saying that we have to meet them where they're at. I don't want these people to feel ashamed. All drugs are coping mechanisms."

Drug addiction isn't only an individual problem. It also affects taxpayers if resources aren't going to programs that work. In September 2020, Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson said of the county jail population, nine out of 10 are addicted or co-addicted to a substance, and five out of 10 are treated for mental health issues.

Bolton said for every dollar they spend on outreach programs, "we save taxpayers \$4."

Overdose information

For a three-week period from December 2020 to January 2021, there were 69 reported overdoses in Genesee County. The pandemic has worsened the issue. In 2020, more than 900 people overdosed from opioids, and many were saved by Narcan. Nationwide, the overdose death is up 43 percent because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Mike Bolton said.

"Synthetic opioids (primarily illicitly manufactured fentanyl) appear to be the primary driver of the increases in overdose deaths, increasing 38.4 percent from the 12-month period leading up to June 2019 compared with the 12-month period leading up to May 2020," according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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RESTAURANTS

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She said it would be “amazing” to see another restaurant come to the bottom of new Dr. Wax building.

“We’re always concerned with just the parking, that it’s not going to hurt all the other existing businesses,” she said. “We’ve had some Friday nights where we’re basically the only place open, and we’ll take that whole back lot, the parking in the street, and by the bank and by the front. There’s not a ton of parking. Although the situation is the same in Fenton, and they make it work.”

In regard to Beacon & Bridge’s plans for redevelopment, Stroud said it’d “be nice” if they could update their building, and she heard they wanted to change their plans. She thinks putting the build-

ing on the north portion will look nice. “I think it would be better with the pumps in the back,” she said.

The underground gasoline leak hasn’t affected their businesses. Stroud says she’s worried that it could be an issue down the road if they wanted to sell the property.

The gas station has discussed potentially placing a remediation trailer in front of the Linden Hotel in order to work on remediation efforts. These plans are not finalized yet.

“Obviously, we don’t want a big thing in front of our property for three years, but if it’s not on our property, I don’t know how much say we have in it, so I don’t know,” Stroud said.

Restaurants in Michigan were able to open for in-door dining on Feb. 1 at

25 percent capacity with a curfew at 10 p.m. Before, restaurants ran on carry out and delivery.

“It’s been good. When we first opened, it was so nice to actually put food on plates again. This is so amazing. It’s been good seeing all our regulars,” she said. Stroud worked this past Saturday, and said it was pretty busy all day. “My niece was working. I said, ‘it’s almost like we’re running a real restaurant again.’ It’ll be nice to get back to the way it was as far as regular open hours and masks.”

They open at 11 and close at 10 because of the state-mandated curfew. On Fridays and Saturdays, they would usually close around 2 a.m.

“It’s kind of nice having the reduced hours,” she said, because she and her sister sometimes work from 9 a.m. until

close, which can be more than a 12-hour day. “It’s a long day. But we’re standard at 12 to 14 hours normally.”

The customers have been “great,” she said.

“Everyone’s doing what they’re supposed to. I think everyone’s just happy to be back out, to go to a restaurant and sit down,” she said. The community was supportive when they were doing only carryout.

“They would come in and tip the girls extra,” she said. “Even during the first shut down, I don’t know how many people just brought in an envelope of money and said, ‘here, split this with your employees.’”

They have 15 employees, and they didn’t have to let anyone go during the pandemic. They’re looking to hire cooks.

2021 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE
Fenton Township, Genesee County

The Fenton Township Board of Review for March 2021 will be held by **electronic remote access**, unless by the dates of the March Board of Review meetings it becomes lawful under state agency rules and statute for an in-person meeting to be held. Electronic remote access, in accordance with Michigan law, will be implemented in response to COVID-19 social distancing requirements and limitations on the number of individuals in a meeting hall.

If in-person meetings become a lawful option, then the meetings will be held **both in person at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center**, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430 **and via Zoom**, (electronic remote access). Petitions and support information must be received prior to appointments. We encourage protests to be submitted by letter by attaching support and detailed protest explanation.

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The township will post the information confirming whether the March BOR will meet in person on the property valuation notices, at the Fenton Township Office front entrance, and on the Township’s website (www.fentontownship.org).

The Fenton Township March Board of Review will meet on the following dates:

- Tuesday March 2, 2021, 3:00pm - **Organizational Meeting (No appeals)**
- Monday March 8, 2021, 9:00am to 6:00pm - **Appeal Hearing (lunch break 12:00pm - 1:00pm)**
- Tuesday March 9, 2021, 1:00pm to 9:00pm - **Appeal Hearing (dinner break 5:00pm to 6:00pm)**

- Wednesday March 10, 2021, 1:00pm to 9:00pm - **Appeal Hearing (dinner break 5:00pm to 6:00pm)**
- Thursday March 11, 2021, 12:00pm to 6:00pm - **Appeal Hearing**
- Friday March 12, 2021, 10:00am to 2:00pm - **Work session only (No appeals)**

Taxpayers are able to submit protests in writing, provided that protests are received no later than March 10, 2021. Scheduled appointments and written protests are recommended this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To schedule an appointment please contact the Fenton Township Assessing office at 810-629-3445. Appeal letters and supporting documentation may be submitted as follows:

US Mail: **Fenton Township Board of Review, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430** (please mail early enough so it is received by March 10th)

Email: BOR@fentontownship.org

Drop Box: **Located at the front entrance of the Fenton Township Office**

Fax: **810-629-9736**

All written protests must be received no later than March 10, 2021.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2021 are as follows:

Commercial.....	48.37%.	1.0336
Residential.....	47.10%.	1.0615
Industrial.....	48.94%.	1.0216
Personal Property...	50.00%.	1.0000

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The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon three (3) days notice.

Contact: Assessor Julia Wilson, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430; 810-629-3445

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WATER

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next to Price's Airport. It's an 8.26-acre property that developers wish to turn into an 83-bed assisted living facility called Silver Lake Road Assisted Living.

During the Monday, Feb. 22 Linden City Council meeting, Rob Oberhausen, with DMK Development, said, "Senior living is something that's growing across the nation" due to the aging population of the baby boomers.

They anticipate this development will create 60-80 full time jobs, along with employing approximately 225 different tradespeople during development.

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees recently approved a rezoning request for the property. The developers wish to tap into Linden's water system to provide water for residents and for fire protection. However, the city engineers and councilors all said water pressure was an issue.

The HRC report, from consulting engineers, states that the proposed water connection is in an area below the acceptable minimum pressure of 35 psi. The area ranges between 27.5 to 29 psi.

Having enough water for fire protection is also an issue. The preferred fire protection rates for the DMK development are 1,500 gpm at 55 psi. The city can't meet this request because only 25.1 psi is available at 1,500 gpm. The report states that there is no issue with the storm water system or plan in regards to this proposed development.

The report indicated that the developers could pay to build a booster station and create a pressure district around the east side of the city.

"By ordinance, it is our understanding that the City's current tap fee for connections outside the City limits is \$5,000 per connection, not per residential equivalent unit (REU), and users outside the City limits are to be billed at 1.5 times those

within the City," according to the HRC report.

Roland Alix, from HRC, said the development won't negatively impact the area in regards to water pressure.

"It's a unique situation providing water to an entity outside the city," he said. Developers would need to pay for infrastructure to boost water pressure for fire protection services.

City Manager Ellen Glass said they'd have to make an official agreement between Fenton Township and Linden for this to go forward, and that process will most likely take longer than what developers were hoping for.

"City water is a commodity but we have to be able to provide it feasibly and safely," she said, adding that the agreement should result in a positive impact on the city's debt for the infrastructure.

Councilor Heather MacDermaid said she works for Linden residents, not outside developers, and she won't support a plan that won't benefit Linden residents. Tom Trice, interim director of the Department of Public Works (DPW), said the benefit to the residents would be charging DMK a rate 1.5 times higher for water.

Councilor Brad Dick said one of the biggest issues is water pressure. He referenced a situation in which the fire department had to use a certain amount of water to put out a fire that "they drained the system dry."

He said stormwater also was a concern, because it would flow right into Silver Lake Road.

Michael Darga from HRC said the developers plan to use oversized ponds and to restrict flow out of the property.

Councilor Ray Culbert said whatever they do should be an improvement to the water system. "We have the city of Linden to be concerned about. We do have problems. Serious problems and they're expensive problems," he said.

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VACCINATED

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Genesee County Health Department, University of Michigan-Flint nursing program. Also, the Michigan National guard has been instrumental in providing personnel both for computer inputting and vaccine inoculations for us," Stamm said.

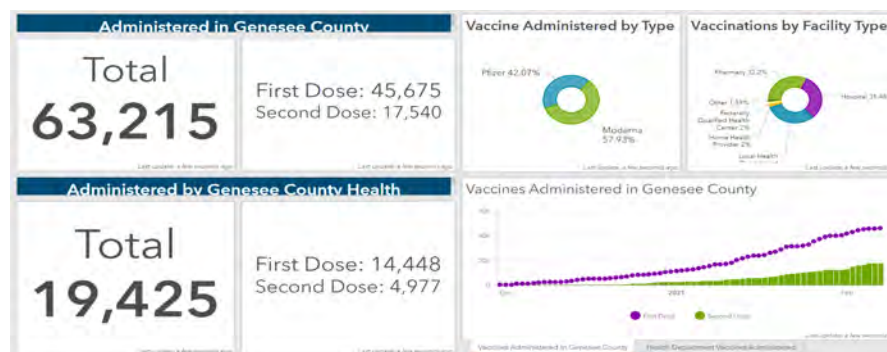
Genesee County has a population of approximately 405,000, which means about 21 percent of the county population is vaccinated.

The COVID-19 infection rates and deaths are decreasing in Genesee County. As of Thursday, Feb. 18, 693 people have died from COVID in Genesee County. As of Tuesday, Feb. 23, there were 21,523 cases and 696 deaths. As of Thursday, Feb. 25, there have been 21,629 cases and 699 deaths.

There have been 583,964 total confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 15,405 total deaths in Michigan, the state reported Wednesday.

"We're happy to see those numbers slowly trickle down," he said. "We're very encouraged by what's going on."

The county is running vaccination clinics six days a week. Currently, those in Phase 1 and 2, which are first



responders, healthcare workers, teachers and those over 65 years old, can get vaccinated.

"We're hitting various spots in our county so we can hit various members in our community. Some people have transportation issues, some people have logistics issues. We're trying to make sure that we can include as many people within the population of Genesee County as we can," he said. "We're trying to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to get vaccinated that falls within those criteria."

The goal for this week was to administer more than 7,000 doses.

"That has been a major undertaking, trying to get those done. The health department has been outstanding, and Dr. Hackert, in getting additional vaccines

from the state of Michigan down here to Genesee County. It's been very very beneficial and appreciated on her behalf."

