

70-unit subdivision proposed

■ Fairways of Spring Meadows lots at Linden and Lahring roads would be half an acre or larger

By Hannah Ball

On Thursday, Aug. 12, the Fenton Township Planning Commission will discuss an application from a company that wishes to bring a 70-unit subdivision to the southeast corner

of Linden and Lahring roads.

The application is from Fairways of Spring Meadows, LLC. Owner Mike Davidson of Fenton Township said the development will have wooded lots and lots with frontage on Spring Meadows Country Club golf course on the 15 fairway.

All lots will be a half acre or larger.

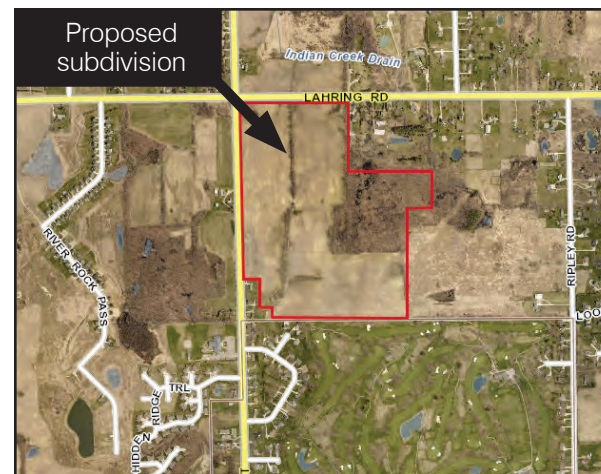
The entire parcel is 110.4 acres.

Davidson is requesting to rezone the south 80 acres, from AG Agricultural, to PUD, Planned Unit Development, to build the 70-unit subdivision.

Davidson has been a member of Spring Meadows Country Club for five years.

“We’re hoping a lot of members or golfers interested in Spring Meadows will come to the

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Planning commission to consider permit for music fest

■ Musical festival, Barnfest at Stoney Acres, collects food donations for local families

By Hannah Ball

FentonTwp.—The organizers of one of the largest music festivals in the area are hopeful that the event will be approved by Fenton Township.

Barnfest at Stoney Acres, off Lobdell Road, will be a topic of discussion during the Thursday, Aug. 12 Fenton Township Planning Commission meeting. See **BARNFEST** on 9



YELLOW RIBBON TIME — Hailey Lesperance, 18, who leaves Aug. 3 to join the U.S. Navy, puts her ribbon around the tree in front of Holly Elementary School with help from her family Thursday, July 29. Her ribbon will stay on the tree until she returns. Her friend Corinne LePage, both Holly graduates, also joined the Navy and put her ribbon on the tree Thursday. See story on Page 12 Photo: Hannah Ball

City council approves naming rights agreement

■ Second phase of LAFF Pathway will be called The State Bank Trail

By Sharon Stone

On Monday, July 27, Fenton City Council approved an agreement with The State Bank, which will give \$500,000 for construction of Phase Two of the LAFF (Linden, Argentine Township, Fenton Township, Fenton) Pathway.

Phase Two, which will be named The State Bank Trail, is See **NAMING** on 11



“Beware at the new three-way stop at Owen and Linden roads. The orange flags and stop signs at all three stop-ping points must not stand out enough because a lady in a white Traverse blew through the stop sign. If not for me locking up my brakes, she would have slammed into me.”

“Issuing code enforcement violations is admirable but getting people to comply with a violation can be difficult. For example, we have a lot in our neighborhood with weeds over 3 feet tall, but the code enforcement officer has not been successful in resolving this issue despite months of our requests.”

“To the person trying to get down LeRoy Street to the post office and the bank while people were eating on LeRoy Street. It should not bother you because both are closed at the time people are eating on LeRoy.”



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Linden, Fenton Township approve tech grants for schools

■ Grants help local school districts fund video production

By Hannah Ball

Linden — On Monday, July 26, the Linden City Council approved a grant application to help fund technology improvements at local schools. On July 19, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved the same grant.

Lake Fenton, Linden, Fenton and Hartland school districts submitted a combined Public Education Grant (PEG) through the Fenton Area Cable Television (F.A.C.T.) consortium. The money will go toward upgrading and replacing video equipment for the creation of PEG video content.

The communities represented by the F.A.C.T. board are Linden, Fenton, Fenton Township and Tyrone Township. These agencies can apply for funding to receive the PEG monies from Charter Communications.

The consortium recommended approval of funding for up to a maximum of \$192,000, according to Fenton Township meeting minutes.



These money will be distributed as follows:

Linden: \$22,322

Fenton Township: \$80,235

Fenton: \$48,734

Tyrone Township: \$40,707

"The monies will be used to purchase capital equipment for the production studio at the schools. The money can only be used for capital equipment that is directly related to the production of programming for the public access channel," according to Linden City Council meeting minutes.

Linden City Manager Ellen Glass said there was a slight delay in getting this approved because of COVID-19 and identifying which items the schools would request.

The school districts will receive these funds in the following amounts:

Fenton Area Public Schools:

\$73,000.00 (24-inch iMac, Adobe Enterprise)

Lake Fenton Community Schools:

\$98,500.00 (24-inch iMac, MacBook Pro, Adobe Enterprise)

Linden Community Schools:

\$10,000.00 (Adobe Enterprise)

Hartland Consolidated Schools:

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From the desk of...

From the desk of **Mike Cunningham**,
Tyrone Township supervisor

Tyrone Township's Old Town House

Tyrone Township's old township hall affectionately known as the Old Town House (OTH) was originally on Hartland Road just north of Center Road. In 1976 as part of the Bi-Centennial celebration, the OTH was moved to its current location at 10408 Center Rd., which was the previous location of Tyrone Township. A new township hall was purchased in 2019 and the office moved to 8420 Runyan Lake Rd.

After OTH was moved, it was used for voting and various functions and after some point it was no longer used and sat unused for quite some time. It ultimately became a dumping ground for old unwanted office furniture and junk from the township hall. There was no interest in using the OTH. When I was first appointed to the Township board in 2010, I noticed the condition of the building and thought that it needed to be cleaned up and restored. There was a lot of nasty stuff in there, I won't go into detail but it needed to be removed and rigorously cleaned.

In 2016, Clerk Marcie Husted helped me move the remaining items to storage. OTH exterior was painted, floors refin-

ished, new furnace put in, and electrical repairs made and still there was no interest in it and no one wanted to use it. OTH sat unused again for the next three years.

Prior to moving to the township's new location there were township board meetings in regards with what to do with the OTH. The meetings had only a few residents in attendance and it was pretty clear to the township board at that time that there was a loss of interest with the OTH. It seemed that it was good enough to look at but not good enough to use. The board decided that using taxpayers' dollars to move it would not be a wise use of taxpayer money.

When the previous township hall located on 10408 Center Rd. was sold, the township board made sure that a stipulation be included that gave the township the opportunity to move the OTH until June 2020. As we are all aware of, in 2020 the coronavirus shut down the state for quite some time. When we reopened, there was a small spark of interest from some residents to move the OTH to the new township property on

Runyan Lake Road. In spring of 2021, the township board asked for an extension, which the new owner, John Martin, graciously granted.

At the June 21, 2021 township board meeting, the township board approved language for a survey to be sent to the residents with the tax bills. The survey covered the options for the future of the OTH. The options were to sell it to the Historical Society for one dollar and they can work with residents to raise the funds to move it. Another option was to leave it where it is located, conveyed to the new property owner who will maintain it consistent with its historic nature, use it for church functions and make it available to township residents up to four times a year. The last option was to move it with township money, which would take funds away from crucial road repairs or use a combination of township funds and private donations.

Surveys are due in by Aug. 2, 2021. The surveys can be mailed in to Carlisle Wortman, our planner, or dropped off in a secure box at the township cashiers office.

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HATS OFF TO Home/Park RV in Fenton. Prepping for annual vacation, I found a rusted, unsafe hitch on the truck. Expecting a long service backlog, I called and Ryan and crew stepped up and completed repair in 24 hours. Please consider Home/Park first for all your RV needs.

WOULD SOMEONE PLEASE explain to the car people in town why Back to the Bricks is not going to be in Fenton this year. I don't think you realize how much money we bring to town. We will be taking our money elsewhere. Great job Fenton.

ATTENTION FENTON DRIVERS: There is a driver's education facility on Fenton Road. Most of you could use a refresher course.

HEY SNOWFLAKE COMPLAINING about fireworks. Take some personal responsibility. Just because there are stupid people out there doesn't mean the government needs to treat us all like children. You're the kind of person who needs the label 'coffee is hot' on your cup. Government can't prevent stupidity.

