'Barely detectable' level of PFAS found in drinking water

Fenton Citv. county and state to investigate source of compound and ways to eliminate it **By Sharon Stone**

The city of Fenton is doing its own investigation, in addition to Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and the Genesee County Health Department (GCHD), after a trace amount of a single PFAS

compound was detected during a routine test in January of the city's water supply.

Fenton City Council approved a contract April 12 with Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions Inc. for an amount not to exceed

\$9,120 to conduct the preliminary investigation in an attempt to find the source of the PFAS (see sidebar).

Stephen Guy, water treatment superintendent, and Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland both said they want the residents of Fenton to know that the city is going above and beyond what is required to determine and eliminate the source of the PFAS that was detected from the January water sample.

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\$1.00



Fenton area mourns death of local icon

■Robert Harris Sr.. beloved by community. dies at age of 97

By Sharon Stone

The Fenton area lost a local icon



Wednesday, April 21 with the death of Robert G. Harris Sr. He was 97 years old.

Harris, a lifelong resident of Fenton,

Robert G. Harris Sr. had authored seven books on Fenton's history. He also wrote the novel,

"Many Come, Few Are Chosen," about the U.S. Marines.

See MOURNS on 34

It's orange cone season in the city



Employees with Doan Construction work along Shiawassee Avenue in Fenton on Thursday, April 22. The company is working on the sidewalks, curbs and approaches. This is one of numerous construction projects going on in the city. See story on Page 12. Photo: Hannah Ball



G am sorry to the driver turning right onto Poplar from North Road. I'm still learning and I honestly thought I had a

protected left turn. I am grateful you are such an observant and patient driver."



For the record, the snow we had on Wednesday was

because my neighbor jinxed us by cutting his lawn in early April. I warned him; I said, 'Don't do it Dan.'



ate it."

C Thank you to the gentleman in the red pickup truck who paid it forward for my latte at Tim's on Saturday. I greatly appreci-



Results of Fenton's eGift Card Program ■One third of program

funds spent at one business

By Hannah Ball

Almost 10,000 eGift cards were purchased through the "Fenton Community Dollars eGift Card" program meant to help local businesses survive during the pandemic. See EGIFT CARD on 40

L The outpouring of support to businesses has been overwhelming. 77

Michael Hart Fenton assistant city manager, Downtown Development Authority executive director

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• Village of Holly offices: (248) 634-9571 Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

 Village of Holly Department of Public Works: (248) 634-2202, Monday - Thursday 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (after hours DPW emergencies call Dispatch at (248) 858-4911)
Village of Holly Fire Department

Administrative Office: (248) 531-6010

For services in the other listed townships, call your township office for the correct telephone numbers.

Who do you call?

Holly area residents reminded to call appropriate police agency for non-emergency situations

To help eliminate confusion and ensure a faster police response, Holly Village asks residents of the Holly community to read and know the correct phone numbers to call to have an officer from the correct police department respond to a non-emergency call to your location.

Always call 911 for emergency police, fire department and medical transport needs. When you call 911, the dispatch center gets data from your phone on your location at the time of the call and is able to send the correct police or emergency medical / fire departments.

Holly Police Chief Jerry Narsh said most folks will say they live in Holly, and may have a Holly mailing address.

Keep in mind that the Holly Police Department only serves the village of Holly residents and businesses and is funded by the taxpayers of the village of Holly.

Other Holly "mail" addressed communities are from different villages or townships and have a different police agency. Therefore, it is vital to be aware of the specific community you live in or are calling from for a non-emergency police response.

To have an officer respond to a nonemergency call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, you must call the following numbers based on where you are calling from; **1. Village of Holly:** The Holly police department is dispatched by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, Dispatch Center at (248) 858-4911

2. Township of Holly: Your police agency is the Michigan State Police. Dispatch Center is (313) 237-2450.

3. Rose Township: Your police agency is the Michigan State Police. Dispatch Center is (313) 237-2450

4. Groveland Township: Your police agency is the Michigan State Police. Dispatch Center is (313) 237-2450

5. Springfield Township and Davisburg: Your police agency is the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, Dispatch Center is (248) 858-4911.

To speak with Holly Village Police Department staff including individual officers, clerical, records or command personnel call the Holly police Department direct at (248) 634-8221 from Monday – Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. After hours, a recording will direct you to the person you wish to leave a message. (They cannot dispatch an officer to a location by calling this number)

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Our therapy dogs

A message from the superintendent

wo years ago, State Road Elementary and Tomek-Eastern Elementary added therapy dogs to their team. Buddy and Charlie have been wonderful additions to each school helping both students and staff cope with the stresses of everyday life. The research behind therapy pets points to many tangible and intangible benefits as they as-

sist in alleviating stress and anxiety that many of our students experience, especially during this pandemic. Taking the lead from our first two Paw Patrol team members, Fenton High School has now adopted three dogs, one of whom will be splitting time at both the high school and AGS Middle School.

Sunny, our golden retriever, has been on duty all year. Simon and Bella are currently in training and will join the Paw Patrol in the fall. The opportunity to walk through our halls and see Sunny at work is a rewarding experience. Witnessing Sunny's positive impact on students serves as a reminder as to why it is important to make sure our students (and staff) have a support system available that includes therapy dogs.

When students were asked what it is

Adam Hartley Fenton Area Public Schools superintendent about Sunny that makes him important, one student said, "Sunny has positively impacted me in many ways. School can be rough but when I see Sunny's smile, and yes he has a smile, it puts a big smile on my face (under my mask). Petting him in the hallway is like therapy to the touch, I couldn't get through this crazy year without that golden ray of sunshine." Another student

answered, "This year has been stressful, but seeing Sunny and doing yoga every Wednesday brightens my day and has positively impacted me."

Our Paw Patrol is growing and has

been made possible by our amazing community partners. Sovita Credit Union, The State Bank and LaFontaine Auto have all been wonderful partners in helping to sponsor Sunny and build our Paw Patrol. We are currently looking for community sponsorships for Simon and Bella. If you are interested in having your business or organization be a community partner, please contact lgrady@fentonschools. org or tschroeder@fentonschoosl.org.

Building a strong sense of community is the key to a successful school district. Sunny, Simon and Bella are helping our students experience learning in a safe and positive environment.



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

What's one lesson you want to pass on to your child and grandchildren? | Streettalk



"That my and other opinions are only that, opinions. If you'd like 'the Gospel Truth', 'know' the Sermon on the Mount more than anything else, Matt 5, 6, 7."

"Always be kind, you never know what someone is going through, and your kindness could have a positive impact on their life."



"To never judge a book by its cover. Be kind, treat people how you would like to be treated."



"Always respect your elders, smile at someone, hold open doors and never forget you are the child of Jesus."

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Submit Hot lines online at myfenton.cor or text to 810-771-8398

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I WOULD LIKE to recognize O'Reilly Auto Parts in Holly as a good corporate citizen. While many places say they will take used oil on their web pages, in fact they will not. Thank you O'Reilly Auto Parts for taking my used oil.

I WOULD LIKE to know the net worth and number of terms of each member of Congress. I bet there is an amazing rise after so many years. To me, that spells corruption, corruption with a capitol C. Remember they make a salary of \$175,000 a year.

WOW, FINALLY GOT around to watching the documentary on White Boy Rick from Detroit. He was so screwed by the corrupt police department of that time, as well as the elected officials. His whole life was ruined.

WHEN ARE SOME of the normal, moderate Democrats going to start criticizing some of the crazy, racist, appalling things being said and done by the top Democrats in DC?

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

I'D LIKE TO thank Bottoms Up food and spirits in Holly for their continued sponsorship of our senior citizens softball team. It's been a very difficult year for the restaurant industry and yet Bottoms Up has given support to senior citizens in enjoying our final years.

IT'S SAD. THE Times used to practice true journalism. Now it's just another liberal rag.

THE STATE OF mockingbird media today is to report whatever 'facts' that fit the writer's political agenda. I'm so glad that our TCTimes reporters let unbiased facts dictate content.



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A message from the Flint Institute of Arts' Executive Director, John Henry

seum in the state of Michigan and the fourth largest museum art school in the country. But more than that, it is your museum.

For more than 90 years, the Flint Institute of Arts has been committed to making art available, approachable, and accessible to all. This is accomplished through a broad range of exhibitions, programs, and events designed to provide ways to enjoy artwork in the galleries and art studios.

The FIA presents educational programs including lectures and community dialogues, art classes, educator workshops, and studio demonstrations for participants ranging in age from toddlers to senior citizens; and more than 45 curriculum-based PreK-12 and homeschool programs serving more than 30,000 children each year. Films shown in the 330-

college students, and senior citizens. students. Printed exhibition and collection catalogs, gallery guides, school brochures, audio guide entries, and online resources are provided to inform and enhance educational opportunities for the broadest possible audience. FIA began providing live virtual lectures, a weekly email newsletter FIA @ Home, virtual films, and virtual puzzles for online visitors to enjoy.

educational enlightenment through formal studio instruction in drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, mixed media, printmaking, ceramics, fiber, glass blowing, and flameworkcamps for youth, free family activities, for all Genesee County Residents.

The FIA is the second largest mu- seat FIA theater are selected to appeal and a pre-college portfolio developto three distinct audiences: adults, ment program for gifted high school

> Visitors come to the FIA for many reasons: fun, relaxation, socialization, reflection, and intellectual stimulation. Through the Genesee County Arts Education and Cultural Enrichment Millage, residents of Genesee County With the onset of COVID-19, the have the opportunity to visit free of charge and see first-hand what makes it so special, including the opportunity to view free glass blowing demonstrations every Saturday and Sunday. The Flint The Art School runs at full capacity Institute of Arts isn't just any museum, seven days a week and is dedicated to it's your museum and we can't wait to welcome you.

> > To learn more about the FIA visit flintarts.org or call 810.234.1695.

The FIA is open Monday - Saturday from 10 AM – 5 PM and Sunday ing. The school also provides summer from 1 PM - 5 PM. Admission is free



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Ribbon cutting in Fenton



Kali Trombley, Justin Trombley and their daughter, Sloane, 5, celebrate the ribbon-cutting ceremony for their new business Community by Fuel Up Fresh off Silver Lake Road on Monday, April 19. They were joined by friends, family and members of the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce. **Photo: Hannah Ball**



Lake Fenton schools requests parcel split, rezoning

Property includes bus garage; request due to state environment requirements

By Hannah Ball

On Monday, April 19, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees held the first reading for a request to split and rezone a parcel owned by Lake Fenton Community Schools to satisfy state requirements in regards to soil and underground storage tanks.

The Fenton Township Planning Commission approved the request.

The applicant, which is LFCS, requested to split the parcel, which includes the bus garage, from the main area and rezone the land. The parcel number is No. 06-02- 300-047 at 11425 Torrey Road, and it's 1.43 acres.

It's a conditional rezoning from R-4, Single Family Residential to C-1 Local Business to satisfy requirements by the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE). Underground storage tanks were removed from the area in 1998, according to the application, but the affected soil was not.

Michael Deem, zoning administrator, said if the zoning was residential, the school would have to remove the soil.

"The change from a residential to commercial zoning will allow LFCS to leave the soil impacted by this release in place saving the district much needed funds without putting human health, safety, and the environment at additional risk," according to Nicholas Marcelletti, senior geologist of Arch Environmental Group.

It will require a restrictive covenant be attached to the land deed for the new parcel to limit the uses of the property. As long as the school maintains commercial zoning, LFCS cannot sell nor lease the property to another entity for commercial purposes.

Treasurer John Tucker, who's also on the Planning Commission, said it would cost the school district more to replace the soil. With the rezoning, they can install an asphalt cover and continue using it as is.

The conditions include:

1. No groundwater shall be used for the new parcel.

2. The asphalt parking lot shall be maintained in good condition in the area of impacted soil and/or ground-water impacted by Releases No. C-0843-96 and C-0667-98. 3. Construction of a new building or the expansion of an existing building would not be allowed in the area of impacted soil.

4. The property will remain in the ownership of LFCS and to be used by LFCS and/or its subcontractors.

The second reading and vote is expected to take place at the next Fenton Township Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, May 3.

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Anyone in need of food can stop by the Holly Police Department 24/7 and select any food items they might need. The police station is at 315 S. Broad St., Holly.