He urged people to go to gc4me.com to register for a vaccine appointment. Stamm said in the near future, more pharmacies in Genesee County will be offering vaccines, as will Meijer.

Health professionals are connecting with long term care facilities to make sure those populations are receiving vaccinations.

"Just be patient. We're trying to get to you as quickly as possible," he said, adding that he doesn't want people to have a false sense of security because cases and deaths are decreasing. Stamm said people still need to wear a mask and social distance.

REINTEGRATION

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Jan. 27 that leadership in Michigan must act now to reduce restrictions on hospitality and show they value small businesses and the contribution they make to the State of Michigan."

Phil Canup, owner of Beale St. Smokehouse BBQ in Fenton, said he is grateful to all of their loyal customers who have sustained them by supporting their to-go business.

"We have been rolling with the punches and doing fairly well," he said. "It seems to me that restaurants and bars have had disproportionate negative impact because of these dining room bans. Hopefully, we can open up our dining room after March 29 and have our bands back on weekends. I'm really looking forward to the day when we finally get back to normal!"

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DANGER

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their Fenton Township home after using a generator in the basement.

Jeremy Kurtz, Argentine Township fire chief, said they run about a dozen carbon monoxide calls a year, which usually pertain to a faulty CO detector or battery.

“Generators produce CO, which is a colorless, odorless gas from the burned fuel, and can build to deadly levels quickly in enclosed areas causing sickness or death. Portable generators should always be outside, at least 20 feet away from the home, and facing away from structures. They should never be used inside the home or garage, even with the doors and windows open,” Kurtz said.

More people are using standby generators, which reduce the risk of CO exposure. However, he urges people to use proper precautions.

Ryan Volz, Fenton Township fire chief, said they had approximately 18 CO alarms in 2020 with six alarms involving readings of CO in the house. These calls are more common in the winter, when people are running their furnaces more and potentially using generators.

Volz recommended people get their chimneys, furnaces and water heaters inspected, and check the vents outside the house to make sure no snow covers them.

Bob Cairnduff, Fenton fire chief, said generators should never run inside a home or near any opening to a home, including a garage. He recommends people have a CO detector on every level of the home, and they be replaced every seven to 10 years. The battery should be replaced every six months.

“A working CO detector is a real life saver. We have incidents every year where they save the life of residents. Most times the occupants of a home don’t realize there is a problem until the detector alerts them ... You can go to sleep and simply never wake up,” he said.

They average approximately 25 calls a year for CO-related issues. In 2018, there were 28 calls. In 2019, there were 22, and in 2020, there were 27.

“Typically, the most common things that cause CO in the home are a bad furnace, water heater, or running a vehicle near or in the garage. CO is caused by incomplete combustion, so anything that has a flame or emits exhaust can cause CO,” Cairnduff said.

He said the massive power outages in Texas are “very unfortunate.”

“Many people are being forced to rely

on alternate heating sources and it’s causing hundreds or CO emergencies and several fatalities so far. People are resorting to using gas barbecue grills and charcoal grills in their homes to try and stay warm. Both should never be used indoors and could be fatal,” Cairnduff said.

Linden Fire Chief Brian Will said they responded to approximately 12 CO calls in 2020 and two so far in 2021. There were no medical emergencies with these calls, but firefighters advised the residents to have a contractor fix a malfunctioning furnace or water heater. Most of the calls involved faulty devices or weak and or dead batteries.

“The Texas issues were really sad for sure ... It did create people to use alternate sources of ways to keep the lights on and heat in their homes, usually with generators,” he said. “No matter where a person lives, this could happen anywhere. We just have to be aware of the risk and we all need to keep educating people the proper uses of such devices.”

He said educating the public is important, and that retail stores who sell generators should stress the importance of not using them inside.

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Bob Cairnduff
Fenton fire chief

WHAT COULD FIRE DEPARTMENTS DO DURING A MASSIVE POWER OUTAGE LIKE IN TEXAS?

Cairnduff said they have plans for the fire department and equipment, and they’ve set up warming stations in the past where residents can come and get warm.

“Residents need to be prepared as the local authorities simply don’t have the resources to assist everyone in a disaster of that magnitude,” he said. “Residents should have spare batteries, food, water, flashlights, etc. in case of a disaster. They should also have a plan in place to handle long term power outages.”

He said it takes time for the city, county, state or federal government to respond, and residents should be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. Go to ready.gov/kit for more information.

In Linden, Will said they have plans in place and the help they provide is limited to assisting residents with medical needs. They have oxygen for those who need it at home, and they can evacuate people to warming centers if needed.

“We can deliver water or supplies if needed and along with the police, monitor residents’ uses of a generator in their garages or confined spaces in our travels around town,” he said.

TYRONE TOWNSHIP 2021 BOARD OF REVIEW
PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2021 March Board of Review will meet at Tyrone Township Hall, located at 8420 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton, MI 48430 on the following dates and times:

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021	Organizational Meeting	9:00 am
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021	9:00 am -12:00 pm.	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm.	6:00 pm - 9:00pm

Please call (810) 629-8631 for a recommended appointment. Letters of appeal are encouraged and must be received by 9:00 pm. on March 11, 2021. No faxes or emails will be accepted.

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By Sharon Stone

When speaking to Michael Hart, the assistant city manager for Fenton and Downtown Development Authority director, about everything the Fenton area has to offer, he offered many examples.

Hart said Fenton is unique for the state of Michigan as well as southeastern Michigan. He noted that the historic downtown area is being rebuilt and more boutique-like shops as well as events are coming in.

"Then we have retail on N. LeRoy, big box stores, national retailers on the west side of the city," he said. "Other areas don't have that mix. They don't have it all."

“Other areas don't have that mix. They don't have it all.”

Michael Hart
Fenton assistant city manager,
Downtown Development
Authority director

Hart said residents in this area really don't need to leave the city for retail and restaurant options. He said he believes this is unique for a city of Fenton's size.

In addition to the business aspect, Hart said Fenton has great neighborhoods and exceptional schools. These features maintain and strengthen the character of the city.

Another feature is the Shiawassee

River, which runs through the city. This provides fishing and leisure opportunities, as well as community activities. "It's safe and inviting," he said.

Hart said the city is seeing new businesses as well as existing businesses that are expanding. This shows a confidence to move here, to expand or improve.

Looking past the pandemic, Hart believes Fenton continues to go in the right direction and is making it easier for businesses to expand and improve.

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you can create a general durable power of attorney document authorizing an individual chosen by you to handle your financial matters. An effective plan will also include a health care power of attorney appointing a patient advocate should you be unable to participate in your own medical decisions and stating the kind of medical treatment you want or do not want to receive.

Alternative ways to transfer assets to beneficiaries: A living trust that you create when you're alive allows you to manage assets during your lifetime and transfer property to heirs after your death while maintaining control over how the property is used and then when and to whom it is to be distributed. Enhanced life estate deeds or "Ladybird Deeds" allow you to plan for the direct conveyance of real property upon your death such as your home or a vacation or income property without requiring probate of your estate saving significant costs and expenses.

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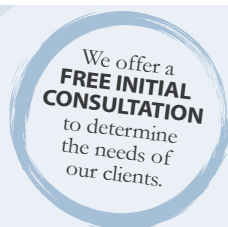
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Restaurants for every taste bud

♥ From Italian to Mexican to Thai, tri-county area offers variety of eateries, atmosphere

By Sally Rummel

We're not just a "burger and fries" dining community in the tri-county area.

In fact, the 70-plus restaurants that make up the dining scene in Fenton, Linden and Holly are a diverse bunch. In addition to American cuisine, you'll find Italian, Mexican, Chinese, Japanese, Thai, Korean and Middle Eastern. The cultural diversity of taste in the tri-county area is evident in the popularity of many of these dining hot spots.

Nationally, Italian cuisine is the most popular, followed by Mexican, according to the National Restaurant Association. Chinese restaurants are third in popularity, with Middle Eastern, Asian fusion and Japanese rounding out the top ethnic mix.

Whether you have a taste for spaghetti and meatballs, sweet and sour chicken, Korean barbecue, Baba Ghanoush, sushi or Pad Thai, there's a dining table in the tri-county area waiting for you.

If you're looking for the top winery and breweries in the tri-county area, people can check out Fenton Winery & Brewery in Fenton Township, Hoffman Farms Winery and Tasting Room in Highland and Northern Oak Brewery (and distillery) in downtown Holly. Lynchpin Beer Company, which is at The Laundry is temporarily shut down.



TOP ETHNIC CUISINES

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Mexican

Tacos, tortillas, enchiladas, quesadillas, salsa, guacamole, tostadas, tamales, chiles rellenos

Locally: Cancun Mexican Grill, El Topo, Sagebrush Cantina

Chinese

General Tso's Chicken, Crab Rangoon, egg roll, sesame chicken, fried rice, sweet and sour chicken, orange chicken, hot and sour soup, pot stickers

Locally: Golden Buffet, Moy Kong Express, China King

Middle Eastern

Hummus, pita bread, falafel, tabouleh, baklava, baba ghanoush, garlic sauce

Locally: La Marsa Mediterranean Cuisine, Pita Way

Asian fusion

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Locally: Bangkok Peppers, Thai House Bistro

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How to shop for a loan

♥ Talk to your local loan officer for the best advice

By Sharon Stone

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Laura Nestor, director of marketing for Dort Financial Credit Union, said Dort and most other credit unions offer every type of loan. She said Dort has specially trained mortgage loan officers who walk the consumer through the entire process.

Taking advantage of your local lender is the best option. Nestor said Dort welcomes members and non-members and the loan officer will help determine which type of loan is best for a person's unique situation. Because they are a credit union, interest rates are lower, closing costs are less than nationwide lenders and your money stays local.

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LOAN

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has a date when the loan will adjust and therefore be subject to the current interest rate at that moment.

In an economy where nothing is certain, an ARM mortgage loan makes good sense for a homebuyer who does not intend to remain in the prop-

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♥ Lasagna Love makes it easy for you to help your community — or be helped

By Sharon Stone

A Fenton Township woman has joined an online group that aims to warm the heart and fill the stomach of anyone who needs a little help.

Kate Maser said she heard about Lasagna Love through the Nextdoor app and its Facebook page. She started reading people's stories and thought it would be a wonderful way to give back to frontline workers, such as nurses, who have worked so hard during the pandemic. Oftentimes, first responders have little time to take care of themselves. She said this group also helps those who have suffered with job loss, no income and sick family members.

"My family is lucky enough to not have suffered too much economically during the pandemic," she said. "I signed up for the program about a month ago and am trying to get the word out that the program is available to those who could use it."

Maser said she has yet to be matched with a family who "needs" a lasagna and she believes it is due to there not being awareness of the program.