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

What qualities make a good neighbor?



"Neighbors that have the same interests as my husband and I do, and we are blessed with the best neighbors ever!"

Victoria McConnell
Linden



"To live in a neighborhood, you have to take care of your property and respect your neighbors."

Lisa Talbot
White Lake



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Seasons on Leroy opens

■ Owners of new boutique in 111 Building request liquor license transfer to offer beer and wine to go, wine tasting

By Sharon Stone

Fenton City Council voted unanimously in favor of a liquor license transfer during its meeting Monday, July 26 after hearing no objections from Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater.

Beat The Covid, LLC requested to transfer ownership of an escrowed 2020 SDM licensed business with a Sunday sales permit and beer and wine tasting permit from the Kroger Co. of Michigan.

Owners of Beat the Covid, LLC are Brenda Matter-Goyette of Fenton Township and Dawna Davidson of Tyrone Township. They opened Seasons on Leroy Tuesday, July 28 at 111 S. LeRoy St., Unit 2 in Fenton.

Seasons on Leroy is a boutique store

that offers retail gifts to local consumers. Merchandise includes women's apparel, home goods and other gift items. They also plan to have various Michigan foods that may be purchased along with wine and beer to go.

The SDM license would allow the shop to sell packaged beer and wine to go. The wine-tasting permit would allow for limited consumption on the licensed premises.

Wine and beer tasting will occasionally occur throughout the year during special occasions.

Slater told city council that his investigation showed no history of any criminal conviction or driving-related infractions that would impede a successful transfer to the owners' request.

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission has ultimate say in granting a liquor license request, however it also takes into consideration the opinion of city officials



A message from the superintendent

Broncho community's health, wellness top of mind as new school year nears

The past 16 months have brought unprecedented challenges to our entire Broncho community. With the new school year approaching, we are taking several proactive steps to help ensure all Bronchos are safe, healthy and ready to learn this upcoming school year.

The first step in that process is our Back to School Health and Enrollment Fair, scheduled for 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Karl Richter Campus, 920 Baird St.

This will be the fifth year holding this free event — it was canceled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic — and we encourage all Broncho families to participate. Our goal is



Scott Roper
Holly Area
Schools
superintendent

to provide a one-stop shop to help meet the health and wellness needs of all Bronchos as the 2021-2022 school year approaches.

As in the past, our elementary school PTOs, sports and school clubs will be represented and there will be fun activities for kids. Families will have the opportunity to enroll their children in Early Childhood

Preschool, Latchkey, or Young Fives through 12th grade in our computer lab. The lab also will be available for families wanting to complete their Skyward Online Verification.

We also recognize the past year has created new social and emotional challenges for our students and

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Local elections this Tuesday

■ Fenton Area Public Schools and Linden Community Schools have non-homestead millage renewals on ballots

By Sharon Stone

With elections in 54 Michigan counties less than a week away, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson is reminding voters that they have options to cast their ballot for the primary election.

Fenton Area Public Schools

When renewed, the school district will collect 18 mills on non-homestead property from local governmental units. This tax collection generates over \$5 million for FAPS' operating revenue and represents 16% of its general fund.

The current assessment of 18 mills that voters are being asked to approve is used to fund a significant part of the school district's operating budget. Approximately 16% or about \$5.8 million of the annual budget comes from the 18-mill non-homestead tax assessment.

Linden Community Schools

Linden Community Schools has a non-homestead millage that will expire at the end of 2021. The ballot language asks voters to keep the current millage rate of 20.3746 mills for nine years, from 2021 to 2030. For non-homestead property owners, such as commercial, business, rental properties, this millage request is to maintain current tax levels, not to increase them.

The current millage comprises about \$2 million of the district's operating budget. These funds can be used for classroom supplies, staffing, and more

resources the district needs to operate.

"Our elections are safe and secure, and voters can feel confident that their vote will count and their voice will be heard in their local communities," Benson said. "Whether you are voting from home, at your clerk's office or in person on Election Day, election workers in many jurisdictions once again stand ready to serve the people of Michigan as they cast their ballot."

Voters can receive or drop off an absentee voter ballot (AVB) at their local election clerk's office this week. They can find their clerk's office hours at Michigan.gov/Vote, as well as locations for ballot drop boxes and polling places. On Election Day, Tuesday, Aug. 3, registered voters can only vote at their local polling place.

Citizens who are not yet registered can do so at their clerk's office through 8 p.m. on Election Day. They can also vote in person by absentee ballot in the same visit. Citizens are not able to register online or by mail within 15 days of any election they wish to vote in.

Voters who received an absent voter ballot in the mail should sign the back of the envelope and drop it off at their local clerk's office or drop box as soon as possible. Mailing ballots this close to Election Day is discouraged, due to possible mail delays. Ballots not received by 8 p.m. on Election Day must be rejected. Voters who have requested an absent voter ballot but not yet received it should call their local clerk immediately.

Voters can find their personalized voting information at Michigan.gov/Vote.

NOTICE: STREET CLOSINGS IN DOWNTOWN FENTON

Beginning Thursday, May 20 and Friday, May 21, and continuing every Thursday and Friday through mid-October, S. LeRoy Street from Caroline Street to Shiawassee Avenue, and Shiawassee Avenue from S. LeRoy to Adelaide Street will be closed to vehicle traffic from 4 to 9 p.m.

Detour signage surrounding these closings will be posted.

The community is invited to Fenton's Street Experience in downtown Fenton to support our local businesses and stroll the downtown streets, enjoying the numerous planned entertainment happenings, children's games, farmers market, and fun events.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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NICE HOT LINE on the fireworks. Just to add, how about the litter they cause. Plastic tubes that are not biodegradable litter the yards, and the packages that people do not pick up for days. City of Fenton needs to outlaw them.

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HI NANNY, THANK you for letting us know only one house fire, one critical injury and one death for all of Michigan due to fireworks. Wow, fireworks are much safer than I would have expected. Can't wait till New Year's, I'm gonna buy double, woo hoo.

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SURE HOPE LINDEN schools is smart enough not to make any mandates about masks. If my child has to wear a mask that does nothing to protect him, I will transfer him to another district. His state aid follows him.

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FELLOW FENTON VOTERS, the Fenton school millage is an opportunity to tell the Fenton school board you do not like their politics. Your vote counts. Do it for the kids. Remember to always be kind.

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strong, my home value is going up big time and so will my yearly millage for fixing the roads, now that Fenton is a destination city.

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MY LAKE FENTON neighbor has several pontoon boats, speedboats and Jet Skis. They are probably not all registered by the property owner. Isn't that illegal? These nonresidents are the same idiots (no boaters safety) that are racing through no wake zones and driving the wrong way around the lake.

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THE TYRONE TOWNSHIP hall is currently located on private property. The building is owned by township residents and should be relocated to township property for residents to use without requesting approval from the current property owner. Don't allow residents to lose this valuable piece of history.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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ATTENTION FENTON TOWNSHIP MOTORISTS

The Genesee County Road Commission announced that, weather permitting, the 2021 Chip Seal Program will continue Monday, Aug. 2, on the following roads in Fenton Township:

- **Torrey Road** (Ray Road to Thompson Road) — 8 to 10 a.m.
- **Torrey Road** (Thompson Road to Lahring Road) — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Lahring Road** (Jennings Road to North Road) — 2 to 5 p.m.

Traffic may be temporarily detoured on some roadways. Otherwise, open lanes of traffic will be flagged through the construction zone. Motorists are advised to seek an alternate route.