Food pantry now open at police station

Holly Police Department sets up 24/7 pantry in lobby for anyone who needs food

By Sharon Stone

The Holly Police Department wants to let residents know that its public food pantry is open.

The police department has formed a partnership with the First Baptist Church of Holly, which has been receiving regular Forgotten Harvest food deliveries for more than a year.

Police staff distribute food to multiple families and locations where they know not everyone can get to a drop-off location. As a result of this, they often have extra highquality food left over.

Holly police officer Bob Goeder-

tier suggested the police department find a refrigerator and shelving to create an open pantry at the police station.

Anyone from anywhere who has a need is welcome to come by, night or day, 24/7 to select any and all food items that they need. No questions will be asked.

The police department will keep the pantry stocked when deliveries are made. All refrigerated food is sealed and in its original container.

The pantry is located just inside the police department's front lobby, which is always open.

Police want the residents to know that if anyone has a need, this pantry is for them and their family.

The Holly Police Department is at 315 S. Broad St., Holly.



Do you have arsenic in your well water?

Fenton Township residents advised to test water supplied by their private wells

Concerns have been raised in recent years regarding the presence of arsenic in our groundwater.

Arsenic is a common, naturally occurring element in the Earth's crust, which comes in two forms: organic and inorganic. Organic arsenic is not found in groundwater, however, elevated levels of inorganic arsenic, (the more harmful form to humans), have been found in the groundwater in some wells throughout Michigan, including Fenton Township.

Arsenic is a regulated component in public water systems, (including schools), and privately owned community well systems. Historically, these public and community water supplies were required to have arsenic concentrations below 50 parts per billion (ppb); that level has now been reduced to 10 ppb as of 2006.

There are no regulatory requirements

regarding arsenic levels in private wells and most standard water tests, even those for new wells, do not test for arsenic. If your well water does contain elevated levels of arsenic, there are treatment devices available, such as reverse osmosis systems, which have been shown to be effective in lowering arsenic levels. These units can be purchased from various water treatment establishments.

Fenton Township recommends that its residents know the arsenic concentration in their drinking water, and share this information with their family physician.

Water samples can be sent to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to be tested for arsenic. There is an \$18 fee for the arsenic test. Water sample bottles and the necessary forms are available at the Fenton Township office and the Genesee County Health Department.

For more information, can contact the Genesee County Health Department at (810) 257-3603 or the MDEQ at 1-800-648-6942.



Zoning for 110-acre property on Linden and Lahring roads likely to change

Fenton Township board to vote on zoning request from PUD to agriculture

By Hannah Ball

At the Monday, April 19 meeting, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees held the first reading of an ordinance that would rezone property at the southeast corner of Linden and Lahring roads from planned unit development (PUD) to agriculture (AG).

The applicant, Empyrean Group, LLC, plans to create six five-acre properties along Lahring Road, with one along Linden Road, under the Land Division Act. The remainder of the property would remain undeveloped.

The 110-acre property was rezoned to PUD from AG in 2001 for a subdivision, said Michael Deem, zoning administrator. The PUD was never acted upon and a subdivision was never built. This change would return it to its original zoning, which is consistent with the Fenton Township zoning map. The Fenton Township Planning Commission recommended approval.

"The intent of this Future Land Use District is to provide denser housing options and closer proximity to essential services. This area was classified as Medium Density Residential due to the PUD regulations. The area to the north and west are classified as low density residential," according to the application.

The minimum lot size for an AG property is 2.0 acres, and the proposed lot splits under the Land Division Act would meet the requirement. The rezoning allows owners and those living on those properties to keep animals that would otherwise not be allowed in the R-3 zoning district.

Fenton Township's master plan and protecting agricultural land

According to the master plan, residents support protecting agricultural land, and other parts of the plan expand on it further:

"Much of the Township's land is well-suited to agriculture. The



The owner of the 110-acre parcel at the southeast corner of Linden and Lahring roads in Fenton Township is seeking to have the property rezoned from planned unit development to agriculture. characteristics that define this, such as well-drained soils and fairly level topography, are also characteristics that are well-suited to development, particularly residential. This creates an inherent land use tension. Because agriculturally capable soils are a one-time, finite resource deposited in select areas of the globe, it is a serious responsibility of land use planners to consider its conservation carefully — once agricultural land has undergone development, it cannot easily be retrieved."

"If it remains important for the Township to remain rural as was stated by community members, then more deliberation action should be taken to preserve this tie to the land to balance its rural character with residential growth."

Monday was the first reading of the ordinance. Supervisor Vince Lorraine said they expect to vote on it at the next meeting.





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HOLLY MAN ARRESTED FOR DOMESTIC ASSAULT

On Monday, April 12, at 2:52 a.m., Holly police officers were dispatched to a report of a domestic assault in progress at a residence. The victim called police to report that her bovfriend had been drinking and had become violent toward her. Upon arrival, officers discovered that the boyfriend had destroyed her laptop computer. The victim is pregnant and the male threw beer cans at ther abdomen. The 34-yearold Holly man was arrested for domestic assault and lodged at the Oakland County jail pending issuing charges and arraignment. The victim was checked by medical personnel and found to be uninjured.

CRASH REVEALS DRIVER HAD USED HEROIN, HOLLY POLICE HELP HIM GET ADDICTION ASSISTANCE

On Monday, April 12, at 11:08 a.m., a Grange Hall Road resident called Holly police to report that a male driver had veered off the road and struck her husband's parked car that was in their driveway. When the officer arrived, he determined the driver seemed under the influence of some type of drug. Through questioning and investigation, it was determined the driver had recently used heroin. The 26-year-old Holly man was arrested for OUID and transported to Holly police station for booking and drug testing. A tourniquet, used needles and other drug use paraphernalia were recovered. The man was released pending arraignment after the officer spent time providing the man with information to help fight his addiction.

HOLLY POLICE ARRANGE MENTAL HEALTH CHECK FOR 65-YEAR-OLD MAN WHO GAVE POT TO YOUTH

On Monday, April 12, at 6:50 p.m., Holly police officers were dispatched to a residence where a 65-year-old man had offered marijuana to a 12-year-old girl. Officers spoke with the man who stated he thought she was 18 years old. In speaking with the man and his wife, it was apparent that there had been a recent change in the man's mental ability with an increase in erratic behavior. Officers requested a Holly Village Fire Department ambulance for a transport to a hospital for a mental health evaluation.

HOLLY POLICE CALM DRUNK WOMAN, TRANSPORT HER TO HELP CENTER

On Tuesday, April 13, at 7:07 p.m., Holly police were dispatched to a residence to assist family members who were trying to prevent an intoxicated female who was trying to drive. The officers arrived and were able to calm the woman, help her to identify her addiction. The woman agreed to help with alcoholism, and was transported to a help center by an officer.

SPEEDER ARRESTED FOR OWI IN HOLLY

On Wednesday, April 14, at 12:13 a.m., a Holly police officer on routine patrol tracked a vehicle southbound on S. Saginaw Street well above the posted speed limit. The vehicle was stopped for speeding but the officer recognized signs of alcohol intoxication. The driver failed roadside sobriety tests and was found to be twice the legal limit to drive. The 33-year-old Holly man was arrested for drunk driving and transported to Holly police station for processing.

HOLLY MAN ARRESTED FOR DRIVING WITH NO LICENSE

On Wednesday, April 14, at 2:37 a.m., a Holly police officer stopped a vehicle on Oakland at Saginaw streets for a traffic violation. The officer asked for the man's driver's license and he said he didn't have one. The driver became uncooperative and refused to exit the vehicle. The officer verbally talked the man into cooperating. The driver was found to have a suspended license. The 32-year-old Holly man was arrested and charged with driving on a suspended driver's license.

HOLLY POLICE LOCATE RUNAWAY

On Friday, April 16, at 4:03 p.m., Holly police were advised by a caller that a 14-year-old female was upset and left her home in Rose Township walking the railroad tracks, possibly in the direction of Holly Village. Michigan State Police were notified to take the report, and began searching for the girl along with Holly officers. Holly police officers located the girl at Crapo Park and detained her until MSP troopers arrived and took custody of the girl and returned her to her family.

FENTON POLICE SEEK SUSPECTS IN MDOP

At 10:30 p.m. on Friday, April 9, Fenton police responded to Planet Fitness parking lot on Owen Road to investigate a malicious destruction of property (MDOP) complaint. The victim said a vehicle, possibly a silver Equinox, with a female and a male with longer hair inside, parked next to their vehicle. The victim said words were exchanged between the occupants of each vehicle. The victim and the other occupants of the car went into the gym to work out. When they returned to their vehicle, they noticed that the front windshield of their vehicle was smashed and a food product was poured on the windshield. Is is unknown if the people in the car next to them were involved. Police are seeking any leads on this and are reviewing surveillance videos from nearby businesses. If anyone has information, they are asked to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

NON-FATAL SHOOTING IN HOLLY TOWNSHIP

Michigan State Police Metro North Post troopers responded to a nonfatal shooting Monday, April 12 at approximately 10:30 p.m. Troopers were dispatched to the 11000 block of Dixie Highway in Holly Township. Preliminary investigation has revealed that the homeowner provided his address to a friend who arrived at his home intoxicated. Later in the evening, an argument occurred on the back porch of the home after the visitor was asked to leave. During the argument, the visitor pulled a knife and went toward the homeowner who was in possession of a registered pistol at the time. The homeowner fired one round, striking the visitor. Both of the involved parties called 911. The male visitor was transported to a local hospital for his wounds. The homeowner, a CPL holder, was not hurt. A records check of the visitor revealed a felony warrant for OWI third offense and an aggravated domestic violence warrant. He was turned over to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. The investigation is continuing and the finished packet will be turned over to the prosecutor's office for review.



Fenton's ongoing and future road projects

■MDOT to repair multiple bridges; city applies for federal funds for busy streets

By Hannah Ball

Motorists in Fenton have to navigate numerous ongoing road construction projects as they drive through the city.

These are the ongoing projects:

Owen Road bridge

The Michigan Department of Public Transportation (MDOT) is doing repair work on the Owen Road bridge. Workers are replacing the barriers on the outside of the bridge, doing repair work on some of the steel beams underneath, doing deck replacements, repairing the joints on top and more.

They also will complete an epoxy flood coating on the whole surface of the bridge in the summer of 2022.

After the Owen Road bridge is done, MDOT will begin work on the Silver Lake Road overpass. MDOT also plans to complete maintenance on the Thompson Road bridge, Torrey Road bridge, Lahring Road bridge and approximately a dozen other ter repairs, street drain repairs and bridges in Genesee County as part of a \$12.3-million investment.

Shiawassee Avenue

In January, Consumers Energy completed a gas main replacement along and crossing Shiawassee Avenue from Rounds Drive to Adelaide Street. With work completed, the city of Fenton resumed the resurfacing project from Bent Oak to Adelaide, which will be paved. The project includes curb and gutcrosswalk improvements.

Work began Monday, April 12 and is expected to be completed by late May. Weather conditions may affect the work schedule.

During construction, traffic is one-way eastbound from Bent Oak to Adelaide. The detour for westbound traffic is Adelaide north to Silver Lake Road west to Fenway Drive to Owen Road.

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NOTICE OF HYDRANT FLUSHING **CITY OF LINDEN**

City of Linden residents are advised to check their water before using for laundry, etc. on Monday, May 3, 2021 through Saturday, May 8, 2021. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

THE LINDEN DPW WILL BE FLUSHING HYDRANTS ON THESE DAYS.

Scott Fairbanks.

Public Works Department

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON PUBLIC NOTICE OF ADOPTED & PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

At their meeting of April 19, 2021, the Fenton Township Board took the following actions regarding ordinances:

- 1. Adopted Ordinance No. 822, an amendment to the Land Division Ordinance to clarify language regarding calculation of the depth-to-width ratio.
- Introduced a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to conditionally 2. rezone part of parcel 06-02-300-047, (11425 Torrey Road), from R-4 to C-1.
- 3. Introduced a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to rezone parcel 06-17-100-008, (SE corner of Lahring/Linden Roads), from PUD to AG.

The second reading and a vote on the adoption of the proposed rezoning ordinances will be conducted at the May 3, 2021 Fenton Township Board meeting.

Complete copies of the adopted and proposed ordinances may be obtained at the office of the Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. The ordinances are also available on Fenton Township's website at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E, KRUG FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS APRIL 19, 2021

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday April 19, 2021 via Zoom and took the following actions.