"I know there are people who are living paycheck to paycheck, or without a paycheck and really struggling to put food on the table that could benefit from it if they just knew about the program," she said.

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Kate Maser

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Linden boasts exciting business climate

♥ Despite dealing with global pandemic for a year

By Sharon Stone

Exciting things are happening in Linden City despite being in the midst of a global pandemic.

Linden City Manager Ellen Glass said, "We have a lot of great things happening here in Linden."

In addition to the historical Linden Hotel restaurant and Crow's Nest, Thimbleberry and other longtime businesses, other business owners are showing confidence with setting up shop in the city.

Beacon & Bridge expects to begin its complete rebuild of its business at the corner of Bridge and Broad streets this spring.

The new Union Block development by Dr. Nicole Wax is home to her orthodontic practice. The downtown building also is home to Positively Pediatrics and UB Station Coffee. Glass said another tenant for the lower space has just signed on — the business will be announced soon.

Glass said kayak rental business on N. Bridge Street is Linden's premier kayak

and canoe rental spot. It's just feet from the Shiawassee River and Linden dam. It's under new ownership of Tatenda and Nicole Marisa. They have rebranded the business and renamed it Sunshine Kayak Rental (sunshinekayakrental.com).

Linden also boasts the new Boone Dogs BBQ over this past year. Serendipity Spa of Linden, which is now owned by Keri Burns, is mid-Michigan's only wine spa and day bar, which also offers a salon, day spa, and boutique.

West Sky Wellness is also new to the city. Symphony Linden, which used to be Caretel Inns of Linden, has new ownership, thus the name change.

Glass said Balance Life Counseling is moving to Linden from Fenton.

"Our business climate is definitely moving in the right direction and as we move forward, the City needs to attract more retail/dining businesses in the downtown area," Glass said. "Linden has a unique downtown and historic atmosphere and people seek out those experiences and it makes it desirable for businesses to make Linden their home."

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Keep your money close

♥ Spending locally because your family and community depend on the benefits

By Sally Rummel

Each dollar you spend in a local store is more than just cold, hard, green cash. It's a vote of confidence to a retailer or business that they should stay open for another day.

With so many options now available to consumers, that vote of confidence means a lot to Main Street retailers. It's worth making a shop local budget, ensuring that part of your spending budget includes buying from local retailers.

More than anything, shopping local involves a change in your mindset. It's up to you and everyone else in our local communities to shift our shopping habits to support local, where our money truly makes a difference. After all, you do put your money where your heart is, and isn't your heart right here in the tri-county area?

The Fenton Downtown Development Authority, the Holly Area Chamber of Commerce and the Genesee County




Chamber of Commerce have gift card programs to help stimulate the local economy as the world copes with and emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Lasagna Love is a national group of people “Lasagna Mamas” who volunteer to take homemade, hot lasagna to people/families that are in need of a hot meal. From unemployed and down on their luck, the sick and/or elderly, to a frontline worker who is working 80-plus hours a week and does not have time to give their family the home cooked meal they deserve.

Anyone can sign up for the program to receive a meal cooked and delivered to them at no cost to them.

Less than a year old, Lasagna Love now spans the entire United States.

Lasagna Love

is a nationwide grassroots movement that aims to positively impact communities by connecting neighbors with neighbors through homemade meal delivery. This non-profit organization also seeks to eliminate stigmas associated with asking for help — especially from moms — when it is needed most.

It currently reaches all 50 states and Puerto Rico, more than 1,000 cities (including major cities Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Las Vegas, Portland, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle and others) and is powered by more than 18,000 volunteers.

Lasagna Mamas and Papas are matched weekly with neighbors in need to whom they deliver custom meals and sometimes additional care packages.

LasagnaLove doesn't only make lasagnas (many are made specific to dietary needs, allergies or restrictions), volunteers have also

delivered salads, sides and desserts to round out a healthy meal.

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Local entrepreneurs who follow their passions into creating and sustaining a business enrich the lives of everyone in the community. They elevate the local community with their drive to succeed, and their success is directly tied to the support they receive from the community.

“Don't use it, you'll lose it” is as true with business openings and closures as it is with the muscles in your body.

Your community's unique identity is tied to the businesses you support in your community. Just about every town in America is home to “the Golden Arches,” but there's only

one The Laundry in Fenton, Shirley's Café in Linden and Holly Donut Shop in Holly. These businesses, among hundreds of others, are what makes your community stand out among the cookie-cutter business landscape of national retail chains and restaurants.

These businesses need us just as much as we need them.

Your stress levels can take a rest when dealing with local businesses, compared to faceless, impersonal giant corporations and 1-800 phone numbers. When you shop at a local retail or service business, the owner is directly involved and will approach any problem with a personal approach and positive resolution.

Editor Sharon Stone contributed to this story.

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Libraries - a treasure trove of information

♥ Alter how they provide services during pandemic, prepare for future

By Sharon Stone

Our local libraries are a wealth of information. The Jack R. Winegarden Library in Fenton, the Linden Library and the Holly Township Library have a rich history of providing a vast number of services, from checking out a book, offering story time for kids, online research, archived material, magazines, movies and much more.

Although the libraries are working remotely mostly and limited in-person computer usage because of the COVID-10 pandemic for the time being, they will reopen fully when permitted by the state.

Fenton Library

The first library in Fenton was named the A.J. Phillips Library and was dedicated in January 1906. Phillips made the building bequest and donated \$500 for books. In order to support the



library, the city of Fenton asked voters to approve a .5 millage which they approved in 1905. The first library board also was appointed that year.

In 1922, Ella Williams, the first librarian, started a card catalog with help from the State Library.

In 1962, an addition was built onto the library. The A.J. Phillips Library joined the Genesee County Library system in 1967 and Margaret Renwick was the librarian. Furniture in the cur-

rent building is dedicated in honor of her 30 years of service.

In 1987, the library moved into the former U.S. Post Office that was built in 1938 with New Deal funding. It was awarded the Michigan Municipal Achievement Award in 1988. The former library building now houses the A. J. Phillips Fenton Museum and Historical Society.

The renovation of the lower level of the library and subsequent grand opening of the Fenton Children's Center was held in 1999.

In 2002, the A.J. Phillips Library was rededicated in memory of Jack R. Winegarden, a longtime library services advocate and chairman of the Genesee District Library Board.

Throughout this decade, the lower level experienced many floods due to a variety of environmental and structural issues. Planning began for an updated library.

A \$450,000 renovation occurred in 2015 and was funded by the city of Fenton. See **LIBRARIES** on 23

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LAFF Pathway — from inception to now

♥ Established in 2015, this group aims to develop safe, non-motorized pathways

By Hannah Ball

It started as an effort to bring non-motorized pathways into the tri-county area.

LAFF Pathway stands for Linden, Argentine, Fenton and Fenton Township. It's a non-profit organization with a board of directors formed more than five years ago, comprised of individuals ranging

from private citizens to elected officials.

The goal is to create a trail system through Linden, Fenton, Holly and eventually to other trail systems in the state. These 10-foot wide pathways would allow for a safe option for bicyclists, walkers, and any non-motorized recreational activity.

In the summer of 2015, the LAFF Pathway met with the Genesee County Parks Commission to discuss a proposal to begin preliminary scoping, routing and budgeting for a Tier 1 Priority Trail from

Fenton to Linden on Silver Lake Road. Over the years, the plans have changed and evolved. In 2016, the plan grew into a potential 16-mile route that would run from Lobdell Lake Road at Glen Hatt Road through Fenton Township, Linden City, Fenton City, Seven Lakes State Park, Holly Township and Holly Village to Water Works Park.

The group has received resolutions of support from all four communities. Fenton Township passed the resolution in September 2015, and in June 2016, the township received funds from the Fenton Community Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint to make an amendment to the existing Fenton Township Parks and Recreation Plan for 2014-2018 to include a pathway.

The city of Fenton added pathways to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan in 2017.

In November 2017, the Linden City Council approved a resolution in support of the Safe Routes to School program, which is one of the funding sources that contributed to the new pathway that goes through the Linden Community School system.

On Oct. 14, 2020, workers finished the 2.1-mile pathway, which starts at Haviland Beach Drive and Lobdell Road, traverses through the Linden schools campus to Silver Lake Road and then continues east on Silver Lake Road, through Fenton Township and connects into the existing city of Linden's sidewalk and bike lane. The \$1.4-million project was funded through federal grants, state and local dollars, as well as private donations, including from The Hagerman Foundation.

Multiple councilors and trustees from each municipality are involved in the LAFF group.

The group has held multiple fundraisers over the years, including Bike-A-Thons, and they've partnered with the Community Foundation of Greater Flint. They collaborate with Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation as well.

In 2018, Fenton Township, Linden and Fenton committed to putting up \$15,000 for matching funds to apply for a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant of \$432,000.

The plan has evolved to three phases. Phase 1 was the Linden schools pathway. Phase 2 will be the Silver Lake Road pathway. Phase 3 will be a pathway on

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Fenton, the DDA, the Friends of the Fenton Library and generous donations from residents including businessman Gerry Willey.

The Fenton Library Board had two chairpersons during this time, Wayne Tucker and Bobbi Sweetman.

Many programs were offered at the Fenton library during these years including the Spooky Tea party, the Poet's Café, Guest Reader story times featuring teachers from the Fenton Area Public Schools, special literature and contemporary culture themed parties (Harry Potter, Hunger Games, Angry Birds, and Pirates), and visits with authors such as Jonathan Rand, Harlan Coben, and Alexander McCall Smith. Librarians at the branch during this time period were Marilyn Brown, Marian Hesse, and Christine Heron.

All branches of the Genesee District Library re-opened to the public Feb. 1. Like the others, the Fenton-Winegarden Branch is limited to 25-percent capacity and is unable to host programs at this time, said Chris Heron, senior librarian.

From Dec. 9, 2020 until Feb. 1, they offered "doorside" pickup. This was a new service, which was welcomed by the community.

"We were thrilled to be able to help people in an unconventional format," Heron said. "And believe me when I say, almost every person who took advantage of our doorside delivery said they were so appreciative that we were there to provide them with materials whether it was books, DVDs, or printing something via email."

"For me, I'm looking forward to the day we can resume some of our regular activities from coloring pages for kids to book clubs for adults. I miss hearing the kids laugh and play in our Children's Center or people talking about their favorite books."

Linden Library

The Linden Library has been located in the historic Linden Mill since 1961. Built around 1850, the mill was the first structure in Genesee County to be placed on the national register of historic places. The grist mill operated until 1956 and later was purchased by the village of Linden (now city) for use as municipal offices and a future



library. The library was previously located in the Linden Village Hall from 1941-1961 and in a school basement from 1937-1941.