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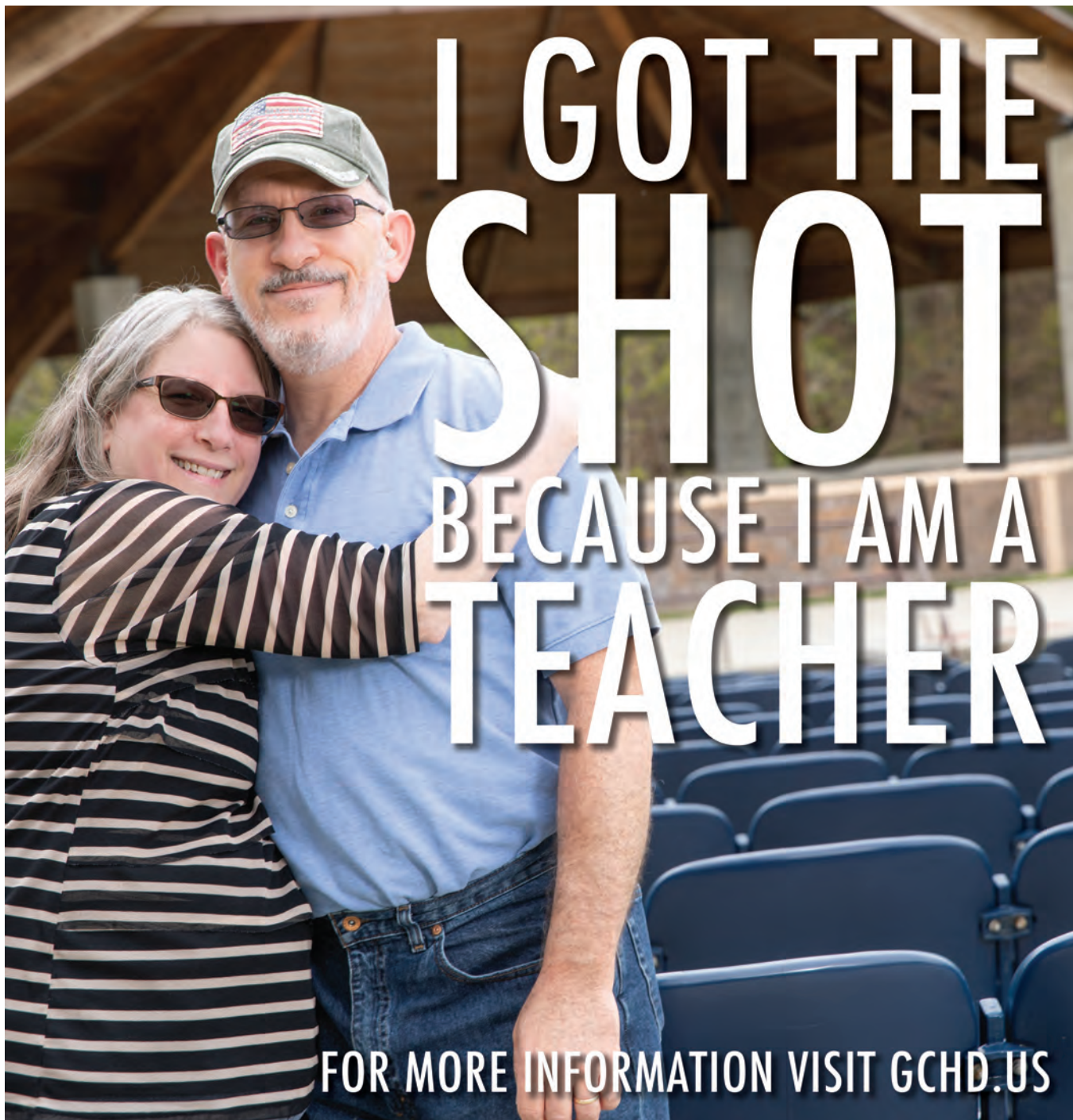
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Chip seal projects in Fenton and Argentine townships Wednesday

The Genesee County Road Commission announced that, weather permitting, the 2021 Chip Seal Program will continue Wednesday, July 28, on the following roads:

- **Duffield Road** (Ray Road to Silver Lake Road), Argentine Township, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Torrey Road** (Fenton city limit to Crane Drive), Fenton Township, 2 to 6 p.m.

Traffic may be temporarily detoured on some roadways. Otherwise, open lanes of traffic will be flagged through the construction zone. Motorists are advised to seek an alternate route.



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BARNFEST

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when officials will consider a special land use permit for the event.

Owners and event organizers Philip and Deborah Schmelter are hoping the event will be approved. The public can attend in person or virtually.

This will be the 11th Barnfest event, the first full in-person music festival on the property since 2019. The 2020 Barnfest was virtual.

The purpose of the event is to enjoy music and help families in need. Admittance to the event is donated food, which will be given to the Linden Presbyterian Church.

One problem for the popular music festival is parking. Philip said this is one of their biggest concerns. In previous years, the parking area in the Barnfest location would fill up, usually on Saturday nights, and people would park along Lobdell Road. They're working to make sure that doesn't happen this year.

They acquired property on Hogan Road and property across the street for additional parking. Security will be there directing people where to park, and they will have shuttles taking people back and forth from Hogan Road. They've also cut down more trees on their property for more space.

"I don't want them parking on the neighbors' lawns on Lakeview Farms," he said, adding that they've spoken with the township about putting up "no parking" signs along Lobdell Road. He's also offered to put caution tape on neighbors' properties.

"We have a strong security force of about 25. They watch for underage drinking. We've never had any fights here," he said. These guards are posted at the entrance, near the camping area, the parking lots and more.

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees originally denied sound permits for the event, and the Schmelters were directed to the Planning Commission. Deborah prepared information on parking, the number of doors on the barn in the event of a fire, and more.

One goal is to be able to have the event until midnight. Bands will stop playing at 11:30 p.m. and then they'll have a few announcements before shutting things down. A township official requested to come look at the property, and Philip said he's looking forward to the visit.

Past Barnfest events have netted thousands of pounds of food for local churches.

In 2017, they donated approximately 4,500 pounds of food. In 2018, it was 5,800 pounds, and in 2019, they netted 6,700 pounds of food. They also accept cash donations. Schmelter said these are much appreciated because it costs thousands to hold the event.

One reason they partner with Linden Presbyterian Church is they give backpacks of food to students, whose families might be struggling financially, to ensure the kids have something to eat, Deborah said.

They've also donated to the Argentine Church of the Nazarene.

"During COVID when the kids weren't in school, kids could go there and get food," she said. "We were going to stop doing Barnfest and then we heard about the kids and we went ahead and had it for 2019. That was the biggest year, too. We got school supplies and stuff like that, too."

Approximately 18 bands are signed up to play Friday and Saturday. Sunday is a more

relaxed day with an open mic event. All the bands play for free. They often have waiting lists of groups who want to play.

"It's such a blessing. We're providing music for people who need it tremendously, especially with COVID. People need music. You got to have music," Philip said, adding that many people went through tough times during the pandemic and they want to bring live music back to people's lives.

Most of the bands that play are classic rock. One group the Schmelters are excited about is the Maggots. They're teenagers who came for an open mic night and played Led Zeppelin songs.

"The music we have in our area in this day and age is just astronomical. Everywhere you look, there's so much talent," he said. "We try to support our local taverns, our local bars that have live music."

The couple is not releasing the date of the event until it's approved by the Planning Commission. They're hoping this will happen Aug. 12.

Phillip said, "The chemistry of Barnfest is truly unique. Bands playing their hearts out for free while people bring in food for their fellow man. What could be better than that?"

“It’s such a blessing. We’re providing music for people who need it tremendously, especially with COVID. People need music.”

Philip Schmelter
Barnfest owner

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119 S. Leroy St. • Fenton
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www.fentonumc.com
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Kate Glasson - Director of Children's Ministry
Stacey Highfield -
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries
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810-629-2132

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2581 N. Long Lake Rd. • Fenton
810-629-5161
Minister Vincent Slocum
Sunday Worship 9:30 am

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Reverend Bob Easlick
New email: milindenumc@gmail.com
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Coffee Hour 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:30 am
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ARGENTINE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
16248 S. Seymour Rd. • Linden
810-735-7118
Pastor Robert Lindsay
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Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
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Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm

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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

MISSING PACKAGE

On Monday, July 19, at 7:40 p.m., Holly police were dispatched to a Grange Hall Road residence where the homeowner reported he was notified of a scheduled package delivery at his home. When he arrived home, the package was missing. He had no home security camera system in place. Officers are investigating.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY ARREST

On Monday, July 19, at 9:16 p.m., Holly police were dispatched to a residence for a report of a man injured from an assault and battery. Officers located the victim who had bruising and lacerations to his face. The victim and a witness identified another man in the home as the aggressor. Officers attempted to speak with the suspect who then became resistant and aggressive toward the officers. A 31-year-old Holly man was taken into custody for assault and battery. The victim refused medical treatment. Both men were highly intoxicated.

FENTON MAN ARRESTED FOR DRIVING WITH SUSPENDED LICENSE

On Wednesday, July 21, at 5:15 a.m., a Holly police officer on patrol observed a vehicle traveling eastbound on Grange Hall Road

run a red light at N. Holly Road. The officer stopped the vehicle and identified the driver as a 54-year-old Fenton man who admitted to the officer that he did not have a valid license. The man was arrested for driving on a suspended license and his vehicle was impounded.

TRAFFIC VIOLATION LEADS TO WARRANT ARREST

On Friday, July 23, at 11:06 p.m., a Holly police officer conducting traffic enforcement stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. The passenger was found to have a valid arrest warrant from another police agency. The 24-year-old Highland Township man was taken into custody and turned over to the charging agency.