- Trustee Goupil offered the opening praver. 1.
- 2. Approved the agenda as presented.
- Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of 3. \$468,693.63.
- 4 After conducted a public hearing on same, adopted Resolution No. 2021-09, creating Silvercrest Channel Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 2, and Resolution No. 2021-10, scheduling a public hearing on the special assessment roll.
- 5. Received the first quarter report from Fire Chief Ryan Volz.
- 6. Reviewed the first guarter report from Ordinance Enforcement Officer Pat Shaw.
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- Approved revised employment agreements for Assessor Julia Wilson, 10. Fire Chief Ryan Volz, Zoning Administrator Michael Deem and Operations Manager Thomas Broecker.
- 11. Approved an amendment to the previously approved purchase agreement for the sale of tax-reverted property on Thompson Road.
- 12. Adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and will be available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E, KRUG FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

WEEKEND TIMES

BUSINESS BRIEFS

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FREE BREAST SCREENINGS

Genesys Hurley Cancer Institute will conduct free breast screenings Thursday, April 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. at 302 Kensington Ave. in Flint. The screenings are open to women and men age 18 and older. No appointment is needed. A physician will conduct the exam. For details, call Genesys Hurley Cancer Institute at (810) 762-8226.



ROAD CONSTRUCTION BEGINS IN HOLLY VILLAGE

The Saginaw Road paving project began Wednesday, April 21. It includes the intersection of Saginaw and Airport roads and continue to Oakwood Street in Holly Village. There will be lane shifts, but the road will remain open to traffic. All businesses will remain open during construction.



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HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER SOUGHT BY POLICE

The Fenton Police Department is investigating a hit-and-run, which occurred at 2:38 p.m., Wednesday, April 14, at the intersection of Fenway Drive and Grant Street. Lt. Jeff Cross said a grey Dodge Dakota struck a vehicle at that intersection and then fled the scene traveling westbound on Owen Road. Cross said the Dodge drove over barrels on Owen Road prior to getting on northbound U.S. 23. The vehicle was last seen exiting the highway at Grand Blanc Road. The vehicle has heavy front-end damage and it was losing fluids. No injuries were reported. If anyone recognizes this Dodge Dakota or has information on the driver, they to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.



MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, nonpartisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, April 2. The Legislature is on spring break until April 13. Rather than votes, this Roll Call Report describes some newly introduced bills of interest.

Senate Bill 62: Criminalize racebased false crime report Introduced by Sen. Erika Geiss (D), to make it a crime to file a false report of a crime based solely upon the alleged perpetrator's race or ethnicity, subject to a \$1,000 fine and 50 hours of community service with "a group or nonprofit whose mission is to advance equity and justice for historically marginalized, disenfranchised, and oppressed peoples." A second offense would be subject to two years in prison. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 64: Mandate corporate board female membership quota

Introduced by Sen. Sylvia Santana (D), to mandate that publicly held corporations (those that have sold stock to the public) must have a specified number of females on their board of directors. If the board contains four members, the bill would mandate that at least one would have to be female, or two females on a five-member board, or at least three females on a board with six or more members. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 97: Create government experts panel to

organize emergency supplies Introduced by Sen. Jim Ananich (D), to create an "MI supply board" comprised of specified state officials, university experts and political appointees, with the duty to create an "infrastructure facility in this state to design, manufacture, assemble, warehouse, and distribute personal protection equipment, ventilators, flood remediation supplies, and other emergency equipment." Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 145: Give tax breaks to certain home buyers

Introduced by Sen. Kenneth Horn (R), to authorize an annual \$5.000 state income tax deduction, and \$10,000 for joint filers, if the income is contributed to a specialty savings account for home purchases by individuals who have not bought or owned a home in the past three years, dubbed by the bill a "first time home buyer." The tax break is not mean-tested, which means there is no limit how much a claimant can earn and still eligible. The Senate Fiscal Agency estimates the bill could reduce state revenue by nearly \$20 million. A version of this proposal was vetoed by Gov. Rick Snyder in 2018. This version has been advanced by the Senate Finance Committee with a recommendation that it pass.

Senate Bill 147: Expand administrative agency rulemaking powers

Introduced by Sen. Sean McCann (D), to repeal the provisions of a 2018 law (House Bill 4205 of 2017) that prohibits a state department from promulgating rules more stringent than required by federal standards unless specifically required by state statute, or if the department director determines there is a "clear and convincing" need to do so. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4077: Restrict regulations on unattended self-service gas stations

Introduced by Rep. Beau LaFave (R), to prohibit state regulators from requiring unattended self-service gas stations to install measures to prevent public access, including locked dispensers, security fencing or other means. This would also subject these gas stations to state approval under rules specified in the bill. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4132: Make absent ballot interference a felony

Introduced by Rep. Pauline Wendzel (R), to make it a felony to knowingly submit an absent voter ballot application containing false information or a forged signature, or fill out and submit an absent voter ballot application in absent voter ballot application with the intent to obtain multiple absent voter ballots. The bill has been advanced by the House Judiciary Committee with a recommendation that it pass.





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WATER

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Markland said the water is safe to drink since the trace amount detected is way below the standard, but the city is determined to find the source and to eliminate it. "It's barely a detectable level," he said.

In a memo from Guy to Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Brisson, Guy explained the testing and investigation.

In August 2020, EGLE finalized the PFAS rule regarding municipal water supply systems. The rule requires water systems to test the water plant tap for seven PFAS compounds in concentrations of parts per trillion (ppt).

Classified as a medium sized water system, Fenton City was required to test in 2017 for PFAS through the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) unregulated contaminant monitoring rule three (UCMR 3) with no PFAS detected in 2017.

Similarly, in 2018 the Fenton water system was required to be tested for PFAS compounds when all Michigan public water systems were tested. Again, the 2018 result was a non-detect for all compounds tested and analyzed.

With the new PFAS rule requirements, any water system that was previously tested with results of nondetect were not required to test until the beginning of February 2021.

On Jan. 17, a sample from the Fenton City water plant was collected and sent to the lab for testing to comply with the rule. The result of the compliance sampling was a detection of one of the analyzed PFAS compounds. The compound that was detected is Perfluorohexanoic Acid (PFHxA). The maximum contaminant level (MCL) of this compound is 400,000 ppt and it was detected at a level of 2.4 ppt. This low level is just above the laboratory detectable level of 1.9 ppt and well

ORDINANCE #165 AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 18-4 BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE

At a regular meeting of the Groveland Township Board, held on Monday, April 12, 2021, ordinance #165, Chapter 18-4, Building Department Fee Schedule was amended and was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

The purpose of amending Ordinance #165, Chapter 18-4 was to update the Building Department Fee Schedule covering both Residential Building Fees and Commercial Building Fees.

Ordinance #165 shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication as required by law. A copy of the complete ordinance is available for inspection at the Groveland Township Office, 4695 Grange hall Road, Holly, MI 48442 during regular business hours, phone 248-634-4152.

Groveland Township Clerk, Patricia A. Back



below the MCL.

Due to the recent detection of a PFAS compound, the city of Fenton is now required to test for PFAS on a quarterly basis rather than annually. EGLE also recommended to take an additional resample prior to the end of the quarter, which was done. The result of this second sample was again a detection of PFHxA at a level of 2.2 parts per trillion. So although the city is in compliance and the water is safe to drink, out of an abundance of caution, Guy said the city is going above and beyond what is required in an attempt to determine the source of this contaminant.

As a result of a detection of this emerging contaminant, Guy asked Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. to put together a proposal to do an investigation to locate the source of the PFAS being detected in the water system.

Guy said Wood E&I has extensive experience with investigation, risk evaluation and remediation of PFAS and other emerging contaminants. He said they also have assisted other municipalities with situations like this and have significant experience with risk communication and public relations related to PFAS. Wood E&I has a Professional Practice Group division devoted to emerging contaminants like PFAS.

Michigan.gov/PFASResponse

Provides information on Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART) and its efforts to protect the public's water in Michigan.

Epa.gov/pfas

Provides basic information about PFAS, related actions by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and links to additional PFAS informational resources.

Atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) provides PFAS-related information on toxicology, exposure, and human health, as well as links to additional PFAS resources.

Basic Information on PFAS

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of man-made chemicals that includes PFOA, PFOS, GenX, and many other chemicals. PFAS have been manufactured and used in a variety of industries around the globe, including in the United States since the 1940s. PFOA and PFOS have been the most extensively produced and studied of these chemicals. Both chemicals are very persistent in the environment and in the human body, meaning they don't break down and they can accumulate over time. There is evidence that exposure to PFAS can lead to adverse human health effects.

PFAS CAN BE FOUND IN: • Food packaged in PFAS-

containing materials, processed with equipment that used PFAS, or grown in PFAS-contaminated soil or water.

• Commercial household products, including stain- and water-repellent fabrics, nonstick products (e.g., Teflon), polishes, waxes, paints, cleaning products, and fire-fighting foams (a major source of groundwater contamination at airports and military bases where firefighting training occurs).

• **Workplace**, including production facilities or industries (e.g., chrome plating, electronics manufacturing or oil recovery) that use PFAS.

• **Drinking water**, typically localized and associated with a specific facility (e.g., manufacturer, landfill, wastewater treatment plant, firefighter training facility).

• **Living organisms**, including fish, animals and humans, where PFAS have the ability to build up and persist over time.

Certain PFAS chemicals are no longer manufactured in the United States as a result of phase outs including the PFOA Stewardship Program in which eight major chemical manufacturers agreed to eliminate the use of PFOA and PFOA-related chemicals in their products and as emissions from their facilities. Although PFOA and PFOS are no longer manufactured in the United States, they are still produced internationally and can be imported into the United States in consumer goods such as carpet, leather and apparel, textiles, paper and packaging, coatings, rubber and plastics.

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Jessica (Jess) Biggs, a seventh grader at Lake Fenton Middle School, is making a name for herself with her artwork on display at Cause & Affect Gallery in Fenton. Jess created "Mystic" in recognition of Autism Awareness Month. Submitted photos

April is Autism Awareness Month

Month. 77

Melissa Beaudry

Torrey Hill Intermediate

School teacher

■Young artist displays 'Mystic' artwork at local gallery to raise funds for research/awareness

By Sharon Stone

Jessica (Jess) Biggs, a seventh grader at Lake Fenton Middle School, is making a name for herself with her artwork on display at Cause & Affect Gallery in downtown Fenton.

In recognition of April being Autism Awareness Month, Jess created "Mystic."

A common symbol for autism is a puzzle piece. Notice Jess' painting, which includes subtle representations of autism by inserting small puzzle pieces into her artwork.

Sheila Biggs, Jess'

mother, said Jess is not autistic, however, she does have siblings of friends who are. "She's always been very empathetic toward autistic people," she said.

Her piece is called Mystic because Mystic has a special gift to understand autistic people. Biggs said the hardest thing for autistic people is to communicate to others what they are thinking inside.

Jess started her artwork when she was 11 and she is the youngest artist at the gallery, which gives 25 percent of proceeds to a different charity every quarter. She uses computer software Procreate to create her digital artwork on her tablet.

Jess formed a connection with her fourth grade teacher Melissa Beaudry while at Torrey Hill Intermediate School. "Jess has always been a compassionate child with a huge heart," Beaudry said. "She loved drawing, even in fourth grade. She created characters that were detailed and unique. I knew she was special."

Beaudry said Jess' "Mystic" piece means a lot to her personally because her son was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder the year Jess was in her class.

"In April, Itypically spendtime educating my students about Autism, for Autism Awareness Month," Beaudry said. "Her

> class, in particular, was so supportive of my family's journey with my son. They created beautiful posters to hang around the school.

> "When I learned that Cause & Affect Art Gallery was featuring 'Mystic' for Autism Awareness Month, I immediately wanted to purchase it, not only to

support Jess, but to support all those with Autism. The piece has such intricate detail, that even the pupils are puzzle pieces.

"What really struck me when I saw it in person was the way the colors and textures are woven together, almost without boundary. It reminds me of the way somebody like my son, who has difficulty with visual perception, may perceive the world.

"I'm so proud of Jess for using her incredible talent to highlight Autism Awareness month. What a stunning way to honor those with Autism."

Jess said she is passionate about her art and has no plans to stop anytime soon. She added that having her art on display at the gallery is going "pretty well."