The library was founded in 1937 by a group of citizens and run by a rotating volunteer staff until 1941 when Decola Jepson became the first librarian. In 1944, the library became associated with the recently formed Genesee County Library system (which provided the librarian's salary and some books) while remaining otherwise independent. In 1961, shortly after moving into the mill, the library became a full member of the county system.

In 1979, Genesee County Library became Genesee District Library, an independent entity, when voters approved a .7 mill property assessment. In 1984, the Linden Library was the first GDL branch to go online.

Linden's librarian is Katie Badgley. Previous librarians include John Eklerberry, Sue Misra, Hans Norbotten, Helen Yiannatji, Carol Day, Janice Bigelow and Decola Jepson.

The Linden Library reopened its indoors to the public Monday, Feb. 1.

"I am very happy we can have people come in again," Badgley said, branch manager. "I was glad to provide doorside service, but for that I was in here mostly by myself, and it just wasn't the same. For me, the greatest joy as a librarian is seeing people of all ages and backgrounds come in and browse new books and movies and find things they didn't even know they wanted."

"I also love to help people find specific things they need or just be here to help them make copies, use the computer, send a fax, etc. I am grateful that we have found a way to do what we do safely."

The Linden Library has a limited 25-percent capacity. Employees wear masks and clean surfaces regularly.

"I think the pandemic has made us

realize how important the library is, not just for getting materials and using the computer, but as a place to go when you need to get out of the house and interact with other people, even if it is only briefly," she said. "It is a great place to go and explore and find things to keep busy with and it is free."

Holly Township Library

The Holly Township Library operates much like the Parks and Recreation Commission; they have their own separately elected board and their own 1 mill voter approved millage.

The library serves the residents of Holly Township and the village of Holly as well as Groveland and Rose townships. The Library is governed by six board members and the director. The Library is staffed by the director and full and part-time employees. They are assisted by many volunteers from the community, especially the Friends of the Holly Township Library.

The Holly Township Library's mission is to provide and promote public access to information through a quality collection of materials, reflecting all viewpoints, which fulfill educational and recreational needs of the community within a pleasant, professional atmosphere.

The Library uses Michigan eLibrary (MeL) for Holly patrons to borrow books and other library materials for free from participating Michigan libraries. Patrons may also borrow eBooks and eAudiobooks from the digital library using their Holly Township Library card.

Computers with internet access are available for public use and free Wi-Fi is available. Patrons can print from any public computer. Faxing and scanning



services are also available.

The Holly Township Library offers many events and activities for adults, teens and children, including summer reading programs for all ages, story times, musical and instructional programs, and many more. The Library also has an active Teen Advisory Board.

Gregory Hayes, director of the Holly Township Library, said it has been quite the adventure since last March on closing, opening, closing, etc.

"The Holly Township Library has always focused on our patrons and our staff. First and foremost is their safety," he said. "We were closed, as you know, by executive orders last year. We re-opened briefly and then were shut by order again. Since August, we have offered curbside and lobby service and since Feb. 15 of this year, we have been open to the public with the standard COVID protocols in place."

Among the services the library has added are virtual storytimes, printing from your car, book bundles, and monthly historical programs hosted virtually. Another feature they have added is their 'Shelves of Love.'

"This we started last November as a food bank in our lobby. It has been greatly supported by our community," he said.

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By Erica Rainer

If you're like most people, you have worked your entire life, planning for a day when life would get easier. You worked hard, made sacrifices, done without and paid your dues. You are finally ready to start enjoying life and realize just how quickly time flies. However, if you are like most people you might be wishing you would have taken a little bit better care of yourself in the past. One thing you know now that you may not have acknowledged in your younger years is that your health is your greatest wealth. One thing you probably didn't factor in when it came to that beautiful dream of retirement and your golden years was the pain and discomfort of back pain, joint pain, swelling, aching and all the wonderful little extras that can come with aging.

Now let me tell you a little secrete, you are not in this alone! Millions of

have seen have gotten measurable results. Its so amazing seeing people get such great results and being able to be a part of it and help them maintain their health" said Chynelle the CA at the office.

Painless Treatment Centers of Michigan is an integrated practice, a collaboration of healthcare practitioners that offers many new services, not found elsewhere in the area. Some of the ailments the clinic sees great success with is joint pain, sciatica, scoliosis, neck pain and whiplash, headaches and migraines. They even offer a full weight loss program utilizing the HCG diet for some along with wellness options like vitamin infusions and iv therapy.

The clinic states their main focus is helping people get out of pain and stay that way, without the use of addictive narcotic drugs or surgery.

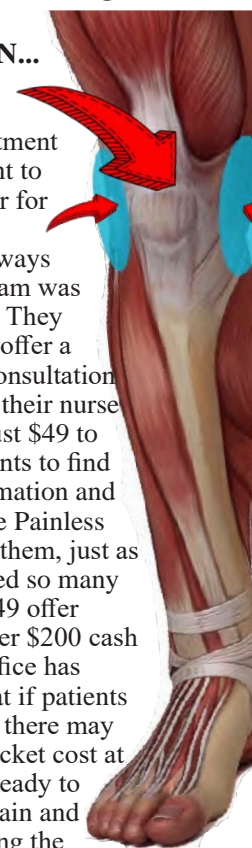
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Many know and have been treated by Dr. James Ide the supervising doctor of chiropractor at the clinic. What many do not know is how this new team came about. *"Recognizing that there were so many treatment options that if paired correctly could increase the positive results that our patients were getting... well it just light a fire inside of me. My wife and I wanted to figure out a way to offer more but needed a bigger team with a more diverse background. We started searching for like minded individuals that wanted to help people avoid drugs and surgery and find new ways to help actually heal the body. Other people who really cared about the patient and wanted to make sure they got the very best outcome for their health, as a whole person not just covering up the current symptom"*. said Dr. Ide.

Dr. Ide and his team made the decision to join forces with Dr. Manilal Mewada MD and Michelle Wojek the nurse practitioner at the clinic. Working together they are able to offer a wide variety of new treatment options to aide patients in their recovery. Patients are seeing

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people are suffering with the pain and discomfort of arthritis, joint pain, nerve or ligament damage and neuropathy. The good news is that there have been many new advancements in science, technology and FDA approvals. These advancements have lead to cutting edge, safe and effective treatment options and best of all, this year many are covered by most major insurances, including Medicare!

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chronic knee pain. Many times they have been told that their only option is surgery. They are taking pain meds to deal with the pain and they feel stuck and out of options. Previously if they wanted to do some form of regenerative medicine it could cost them 15-20 thousand dollars out of pocket. With our knee pain protocol we are able to not only include regenerative medicine into their program to help them recover but we are able to do even more which leads to outstanding results and some people don't have any out of pocket cost at all. This is all since the new year, now that insurance is helping out" said Michelle Wojek the nurse practitioner at the Fenton clinic.

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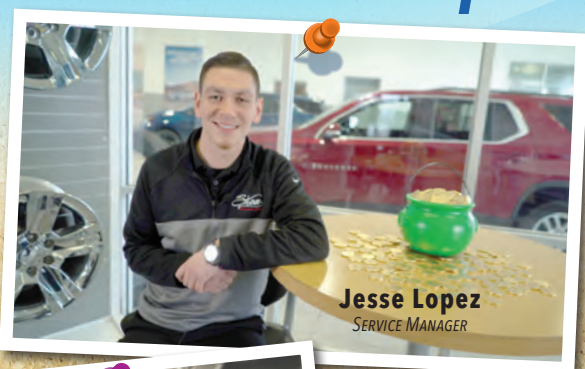
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Dort Financial Credit Union announced the results of its 2020 annual Snowman Sales fundraiser benefiting two local charities. The 2020 beneficiaries, selected by Dort Financial Credit Union employees, split the proceeds totaling \$15,936. Funds were raised in the months of November and December from credit union members and team members.

On Feb. 3, Dort Financial Credit Union presented representatives of The Child Advocacy Team and the St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center with checks in the amount of \$7,968 to each organization.

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Lake Fenton's Aubrey Fray

Blue Devils post defensive-minded victory vs. Goodrich

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team has earned its victories this season, pushing the ball and effectively posting high offensive outputs to earn blowout wins.

On Tuesday, the Blue Devils proved they can win a tight defensive battle as well. Lake Fenton won its second straight game against the Goodrich Martians, defeating their road

foes by a 39-32 score. The Blue Devils, who had a long history of losses against Goodrich, broke that string with a regional tournament win against the Martians last year. Now, the Blue Devils have won back-to-back contests against their rivals.

"The game wasn't necessarily pretty, but I am really proud of my girls," Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian

VanBuren said. "I don't think we could've won that game just 10 days ago, but we seem to have grown up a little bit and we played through our mistakes and did enough to get the win. Definitely played better defense as the game went on. Our on the ball defense has gotten a little better. Smitty (Amaya Smith) can really get after it.

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Sports Times

Eagles' Beil soars in Linden's victory vs. Fenton

By David Troppens

Fenton — Eli Beil and the Linden varsity boys basketball team showed why they are two-time defending Metro League champions (Stripes Division champions last season).

In an early season battle of unbeaten in the Metro League, Beil and his teammates entered Fenton High School and recorded a dominating 70-38 victory against the Tigers Tuesday night. Beil was the biggest star, collecting a game-best and a career-best 32 points in the Eagles' victory.

"Yeah, it's always fun. It's just awesome," Beil said about beating Fenton. "We look forward to this game every year, it's just the rivalry and it's just fun to play them. This year we don't have the same atmosphere but we knew we had to bring the same energy that we always bring."

The Eagles (3-0 in the Metro and 3-1 overall) brought the energy from the start. Beil hit a three-pointer 31 seconds into the contest and the Eagles never trailed. In fact, Linden scored the first seven points. Shane Eberhard followed with a free throw, and when he missed his second free throw, he collected the rebound. Eventually Reichen Lund finished the possession with a three-pointer off an assist from Eberhard. Linden led 7-0 and the Tigers were already calling a time out with 6:27 left in the first quarter.

"Right from the beginning they got a



Fenton's Seth Logan falls to the court floor with Linden's Blake Lund defending the play. Photo: Christopher Summers

couple of rebounds and jumped to a 7-0 lead," Fenton coach Chad Logan

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Linden's Brenden Shingleton pinned Fenton's Ethan Radloff in the Eagles' victory against the Tigers. Photo: David Troppens

Eagles win pivotal Stripes Division match vs. Fenton

By David Troppens

Linden — Rivalries are supposed to be exciting battles.

That ended up being the case when the Linden and Fenton varsity wrestling teams faced each other Wednesday at Linden High School.