FLINT WOMAN ARRESTED FOR SUSPENDED LICENSE, POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS

On Saturday, July 24, at 5:01 a.m., a Holly police officer on patrol stopped a vehicle for speeding 60 mph through the construction speed zone of 35 mph on N. Saginaw Street. The driver was identified as a 34-year-old Flint woman, whose driver's license was suspended. The officer placed her under arrest, and began an inventory of the vehicle for impound. Officers discovered liquid methadone in the vehicle, and two additional narcotic drugs concealed on her person. The driver admitted to officers she does not have a prescription for any of the drugs and buys them from street purchases in another city. The driver was not under the influence. She was arrested for driving on a suspended license and possession of narcotics.

HOLLY MAN REPORTS MISSING HANDGUN

On Sunday, July 24, at 1:24 p.m., a Holly police officer was dispatched to a residence of a man who reported he had recently moved into the home and was placing his firearms in his gun safe and discovered a handgun was missing from its case. The owner searched his home and moving boxes but was unable to locate the firearm. The homeowner does not know who could have had access to the gun. Out of safety concerns, the gun has been entered into the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) system as lost or stolen. The owner will continue his search and notify police if he locates it.

DAVISBURG MAN OVER THREE TIMES LEGAL LIMIT FOR ALCOHOL

On Sunday, July 25, at 1:30 a.m., a Holly police officer on patrol spotted a vehicle northbound on N. Holly Road that was traveling left of the center line and weaving considerably. The vehicle was stopped and found to be driven by a 27-year-old Davisburg man. As the driver spoke, the officer could smell a very strong odor of intoxicants. The driver exhibited several indicators of intoxication, and failed roadside sobriety tests. The driver continually denied drinking any alcoholic beverages. The driver was found to have a blood alcohol level over three times the legal limit. In addition, he has a previous conviction for OWI. The driver was arrested for operating while intoxicated, second offense.



YOUR SMILE MATTERS!

By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

XEROSTOMIA (DRY MOUTH)

Xerostomia is the technical term for dry mouth. Everyone experiences dry mouth once in a while and occasional dry mouth is considered normal. But if dry mouth is experienced all the time, it can be uncomfortable and can lead to serious health problems. Xerostomia can cause difficulties in tasting, chewing, swallowing and speaking. Dry mouth can be very challenging and frustrating for dentists and their patients. One of the primary functions of saliva is the protection of the teeth from dental decay. Normal saliva is loaded with calcium ions that work to repair, re-mineralize and restore the teeth enamel from the constant attack of plaque bacteria. If the mouth is dry, then there is insufficient saliva, making the teeth much more susceptible to decay. Saliva also helps digest food, prevent infections by controlling bacteria and fungi in the mouth and makes it possible to chew and swallow. Causes of dry mouth include side effects of some medications, disease, cancer treatments and nerve damage. If medications are causing dry mouth, your physician might change your medication or adjust the dosage to help improve saliva production. Sometimes medications can be prescribed that help treat dry mouth in certain disease conditions. Also, artificial saliva can help to improve the symptoms of dry mouth. Remember, if you have dry mouth, you need to be extra careful to keep your teeth healthy through regular, daily careful brushing and flossing in addition to the use of fluoride tooth pastes and mouth rinses. Eating a healthy, non-sugar diet is also vitally important along with visiting your dentist at least twice yearly for check-ups. Your teeth will be glad you did.

I welcome your questions and comments.
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NAMING

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a two-mile long, 10-foot-wide paved trail that will be built along the south side of Silver Lake Road from Jennings Road in Fenton to Triangle Park in Linden.

Phase One, the Silver Lake Road Trail, was completed in October 2020 and goes from Argentine Township to the city of Linden.

The agreement includes the city of Fenton, the Southern Lakes

Regional Metropolitan Parks and Recreation Commission, The State Bank and LAFF Pathway Inc., a nonprofit corporation that raises funds for, promotes and will maintain the trail.

This agreement gives the bank naming rights for Phase Two forever and allows for a name change should the bank merge or be sold.

More information about the project can be found at laffpathways.com.

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WHY ARE THE people already vaccinated so irrational in arguing that I get vaccinated? Hysteria is much more enduring than a virus.

EVERYONE SHOULD STOP worrying about kids wearing or not wearing masks in school this year and just look to Lansing for guidance. After all, it's the government that knows what's best for your children.

IF YOU HAVE a large 30-plus robo calls per day, contact your U.S. Senators and Representative.

YOU PAID \$3.50 for a 100-mile trip in your Chevy Bolt. I'll pay \$10.13 for the same trip, except I won't be riding in a crappy Bolt.

Two ribbons added to Hometown Hero Tree

■ **Holly graduates leave to join the Navy on Aug. 3**

By **Hannah Ball**

Holly — Two best friends added their ribbons to the tree in front of Holly Elementary School on Thursday, July 29 before they leave for the military.

Hailey Lesperance and Corinne LePage, both Holly High School graduates, will have their names and ribbon on the tree until they return. Both of them leave for boot camp on Aug. 3.

The program is run by the Holly Hometown Heroes organization, which supports those joining the military by organizing send offs and sending packages to troops overseas multiple times a year. Lesperance, 18, is joining the United

States Navy. She chose this branch for the college education benefits.

"I want to become a trauma and orthopedic surgeon," she said. "At first, I wasn't planning on joining the military at all. But then I went with my best friend Corinne to talk to the marines when she was still deciding on a branch to do, and they explained to me how much debt I would be in if I hadn't had help or a bunch of scholarships."

She has a few veterans in her family, and while some have passed, a few are still with them.

She chose to be a corpsman for the navy because this field allows her to learn the skills she needs faster.

"My main goal in joining the military is to just better myself really. I believe it'll be a huge step to setting up my future, and if I can get through boot camp, I think that I will feel like daily struggles are nothing," she said.

Lesperance praised the Hometown Heroes organization for recognizing and supporting active duty military members.

"I think that showing your respect and bringing the town together like that is amazing. It gives us a memory to look back on and something to smile about while we're gone," she said.

LePage, 18, is also joining the Navy.

"They offered me opportunities to change my job more frequently, and offered a job I was interested in," she said. "I decided to join the Navy because I wanted to figure out what job I wanted for my future without going through the trouble of spending tens of thousands of dollars on college."

Her brother-in-law was also in the Navy, working in the same field she's entering, which is nuclear engineering.

"My main goal is to find the job I want and use the benefits to push me into college," she said. "I think the Hometown Heroes organization is awesome, and it's useful for those who don't have the supportive family necessary for big steps such as this."

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Corinne LePage
Holly graduate

GUEST

VIEWPOINT

Tom Runyan, Tyrone Township resident

Old Tyrone Township hall

My name is Tom Runyan. Ever since we learned that the board was not going to move the old township building to the new site, I have been troubled.

Historical Societies are formed to preserve, protect and promote the history and heritage of the community where they serve. Daniel Runyan came to Tyrone Township in 1836, one year before Michigan became a state. I'm here to ask this board to work with the Historical Society, to help and partner with us to save that building. We owe it to all the people who built, paid for and used that building, in the exercise of self-government for almost one hundred years.

When Connie Ridell put the Tyrone Revisited history book together, she gave a voice to the people that no longer had a voice. Information from Bibles, scrapbooks, cemeteries and verbal history passed down through the generations was used to document the history of their families.

If this Township board decides to abandon this historical artifact, shame on you. If this community allows this to happen, shame on us. At almost 80 years old, I have seen, experienced and lived a lot of history. The people who tamed this wild land in the early years and made it into the community that we enjoy today, were the greatest generation. They were simple people who didn't have a college degree, but they worked extremely hard. Some could neither read or write. My great grandmother signed a legal document with an "x."

History is alive and vivid and is to be embraced and celebrated. My history is set. There is a road and lake named after me. Not bad. To the board, we want to work with you, not against you. Let us find a way to preserve this building for future generations. This is an asset of the Township, not a liability.

We have learned many valuable lessons traveling down life's journey. One of the things we do religiously is vote.

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McLaren, Karmanos offer new services

■ Launch comprehensive ear, nose and throat services in Genesee and Lapeer counties

McLaren and Karmanos are bringing ear, nose and throat (ENT) services to patients throughout Genesee and Lapeer counties and beyond by launching a comprehensive ENT service line. The service line features four convenient locations, two in Genesee County and two in Lapeer County, for general ENT conditions and a head and neck cancer clinic at the Karmanos Cancer Institute at McLaren Flint. Patients of all ages with common ear, nose or throat conditions and cancers of the head and neck can now receive integrated, personalized, and compassionate care from experts at McLaren and Karmanos.