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I'm so proud of Jess for using her incredible talent to highlight **Autism Awareness**





Exercise can help you live longer

IT KEEPS THE BODY AND BRAIN HEALTHY NO MATTER ONE'S AGE

Compiled by Sharon Stone

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

According to WebMD, exercise keeps the body and brain healthy. That's why exercise should be an important component of daily life no matter one's age. Research published in the journal Immune Aging found that how people age is 75 percent lifestyle and only 25 percent genetics, which underscores the importance of the lifestyle choices people make.



CARDIORESPIRATORY FITNESS

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

MANAGE STRESS AND MOOD

Exercise has direct stress-busting benefits that can promote longevity. According to the Mayo Clinic, physical activity can increase the production of endorphins, which are the body's feel-good neurotransmitters. In addition, exercise can imitate the effects of stress, helping the body adjust its flight or fight response accordingly, and help them cope with See **EXERCISE** on 28

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Common warning signs of arthritis

OFTEN PRODUCES FOUR WARNING SIGNS REGARDLESS OF TYPE OF ARTHRITIS A PERSON MAY HAVE

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Arthritis has name recognition, even among people who are not suffering from it. But despite that recognition, arthritis is not as well understood as one might think.

According to the Arthritis Foundation, arthritis is not a single disease, but rather an informal way of referring to joint pain or joint disease.

The term "arthritis" is so wideranging that it actually refers to more than 100 types of conditions.

FOUR IMPORTANT WARNING SIGNS

1. PAIN

The Arthritis Foundation notes that arthritis-related pain may be constant or intermittent. One common misconception about arthritis pain is that it only occurs during or shortly after a body is at rest. However, arthritis-related pain can occur while the body is at rest and is not always triggered by an activity that incorporates a part of the body affected by arthritis. In addition, pain from arthritis can be isolated to one area of the body or affect various parts of the body.

2. SWELLING

Skin over the joints affected by arthritis may become red and swollen. This skin also may feel warm to the touch. The Arthritis Foundation advises anyone who experiences this swelling for three days or longer or more than three times per month to contact a physician.

3. STIFFNESS

This warning sign is, along with pain, the one that is most often associated with arthritis, even by people who don't suffer from the condition. Stiffness when waking up in the morning or after long periods of being sedentary, such as sitting at a desk during the workday or taking a long car ride, can be symptomatic of arthritis, especially if the stiffness lasts an hour or longer.

4. DIFFICULTY MOVING A JOINT

The Arthritis Foundation notes that people should not experience difficulty moving, such as when getting out of bed. People who experience such difficulty may have arthritis.

People who recognize any of these warning signs should report them to their physicians immediately. Be as specific as possible when describing these symptoms, as specificity can help physicians design the most effective course of treatment.







Arthritis often produces four important warning signs, regardless of which type of arthritis a person may have.

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Poor sleep can leave people feeling groggy, disoriented, depressed, and not up for facing the day. Evidence shows that insomnia can contribute to memory loss and forgetfulness among the elderly.

Sleep loss can affect memory

MAY LEAVE PEOPLE FEELING GROGGY, DISORIENTED AND DEPRESSED

By Sharon Stone

Poor sleep can leave people feeling groggy, disoriented, depressed, and not up for facing the day.

And now there's new evidence that insomnia can contribute to memory loss and forgetfulness among the elderly.

A recent study unveiled a link between lack of sleep and memory loss. Researchers at the University of California, Berkley found that during sleep, important brain waves are produced that play key roles in storing memories. These waves transfer the memories from the hippocampus to the prefrontal cortex, a portion of the brain where long-term information is stored.

Sleep loss can cause the memo-

ries to remain in the hippocampus and not reach the long-term storage area, found researchers. This can contribute to forgetfulness and difficulty remembering simple details, such as names.

Seniors are frequently plagued with deteriorated sleeping patterns that lead to shallow sleep and more awakenings, according to researchers at the University of California. This can contribute to the prevention of memories being saved by the brain each evening.

This is not the first time sleep and brain health have been measured. A University of California, Los Angeles study discovered that people with sleep apnea showed tissue loss in brain regions that help store memories.

According to WebMD, imaging See **SLEEP LOSS** on 28

Signs of unsafe driving in older drivers

IS IT TIME TO RELINQUISH THE KEYS?

By Sharon Stone

A license to drive has long been symbolic of independence. Teenage drivers long for the day they earn their licenses and can take to the road without mom or dad riding shotgun, while aging drivers want to keep driving as long as possible so they can come and go as they please in their golden years.

There's no formula drivers and their families can employ to determine when it's time to take the car keys away from senior citizens. Thankfully, fatal collisions involving older drivers have declined considerably in recent decades. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, collision-related fatalities among drivers ages 70 and older declined by 15 percent between 1997 and 2018. A host of factors have no doubt contributed to that decline, including lane-assist technology and forward collision warning systems that have become standard of-



Older individuals and their families need to take an honest assessment of their driving skills. If sight, alertness, reflexes or concentration are compromised, it might be time to let someone else do the driving.

ferings on many modern vehicles.

As much as technology has helped make driving safer for everyone, aging drivers should still keep an eye out for certain signs that may indicate their skills behind the wheel are diminishing and potentially compromising their ability to drive safely. According to AARP, the following are warning signs of unsafe driving.

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Adults should see their primary care physicians at least once a year to make sure diseases are being properly managed and to stay current on preventative screenings.

How often to see the doctor

ADULTS SHOULD SEE THEIR PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR

By Sharon Stone

Routine health checkups are a key part of staying healthy. Older adults may feel like they're always visiting one doctor or another. But what is an acceptable frequency for doctor appointments?

The answer isn't always so cut and dry, and many health professionals have mixed feelings even among themselves over the magic number. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends adults over the age of 65 visit the doctor more than twice as often as 18to 44-year-olds. According to the Mayo Clinic, adults should see their primary care See **DOCTOR** on 24











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Medicare Covers New Joint Pain Treatments

By Erica Rainer

re you suffering with some form of chronic or debilitating Joint Pain? Pain in the Knee, Hip, Shoulder, Feet, Hands, Neck, Back or even Writs or Elbow is common but far from normal. Though many people are led to believe that there is nothing that can be done to treat their joint pain other than pain medication or surgery, there is now new, safe and effective treatment options available! The symptoms of joint pain can seem to start suddenly or slow, gradually worsening over time. Noticeable issues may include some or all of the following conditions; swelling, tenderness, buckling or locking of the joints, cracking or popping sounds, decreased range of motion, weakness, pain in the morning or after inactivity, pain when walking, discomfort when climbing stairs or rising from a seated position or kneeling along with many other uncomfortable situations. These problems can arise from a vast number of issues such as arthritis degeneration, bursitis. weight gain, past injury, failed surgery, the inability to have motion in the joint or many other underlying issues.

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physicians at least once a year to make sure diseases are being properly managed and to stay current on preventative screenings. Visiting the doctor more frequently does not necessarily add up to better health, and it actually can do the opposite. The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine advises visiting the doc-

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• People visit the doctor four times a year on average.

• Studies show that poor or uninsured people prolong the time between doctor's visits.

• Individuals with high blood pressure may need to see the doctor four times a year to ensure medications are working properly.

• Patients on dialysis see the doctor several times a week.

Too often people visit the doctor only when they are really sick. That works to their disadvantage because the appointment will focus only on treating the illness instead of addressing other preventative care and screenings. Balance is necessary in regard to health care.

Patients can work together with their doctors to develop screening schedules that are customized to their particular profiles. These schedules can be modified as health history information changes or as patients age. Doctors can dial back or increase health visits as needed.



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Social Security honors our military heroes

Submitted by Vonda Van Til

On Memorial Day, our nation honors military service members who have given their lives for our country. As former President Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men [and women] have died to win them." This is why families, friends, and communities come together to remember the great sacrifices of our military members and ensure their legacies live on.

The benefits we provide can help the surviving families of deceased military service members. For example, widows, widowers, and their dependent children may be eligible for Social Security survivors' benefits. You can learn more about those benefits at ssa.gov/survivors.

We also offer support to our wounded warriors. Social Security benefits protect veterans when injuries prevent them from returning to active duty or performing other work. Both the Department of Veteran Affairs and Social Security have disability programs. You may qualify for disability benefits through one program but not the other, or you may qualify for both. Depending on your situation, some members of your family, including your dependent children or spouse, may be eligible to receive Social Security benefits.

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Please share this information with the military families you know. We honor and thank the veterans who bravely served and died for our country and the military service members who serve today.

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How to garden from a wheelchair

CHRISTOPHER AND DANA **REEVE FOUNDATION** OFFERS TIPS FOR WHEELCHAIR BOUND GARDENING ENTHUSIASTS

By Sharon Stone

Gardening is a wonderful activity that people from all walks of life enjoy. A garden full of fresh fruits and vegetables and/or beautiful blooms can instill a sense of pride in gardeners and turn their backyards into colorful, peaceful respites.

Anyone with the will to do so can plant their own garden, and that includes people who are

confined to wheelchairs. Gardening from a wheelchair may present some unique challenges, but such obstacles are no reason for wheelchair-bound gardening enthusiasts to steer clear of this rewarding activity.

In recognition of the challenges of gardening from a wheelchair, the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation offers the following tips to wheelchair-bound gardening enthusiasts.

• Match the garden to your abilities. The Reeve Foundation notes that trying to push beyond your limits can affect how much you en-



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In recognition of the challenges of gardening from a wheelchair, the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation offers the following tips to wheelchair-bound gardening enthusiasts.

joy gardening. Address issues that it easy for gardeners to prune and may impair how you can function in the garden, such as accessibility. For example, if the garden is far away from the physical structure of your home, you may feel exhausted by the time you get to the garden, which can affect your productivity and progress. Prior to starting a garden, consider the potential that such issues may arise and then try to build a garden that makes it easy to overcome them.

• Consider raised beds. The Reeve Foundation highly recommends raised beds for anyone gardening from a wheelchair. When designing such beds, make sure they're narrow so they can be conveniently accessed from your wheelchair.

• Consider hanging baskets. Hanging baskets also can be a great option for anyone gardening from a wheelchair. Hanging baskets can provide aesthetic appeal inside and outside of a home, and such baskets can be accessed with a pulley system that makes water plants.

• Use specialized tools. According to the online medical resource Verywell Health, various manufacturers have recognized there's a market for adaptive gardening tools. Such tools make it easier for people in wheelchairs to indulge their passion for planting. Adaptive tools like trowels, cultivators and hoes can make it easier for gardeners to perform all the standard gardening tasks. Ergonomic adaptive gardening tools can help gardeners avoid the joint pain that can arise from using more traditional, non-ergonomic tools.

• Make it a team effort. Gardening with a loved one can make the hobby even more enjoyable for anyone, including people gardening from their wheelchairs. Seniors can garden alongside their grandchildren and/or friends who also have mobility issues, ensuring no one gets too tired or falls behind.

Anyone can enjoy gardening, and that includes people in wheelchairs.

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• Delayed response to unexpected situations: Frequent close calls and narrowly avoiding collisions when other drivers stop suddenly indicate reduced response time that can put aging drivers at an elevated risk of being involved in an accident.

• Becoming easily distracted while driving: Distracted driving has become a significant concern in recent decades, but it's often associated with young drivers. However, aging drivers who are easily distracted also pose a safety risk to themselves and other motorists.

• Decrease in confidence while driving: Only drivers will know if they feel confident enough to drive safely, and it's vital that aging drivers be honest with themselves when assessing how they feel when driving.

• Having difficulty moving into or maintaining the correct lane of traffic: Lane-assist technology can help drivers recognize how often they're staying in the correct

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lane of traffic. When the warning bell goes off frequently, it might be time for older drivers to reconsider if it's safe for them to be behind the wheel.

 Hitting curbs when making right turns or backing up: Hitting curbs when turning or backing up indicates drivers may be having difficulty controlling their vehicles and/or seeing the road, both of which indicate it's no longer safe for drivers to get behind the wheel. • Getting scrapes or dents on car, garage or mailbox: These signs also indicate drivers are having trouble controlling their vehicles. • Driving too fast or too slow for road conditions: This indicates drivers are not as alert to their surroundings as they need to be to stay safe on the road.