In a match that is expected to go a long way toward figuring out who may capture the Flint Metro League Stripes Division title, the Eagles captured a 38-31 victory. Both squads dominated their competitions in the other two

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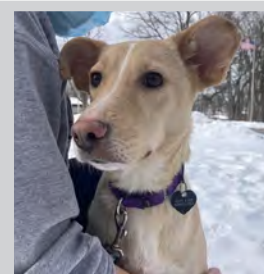
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Tigers win thriller vs. Linden, 42-38

By David Troppens

Fenton — It's become apparent most victories won't come easy in the Flint Metro League's Stripes Division girls basketball race.

With all the teams playing just four games, most have had their share of close games already. The Linden Eagles and Fenton Tigers had another thriller Tuesday night when Fenton edged their area rivals 42-38.

The Tigers led by as many as 36-28 with 3:29 remaining in regulation after two converted free throws by Adrie Staib, but the Eagles made a comeback attempt down the stretch. A post shot by Kelsey McLennan was followed up by a three-pointer by Olivia Mawhinney, cutting the Tigers' lead to just 36-33 with 2:33 left. The Eagles cut it to 37-35 with 1:45 left on a jumper by Paige Leedle. From there, Linden had four straight

possessions trailing by either two or three but were unable to score. Fenton's Maggie Lutz raised the lead to 38-35 with a converted free throw with 1:41 remaining and it stayed that way until there was 12.8 seconds remaining. In between the Eagles missed two shot opportunities and turned the ball over twice (on one Staib earned the steal).

Fenton finally raised the gap to 40-35 with 12.8 seconds left on two Smith free throws. Linden fought to get back into the game again when Jordan Peterson assisted a Leedle trey with 5.0 seconds left, but Lutz iced the victory with two converted free throws.

The win improved Fenton's Metro record to 3-1, one game behind first-place Flushing, a team the Tigers played Friday night. Results of that game were not known at the time of publishing.

"I just like the effort we are giving. It really shows the heart we put into the game," Fenton's Staib, who had a team-high 12 points and 11 rebounds, said. "We look at all the teams knowing we have a chance to be No. 1 and being up there is really one of our goals. We are striving to get there and I think it makes the season even more exciting."

"Our league is super competitive and because it is so competitive we have to bring it every single night," Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Don Kutchev said. "What I like about my team is we are so deep. They work really hard and we have different kids that step up every night and do different things and work really hard for me."

"It was a tough battle. Our girls fought the whole time," Linden varsity girls basketball coach Zack Darling said.

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Linden's Paige Leedle drives to the hoop against Fenton's Korryn Smith. Photo: Christopher Summers

ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

February 10, 2021

Supervisor Scheib-Snyder called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:01 p.m. on a virtual gotomeeting.com

- Roll Call: Board Members Present: Scheib-Snyder, Miller, Gambka, Walls, Noble
Board Members Absent/Excused: None
- Approved: Agenda for the February 10, 2021 Agenda.
- Approved: Consent Agenda as amended.
- Public Hearing: PY 2021 CDBG funds in the amount of \$9,519.00.
- Approved: North Oakland County Fire Authority Articles of Incorporation with changes on pages 1-10.
- Approved: PY 2021 CDBG total funds in the amount of \$9,519.00. \$6019.00 for minor home repair and \$3500.00 HAYA.
- Approved: RFP for Seasonal Landscape Service Contract for Rose Township Cemeteries.
- Approved: RFP for Site Grass Mowing Rose Township Offices, Hall and Parks.
- Approved: 2021 Road Gravel Program. Road Commission Oakland County Gravel program for 22-A gravel to cover 1.5 miles of Houser Rd., Tucker Rd. (split with Holly Township), Alden, Starmer, and Chiefs Roads.
- Approved: 2021 Road Commission Oakland County Tri-Party Program in the amount of \$63,594.00.
- Approved: Renewal of Code Enforcement Building Department Contract through December 31, 2023.
- Received: Rose Township received COVID Support Fund in the amount of \$69,444.03
- Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Debbie Miller, MMC, MiPMC II
Rose Township Clerk

Dianne Scheib-Snyder
Rose Township Supervisor

FLLF girls place ninth at D1 state ski meet; Powers girls take ninth at D2 event

By David Troppens

The Fenton/Linden/Lake Fenton varsity girls ski team competed at the Division 1 team state meet and placed ninth at the nine-team event.

The Powers varsity girls ski team, which had area competitors on the squad, also placed ninth at the D2 state event.

Two area boys also competed at the D1 state meet.

Lilah Dagenais led the FLLF team in the slalom with a two-run combined time of 87.71 seconds. She was followed by Daisey Horne (90.01), Lara Kemp (93.68) and Rylan Sheffield (115.07). In the giant slalom Kemp led the FLLF squad with a time of 59.06 seconds, and

was followed by Horne (59.87), Sheffield (61.46) and Dagenais (72.62).

The Fenton/Linden/Lake Fenton boys were represented by Brooks Funke who posted a time of 50.39 in the giant slalom and a time of 78.13 in the slalom. Holly/Oxford's Jacob Denman had a time of 79.25 seconds in the slalom. He also posted a time of 25.99 in his only successful giant slalom run.

The Powers girls ski team had two area competitors at the D2 event. Powers placed eighth in the giant slalom with area athlete Gracie Spezia posting a two-run time of 67.43 seconds in the event. Taylor Hagerman led the Powers' girls in the slalom, placing 13th with a time of 98.93 seconds.

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"Goodrich made it a grind-it-out game. Aesthetically, it was probably tough to watch, especially compared to our last few higher scoring matchups between the teams but, ultimately, we took

care of business and we can still finish the first go around very much in contention for first place in the division."

It was a tight game throughout, but the Blue Devils enjoyed the slight lead more often than not.

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Fenton swimmers defeat Powers in dual, 120-48

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity boys swim team has spent the season dominating Metro League foes.

Now, the Tigers have put together a pretty impressive performance against a non-league foe. The Tigers took first place in all but two events and finished 1-2-3 in three individual events resulting in a 120-48 win against Powers Catholic on Tuesday.

Jack Fries and Gavin Crews earned

three firsts. The duo teamed with Kaz Sieja and Max Haney to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:32.23). Meanwhile, Fries also won the 200 individual medley (2:09.63) and the 100 backstroke (58.67) individually, while Crews won the 50 freestyle (22.49) and the 100 freestyle (50.87).

Four other Fenton athletes won an individual event. They were Zach Michelson in the 200 freestyle (2:02.660), Sieja in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.04), Haney in the 100 butterfly (53.85) and Luke DeFina

in the 500 freestyle (6:06.75). The final Fenton first was recorded during the 400 freestyle relay (3:48.84) with the team of Braden Falvo, Evan Koch, Michelson and Jacob Shanahan.

Powers diver Chris Jones, a local resident, won with a score of 215.75.

The Tigers had seven individual seconds. Falvo had two of them with one coming in the 200 individual medley (2:17.01) and the other in the 100 butterfly (58.53).

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PREP REPORT

HOCKEY

► **Fenton/Linden 8, Eastern Thumb Area Legion 5:** The Griffins (4-3) scored their most goals they have in one game, resulting in the victory. Ethan Hutchings and Nick Temple had two goals each while Mitchel Luck, Keegan McNamara, Tristyn Cox and Jacob Florida had a goal each.



Fenton's Login Fuller attempts to pin Linden's Jase Grundy during Wednesday's meet. Photo: David Troppens

EAGLES

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matches at the four-team meet. Linden (10-1) also beat Clio 48-16 and Owosso 54-18. Meanwhile, the Tigers defeated Clio 57-11 and Owosso 65-15. The big dual was the one between the two rivals.

Both teams won seven of the 14 bouts. The difference ended up being the quality of the victories each team earned. Linden had four pinfall wins and a forfeit victory versus Fenton's two pins and one forfeit victory. The Eagles also had the only technical fall victory of the match.

Fenton took its first lead of the dual after Login Fuller (189) earned a pinfall win against Jase Grundy. Linden led 22-17. Linden's Wyatt Gocha (215) followed with a pinfall win against Carson Krzeszak, giving the Eagles a 23-22, and that was followed by Cam Galley's (285) decision win against Fenton's Jackson Cairnduff, putting Linden up 26-22. However, the Tigers put together one more good run. Garrett Clark (103) won by forfeit and Kendra Ryan (112) earned an entertaining 7-4 decision win

against Linden's Ben Wingblad, resulting in the Tigers' 31-26 lead with two more matches left.

Linden assured themselves of the team victory by winning the final two matches with pinfall wins. Linden's Tyler McCabe (119) pinned Ella Turnblom and then Brenden Shingleton (125) pinned Ethan Radloff, earning the Eagles the 38-31 win.

Other winners for Linden were Bryce Shingleton (130) by forfeit, Luke Haney (135) by pinfall and Jimmy Roti (150) by technical fall. Fenton's other victors were Adam Barcome (140) and Dylan Beverly (145) by decision and Phillip Lamka (152) by pinfall.

Linden had several wrestlers finish with perfect 3-0 records. They were Shingleton, Haney, Roti, Gocha, Galley, McCabe, Brenden Shingleton and Aiden Haney. Ben Wingblad and Brenden Shingleton had 2-1 records.

"The team battled today, we got better but have some areas we need to improve on," Linden wrestling coach Kyle Sumnerfield said.

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2021 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

Argentine Township, Genesee County

The Argentine Township Board of Review for March 2021 will be held by **ZOOM in accordance to MDHHS Emergency Order February 4, 2021.**

The public may participate in the meeting through electronic remote access via Zoom access by computer, smart phone/device using the following link:

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The Argentine Township March Board of Review will meet on the following dates:

- Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 6:00 p.m. = **Organizational Meeting**
- Monday, March 8, 2021, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. = **Appeal Hearing**
- Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. = **Appeal Hearing**

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2021 assessments. By board resolution, taxpayers are able to protest by letter, including email, sent to Assessor, 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden MI 48451, assessor@argentinetownship.com provided protest is received prior to March 9, 2021.

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Bronchos lose a nailbiter vs. Kearsley

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity girls basketball team has had its share of close games already this season. Already competitors in a triple-overtime loss against Linden and a one-point victory against area rival Fenton, the Bronchos had another one-point decision against Kearsley Tuesday night.

Kearsley earned a steal and a breaking layup with .9 seconds left to earn the Hornets a 50-49 victory against the Bronchos.

“It was a tough one. It was rough,” Holly varsity girls basketball coach Ben Varner said. “We were battling the whole way again just like every other game.”

It was a close contest throughout with Holly trailing by four entering the final quarter. However, they had the lead with the ball when the steal and game-winning breaking layup gave Kearsley the lead for good. The Bronchos (1-4) were unable to get a shot near the hoop with less than a second left after the bucket.

“We’ve had some close ones. That’s for darn sure,” Varner said. “We have to do a better job playing defense and we need to shoot better free throws. I think we were 50 percent. We make a few more of those and it’s not that close.”