The ENT specialists are trained to provide comprehensive care from young infants to the elderly for diseases affecting the ears, nose, and throat. Among the illnesses they treat are recurring ear infections, tinnitus (ringing or noise in the ear), sinus infections-including chronic sinusitis, tonsillitis, abnormal growths in the neck or vocal cords, swallowing

disorders and dysphagia (difficulty swallowing), chronic sore throats and Meniere's Disease, a disease of the inner ear. Common surgical procedures they perform include tonsillectomies, ear tube placement, sinus surgery, throat surgery and head/neck surgery.

Prior to launching the head and neck cancer clinic at the Karmanos Cancer Institute at McLaren Flint last year, patients were forced to travel for advanced care, according to Justin Klamerus, MD, MMM, president of Karmanos Cancer Hospital & Network.

"Cancers of the head and neck can be particularly debilitating for patients especially when they have to travel for advanced cancer care," Klamerus said. "One of the advantages of Karmanos Cancer Institute's integrated clinics throughout the McLaren system is that we can bring world-class treatments to the local communities we serve, evidenced by our commitment to a head and neck cancer clinic in Genesee County."

The expert physician team is made up of otolaryngologists, who will care for patients at the following convenient locations:

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Esmael Amjad, MD, FACS

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1314 S. Linden Road, Flint, MI 48532

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Jonathan Waxman, MD, PhD

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Jonathan Waxman, MD, PhD and

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4100 Beecher Road, Suite A, Flint

Phone (810) 342-4849

George Yoo, MD, FACS, Wayne State

University Faculty

Jonathan Waxman, MD, PhD

For more information, visit mclaren.org/flint and mclaren.org/lapeer.

BRONCHO

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families. To help address these needs, families will have the opportunity to consult with social and emotional health professionals at the fair to acquire resources and make connections.

This year's fair also will offer on-site COVID-19 vaccinations and student immunizations.

We are in the process of confirming vendors and will provide updates as they become available at hask12.org.

Hosting this event is a point of pride for our district. We are truly invested in the health and well-being of our entire community, and we are proud to provide this special event for the whole family.

Please join us Aug. 7 and help us get a head start on what I have no doubt will be a successful new school year.

Working together, we'll make sure #BronchoPride is thriving as the ringing of the first school bell nears.



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High School starting at 3pm

FLINT TOWNSHIP

Friday • August 13th
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Corunna Rd. starting at 4pm
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LINDEN

Wednesday • August 11th
Staging at Linden Elementary
from 3-4pm. Escorted downtown
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MT MORRIS

Saturday • August 14th
Mt. Morris High School
starting at 2pm
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North Towne Professional Centre celebrates ribbon cutting



Surrounded by his team and community members, owner Vince Lorraine recently cut the ribbon on the newly remodeled North Towne Professional Centre. The ribbon cutting was hosted by the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce. The celebration was followed by a networking event in the building hosted by My City Magazine, also owned by Lorraine and now headquartered in the building. The North Towne Professional Centre is at 14165 N. Fenton Rd., Fenton. **Photo: Emily Caswell**

MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, July 16.

Legislative Initiative Petition

1: Repeal one of two state emergency powers laws

To approve an "initiated law" that would repeal one of the two state laws that authorize a governor to assume extraordinary powers during an emergency, including statewide "lockdowns" like those ordered under the 2020 coronavirus epidemic. Enacted in 1945, this law places no limit on the duration of a declared emergency.

The state's other emergency powers law adopted in 1976 puts a 28 day deadline on a governor's assumption of emergency powers, with legislative approval required for any extensions. A state Supreme Court ruling in October 2020 held that a law authorizing what amounts

to unilateral governance for the duration of a governor's term violates the constitution's separation of powers provisions. Approval by the governor is not required for an initiated law, which is placed before the legislature by petition. If the legislature does not approve the measure, it is placed on the next general election ballot.

Passed 20 to 15 in the Senate

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| Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) | YES |
| Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) | YES |
| Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) | YES |
| Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) | NO |
| Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) | YES |

Senate Bill 27: Epidemic-related supplemental spending

To appropriate \$367 million federal coronavirus relief and "stimulus" dollars to several social welfare-related programs, plus \$17 million state taxpayer dollars. Most of the money would go to hospitals, nursing homes and child care facilities to boost front-line workers' pay. Another \$12.7 million would go to the Michigan State Police, and \$7 million state dollars would go into a fund to compensate wrongfully imprisoned individuals.

Passed 35 to 0 in the Senate

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|--------------------------------|-----|
| Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) | YES |
| Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) | YES |
| Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) | YES |
| Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) | YES |
| Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) | YES |

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YOUR neighborhood

Everything you need to know if you are buying, selling, renting or staying in your residence.



Building a new home? Things you need to know in 2021

By Sharon Stone

You've probably heard about the price of lumber skyrocketing and the extra lead time that is needed to order most items to build a home or renovate an existing home.

The experts at Better Homes and Gardens are saying that homebuilders face unique challenges as demand for new construction grows sky-high amid material shortages, lifestyle changes, and record low interest rates.

According to [bhg.com](https://www.bhg.com), the COVID-19 pandemic changed nearly every aspect of our lives, including, perhaps most notably, our relationships with our homes. Our living spaces suddenly became the epicenter of our lives, instead of simply a place we returned to at the end of the day. But as lockdown-induced restlessness set in, many people became dissatisfied with their current living situations, and the desire for new housing exploded.

The current housing boom and the lingering effects of the pandemic have prompted enormous changes in the home-building industry, posing new challenges to the construction process.

Here are several ways building a home in 2021 will look different than years past.

• **More homebuyers, including first-timers, are building new.** Even as demand for housing surged,

fewer people listed their homes over the past year due to health concerns amid the pandemic so the resale market struggled to keep up.

• **New-construction prices have increased.**

Although interest rates are low, material shortages and pandemic-related shipping delays are driving up costs for new builds. The National Association of Home Builders reports that more than 90% of builders are reporting shortages of essential elements like appliances, framing lumber, and oriented strand board (OSB).

• **Healthy homes are more important than ever.**

The COVID-19 health crisis contributed to a renewed focus on wellness, including how our homes can impact our health.

• **Flex spaces are a must-have.**

Room usage changed and became more flexible this past year. Rather than a home office only being used for work, many families shifted to a mindset of flex rooms taking on various purposes, such as a gym, school room, or media room.

• **New builds in the suburbs are increasingly attractive.**

Remote-work policies allowed many people to ditch high-density apartment See **NEW HOME** on 24



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Check out these benefits of renting

Should you buy and move into a house or rent an apartment?

According to an article by moving.com, renting and owning have their own advantages and disadvantages, and these factors should be considered when making a decision as big as whether you should buy a home or sign a lease.

Read on for nine big benefits of renting vs. owning a home that you should consider before making your move.

It's less expensive up front

Renting has its own financial hurdles that you have to overcome, such as security deposits, first and last month's rent at signing, and non-refundable application fees. But even added up those don't compare to the steep requirement of a down payment and closing costs. And while your monthly rent might be a bit higher than a monthly mortgage cost, you don't have to be concerned about fronting for things like property taxes and home repairs.

It's not so risky

Buying a home is an investment, and investments carry risks. When you rent, you don't have to worry about the market crashing and putting you under water on your home, or that a costly and unexpected home repair will wipe out your savings account. The biggest risk you take on with renting is usually just whether you'll be happy with the place that you rented, and that's a risk that most of us can afford to take.

You have more flexibility

One of the biggest benefits of renting vs. owning is definitely the freedom that it provides you. Want to pack up and move across the country? It's a lot easier to break a lease than sell a house, and a lot quicker too. A lot of people like knowing that if they end up with regret over their living situation and/or location they only have to put up with it for a year or so.

Repairs are someone else's problem

Running toilet? Warped window trim? Broken dishwasher? When you rent,

these repairs — and their accompanying costs — are the responsibility of your landlord or management company, not you. Depending on your lease, you may be required to contribute to the repairs of problems that were caused as a direct result of your actions, but as long as you're taking good care of your living space that shouldn't be an issue.

No property taxes

Property taxes are a major expense of home ownership, and can put an otherwise affordable home outside of a buyer's price range. But when you're renting, you have no obligation in terms of paying the property taxes on your unit. Considering just how high property taxes run in some states, that's a major burden off your back — and potentially a lot more money in your wallet every year.