It's not easy for aging drivers to relinquish their drivers' licenses. Learning to recognize potential warning signs of unsafe driving can help aging drivers make the safest decisions for themselves, their passengers and their fellow motorists.

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and behavioral studies show the role sleep plays in learning and memory and that lack of sleep can impair a person's ability to focus and learn efficiently. Combine this with the necessity of sleep to make those brain wave connections for memories to be stored, and the importance of deep sleep is apparent.

Another study, published in the

journal Brain, conducted by doctors at Washington University in St. Louis, linked poor sleep with early onset of dementia, especially Alzheimer's disease. Although poor sleep does not cause Alzheimer's, it may increase brain amyloid proteins believed to be intrinsic to the disease. When slow-wave deep sleep is disrupted, levels of amyloid can grow and clog the brain. This is corroborated by data published in the journal Neurology. Getting deep sleep is important for reducing these proteins.

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine recognizes the difficulties elderly people may have in regard to sleep. The quality of deep sleep among older adults is often 75 percent lower than it is in younger people. Doctors can be cognizant of how sleep impacts memory and the onset of dementias and discuss insomnia treatment options with their patients.

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EXERCISE

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IMPROVE BONE HEALTH

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

Building muscle strength, balance and bone density through exercise can reduce falls and frailty, helping to prevent fracture-related health risks.

ADDRESSES SARCOPENIA

The health and wellness resource Healthline defines sarcopenia as the loss of muscle mass specifically related to aging. Doctors once considered this muscle loss inevitable, and it can affect stamina and lead to weakness. However, new indications suggest that exercise is the main treatment regimen for sarcopenia, particularly resistance training. This is designed to improve muscle strength and help balance hormone levels by turning protein into energy for older adults.

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

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Fenton, Holly varsity softball teams battle to a split decision

By David Troppens

Holly — Two traditional rivals faced off at Holly High School Thursday and little was settled.

Both teams enjoyed a victory resulting in a doubleheader split. The Fenton varsity softball team scored seven runs in

the opening inning of the first game and cruised to a 20-7 victory against the Holly Bronchos. In the nightcap, Holly scored five runs in the first inning and four runs in the second inning, eventually resulting in the Bronchos' 12-9 victory.

The Tigers' first inning in the open-

ing contest didn't look like it was going to become much of a threat when there was two out with the bases empty. That's when Lauren Miller tripled and scored when Madi Best reached base on an infield error. Fenton led 1-0. Adrie Staib

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Sports Times

Bronchos finally get to play, defeat Kearsley

By David Troppens

Holly — It has been nearly two years since the Holly varsity girls soccer team has been able to play a game.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic that struck during the spring of 2020, that's true of all spring sports squads in Michigan.

However, COVID-19 grip on the Bronchos hasn't loosened easily. The squad had to go through a two-week quarantine period, meaning the squad played its first game of the season on Wednesday, about three weeks later than most of the varsity girls soccer teams in the state of Michigan.

The Bronchos took advantage of the situation, capturing a 2-0 victory against the Kearsley Hornets at Holly High School. It was the team's first game since a 3-0 tournament district tournament loss to the Fenton Tigers on May 28, 2019.

"I love being out here and to be honest,

it could be our last game, so we are going to treasure it," senior Kendall Scribner said. "It feels really nice because we've worked really hard all this time and we just got out of the quarantine. So to win our first game back was really nice."

"We have been waiting for so long, and then to get quarantined for two weeks

 — it's been a long time coming to this," Holly varsity girls soccer coach Jolie Gregory said. "We were excited for this. I have 12 seniors on my team and they were just ready to go. We had some stuff we had to work out tonight because it was our first game back but, honestly, I saw a lot of good things."

While the final score was just 2-0, the Bronchos controlled the contest more often than not, enjoying a 17-10 edge. That doesn't mean the victory came overly easy.

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Holly's Emily Foss prepares to kick a ball downfield. The Bronchos played their first varsity girls soccer game of the season on Wednesday, defeating Kearsley 2-0. Photo: David Troppens



Holly's Calli Sokolowski returns a ball during Wednesday's match against Kearsley. Photo: David Troppens

Sokolowski dominating at No. 1 singles for Bronchos

By David Troppens

Holly — Two years ago Calli Sokolowski was a freshman on the Holly varsity girls tennis team, playing the No. 3 singles position.

She would end up competing — and end up winning - the Metro's No. 3 singles flight title during the spring of 2019.

Last season, Sokolowski was going to be the team's No. 1 singles player as a

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Bronchos moving up in Metro, sweep Fenton : Linden soccer

By David Troppens

Holly — The Holly varsity baseball team is off to a pretty strong start in Flint Metro League action.

The Bronchos improved to 5-1-2 in Metro action with a doubleheader sweep against the Fenton Tigers at Holly High School Thursday.

Holly scored four runs in the top of the sixth to earn a 9-6 victory in the opening contest.

In the nightcap, the Bronchos led 4-2 after four innings and held on to earn a 4-3 victory in a game called after six innings due to darkness.

In the opener, Holly jumped to a 5-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. The rally started with a Nolan Jenkinson walk and a Christian Sells single. Mason Yoder, Weston Syjud, Jacob Hild and Drew Hignite hit consecutive RBI-singles, giving the Bronchos a 4-0 lead. Mason Clark followed with a bases-loaded walk, giving Holly its 5-0 lead.

The Tigers (2-2 in the Metro) fought back and eventually took the lead. The first big Fenton inning was the top of

the fourth. With one out, Brendan Phillips walked and Jake Durant single, setting up the threat. Gavin Diamond followed with an RBI-single that also included a defensive error, cutting Holly's lead to 5-2. An out later, Brett Jackson hit an RBIdouble and Connor Luck followed with

an RBI-single. The Tiges trailed just 5-4. Fenton took the

lead with two runs in the sixth. With one out, Brady Tallman singled and Jackman walked, setting up the threat. Connor Luck and Spencer Luck followed with back-to-back RBI-singles giving the Tigers the 6-5 lead.

Holly answered back with three runs in its sixth. Clark singled and Logan Winstead walked setting up the threat. An out later, Jenkinson doubled in Clark and Sells hit a two-run single. Holly led

with just one out in the ninth, but Clark got the final two batters out earning him the victory with 1 2/3 innings of relief. In the nightcap both rivals scored

a run in the first inning. Seth Logan • opened Fenton's first with a single and • scored on Brendan Phillips's triple. Holly scored its run when Yoder hit a two-out double followed by Syjud with • an RBI-single.

9-6. Fenton did get two runners on base

continues to impress, wins two more games

By David Troppens

The varsity girls soccer race has a clear frontrunner after last week.

The Linden Eagles are one of only two Metro teams remaining perfect in league action after crushing Brandon and Swartz Creek by similar 6-0 scores.

The wins place the Eagles at 4-0-0 in league action, three points ahead of Flushing and Lake Fenton who hold 3-1-0 records. Holly, who has had to deal with a COVID-19 quarantine, just started its league season on Wednesday, and are 1-0-0. The Bronchos are the only other league squad who has yet to tie or lose a league contest.

The Eagles concluded the week with its 6-0 victory against the Dragons. In it, six different Linden players scored. They were Alexis Mawhinney, Allison Maienbrook, Alicia Otman, Melanea Strauss, Molly James and Olivia Mawhinney.

Against Brandon on Monday, five girls scored goals.

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walked and Sophie Collins singled in a second run. Lily Turkowski followed with an RBI-single and Grace Mac-Caughn reached base on an error with both base runners scoring. Fenton led 5-0. Jordyn Bommersbach followed with an RBI-single and Chloe Lefever followed with an RBI-single. Fenton led 7-0 and the lead were never seriously threatened **CONTINUED AT TCTIMES.COM**

BOYS GOLF

Clio 188, Holly 219: The Broncohos were led by Sam Fleischer's 45 at Clio Country Club. Nolan Erick had a 49 while Ethan Tillier carded a 58.

Lake Fenton 180, Flushing 188: Avery Schaal earned match medalist honors at Flushing Valley with a nine-hole score of 39 for the Blue Devils, Gavin Dolliver followed with a 46 while Waylon Dorenzo shot a 47. Gabe Jackson had a 48.

Linden 185, Swartz Creek 211: The Eagles were led by Andrew Skellenger's 36 at Spring Meadows County Club as the Eagles captured another Metro victory. After Skellenger, Aiden Krueger shot a 44 and Barron Smiecinski shot a 52. Ethan Acker carded a 53.

Holly 204, Kearsley 213: Sami Fleischer tied for match medalst honors at the Flint Elks Golf Club and helped the Bronchos earn the victory. Nolan Frick

carded a 48 while Quinton Monty had a 53 and Ethan Tillier scored a 59

PREP REPORT

Lake Fenton 190, Brandon 216: Avery Schaal continued his strong season by earning medalst honors at Fenton Farms by a whopping six strokes. He carded a 42, leading the Blue Devils. Gavin Dolliver had a 48 while Blaine Copeland carded a 49. Waylon Dorenzo shot a 51

Linden 178, Brandon 202: Andrew Skellenger was the medalist with a 37 at Goodrich Country Club. Aiden Krueger and Barron Smiecinski shot 46s while Connor Skellenger had a 49. BASEBALL

Flushing 11-6, Linden 0-2: The Eagles saw Zack Hemphill go 3-for-4 with two RBI in the second game. Spencer Goodman also had two hits. On the mound, Brenden Sinn pitched three innings of relief.

In the opener, Reese Ungvarsky and Cooper Conn had the hits.



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Fenton's Brett Jackman tries to slide back to first base against

Holly's Drew Hignite. Photo: David Troppens

WEEKEND TIMES

By David Troppens

Linden softball's offense remains hot, sweeps Flushing **By David Troppens**

The Linden varsity softball team continues to carry a big stick when the Eagles are at the plate.

The squad, who has scored at least eight runs in every single contest this season, improved to 8-0 with a convincing 16-1, 19-4 doubleheader sweep of the Flushing Raiders on Thursday.

The Eagles hit four home runs in the two games, and also clubbed 31 hits in just 48 at bats.

Mikayla Timm had two of the home runs in the opener. Linden scored three runs in the bottom of the second in the opening contest with Timm providing all of the runs with a two-out three-run home run. That gave the Eagles a 9-0 lead at the time. The other four-

bagger was provided by Hannah Bollinger in a six-run first inning. Bollinger provided the first two runs with a two-run shot. Later in the inning Timm walked with the bases loaded, Megan Widner hit a two-run single and Jordyn Hobson hit an RBI-single.

Linden added another run in the third and six more in the fourth to conclude the contest after just four innings.

Bollinger finished the opener with four RBI on 3-for-4 hitting. Hobson, Haley Ludwig and Cassie Sylvester had two hits each.

On the mound, Hobson threw 36 of her 55 pitches for strikes, tossing a three-hitter while striking out four over four innings.

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soccer team is off to a solid start in Metro League action this spring. The Blue Devils are 3-1-0 in league play after competing against many of the squads ex-

The Lake Fenton varsity girls

pected to be among the tougher teams in the Metro. Lake Fenton concluded Metro action last week with a convincing 6-1 victory atgainst the Brandon Blackhawks. The Blue Devils did start the week with a 2-1 road loss to Flushing.

In the victory against Brandon, Bella Reitano had a huge game, finishing with a threegoal hat trick. She also assisted one of the three other goals in the contest. Savannah Reese had a goal and two assists while Ava Roy and Jaidyn Rainney had a goal each. Shelby DeRidder also had two assists.

"We created a lot of chances

and were more clinical in the final third," Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer coach Evan Ghoujeghi said. "Even beyond the goals, Bella Reitano had a very positive game leading the midfield. I thought she had her best game for us so far this season, and I hope she keeps improving."

The week started with a tough 2-1 loss to Flushing on Monday. DeRidder scored the Blue Devils' only goal in that contest.

The Blue Devils have outscored their opponents 16-3 so far this season. Lake Fenton has two road contests this week, facing Swartz Creek on Monday and Holly on Wednesday.

Bella Reitano scored three goals and dished an assist in the Blue Devils' 6-1 victory against the Brandon Blackhawks. Photo: David Troppens





LF softball splits vs. Mustangs

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity softball team found itself in two one-run verdicts against the Clio Mustangs on Thursday.

The Blue Devils won the first game 6-5, but then lost the second 11-10 in two Flint Metro League road contests.