Emma Tooley had a big game, netting 21 points, six rebounds and four steals. Hunter Weeder netted



Holly’s Hunter Weeder scored 10 points in the Bronchos’ 50-49 loss against Kearsley. **Photo: Christopher Summers**

10 points while Alyssa Johnson had seven points, five rebounds, two assist and two steals.

Holly played at Swartz Creek on Friday. Results were not known at presstime. The Bronchos host Lakeland on Saturday.

Lake Fenton wrestlers go 1-2 in recent competition

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team’s young squad came out of its most recent four-team bouts with a 1-2 record.

The Blue Devils defeated Kearsley 57-12 but then lost to Freeland 41-28 and Goodrich 42-22.

Gavin Lawrence (171) had the strongest showing for the Blue Devils with a 3-0 record with all being pinfall wins. Five other Blue Devils finished with perfect 3-0 days. They were Clay Cook (103), Zack Hall (125), Ty Johnson (130), Jack Conley (145) and Hunter Devasher (189).

One other Lake Fenton wrestler who finished with a winning record was Noah Hall (140). He finished with a 2-1 record with both wins being pinfall victories. Drew Corcoran (135) had a pinfall victory during the day as well.

Holly swimmers capture victory vs. Corunna, 89-82

By David Troppens

Zach Rockafellow, Drew Hignite and Quintin Monty captured firsts in four events, helping lead the Holly varsity boys swim team to an 89-82 victory against Corunna.

The trio combined with Drew Hignite and Brandon Strickert to win the 200 individual medley relay (1:56.45) while they also teamed with Collin Wilczak to win the 400 freestyle relay (4:00.59).

Rockafellow had two individual firsts earning one in the 100 butterfly (1:10.51) and the other in the 100 backstroke (1:09.29). Monty earned his victories in the 50 freestyle (24.61) and in the 100 freestyle (57.05). Hignite earned his individual firsts in the 200 individual medley (2:27.19) and in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.71).

BEIL

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said. “Those two threes were huge. We took a time out and then they really just defended us well all night. That’s it. And Eli Beil had a good game.”

The closest the Tigers would get the rest of the game was at 7-4. After the time out, Seth Logan converted two free throws and Ja’Hion Bond hit a layup, cutting the margin to that amount with 4:51 left in the quarter. However, the Eagles finished the first quarter with a 8-2 run, capped by a Beil layup, giving the visitors a 15-6 lead entering the second quarter.

The lead grew to double-digits early in the second quarter when Matthew Wisniewski hit a putback hoop, making it a 17-7 lead. Lund hit another trey about a minute later and the Eagles led 20-7.

Bond hit a trey to cut the gap to 20-10, but the Eagles finished the half on a 9-2 run, taking a 29-12 lead into halftime.

In the second half, Beil went crazy, nailing eight field goals during the final 15 minutes. He hit four treys among those field goals and had 22 second-half points. Linden opened the second half with a Blake Lund three-pointer, followed by a steal and layup by Beil and a three-pointer by Beil. By that point, the Eagles already led 37-14.

“Toward the end in the third quarter, I knew I was on,” Beil said. “I made one three and kind of pulled up and I knew then.”

The Eagles’ defense was just as strong. Linden held the Tigers to just 10 field goals the entire game, as Fenton (3-1, 3-3) shot just 10-for-43. Meanwhile, the Eagles made a sizzling 17-of-32 in the second half with six of those hoops being three-pointers. The Eagles also forced 20 Fenton turnovers.

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Synopsis of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting February 22, 2021

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Saad
Present: Schmidt, Conner, James, Saad and Graves.
Absent: none
Approved: Minutes as printed of Regular Board Meeting January 25, 2021
Approved: Budget amendments.
Approved: Payment of expenditures.
Issued: 2 building Permits which totaled \$300.00.
Approved: Toshiba copier renewal terms.
Approved: Genesee County Act 342, Storm Water Management.
Approved: Clerk to obtain quotes for LAFF Pathway snow removal.

Adjourned: 8:01 p.m.

Submitted by Joseph Graves
Argentine Township Clerk

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Indoor gardening

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By Sharon Stone

For many, the spring-like temperatures and sunshine this week is a refreshing reminder that opportunities for all sorts of outdoor activities will soon be here. As daylight inches longer and longer, the thought of planning our gardens in Michigan can be exciting.

If you don't have the outdoor space to plant a full garden this spring, bring a small sized vegetable, flower and herb garden indoors.

According to an article in shape.com, growing your own plants can save you trips to the grocery store for fresh produce. For some who are spending more time at home because of the pandemic, an indoor garden including vegetables, herbs or flowers might be just be the healthy hobby you were looking for.

Studies have shown that gardening is linked to an increase in life satisfaction, psychological well-being, and cognitive function, as well as reductions in stress, anger, fatigue, and depression and anxiety symptoms, according to the article.

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POLICE & FIRE
REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

FENTON POLICE ARREST FLINT
MAN FOR FIRST-DEGREE RETAIL
FRAUD

Fenton police arrested a 45-year-old Flint man for first-degree retail fraud Wednesday, Feb. 24. Lt. Jeff Cross said a loss prevention employee at a home and garden store on Silver Parkway called Fenton police at 12:25 p.m., to alert them that a shopper was concealing battery

packs under his coat. The employee continued to observe the shopper while Fenton police responded quickly to the store parking lot. The suspect also placed several items in a shopping cart. As the man walked past the checkout, the employee confronted him. The suspect ran to a waiting car pushing aside his cart. Fenton police stopped the man. Police recovered more than \$1,000 worth of merchandise. The man was released pending issuance of an arrest warrant from the prosecutor's office.

RETAIL FRAUD SUSPECT FOUND
HIDING IN CAR BACK SEAT

At 12:39 p.m. on Feb. 17, Fenton

police responded to a home and garden store for a retail fraud in progress. A loss prevention employee told police that when confronted past the checkout, the retail fraud suspect fled in a car that was waiting for him. The vehicle traveled northbound on Silver Parkway. The license plate and description of the vehicle was provided to police. Thinking the suspect might be headed north, a responding Fenton police officer entered northbound U.S. 23 from Owen Road. The suspect's vehicle entered the highway from Silver Lake Road, right in front of the officer. A traffic stop was initiated and the officer spotted the suspect hiding in the back seat. The suspect, a 35-year-old Grand Blanc man, was arrested and later released pending the issuance of an arrest warrant. More than \$250 worth of stolen merchandise was recovered.

IDENTITY THEFT REPORTED IN
FENTON

Fenton police are investigating an identity theft complaint made by a Fenton resident. Lt. Jeff Cross said a Fenton woman reported that two separate employers of hers were alerted that someone filed for unemployment benefits using her personal information. The woman also was advised to contact the unemployment office.

FENTON POLICE ARREST HOLLY
WOMAN

At 2 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18, Fenton police initiated a traffic stop to a vehicle on Main Street, near Oak Street after observing the vehicle make a wide turn, hit a curb and cross the centerline. Contact was made with the driver, a 45-year-old Holly woman, who told police her license was suspended. A consent search of the vehicle resulted in police recovering a meth pipe, suspected heroin and fentanyl and other unidentified pills. She was transported to the police station for processing and then transported to the Genesee County Jail, where more drugs were recovered from her possession. Fenton police will seek charges after they get the lab analysis of the recovered drugs.

HOLLY POLICE ADVISE 11-YEAR-
OLD BOY AFTER HE SHOOTS
NERF DARTS AT RESIDENT'S
HOME

On Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 2:53 p.m., a Holly resident called to report a young boy was shooting Nerf style

darts at her living room window. The sound was loud and there were several impacts. She asked the boy to stop, but he threatened the homeowner and walked away. The officer searched the area and located an 11-year-old boy shooting a Nerf gun. As the officer approached him, the boy's grandmother exited a home to say she is caring for him. The boy admitted he was shooting the darts at the window and was advised by the officer to stay off private property and to not threaten adults when caught doing wrong.

PASSED OUT AT THE WHEEL

On Friday, Feb. 19, at 12:19 p.m., a Holly police officer assisted a Michigan State Police (MSP) unit with a suspected drunk driver who was passed out behind the wheel on Fish Lake Road. The driver of the vehicle was arrested for drunk driving and transported back to Holly police station for processing. The officer learned that the 48-year-old Holly man also had three open Holly police arrest warrants. Holly Police Chief Jerry Narsh said the man was extremely uncooperative with officers during booking and was transported to the Oakland County Jail for lodging.

HOLLY TOWNSHIP MAN
CRASHES INTO HOLLY POLICE
VEHICLE, FLEES SCENE

On Friday, Feb. 19, at 10:20 p.m., an on-duty Holly police officer was stopped at a red traffic light on westbound Grange Hall Road, at N. Saginaw Street. A driver of a vehicle that was northbound on Saginaw, made a wide right turn east onto Grange Hall Road, hitting the officer's patrol car head on. The officer exited his vehicle and spoke with the male driver and advised him to pull into a nearby driveway. Holly Police Chief Jerry Narsh said instead, the man continued eastbound on Grange Hall Road. Holly police officers pursued the man's vehicle and stopped him. It was determined the 66-year-old Holly Township man was intoxicated and he was placed under arrest. The driver was transported to Holly police station for processing and he became uncooperative with officers. The driver was lodged at the Oakland County Jail for leaving the scene of a traffic crash and drunk driving. His name has not been released because he has not yet been arraigned. The officer who was struck was checked out by medical staff for a minor injury, and he was cleared to return to duty.

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BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE
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MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The 2021 Rose Township Board of Review
will be held at the
Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan
on the following dates and times:

March 2, 2021 2:00 pm Organizational Meeting
Appointments will begin on:

Thursday, March 4, 2021 9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Monday, March 8, 2021 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Wednesday, March 10, 2021 9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT IN ADVANCE FOR THE BOARD OF
REVIEW, PLEASE CONTACT OAKLAND COUNTY EQUALIZATION DIVISION,
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APPEARANCES BEFORE THE BOARD OF REVIEW
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THAN 4:00 PM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021

All agents protesting values on property other than their own
MUST have written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend the meeting are asked to
contact the Rose Township Clerk (248) 634-8701 at least 72 hours prior to the
meeting.

Debbie Miller, MMC, MiPMC
Rose Township Clerk

INDOOR GARDENING

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An indoor garden also is a great learning experience for you and your kids. They will learn what it's like to dig in dirt, plant a seed or starter plant, provide it nourishment and water and to see it grow.

According to garden writer and indoor gardening expert Julie Bawden-Davis, founder of healthyhouseplants.com, a healthy indoor home garden requires proper watering, lighting, fertilizing, potting soil, humidity, staking, pruning and growing the best indoor plants.