You know what you're paying each month

It's no surprise that a lot of the benefits of renting are financial. That's because what you lack in autonomy as far as home decorating and renovating you more than make up for in cost convenience. One area where that is abundantly clear is in your monthly budgeting. Home ownership is a variable cost endeavor. Depending on the terms of a mortgage, interest rates may change over time — going up or down without the input of the owner themselves. The same is true for property taxes, which almost always fluctuate. When you rent, you lock yourself in at a set monthly amount for the entire term of your lease so that the only variable costs you have to worry about are spending more in heat or electricity.

Some utilities may be included

Many landlords and management companies cover certain utility costs for their tenants, which means you may end up with free internet, water, heat, or more. As for those utilities that aren't included with the rent, they're usually still a lot cheaper than when you buy, since many rentals have less square footage than single family homes.

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Tips for home buyers in a seller's market

Low interest rates, city dwellers moving to suburbs creates housing boom

By Sharon Stone

A combination of factors, including low interest rates and a pandemic-driven decision by many city dwellers to look for houses in the suburbs, has created a housing boom for much of 2020 and 2021.

That boom has created an undeniable seller's market in real estate.

Just what is a seller's market? Financial experts define it as a marketplace in which there are fewer goods for sale than there are interested buyers, giving sellers the ability to dictate prices. Since mid-2020, there has been an extremely low inventory of homes for sale but a very high interest among purchasing parties.

Data from the National Association

of Realtors indicated that, by the end of February 2021, housing inventory fell to a record low of 1.02 million units. These factors have led to a surge in competition from buyers, including bidding wars on homes and all-cash offers to entice sellers. In December 2020, the median listing prices for single-family homes shot up 13.4 percent from the same time the previous year, according to Realtor.com, and it hasn't slowed down much since.

For many in the real estate profession, this is the best market they've seen in their careers.

Kimberly Pfeiffer, owner/broker of Mitten Life Realty in Fenton, said, "Most people are looking for homes



Buying in a seller's market can be challenging, but some strategies can set buyers apart from the pack.

that don't require a lot of work. Homes with property and barns have also been quite popular.

"It's difficult to predict the future because I don't think anyone could have predicted the last year and a half."

Pfeiffer's advice for people looking to buy is to be prepared financially, have their pre-approval done with a local lender, be ready to make aggressive offers and make decisions quickly.

"If you're thinking about selling start getting rid of junk and clutter," she said. "How your home presents will determine how many and what kind of offers you receive. It's all going to happen very quickly so that will also have you better prepared for your move."

So where does this leave buyers interested in relocating? Here are some tips.

• **Consider areas with slower overall price growth.**

Experts say the southern and midwestern United States offer the best value for home shoppers because of their meager price growth. ClearCapital, which tracks housing values, says San Antonio, St. Louis and the Dallas/Fort

Worth areas experienced the least price appreciation from 2019 into 2020.

• **Get preapproval or have your funds ready.**

Speed is the way to go if a buyer is interested in a property and wants to make an offer. Real estate professionals say buyers should be "offer ready," which means having a mortgage preapproval letter or proof of funds for a down payment ready to go. Failure to have funds in check can slow down the process or compel sellers to reject an offer.

• **Work with a real estate agent.**

These are complicated times and it pays for buyers to have a professional working in their corner. A real estate agent uses his or her knowledge to make a timely offer and negotiate on the buyer's behalf. He or she also will provide insight into specific neighborhoods, amenities and school districts.

• **Eliminate certain contingencies from the equation.**

Contingencies are factors that must be met before a sale can go through, according to the relocation site moving.com. A common contingency is the need to sell one's current home before closing on another. Asking for extended closing periods or certain home repairs are some additional contingencies that can make buyers less attractive to sellers.

• **Make it personal.**

Buyers can offer a personalized note with the offer that may connect with the seller emotionally and set one apart from others who have made similar offers.

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Did you know?
A 2020 homes.com survey in U.S. reveals modern farmhouse is most favored style

By Sharon Stone

When remodeling a home with the ultimate goal of making it more attractive to prospective buyers, homeowners can benefit from taking stock of current trends, including the style of home that’s most popular.

According to a 2020 Homes.com survey of more than 5,000 adults across the United States, modern farmhouse is the most favored house style.

The survey asked participants to choose from a selection of styles, including mid-century modern ranch, Spanish colonial/southwest, bohemian craftsman, Italianate, French chateau, and Tudor.

The modern farmhouse style was the most popular choice in 42 of the 50 states, proving that home-style preference is not beholden to geography. Respondents gave a host of reasons for favoring the modern farmhouse look, including that the style is “aesthetically appealing but not boring” and that it looks “simple, cozy, and not too busy.”

Cost vs. VALUE

According to a recent remodeling.hw.net article, the release by zondahome.com, regarding the 34th annual Cost vs. Value report finds exterior improvement projects continuing a multiyear trend of providing the greatest return on investment (ROI) for homeowners. Eleven out of the 12 projects with the highest ROI were exterior improvements. At the top is the replacement garage door (No. 1), sidings (including manufactured stone veneer at No. 2), and windows. The indoor exception, sitting at No. 3, is the minor kitchen remodel – a modest face lift of kitchen surfaces that offers a relatively high return when done prior to the sale of a house.

Sorted by the highest percentage of cost recovered (or return on investment), this chart ranks all 22 projects in the Cost vs. Value report. A relatively steep increase in costs during 2020 resulted in lower ROI figures compared to years past.

Source: remodeling.hw.net



Exterior improvements in 2021 have greatest return on investment

Cost vs. Value National Averages

| PROJECT | Job Cost at Sale Recovered | Value | %Cost |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Garage Door Replacement | \$3,907 | \$3,663 | 94% |
| Manufactured Stone Veneer | \$10,386 | \$9,571 | 92% |
| Minor Kitchen Remodel | \$26,214 | \$18,927 | 72% |
| Siding Replacement (Fiber Cement) | \$19,626 | \$13,618 | 69% |
| Window Replacement (Vinyl) | \$19,385 | \$13,297 | 69% |
| Siding Replacement (Vinyl) | \$16,576 | \$11,315 | 68% |
| Window Replacement (Wood) | \$23,219 | \$15,644 | 67% |
| Deck Addition (Wood) | \$16,766 | \$11,038 | 66% |
| Entry Door Replacement (Steel) | \$2,082 | \$1,353 | 65% |
| Deck Addition (Composite) | \$22,426 | \$14,169 | 63% |
| Grand Entrance (Fiberglass) | \$10,044 | \$6,116 | 61% |
| Roofing Replacement (Asphalt Shingles) | \$28,256 | \$17,147 | 61% |
| Bathroom Remodel Mid-Range | \$24,424 | \$14,671 | 60% |
| Universal Design Bathroom | \$38,813 | \$22,475 | 58% |
| Major Kitchen Remodel Mid-Range | \$75,571 | \$43,364 | 57% |
| Roofing Replacement (Metal) | \$46,031 | \$25,816 | 56% |
| Bathroom Remodel Upscale | \$75,692 | \$41,473 | 55% |
| Master Suite Addition Mid-Range | \$156,741 | \$85,672 | 55% |
| Major Kitchen Remodel Upscale | \$149,079 | \$80,284 | 54% |
| Bathroom Addition Mid-Range | \$56,946 | \$30,237 | 53% |
| Bathroom Addition Upscale | \$103,613 | \$54,701 | 53% |
| Master Suite Addition Upscale | \$320,976 | \$152,996 | 48% |

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Home renovation loans work for existing homeowners or homeowners purchasing a new home and renovating.

For existing homeowners who locked in a super low rate on their first mortgage, being able to borrow on the after renovation value without having to refinance again makes the home renovation loan the ideal choice.

For homeowners looking to purchase a home that needs some renovation love, a home renovation loan allows the homebuyers to acquire the property with a traditional mortgage and then use a home renovation loan after closing to fund the renovations. This is much easier than trying to use a renovation loan for the purchase process.

PROS:

- Does NOT require homeowners to refinance their first mortgage, meaning homeowners can keep their low rates and avoid restarting the clock on their mortgage. Same Low Home Equity rates - for 10 to 20-year terms, rates are typically the same as a traditional home equity loan or line of credit.
- Lower fees - because the loan doesn't require you to refinance your entire mortgage, you'll pay less in closing costs because it's based on a smaller base.
- Can borrow \$20k to \$500k
- It's the only renovation loan that doesn't require homeowners to refinance and it's the only renovation loan that doesn't require the funds to be disbursed to the contractor through a messy inspection & draw schedule process.

CONS:

- Because home equity loans typically max out at 20-year terms, the monthly payments for these loans are often a bit higher than payments for other renovation loans with a term of over 30 years.

Dort Financial started offering a new home renovation loan program in 2021.