Lake Fenton (3-1 overall and in the Flint Metro League) broke a 5-5 tie with a run in the top of the ninth inning to win the first contest. With one out, Macy Phillips singled and was still at first after a second out. However, Addison Fitzgerald hit a single and that was followed by Caleigh

McNeill's game-winning RBI-single.

Fitzgerald had a big game, going 3-for-5 with a home run. That home run actually began the game when she led off in the Blue Devils' first. McNeill and Kaylie Terburgh had two hits each.

In the second game, Clio led 9-3 until the Blue Devils scored four runs in the top of the fifth, cutting the gap to 9-7. However, Clio responded with a two-run fifth, raising the Mustangs' lead to 11-7.

Lake Fenton tried to battle back in the top of the sixth.

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Lake Fenton/Goodrich earn first victory

The rebuilding Goodrich/Lake Fenton varsity girls lacrosse team has been making strides since the squad's first game.

Slowly, the team has improved, and on Wednesday the team was rewarded for their improvement. The co-op program captured its first victory of the season, defeating Flushing by a 5-3 verdict.

The result was clearly the team's best defensive effort of the season. The squad

allowed 42 goals in its first two games, but cut that number down to 17 in a recent 17-4 loss to Brandon/Holly. However, Lake Fenton/Goodrich kept the Raiders to just three goals, or 14 less than any other squad has scored against Lake Fenton/ Goodrich this season. Danielle Jackson led the team in goal, making 17 saves.

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BRONCHOS

Continued from Page 30 sophomore, but was unable to compete because of the COV-ID-19 pandemic. It canceled the team's entire season (along with all other Michigan prep spring sports seasons).

But the Bronchos are back this season. Holly's most recent competition was Wednesday's home meet against Kearsley, a 7-1 victory. A day earlier the Bronchos fought to a tie against Clio, 4-4.

Sokolowski has had an outstanding start to the season. She holds an undefeated record with big victories against No. 1 flights against Northville High School, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central High School and Troy High School. She has yet to lose even a set this season, only once losing as many as three games in one set. More than half of her sets this season have finished with a 6-0 score. And that's what happened against Kearsley when she defeated Molly Gunn 6-0, 6-0.

"I love being back," So-



Holly's Mary Grace McAninch returns a ball during the Bronchos' match with Kearsley. **Photo: David Troppens**

kolowski said. "I'm excited for (the season). Even though our team is way different from my freshman year, I'm really excited.

Kearsley 73-45.

I'm helping (teach the team) too, so it's fun to be able to help and teach."

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RESPONDER

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Fenton track teams remain perfect in Metro League

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity track teams remained undefeated after the second week's worth of Metro League dual meets.

The Tigers defeated Holly and Kearsley in both girls' and boys' meets pretty convincingly.

The Fenton girls took 12 overall firsts by beating Kearsley 88-39 and by beating Holly 103-22. The Fenton boys recorded nine overall firsts and defeated Kearsley 85-48 and Holly 102-34.

Sophia Crane, Taylor Huntoon and Isabella Henson each took part in three event firsts for the Fenton women. Crane and Henson teamed up with Evelyn Hall and Emma Hall to win the 400 relay (55.65) and also teamed with Victoria Henson and Halle Thorp to win the 800 relay (1:58.60).

Crane won the 100 individually (13.67) while Isabella Henson won the long jump (13-5 1/2) individually. Huntoon won two individual events and was a member of a winning relay. She won the 400 (1:04.06) and the 800 (2:47.45) individually. She teamed with Emma Dubie, Delaney Moon and Ava Pyeatt to win the 1,600 relay (4:49.67). The Lady Tigers won all four relays, taking the top spot in the 3,200 relay with the team of Ella Cox, Isabella Vincil, Annalise Chiminski and Lauren Gadola (11:58.22)

Individually, Nina Frost earned two individual firsts as well. She won the 300 hurdles (56.62) while also winning the 3,200 (12:46.39).

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Online Stories () STORIES ONLINE AT TCTIMES.COM Holly track squads compete vs. Kearsley, Fenton

The Holly varsity track teams competed against Kearsley and Fenton and the men were able to collect a victory.

The Holly boys defeated Kearsley 68-64 and lost to Fenton 102-34 while the Holly girls lost to Fenton 103-22 and to

LF's Schaal wins county title; Fenton team takes third

The tri-county area boys golf teams represented themselves well at the Genesee County Meet on Wednesday at the Coyote Preserve.

The Fenton Tigers placed third (363), while Lake Fenton placed fifth (382) and

LF's track program goes 3-1 vs. Owosso, Clio

Wednesday was a solid day for the Lake Fenton track and field program.

The Lake Fenton boys defeated Clio 66-62 and Owosso 77-55, while the Lake Fenton girls defeated Owosso 77-58. The girls lost to Clio 70-54.

The Lake Fenton men earned seven overall firsts at the event with Avery

to win the 1,600 relay (3:52.54). **Ie; Fenton team takes third** Linden placed sixth (388) in the 17-team field. Lake Fenton's Avery Schaal also was the star of the day, capturing the accurately a individual characteristic with

The Holly boys had two overall event

firsts with Wilson Tschirhart taking part

in both. He teamed with Nolan Weisdor-

fer, Shane Valerio and Jacob Gonzales

county's individual championship with an 18-hole score of 72, three better than the rest of the field.

track program goes 3-1 vs. Owosso, Clio mesday was a solid day for the Morgan, Colton Dietrich and Wyatt

Marsh taking part in three of them. Morgan teamed with Aiden Verbison, Sullivan Parsons and Anthony Castiglione to win the 400 relay (52.31) while also teaming with Marsh, Castiglione and Verbison to win the 800 relay (1:47.47).



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MOURNS

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Harris graduated from Fenton High School in 1941. He went on to earn his Ph.D. and was the commencement speaker for the FHS Class of 1972. At the time, he was president of Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kansas.

In a 2019 Times story written by Vera Hogan (retired associate editor), Harris had said with the 150th commencement for FHS coming up in 2022, he would be willing to give a commencement speech again, if the

school would have him.

Harris and his late wife, Marie, have two grown children, five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He had lived in the same house his parents owned on Swanee Beach since 1936.

World War II started when he was a freshman at Michigan State University. He entered the United States Marine Corps (USMC) officer program and was commissioned in June 1945. He decided to make the Marines his career and served almost 25 years, retiring in October 1965 in order to accept a fellowship at MSU. He started Harris Financial (on North LeRoy Street in Fenton) in 1980. His son, Bob Jr., joined him after 14 years in the FBI. The business is now run by his grandson, Rob Harris.

In the 2019 Times story, Harris had told Hogan, "Writing has always been an interest of mine. I looked at the library to see what had been written about Fenton. Largely it was about the 1800s, so I decided to do a newspaper research book about my FHS years 1937-1941. Then I had to do a follow-up on the War years 1942-1946, the post war years 1946-1950,



Korea and the Cold War 1951-1955, the late 1950s, 1956-1959."

Mary Schmelzer is a lifelong friend of the Harris family. Her father graduated from Fenton High School with Bob Sr. and she graduated with his son.

"He loved Fenton," she said. In addition to loving the town, she said Harris was connected to another longtime family, the Durant family of Uncle Ray's Dairyland fame because Harris' late wife, Marie, was sister to the late Ray Durant. The ice cream stand is now mostly run by Durant's son, Dave.

"He loved MSU and his kids went to MSU," she said.

Schmelzer hopes people will read Harris' books. "The history is gone with Bob," she said. "Bob was the last link." Folks Harris wrote about in the early books are gone and Schmelzer said it's like reading a history book. "He was meticulous with documenting everything. It's a superior product," she said adding that Harris never took money from the sales of his books. She said he donated the proceeds to the Fenton museum.

"He was a great man," she said. "He was full of good stuff."

Sharp Funeral Homes is handling his funeral arrangements.



COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

MEMORIAL SERVICE SET FOR CHRIS TOOT

A Memorial Service for Chris Toot is scheduled for Thursday, May



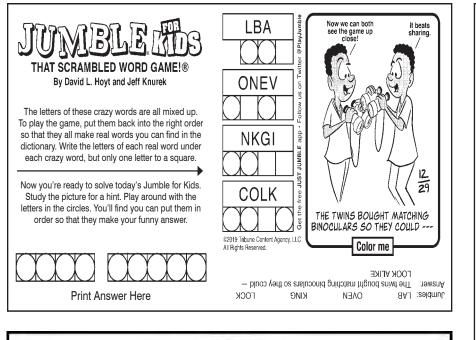
6 at 1 p.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 6494 S. Belsay Rd. in Grand Blanc. Toot died Feb. 17 at the age of 60. He retired from the

Fenton Township Fire Department in 2017, where he was deputy chief. Memorial donations can be made to the Fenton Township Fire Department, in care of the Smoke Detector/Carbon Monoxide Fund.

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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.



NOTICE ROSE TOWNSHIP 2021 ANNUAL SPRING ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP DAY

Rose Township will hold its annual Roadside Clean-Up for residents and property owners on the following date:

Saturday May 15, 2021 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Residents and township organizations are encouraged to participate in the clean-up of the roadsides.

Dumpsters will be located in the Rose Township Park located on the northwest corner of Milford Road and West Rose Center Road. Refuse to be disposed of must be transported to the dumpsters. <u>THERE IS NO.</u> <u>ROADSIDE PICK UP</u>. No commercial dumping will be allowed.

Clerk Debbie Miller will be on duty to verify residence and/or property ownership. Fire department personnel will be there to assist with loading materials into the dumpsters. Propane tanks will NOT be accepted. No barrels, gas or fuel oil tanks, stumps, brush or concrete will be accepted. Paint cans must be empty or filled with sand or cat litter. Each household will be permitted four (4) car tires; additional tires will be accepted at a price of \$4.00 per tire and \$25.00 per tire for tractor or large truck tires.

Burn permits to allow the burning of leaves and brush are available by obtaining a burn permit through **www.nocfa.org**.

Bags for cleaning roadsides will be available at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan beginning March 22, 2021 until May 13, 2021 and also at the clean-up day location on clean-up day.

Residents may call 248-634-8701 with any questions.

Debbie Miller, MMC, MiPMC Rose Township Clerk

Math and spelling practice app launches

Free pilot program launches in Michigan for families who qualify for free or reduced meals at school

Sumdog, a personalized math and spelling practice game for K-8 students, has announced it is launching a new pilot program in Michigan, called the Digital Equity Solution. Aimed at narrowing the achievement gap, the game will be provided entirely free of charge during school time for all Michigan students. It also will be completely free at all hours for Michigan families who qualify for free or reduced lunch.

The app allows students to work at their own pace, giving them confidence to make progress and improve.

"Our goal is to help every child reach their full potential," said Sumdog CEO Andrew Hall.

Many Michigan schools are already using Sumdog in their classrooms, from Grand Rapids to Detroit and Traverse City. Nationwide, Sumdog is used in 10,000 schools. Families with mid to high income (those who don't qualify for free or reduced lunch) will be restricted to a smaller variety of games outside of school hours, unless they pay a monthly subscription fee.

Recent research shows that students that used the app for 30 minutes a week made almost double the growth in math compared to non-regular users.

Sumdog has a library of multi-player games to motivate students. It's personalized, so each child works at the level that keeps them motivated. Teachers can also assign work in the curriculum area they are currently teaching, whether at school or at home.

For more information, go to sum-dog.com.

NOTICE- FAIRVIEW CEMETERY CITY OF LINDEN

Anyone wishing to salvage flowers, wreaths, etc. from Fairview Cemetery should do so by Sunday, April 25, 2021. After that date, they will be removed and disposed of by the sexton of the cemetery.

Scott Fairbanks Sexton of Fairview Cemetery

NOTICE TO CREDITORS/ ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in this matter may be barred or affected by the following: The decedent, Alton Jackson, lived in Genesee County, Michigan, and died November 8, 2020. Creditors of the deceased are notified that all decedent's assets were held by the Trustee at decedent's death, and the decedent has no probate estate. Creditors of the deceased are further notified that all claims against the trust estate will be forever barred unless presented to: Stephan N. Jackson, Trustee of the Alton Jackson Revocable Living Trust dated March 4, 2008 at 10200 Sharp Road, Swartz Creek, MI 48473 within 4 months of the publication of this notice. This notice is published pursuant to MCL 700.7608. If a probate estate is opened in the future for the decedent, this notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of MCL 700.3801.