Proper lighting is necessary for healthy plants. According to tips by

healthyhouseplants.com, unlike humans and animals, plants produce most of their own food. Light triggers and energizes the process of photosynthesis, a procedure that makes the carbohydrates that fuel plants. Without sufficient light, plants can't photosynthesize and instead use stored food to maintain growth. As the plant wears down its energy reserves, it cannibalizes itself, eventually starving to death. For the best results, use full-spectrum lighting for your indoor garden.

Look for sales on various sizes of gardening pots. Houseplants eventually become root-bound, requiring new potting soil and a larger container. Spring and fall are the ideal times to give them

a new home.

Most houseplants grow best in rich, well-drained soil. The best planting soil mix is porous for root aeration and drainage and able to retain moisture and nutrients, according to Bawden-Davis.

In general, houseplants require at least 45 percent humidity, so be sure to check the setting on your home's humidifier.

To properly water each plant, check with the directions for each variety of plant. You won't want to water too little or too much.

According to shape.com, before you dump some soil, seeds, and water in a pot and call it a day, you need to carefully plan out your indoor garden. Ask

yourself: "How much room do you have to garden indoors? Will you use artificial light to expand planting options? And what herbs and vegetables do you eat and use when preparing your meals?"

These questions will help you figure out which herbs and veggies, and how many of each, you're able to maintain in your growing conditions.

The best vegetable choices for indoor growing include leaf lettuce, spinach, arugula, and kale. These greens take around 45 days to reach maturity.

For indoor herb gardens, choose basil, chives, mint, oregano, parsley, sage, and thyme — flavor boosters that often thrive indoors.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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IF YOU DON'T think the government is responsible for gas prices, tell me why prices were up to \$4 - \$5 under Obama/Biden and explain to me how canceling the Keystone pipeline and cutting back on drilling in the USA helps to keep prices down?

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THE NORTH DAKOTA House of Representatives passed a bill on

Monday that would make future mask mandates illegal. Michigan legislators need to do this too. Masks should be optional. If you are more comfortable wearing one, then go ahead and wear it. Don't force the rest of us.

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BIDEN SAID HE put his money where his mouth is and is sending \$86 million to states that don't have enough masks. Not. He sent my hard-earned money to states that can't manage their own money. Shame on you.

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LAFF

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Owen Road, and Phase 4 will be a pathway on Fenton Road, connecting to the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park.

The railway project has received broad community support, but funding is the main issue.

The group attempted to fundraise by creating millages. In 2019, the group put on the May ballot a proposal in Linden, Fenton and Fenton Township that would create millages to pay for connecting pathways in these municipalities. All three failed.

The LAFF group hasn't stopped their efforts.

In June 2020, the Fenton City Council approved a resolution in support of applying for a grant to fund the development of the Silver Lake Road Connector Trail. The \$997,000 grant would come from the Michigan Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program, also called the MDOT

All municipalities involved have passes resolutions in support of pathways.

TAP Grant. This 2-mile non-motorized pathway would connect the pathway at the northwest corner of Arbor Drive and Silver Lake Road to the pathway along E. Broad Street, at Triangle Park, in Linden.

The Silver Lake Road Connector Trail has been identified as a Tier 1 Short Term Priority in the Genesee County Regional Non-Motorized long range transportation plan. Tier 1 projects are identified as having strong southern support and are the highest priority for development. The three municipalities, along with SLPR, have allocated \$15,000

to the project for matching funds, and LAFF Pathways have allocated \$48,000. The project has received approximately \$441,509 from the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission to be received in 2023.

More than \$1 million has been raised for the project through private funding and additional grants.

Find more information at laffpathways.com.

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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THE

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Is it an ocean?

Let's look for shells.

It's a smaller part of the ocean.

THEY WERE ON THE BEACH IN THE CARIBBEAN WHERE IT WAS EASY TO ---

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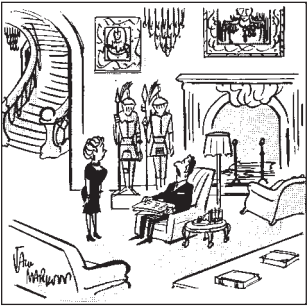
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Kids' Maze Solution



Weekend Scrambler

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!



Strike
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TODAY'S WORD

"Well, that harebrained Jones boy finally prevailed on a get-rich-quick scheme. He _____ with our daughter!"


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Weekend Sudoku

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

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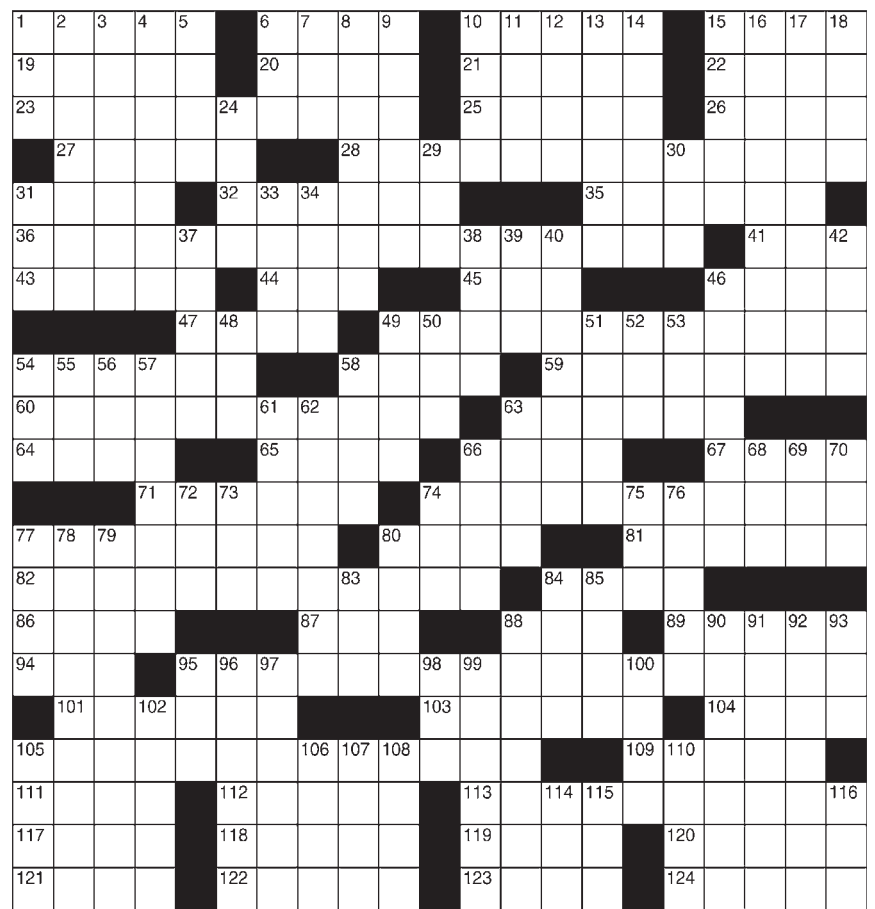
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Weekend Crossword

PUZZLE CLUE:
SUMMONING JEKYLL AND SEUSS

ACROSS

- 1 Stallion, e.g.
6 Saudi, e.g.
10 Floats gently
15 Livens (up)
19 Optic layers
20 Female adult
21 Accustom
22 Roman 951
23 Sweet capscicum variety
25 Bacon piece
26 Give kudos
27 Queen, in Spanish
28 Mickey & Sylvia hit of 1957
31 Don —
32 Suddenly become alert
35 Tetley pouch
36 Extremely scarce
41 President pro —
43 Brainy bunch
44 Bit of Vail gear
45 The "sum" of "Cogito, ergo sum"
46 Bona —
47 Christmas poem opener
49 Sinister powers
54 Wooed with tunes
- 58 Comic blows
59 Fragrant
60 Best Actress nominee for "Breaking the Waves"
63 Turn aside
64 Category
65 Hit, as a gnat
66 Place
67 Lure for fish
71 Deodorant target
74 Song from "Oklahoma!"
77 How fast a plane is flying
80 Govt. agent
81 Comic Gilda
82 Deep pessimism
84 Installed, as brick
86 Actor Ladd
87 Soft throw
88 Chum
89 Lhasa — (small dogs)
94 Visibly angry
95 Highly venomous cephalopod
101 Filled the fuel tank, with "up"
- 103 User of four-letter words
104 "— Smile Be Your Umbrella"
- 105 "Guys and Dolls" guy
109 Rockers Clapton and Burdon
111 Fitzgerald of jazz
112 Cliffside nest
113 What you do when you look at the ends of nine long answers in this puzzle
117 Regal Norse name
118 Adorn fussily
119 Morales in movies
120 Haggard of country
121 Where AT&T is "T"
122 Squiggly letters
123 Breeding 1-Across
124 Came — (Baja dish)
- 7 Drake's music
8 University in Nassau County
9 Mechanical way to learn
10 Prudent
11 Part of ABM
12 Animal coats
13 French for "sad"
14 Days of the week, e.g.
15 Campus workstation locale
16 Tending to radiate something
17 Provided juice for?
18 Pro or con
24 Give relief to
29 Composer Carl Maria — Weber
30 Cheer shout
31 Printer clog
33 Org. in "The Martian"
34 With 53-Down, requests
37 Broken-down
38 Knights, e.g.
39 Tic-toe link
40 Retired professors
42 Defrost
46 Was achy or regretful
- 48 "Holy cow!"
49 Hoof or paw
50 Totally dominate
51 Good craps roll
52 Keats work
53 See 34-Down
54 Place
55 Novelist Tan
56 Small bite
57 Comedic actor Jackie
58 H.S. junior's exam
61 It has fluttery leaves
62 Twirl, as one's thumbs
63 Naturalist Fossey
66 Con game
68 "Anthem" writer Rand
69 Suffix with hero
70 The Raptors, on NBA schedules
72 Engine stat
73 "— culpa"
74 "I think," in texts
75 Half of hexa-
76 Anwar of Egypt
77 Culture base
78 In a criminal way
79 Book full of street maps
- 80 Desert in Mongolia
83 Palme —
84 Sonny boys
85 Balm plant
88 Most cheeky
90 Maintains order over
91 Prisms' color bands
92 Was a better peddler than
93 Org. issuing nine-digit IDs
95 Youth org. with troops
96 Delaware Valley tribe
97 Cows' milk deliverers
98 Pvt.'s superior
99 False appearances
100 Street — (urban acceptance)
102 Cut off stubble
105 An inert gas
106 Certain dwarf planet
107 Clock info
108 Gym lifter's units
110 Tomato variety
114 Water, in Nantes
115 Give relief to
116 Irish actor Stephen



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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

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

MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:
BUILD, COMIC, FALLEN, RADIUS
Answer: When the Jumble creators realized they'd forgotten to make a puzzle, they — **SCRAMBLED**

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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

WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:
COLLIDE, PROFESS, CERTIFY, PRECISE
Answer: **ELOPED**

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 24 min.