"We have found this program to be

very beneficial for homeowners that don't currently have the equity in their home to fund their renovation project. It allows us to fulfill our mission of opening doors to our members by providing quality financial services," said Marc Tatarcuk, Real Estate Lending Manager at Dort Financial Credit Union.

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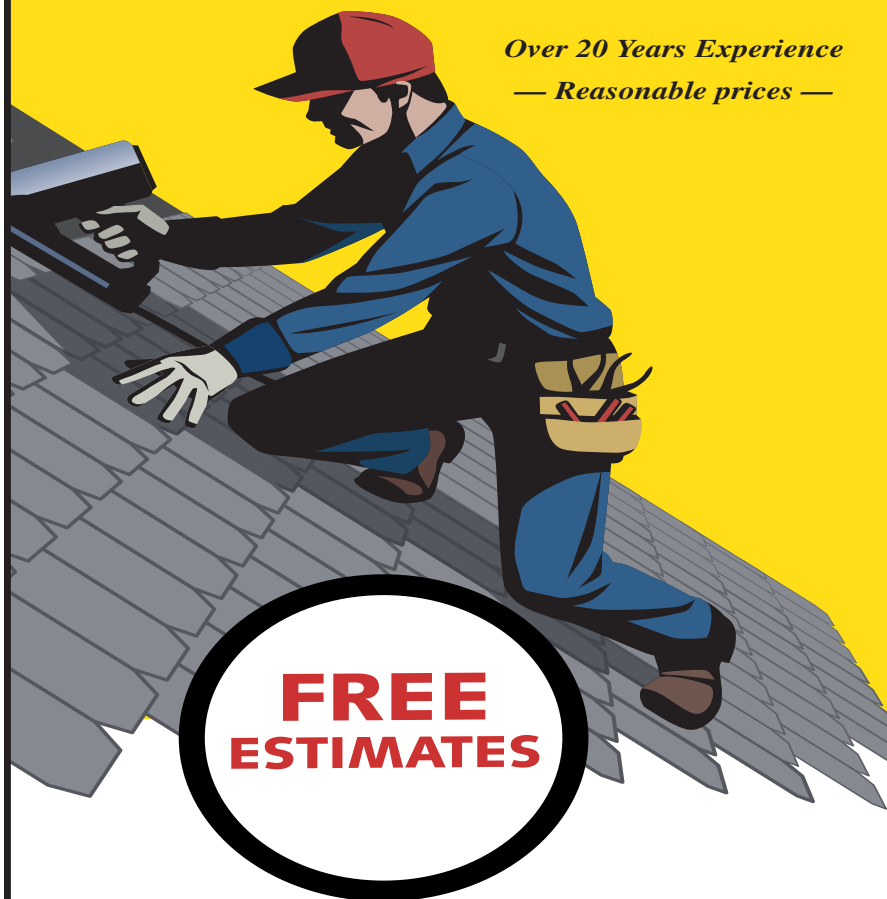
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NEW HOME

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buildings and townhome complexes in the city in favor of their own place in the suburbs.

• *Some homeowners trade open floor plans for privacy.*

With entire families living, working, and learning at home for more than a

year, open floor plans began to fall out of favor. Even as more activities begin to take place outside the home, many homeowners are seeing the benefits of a formal layout that offers private spaces.

• *Patience is key.*

Between shortages, shipping delays, and strong demand, building a home in 2021 can be challenging, and patience is key to navigating the process smoothly.

Tips from a local home builder/Realtor/broker

Jim Sabo, owner of Pine Hollow Custom Homes, said the pandemic did not slow custom new builds. Pine Hollow Custom Homes are at the top end of the price spectrum and Sabo, who also is a Realtor/broker, said his development in Grand Blanc is close to multiple hospitals and business headquarters so his clientele are typically in the medical or business professions, and even professional athletes.

Not too long ago, the cost of lumber skyrocketed causing frustration in the building industry but Sabo blames bad press about those inflated high prices, which have since come back down to normal.

Because there is such a low inventory of existing homes, Sabo said prices of existing homes

are often overpriced making it a seller's market. People are turning to building their own homes, which has impacted inventory of some building supplies. Now that lumber prices are back to normal levels, construction is back in full force.

With custom built homes, Sabo is seeing clients asking for home offices, smart homes, theaters, two kitchens, two master bedrooms, occasionally pools and more. He said it also was this way prior to the pandemic. Clients are using these custom built homes as a compound.

For those considering building a new home, Sabo suggests that they get moving and do it now. Interest rates are at an all time low, and maybe as low as they ever will be. He said there is every indication that inflation will cause prices to increase.

VOTES

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House Bill 4117: Authorize two-year license plate renewals

To authorize extending the duration of vehicle registration renewals (license plate tabs) to two years instead of annually. A related bill also extends the state park admission tags available with these to two years.

Passed 35 to 0 in the Senate

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| Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) | YES |
| Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) | YES |
| Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) | YES |
| Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) | YES |
| Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) | YES |

Senate Bill 529: Spend federal stimulus dollars on bridge repairs

To appropriate \$1.626 billion federal "stimulus" dollars for bridge repair projects around the state.

Passed 23 to 12 in the Senate

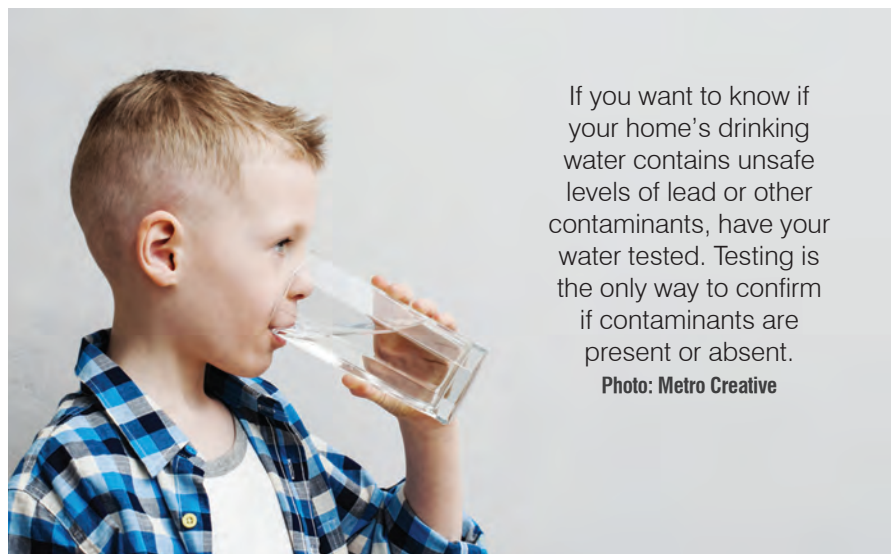
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House Bill 4980: Permit drag races in the sand at Silver Lake State Park

To make an exception to the state law banning drag racing for "an activity at Silver Lake State Park authorized by the Department of Natural Resources." This would apply to a 450-acre section of sand dunes park managers have set aside as a "scramble area" for ORVs.

Passed 28 to 7 in the Senate

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| Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) | YES |
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If you want to know if your home's drinking water contains unsafe levels of lead or other contaminants, have your water tested. Testing is the only way to confirm if contaminants are present or absent.

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Should we test our DRINKING WATER?

Be informed so that you can make informed decisions

The answer to this question depends on several factors. It concerns your health and the health of your family, so you need to know some basic facts. In addition to illness, a variety of less serious problems such as taste, color,

odor and staining of clothes or fixtures are signs of possible water quality problems. Other things to think about include the nearness of your water well to septic systems and the composition of your home's plumbing materials.

HOME WATER TESTING

Regardless of your water source, here are two situations that may require testing:

• **Do you suspect lead may be in some of your household plumbing materials and water service lines?**

Most water systems test for lead as a regular part of water monitoring. These tests give a system-wide picture, but do not reflect conditions at a specific household faucet.

If you want to know if your home's drinking water contains unsafe levels of lead, have your water tested. Testing is the only way to confirm if lead is present or absent. Some faucet and pitcher filters can

remove lead from drinking water. If you use a filter to remove lead, be sure you get one that is certified to remove lead by NSF International.

For more information, visit epa.gov/safewater/lead, or call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

• **Are you considering a home water treatment unit?**

Find out what is in your water and what you might want to remove before contacting potential dealers. Be informed so you can make the right decisions. To help you, please visit epa.gov/safewater/faq/faq.html#hwtu and epa.gov/safewater/wot.

Source: EPA.GOV

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The following items will help you determine when to test your private drinking water supply.

How frequently should I test?

Test water every year for total coliform bacteria, nitrates, total dissolved solids and pH levels, especially if you have a new well, or have replaced or repaired pipes, pumps or the well casing.