> April 24, 2021 Date

Dort Financial wants to hear your business idea

Seeks to help young entrepreneurs for Youth Month

Throughout the month of April, Dort Financial Credit Union will be observing National Youth Month 2021, a celebration with Credit Union National Association (CUNA). Every year, Youth Month serves to encourage kids to develop healthy saving habits by making savings fun and exciting.

As part of Dort Financial's commitment to spreading the word about financial fitness and literacy, Youth Month provides opportunities to engage with the young members in the communities they serve. All month long, Dort Financial will be helping them throughout their financial journey, from savings to starting a business.

In their pursuit of finding young entrepreneurs and impresarios, the credit union is asking kids to tell them their ideas for a small business, offering the chance to win a \$50 VISA gift card. Whether it's a lemonade stand, a dog walking service, a landscaping service, or helping out neighbors with yardwork or chores, Dort Financial wants to hear your pitch. The winner of the VISA gift card can use the seed money to buy lemons, gas, treats for pets, sign making materials or whatever it takes to get started.

Dort Financial just needs a onepage handwritten document that describes your small business idea. Submissions should include a written description of the business, but the credit union also encourages to submit drawings to better illustrate their plans.

All young entrepreneurs under the age of 18 years old can submit their handwritten idea. Please have mom or dad drop it off at one of Dort Financial's 10 branch locations, or email a photo or scan of your idea to marketing@dortfcu.org.

Visit www.dortonline.org/youthmonth2021/ for official contest rules, along with access to free financial education articles about teaching children how to handle money. The site also features interactive financial education games, and ways to give your kids a head start to earning.

Federal funds to help renters

Genesee County receives \$12 million for tenants facing pandemic-related hardships

Genesee County Community Action Resource Department (GCCARD) received \$12,085,085 in federal funds to help tenants facing pandemic-related hardships avoid eviction while also ensuring landlords can recoup owed rent through the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) program.

Qualifying individuals can receive assistance for up to 12 months rental arrears and three months of projected rental assistance (Up to 15 months total).

Qualifying households can also receive utility assistance for tenant supplied electricity, home heating, water, sewer and trash.

Eligible renters include households that have incomes less than 80 percent of Area Median Income (AMI) who meet the following conditions:

• Individual(s) in the household has qualified for unemployment benefits

or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or has experienced other financial hardship due directly or indirectly to the coronavirus outbreak and;

• Individual(s) in the household can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability evidenced by a past due utility or rent notice.

Applications can be picked up at GCCARD or printed online at ceraapp. michigan.gov.

Applications may be submitted in the following ways:

• In person via appointment only by calling (810) 768-4675

• Email to gccardnsc@co.genesee.mi.us Applicants may call GCCARD's hotline at (810) 768-4675 to begin the process if they do not have access to obtain the online application. All submissions must include the landlord and tenant applications along with all required documents.

Those applications may be found at michigan.gov.

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ORDINANCE #218 GROVELAND TOWNSHIP FOOD TRUCK CHAPTER 51 Groveland Township Food Truck Ordinance Mobile Food Vending

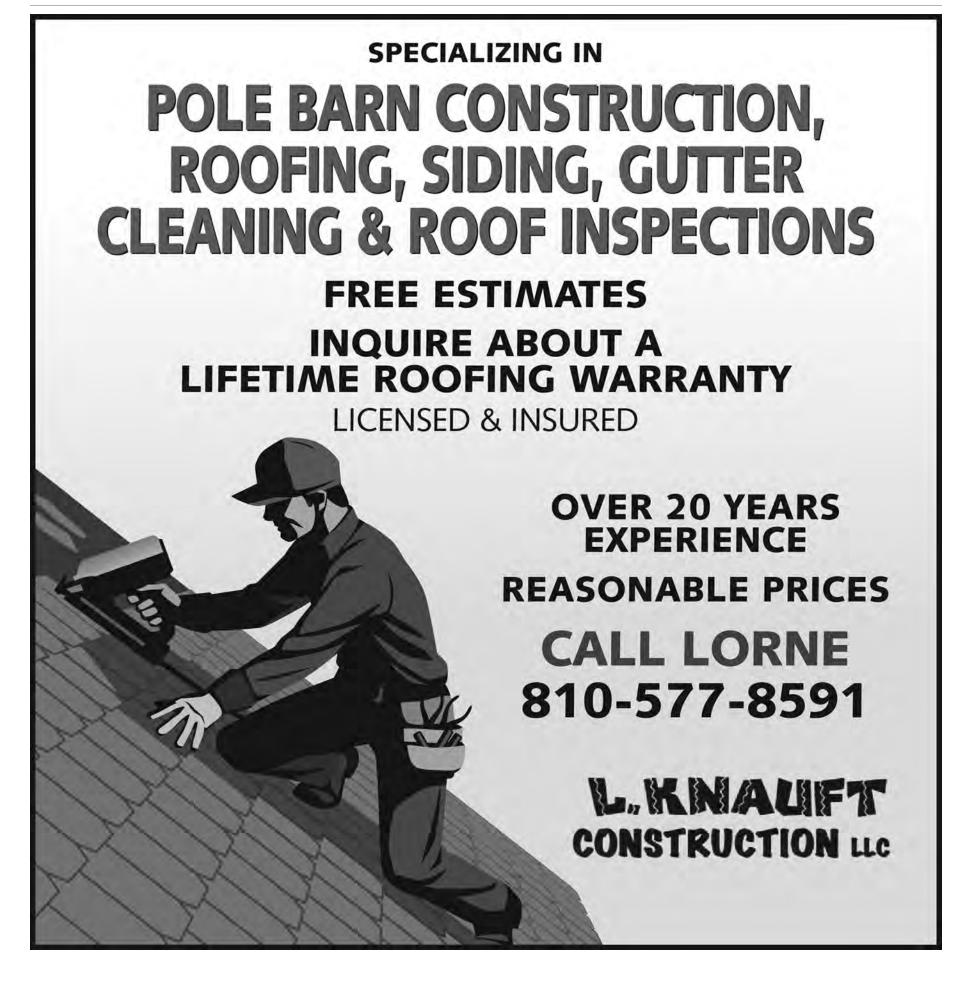
At a regular meeting of the Groveland Township Board, held on Monday, April 12, 2021, Ordinance #218, Chapter 51 Food Truck, Mobile Vending was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

The purpose of Ordinance #218, Chapter 51 is to regulate the business of food trucks operating within the Township of Groveland; to enact rules and regulations for the conduct of such businesses; to provide for licenses and fees; and to establish penalties for the violation of the provisions.

Ordinance #218 shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication as required by law. A copy of the complete ordinance is available for inspection at the Groveland Township Office, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442 during regular business hour, phone 248-634-4152.

Groveland Township Clerk, Patricia A. Back

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PROJECTS Continued from Page 12 FUTURE STREET PROJECTS

Water main break on North LeRoy

Repair work will be done on North LeRoy Street near Dauner Road after recent water main breaks that resulted in asphalt roadway, concrete curbing and sidewalks having to be removed to complete repair work. Work includes concrete curb and sidewalk restoration and removing the temporary cold mix asphalt, working the base as needed and hot mix asphalt repaving.

The two areas have been temporarily repaired until hot mix asphalt is available. Brisson recommended that the city approve Asphalt Specialties, Inc., which is the company contracted for the work on Shiawassee Avenue, at a cost of \$22,500 based on their April 2 quote. Fenton City Council approved the motion Monday, April 12.

Funding

Dan Brisson, public works director, told the DDA that he's been working with the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) on federal and state funding programs for major street rehabilitation projects.

"Recent funding has been presented to the city that we believe is an excellent opportunity to improve our streets in the city, which incorporates the DDA District," he wrote in a letter to the DDA.

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engineering costs.

City staff requested DDA funding assistance for fiscal year 2021-2022 for the Silver Lake Road and Main Street road projects in the amount of \$400,000. It was approved during the Tuesday, April 20 meeting.

Crack sealing projects

This year, the overband/crack sealing program (OCS) was contracted to Wolverine Sealcoating out of Jackson, Michigan.

Roads to receive crack sealing include the following: Adelaide Street (North to S. Holly); Ellen Street (N. Leroy to S. Walnut); Walnut Street (Ellen to Main); Rounds Drive; Andover Woods Subdivision; Ellen Street(Ann to Howard); Waterview Lane; Waters Edge Lane; Loon Court; Pine Creek Drive; Cobblestone Drive; Cherry Blossom Lane; and Sixth Street (N. Lemen to dead end). Brisson said it will cost \$60,000 for this work from the street fund.

An additional \$10,000 was approved by DDA for crack sealing on Grant Street (Rounds to Fenway); Copper Avenue; Industrial Way, Fenway Drive (Owen to Silver Lake); and Fenway Circle.

The city also has applied for federal funds to fix River Street and Caroline Street, and to complete a streetscape on North LeRoy from Second Street to Sixth Street. The city has also applied for federal funds for lighting on Silver Parkway.

| Weekend Sudoku | | | | | | | | | |
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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!

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Work on Shiawassee Avenue is expected to be completed in late May. During construction, traffic is one-way eastbound from Bent Oak to Adelaide. Photo: Hannah Ball

Silver Lake Road

The city plans to complete a mill and overlay of Silver Lake Road, from the western city limits to Poplar Streets. Brisson said west of Jennings, there are portions that need to be removed and replaced. The project is considered a restoration rather than a reconstruction.

The DDA voted Tuesday, April 20 to pay matching funds for the portion in the DDA district, and the city would put up the rest of the money. The portion in the DDA district begins in the downtown area and ends around Leo's Coney Island.

Brisson said design work was completed last year and the project is approved by MDOT. Bids will be requested in early May and the city will have a preconstruction meeting shortly thereafter to determine start date for construction. He anticipates a June/July start date with a fall 2021 completion. "It's a very large, expensive project obviously. It's over \$3 million dollars and there's a 20 percent match along with each, not including the engineering costs for the project," said Lynn Markland, city manager.

Main Street

Main Street, from North LeRoy to the eastern city limits, is eligible to receive funding for reconstruction in 2022 instead of 2024, which was originally the plan. If the city commits to the project now, they can receive money from the American Rescue Plan, which requires them to put up less in matching funds.

City Manager Lynn Markland said they can save \$189,000 by doing the project sooner.

The city plans to modify or reconstruct the two center islands located east of N. LeRoy Street as part of this project. The total cost is \$868,686 plus

EGIFT CARD

As of April 12, at 10:45 a.m., the city had sent out 9,660 eGift cards, including cards with matching funds from the city, that will be spent locally at participating businesses.

Michael Hart, assistant city manager and executive director of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), presented the information to the Fenton DDA on Tuesday, April 20.

"The outpouring of support to businesses has been overwhelming ... It helps (people) if they are struggling financially because they have more buying power and they could use that at local businesses," Hart said. "People finally felt empowered to do something."

There are 48 vendors participating. The city did two rounds of eGift cards. During the first round in December 2020, when someone bought a card valued at \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100, they would receive another card with the same amount of money in a "buy one, get one," or BOGO, deal.

These funds came from the DDA. During the second round announced in March, people would receive a 50-percent match instead of a 100-percent match. Participants were limited to buying only five cards.

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With 9,660 eGift cards bought, 3,428 are 100 percent matching gift cards with money from the DDA, and 1,301 are 50 percent matching promo gift cards.

The total value of cards purchased is \$796,062.50.

Approximately 5,146 of the eGift cards, which is about 53 percent, have been redeemed as of April 12. The redeemed cards account for \$415,085.85, which is 52 percent.

About 3,037 of the DDA bonus eGift cards have been redeemed as

of April

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12, which is 64 percent. It's a value of \$237,471.08.

"Our businesses have been growing since the onset of the program launched," Hart said, adding that many businesses have thanked the DDA for putting the program in place. "All of the businesses have been helped. All of them."

More businesses have joined the program in the last few weeks.

"Restaurants have gained a lot of traction. A lot of money is flowing into restaurants," Hart said.

Nick Sorice, owner of the Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille, said, "It was great. It was a good program. It brought a lot of new faces in."

Information from the DDA show that \$9,339 in eGift card money has been spent there. Sorice said they would support the city and DDA in doing a program like this again.