DAD	AVER	SALT
AGO	VISA	OVER
LOU	ANCHOR	AGE
EGRET	SIR	
	LAMA	LENT
SUFFR	AGE	LOAN
CGI	SCALD	RNC
ALBS	STEER	AGE
TASTY	EVAN	
	ROB	RANCH
ENCOURAGE	OOO	
GEEK	INNS	OWL
GALE	TOUT	KLM



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WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

HORSE	ARAB	WAFIS	PEPS
UVEAS	LADY	INURE	CMLI
BELL	PEPPER	STRIP	LAUD
REINA	LOVE	IS	STRANGE
JUAN	SNAP	TO	TEABAG
ASRA	REASHEN	STEETH	TEM
MENSA	SKI	IAM	FIDE
	TWAS	FORCES	OF EVIL
SANG	TO	POWS	REDOLENT
EMILY	WATSON	DIVERT	
TYPE	SWAT	SITE	BAIT
	ARMPIT	ICAINT	SAYNO
AIRS	SPEED	GMAN	RADNER
GLOOM	AND	DOOM	LAI
ALAN	LOB	PAL	APSO
RED	BLUER	INGE	DOCTOPUS
GASSED	CURSER	LETA	
NATHAN	DETROIT	ERIC	S
ELLA	AERIE	SEE	ADOCTOR
OLAV	PRIMP	ESAI	MERLE
NYSE	ESSES	STUD	ASADA

WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

K	F	U	G	R	S	R	W	P	Z	R	Z	O	S	R	H	M	P	C	I
V	O	L	Z	D	O	K	H	K	H	I	E	R	V	Z	A	D	U	R	
T	F	F	R	K	Y	C	E	W	S	N	E	Z	N	F	H	R	R	U	C
D	F	L	E	L	P	L	P	L	U	P	P	D	V	S	S	U	G	T	S
S	E	I	N	E	O	V	S	P	A	G	I	N	A	H	I	C	T	K	
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Obituaries

Times

Albert Tremblay

Albert Tremblay - age 91, died February 23, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Dorothy Wheeler

Dorothy Wheeler - age 95, died February 23, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



George Rizk

George Rizk - age 81, died February 19, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Hubert Carlson

Hubert Carlson - age 87, died February 23, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Jerry Mathews

Jerry Mathews - age 65, died February 24, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Nancy Matson

Nancy Matson - age 86, died February 20, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Christopher Toot

1960 – 2021



Christopher Toot – age 60 of Linden, passed away peacefully Wednesday, February, 17, 2021. Preceded in death by father Charles Toot. Survived by mother, Jane Toot; sister, Martha Spencer of MD; and nephews, Zach and Lucas. As a graduate of University of Michigan and DePaul University College of Law in Chicago, Chris was known for his research and writing skills as well as his quick wit and humor. While Chris demonstrated his skill in law, Chris realized quickly that big city life wasn't for him and instead decided to pursue a career that would engage him on an analytical, physical and personal level. Chris returned to Michigan and found his true calling as a firefighter with the Fenton Township Fire Department. Over his 20-year career with the Fire Department, Chris obtained his Officer 1, 2 and 3 certifications. He became a certified Emergency Medical Technician, Fire Inspector and Hazmat Technician, and was certified by Michigan Urban Search and Rescue. Chris rose through the ranks at the Fire Department, starting as a firefighter and earning the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Battalion Chief, and Deputy Chief. He was a member of the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs and the International Association of Fire Chiefs. He truly enjoyed helping people and giving back to his community. After

20 years of service, Chris retired from the fire service in 2017. Chris was always proud to represent the Department wherever he went. At the same time that Chris was fighting fires and rolling on rescue calls on nights and weekends, he was working as a lineman for AT&T. The job of a lineman had a few elements that really appealed to Chris – it allowed him to work independently and it gave him plenty of physical activity. He worked out of the Holly garage for a period and out of the Flint garage, putting in 20 years of rugged service. He went to great heights (literally) to keep a lot of people connected. In honor of Chris's dedication to the Fenton Township Fire Department and to continue Chris's commitment to giving back to his community, his family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made in Chris' name to: Fenton Township Fire Department Smoke Detector/Carbon Monoxide Detector Fund 12060 Mantawauka Drive Fenton, MI 48430. Chris will be missed by family, friends and the countless people he supported who never knew his name. His fire department colleagues said it best; "Rest easy, Chief, we've got it from here." Memorial service date/time to be announced at a later date. Please view and sign family guest book at www.beallfuneral.com.

Orest "Bo" Chlan

Orest "Bo" Chlan - age 88, died February 24, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Richard Brown

Richard Brown - age 71, died February 24, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Hazel Miller

Hazel Miller - age 90, died February 25, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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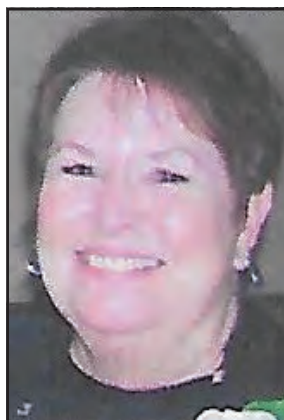
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Diane Elaine Barden

1942 - 2021

Diane Elaine Barden – age 79 of Grand Blanc, died Monday, February 22, 2021. Born February 7, 1942 in Flint, Diane was the daughter of Milton and Mable (Duckering) Bobier. A 1960 graduate of Fenton High School, she also attended Western Michigan University, Michigan State University and Detroit College of Business. Diane retired from Fenton Community Schools in 1994 after 19 years as a Library Clerk/Media Technician at Tomek-Eastern Elementary, where she coordinated several special reading programs. She continued to share her passion for books and literature with others while working at St. Ignace Public Library, Borders Books in both Flint, and Tucson, AZ and at Grand Blanc-McFarlen Library. Diane



taught Sunday School at St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Fenton, was a Girl Scout Leader for many years, and a member of the Zeta Child Study Club, the Captain Phogg Balloon Quest Crew and the Special Kids, Inc. board of directors. Surviving are daughters, Sherron (Vince

Lorraine) Barden of Fenton, and Lisa (Jeff) Armbruster of Phoenix, AZ; granddaughter, Courtney Lorraine of Fenton; brother, Lawrence (Ping Chu) Bobier of Virginia. Diane was preceded in death by her parents. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Those desiring may make contributions to the National Kidney Foundation. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Richard Mulnix III

Richard Mulnix III - age 70, died February 17, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Tricia Rose

Dowless Tricia Rose Dowless - age 30, and her infant daughter Mia Reign Dowless passed away February 20, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



William Jentzen

William Jentzen - age 76, died February 21, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Jeffrey Michael Monetta

1954 - 2021

Jeffrey Michael Monetta – age 66 of Fenton, formerly of Flint and Claremont, NH, passed away Saturday, February 6, 2021 in Grand Blanc, surrounded by his loving family. Jeffrey was born in Milford, DE on June 12, 1954, oldest son of Rocco and Betty Monetta. He married



show company, was one of his proudest accomplishments. Jeff will be forever missed, but will continue to live on through his wife, Karen; two daughters, Jamie (Andrew) Atherton of Swartz Creek and Jeanne (Barry) Henry of Davison; two "sons," Nicholas Pitts of Flint and Layne (Rose)

Karen (Sordyl) Pitts on January 7, 1995 and was a devoted husband, father, and Papa. Jeff loved spending time with his family and many special friends. He enjoyed wood-working, home improvement projects, being out on his pontoon, storytelling and he was blessed to attend as many grandchildren's events as humanly possible. He was born with Boston Red Sox blood and continued to love the sport of baseball. Jeff retired from General Motors after 30 plus years, working in various production areas, and as an experimental assembler in the Flint and surrounding areas. He worked at Apple-gate Chevrolet as a salesman on and off throughout his career at GM. He was known to many as the "picnic table man," building them throughout the years, enjoying his wood-working skills. Owning and operating Five Star Productions, a long running computer trade

Pitts of Fenton; ten grandchildren, Andrew "Drew" Atherton, Victoria "Tori" Pitts, Kelsie Atherton, Lauryn Henry, Ava Pitts, Luke Atherton, Kamryn Atherton, Rocco Henry, Percival "Percy" Pitts, and Templeton Pitts; two sisters, Ann (Alan) Rozwadowski of Hooksett, NH, and Lynn (William) Rodeschin of Lempster, NH; one brother, John Monetta of Claremont, NH; bonus family, Andy, Michelle and Vegas Wernette; special relatives; neighbors; and friends who are all "family" and hold a special place in his heart. He is preceded in death by both parents, Rocco and Betty Monetta; and mother in law, Phyllis Sordyl. Cremation and a private family service have taken place. A celebration of Jeff's life will be held on his birthday June 12, 2021 at 2 PM from Jansen Family Funeral Home - Columbiaville, where family and friends may visit 1 PM till time of service. www.jansentfuneralhome.com.

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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 REQUIRED 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.

Karin S. Winchester, Clerk

HOLLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES FEBRUARY 17, 2021 REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

Approved: Employee Policies and Procedures – Proposed Resolution 2021-01.
Approved: Fingerprinting Service Contract.
No Action: 2021 Gravel Program.
Approved: HVAC Maintenance Proposals – Staley's Heating and Air Conditioning.

2020-2021 Holly Area Youth Assistance Contract.
2021 CDBG Application – Proposed Resolution 2021 – 02.
Poverty Exemption Guidelines – Proposed Resolution 2021-03.

Karin S. Winchester, MMC
Holly Township Clerk

George A. Kullis
Holly Township Supervisor

PUBLIC NOTICE – PUBLIC HEARING GROVELAND TOWNSHIP ATTENTION RESIDENTS MARCH 8, 2021 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING FY 2021-2022

The Groveland Township Budget Public Hearing will be held during the Regular Meeting of the Groveland Township Board on March 8, 2021 at 7pm by electronic remote access. Electronic remote access, in accordance with Michigan law, will be implemented in response to COVID-19 social distancing requirements and limitations on the number of individuals in an indoor public gathering.

The public may participate in the Township Board Meeting and the Budget Public Hearing through electronic remote access via Zoom access by computer, smart phone/device using the following link:

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The Groveland Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed operating budget(s) for the Township General Fund, Building Fund and Fire Department Operating Fund for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. A copy of the proposed budget(s) is available for public inspection at the township office or by contacting the clerk.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied To support the proposed budget(s) will be a Subject of this public hearing (MCL 141.412) .9557 Mill Township Operations 3.5 Mills Fire Department Operations

Groveland Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 6 days, notice. Contact the Clerk's office by writing or calling to the address and phone number listed, below, in this notice.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA42 of 1995, MCL 211.24e (2) (3) by complying with Section 16 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (MCL 141.436), MCL and Americans with Disabilities (ADA).

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