Restaurants that have received the most money from people spending these cards gifts at their locations include Andiamo Fenton (\$24,316), Ciao Italian Bistro (\$24,726), The Laundry (\$21,441), CRUST: a baking company (\$18,175) and Fenton Fire Hall (\$17,899). Other businesses that benefited include Mid-

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west Mercantile (\$29,384) and Sawyer Jewelers (\$13,103).

The business that has benefited the most from this program is Rejuv Ave., which brought in \$133,543 as of April 12. In January 2020, 43 percent of the matching funds were spent at Rejuv. That number was 36.7 percent in February, 34 percent in March and 32.5 percent up until April 12.

Owner Tracy Aubuchon said they signed up for the program the second they could.

"I knew it was a great opportunity for REJUV and our clients. No brainer," she said. "We did phenomenal with the eGift program. We marketed to over 6,000 of our clients through social media and emails. We trained our staff on the program so we could help our clients navigate the program and make it a good experience for them."

Hart said some businesses have been more assertive or engaged in their marketing, and the cost of goods and services change at different types of businesses.

The bonus cards expire June 30. Hart said they'll keep the program in place, but he doesn't think they'll do another round.

People can still buy eGift cards, but the bonus matching cards are gone.





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Healthy snacking

Having nutritious choices on hand can tame hunger

By Sharon Stone

Who hasn't been spending more time at home lately? Many families have perfected the balance of managing a household in which kids may be engaged in virtual learning while mom and dad are putting in a full day's work from the home office.

At several points during the day, families need to recharge. Having nutritious snacking choices on hand can tame hunger in a healthy way.

PLAN AND SHOP

Start with a plan and then head to the store with a shopping list in hand. You will be less likely to purchase unhealthy options on impulse if you stick to a shopping list. Another popular way to shop is ordering your groceries online and picking them up at the curb or having them delivered.

BALANCE PREPACKAGED AND HOMEMADE

Homemade snacks are advantageous because you can customize ingredients to account for allergies or other needs. But commercially produced snacks

are very convenient because

they're ready to eat right out of the package.

According to Good Housekeeping, many food manufacturers have been stepping up their games and offering tasty and healthy nonperishable foods. Just be sure to read labels, paying attention to sodium and sugar content and other pertinent nutritional information.

When choosing snacks, pick a few different options that appeal to savory, salty and sweet cravings. Portion out these snacks so the temptation for overindulgence is limited.

CHOOSE AMONG THE HEALTHIEST OPTIONS

Stock the pantry and refrigerator with an array of healthy snacking options. • Nuts and their butters: Nuts are nutritional powerhouses that provide filling protein, fiber, healthy fats, and many dif-

ferent vitamins and minerals. Nuts can be ground at home and made into spreads and dips.

> • **Popcorn:** Plain, airpopped popcorn is full of fiber, making it a filling snack. Without toppings like butter, popcorn can be low in calories.

• **Fruit:** Fresh fruit, frozen fruit,

fruit purees, and dried fruit are must-haves. Place a bowl of fresh fruit in reach of kids so it can be their first snacking choice. Frozen fruit can be transformed into simple smoothies. Dried fruit keeps longer, and is a great addition to trail mixes. Cups of applesauce can easily be grabbed and satisfy sweet cravings.

• **Sliced vegetables:** When preparing meals, slice vegetables, including carrots, celery, cucumbers, and sweet peppers. Later they can be dunked into homemade dips for an easy treat. To save some calories, try different spices to sprinkle on top.

• Hummus: Speaking of dips, hummus is filling and tasty. Made from nutrientdense chick peas, hummus can be enhanced with different flavors, from garlic to ginger to even choco-

late for a dessert variety.

• Whole-grain chips: Opt for whole-grain chips that blend a variety of grains into the mix. Avoid products with hydrogenated oils.

Healthy snacking is possible when families think ahead and know what to look for at the grocery store.





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Obituaries

Carnet "Smitty" Smith

Carnet "Smitty" Smith - age 69, died April 14, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Cynthia Honea

Cynthia Honea - age 79, died April 17, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Michel Anderson

Michel Anderson - age 65, died April 19, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Debora Ann (Forter) DeFauw - age 52, of Fenton, died Tuesday, April 20, 2021. Per the family's request cremation has taken place and no services will be held. Those desiring may make

contributions to Adopt-A-Pet, 13575 Fenton Road, Fenton. MI 48430. Debora was born March 14, 1969 in Southfield. the daughter of Glenn and Marryanna (Hycko) Forter. She was a 1987 graduate of Fraser High School and she attended Macomb Community College. She was employed by Fenton Public Schools from 2006-2019. She had resided in Fenton since 2000 coming from Fraser. Debora enjoyed



Debora Ann (Forter) DeFauw

1969 - 2021

the outdoors, cooking, and she loved animals. Surviving are her daughters, Kelly DeFauw and fiance Gabrielle Garza of Holly, and Erica DeFauw of Fenton; brother, Michael Forter

of IL; her former husband, Danny DeFauw of Fenton; and nieces, Ashley Brown and husband Mark of New Mexico, and Lauren Mercado and husband Mariano of IL. She was preceded in death by her parents, Glenn and Marryanna Forter. Tributes may be shared at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Barbara "Barb and Mom" Murphy Reagin

1938 - 2021



out for lunch or dinner. When sitting next to a noisv table, Barbara would say, "I don't like loud people, do you?" Days will pass and there will always be a place closest in our hearts

remembering Barbara and her sweet smile and gentle personality. May God always watch over her and keep her soul in peace and may she be reunited with her loved ones in heaven. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America can be made in Barbara's name. Once COVID19 permits larger in person gatherings a ceremony remembering her and her husband James Reagin who passed one year ago will take place. Please send an email to sreagin01@gmail.com if you would like to notified of the service once it is safe to proceed. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Tributes may be shared at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



James "Jim" Halverson

James "Jim" Halverson age 85, died April 14, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Susan; and son, Michael; and "Barb" by her late husband, Jim, departed

Barbara

Reagin - age

83. who loved

to be called

Friday, April 9, 2021. Barbara was born in David City, Nebraska on January 19, 1938 to Eunice Noerlinger and Marvin Murphy. Barbara raised her children with love and devotion in Linden, with her husband James "Jim" Reagin. As an administrative assistant, Barbara was known for her diplomacy, calmness and wit. Her hobbies included loving pets, reading, baking and gardening. She was most proud of raising her two children, being a devoted wife and loving daughter and sister. She is survived by her daughter, Susan; and son, Michael. Aside from the children and her husband, she doted on Sammy her cat who passed in 2018. We will always remember Barbara Murphy and being charmed by her immediately. As she would often say, "I'm doing ok, how are you? You take care good care now. Be good." Barbara loved going

Donald Lajiness, Jr.

Donald Lajiness, Jr. - age 76, died April 18, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Obituaries

Constance M. Hibbard

1931 - 2020

Constance M. Hibbard - age 89 lifelong resident of Linden, passed on Thursday, September 10, 2020. Constance selflessly served others through her years of nursing and

through community projects at St. Jude's Episcopal Church of Fenton. Her generous care of others has continued with her anatomical donation of her body to the University of Michigan Medical

James Jones

James Jones - age 79, died April 15, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Josephine Young

Josephine Young - age 90, died April 18, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Kathleen Dwver Kathleen Dwyer - age 61, died April 14, 2021

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Virginia

Severena

Godin - age

98, of Linden,

died Monday,

private Funeral

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Arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad Street, Linden. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Kristv Zdoniak Kristy Zdoniak - age 43, died April 20, 2021. Services provided by Sharp

Funeral Homes, www.



Mary Mitchell

Mary Mitchell - age 95, died April 22, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Marv Mosher

Mary Mosher - age 93, died April 15, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Virginia Severena Godin



to the North End Soup Kitchen, 745 E. Stewart Ave., Flint, MI 48505. Virginia was born February 6, 1923 in Calumet, the daughter of Charles and Julia (Harry) Deiro. She was a 1940 graduate of Calumet High School. She married Alexander John Godin November 4, 1944 in Calumet and he preceded her in death February 11, 2018. She had resided in Linden since 2018 coming from Swartz Creek. Virginia was a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church: she also was a member of C.C.C. Chapter 158, and the St. Agnes Altar Society. She was a volunteer at the North End Soup Kitchen. She enjoyed bowling,

Pamlea Moore

Pamlea Moore - age 53. died April 15. 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Paul Rogers Sr. Paul Rogers Sr. - age 70, died April 15, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.





gardening,

(Daniel)

Warson of

Godin of

Fenton; eight grandchildren,

Ruscetta, Wendi Shinn, Jonathan

Robert Silance, Jodi (Mark)

(Morgan) Godin, Jacquelyn

(Timothy) Donahue, Meghan

Beardsley, and Matthew Godin;

Danny, Grayson, Jalan, Gabbi,

and Madison; sister, Emma

Beauchamp of Calumet; and

several nieces and nephews.

sister, Shirley Donahue; and

Peter VanDriessche

Services provided by Sharp

Peter VanDriessche - age

72. died April 18. 2021.

Funeral Homes. www.

Richard Roper

Richard Roper - age

62, died April 21, 2021

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brother. Carl Deiro. Tributes

Godin, Mallory (Woodward)

five great-grandchildren,

She was also preceded

in death by her parents;

may be shared at www.

sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Michael Charles Smith

1946 - 2021

Michael Charles Smith age 74, of Linden, died Wednesday, April 21, 2021. A memorial service will held 4 PM Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. The family will receive friends from 2 - 4 PM Tuesday at the funeral home. Michael was born November 1, 1946, in Flint, the son of Benjamin and Berniece (Langley) Smith. He married Kathleen Torrey on November 2, 1973. Surviving are wife, Kathy; son, Benjamin M. (Kory) Smith; granddaughter, Alice R. Smith; sister, Kathy (Jack) Adam; brothers, George Smith, David Smith, and Raymond Smith; many nieces; nephews; and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Chuck and Gregory. Tributes may be shared at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.





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1923 - 2021

Robert George

Fenton, passed

April 21, 2021.

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be held 1 PM

2021 at Sharp

Funeral Homes,

Fenton Chapel,

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follow in Great

Lakes National

Cemetery, Holly. Visitation

will be held 11 AM until the

may be made to the Fenton

Association. Bob was born

September 6, 1923 in East

William and Myrtle (Dunck)

Harris. He was a graduate

of Fenton High School. Bob

was married to Marie Durant

Park; she preceded him in

death on May 3, 2013. He

proudly served as a Marine

in the Korean War and was

a Marine Officer, retiring in

1965. Bob was a graduate of

Michigan State University, US

Naval Post Graduate School,

earned his doctorate degree.

State University where he

and later returned to Michigan

on June 24, 1944 in Highland

Rotary or Fenton Alumni

Chicago, IN, the son of

time of service. Contributions

Harris - age 97, of

away Wednesday,

Tuesday, April 27,

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Robert Mason

Robert Mason - age 70. died April 17. 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Robert Spinning Robert Spinning - age

86, died April 19, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Russell Husted

Russell Husted - age 78, died April 14, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Silvester Perez

Silvester Perez - age 58, died April 20, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Jina Norko

Jina Norko - age 89, died April 14, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Thomas Wright

Thomas Wright - age 71, died April 14, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com



Vera Sprygada

Vera Sprygada - age 98. died April 19. 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Wayne Morgan Wayne Morgan - age 69, died April 19, 2021.

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Dennis Butler

Dennis Butler - age 77, died April 21, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



DuWayne Corder DuWayne Corder - age 61, died April 21, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Dean King

Dean King - age 68, died April 21, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.





Robert George Harris

1923 - 2021



as President for Johnson Community College in Overland Park, KS, McHenry Community College in Crystal Lake, IL, and Middlesex Community College in Edison, NJ. He later returned to Fenton, where he owned and operated Harris

Financial and authored six to seven books on the history of Fenton. Surviving are children, Robert J. (Lorraine) Harris of SC, Patricia (Dan) Badaluco of CA; grandchildren, Robert (Jeanie) Harris of Fenton, J. Matthew Harris of SC, Daniel (Helene) Badaluco of CA, David Badaluco of CA, Susan (Ron) Dominguez of CA; nine great-grandchildren; nephews. David Durant and Todd Durant of Fenton; nieces, Lynda O'Brien of Bend, OR, Diane Bencic of Garden City; and caretaker, Kellie Adamson. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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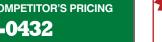
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