Do you expect to have a new baby in the household?

Test for nitrate in the early months of a pregnancy, before bringing an infant home, and again during the first six months of the baby's life. It is best to test for nitrate during the spring or summer following a rainy period.

Do you have taste, odor and staining issues?

Test for sulfate, chloride, iron, manganese, hardness and corrosion, and every three years. If you suspect other contaminants, test for these also.

Have you had a chemical or fuel spill or leak near your

water supply?

Test your well for chemical contaminants, such as volatile organic compounds. Tests can be expensive; limit them to possible problems specific to your situation. Local experts can tell you about possible impurities in your area.

Is someone in your household pregnant or nursing an infant? Are there unexplained illnesses in your family?

Do you notice a change in water taste, odor, color or clarity? You may need to test more than once a year.

Do you know who can test your water?

Often county health departments will help you test for bacteria or nitrates. If not, you can have your water tested by a state certified laboratory.

You can find one in your area by calling the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791 or visiting epa.gov/safewater/labs.

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It's a luxury not to sweat the small stuff

Things like chipping paint and yellowing grass aren't the end of the world, but they do require time and effort to deal with. When you're renting, you don't have to think twice about all of the little things that make home ownership such a big day-to-day responsibility — in fact, you probably won't even notice them most of the time. So if you enjoy spending your weekends hanging out with friends instead of climbing up on a ladder and clearing leaves out the gutter, then renting might just be the best option for you.

There's no pressure to upgrade

It's a lot easier to be satisfied with

an outdated kitchen or poorly designed bathroom when you're simply renting out a space. Homeowners are in it for the long haul however, and upgrades aren't just part and parcel of the experience, they're also usually expected if you want to make a good return when you go to sell. As a renter, you can be satisfied with what you've got knowing that it's not forever.

Ultimately, the decision of renting vs. buying comes down to what you can afford and how much responsibility you want to have when it comes to your home. There's nothing wrong with foregoing home ownership for the flexibility that comes with renting, nor is there anything wrong with going all in and buying a home. Make the decision that's right for you and your finances, and you should be happy with wherever you end up.

Source: moving.com

How to shop for an insurance policy

Seek recommendations, research ratings, check out customer service and more

Adults need insurance for a variety of reasons. Insurance provides a safety net when accidents or injuries occur, and the right insurance policy can help policy holders make it through such instances as smoothly as possible.

Television commercials promoting insurance companies often tout low rates, but shopping for the right insurance policy is about more than finding the lowest rates. The following are some tips consumers can consider as they shop for insurance policies.

- **Research ratings.** Various groups rate insurance companies based on everything from the usefulness of their websites to how satisfied their customers are with the claims process. J.D. Power conducts surveys of customer satisfaction and product quality for various industries, including insurance. The results of those surveys can be found at jdpower.com and can provide valuable insight into insurance providers, giving prospective policy holders a good idea of how their interactions with an assortment of agencies may go.

- **Emphasize customer service.** Customer service reputation should bear considerable weight when shopping for an insurance policy. Many policyholders want readily available access to a human being when they have an insurance question or need to submit a claim. When shopping for policies and seeking estimates, take note of how easy or difficult it is to speak with an agent at each company. Is the quotes process

entirely automated, or is an agent walking you through the estimate and carefully explaining each component of the policy? Rating agencies rank companies based on customer service offerings, and those ratings should not be overlooked.

- **Seek recommendations.** Word-of-mouth can go a long way toward finding the right insurance provider. Ask friends or relatives which companies hold their policies and how easy or difficult it's been for them to file claims in the past. Google reviews and other online review boards also can be great resources to see how existing or past policyholders feel about a given provider. Pay attention to how quickly claims are settled and paid out, as policyholders, in most instances, should not have to wait months or years to be reimbursed for costs covered by their policies.

- **Avoid being fixated on cost.** Cost is a significant consideration when shopping for insurance policies, especially costly policies like homeowners and auto insurance. But cost should not be the deciding factor. A company that offers especially low rates may only do so because it offers very limited coverage, while a more expensive policy may provide more extensive coverage that helps policy holders make it through accidents or injuries with their savings intact. Carefully read estimates to determine how much coverage you will be getting with each policy.

SUBDIVISION

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subdivision. The proximity will make it easy for them to get to that wonderful country club. Hopefully it's a win/win for us and Spring Meadows," he said.

Davidson said once plans are approved, they will sell the lots to homeowners. His goal is for building to begin in May 2022.

Zoning Administrator Mike Deem said in the application, the minimum lot size is 24,000 square feet, which

is .55 acres. The minimum lot size requirement for the R-3 zoning district is 20,000 square feet.

"The Future Land Use Classification from the Master Plan for this parcel is medium density residential. Based on this classification, up to 1.28 units per acre would be allowed. The site plan provides 0.88 units per acre," Deem said.

Since the township does not have water, these lots would have to be serviced by sewer and wells.

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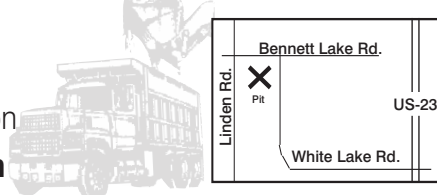
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**Talk to your family doctor or a trusted health care professional
to get answers to your vaccine questions.**

Veteran and first responder appreciation day planned

■ Saturday, Aug. 28 event will have outdoor recreation opportunities, resources available

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Linden City officials are working with Congressman Dan Kildee's office to plan an event for veterans and first responders.

The Veterans and First Responders Recreation Day will take place Saturday, Aug. 28 in downtown Linden from 12 p.m. to 4

p.m. The Linden City Council approved the event application Monday, July 12. It is a city event.

Multiple departments are working together on this, including the Linden Fire Department, Linden Police Department, the Department of Public Works, Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation and Kildee's office.

"It recognizes what veterans and first responders do for their communities, as well as brings awareness to how outdoor recreation can help with PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder) and is beneficial to

physical and mental health for our veterans and first responders. There will be kayaking, bicycling, fly-fishing events and other events, as well as food," said Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter.

The LAFF (Linden, Argentine Township, Fenton, Fenton Township) Pathway group will be involved, as well as Cyclefit Sports and Sunshine Kayak Rental. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will send representatives and attendees can renew or buy fishing and hunting licenses.

See **DAY PLANNED** on 30

“It recognizes what veterans and first responders do for their communities, as well as brings awareness to how outdoor recreation can help with PTSD...”

Scott Sutter
Linden police chief

NOTICE – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARINGS ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Please be advised, The Argentine Township Board will hold a public hearing for the following Special Assessment Districts Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, MI 48451 to hear any comments or objections. The proposed amounts are for one year and will be placed on the Winter tax rolls. The following proposed amounts are for Township-wide garbage collection, police and fire protection. The additional assessments apply to owners of properties within the proposed districts only.

This year the proposed annual amounts are as follows:

Township-wide Districts:

- Garbage Collection \$150.00 per parcel with a home
- Fire Protection \$100.00 per improved parcel, a decrease of \$30.00; \$50.00 per vacant parcel
- Police Protection \$200.00 per improved parcel, an increase of \$30.00

Residents who live on a dirt road maintained by the county will pay Road Improvement of \$92.00 for Chloride – dust control.

The residents who live on the following lakes weed control districts are as follows:

- Lobdell Weeds \$175.00 riparian's Lobdell Weeds Marina/Motel slip/rental \$175.00 per dock
- McKane Weeds \$130.00 riparian's
- Softwater Weeds \$150.00 riparian's
- Myers Weeds \$75.00 riparian's, an increase of \$50.00
- Stages Tax \$718.00 (\$458.00 for 10 years for improvements & \$60.00 for access and \$200.00 for dock installation/removal)
- Lobdell Estates \$140.00 for Vacant Lake Lot Tax

The lighting districts are as follows and only residents who reside in this district will pay the assessment:

- Kovacs Lights \$50.00 per parcel for lights
- Hatt, Locke and Angel Drives \$120.00 per parcel for road maintenance and lights

- Windwood Beach Drive \$150.00 per parcel for maintenance (tree trimming) and light
- Pineview Lake Dr \$10.00 per lot for maintenance of the sign and light
- Rustic Trail \$10.00 per parcel for light
- Knobhill Lights \$300.00 for a light and gate maintenance
- Woods Lights \$56.00 per parcel for lights
- White Oaks Drive \$40.00 per parcel for lights

The following is for Road Maintenance on roads that are maintained by the residents who live on them:

- Longfellow Drive \$300.00 per parcel for road maintenance an increase of \$80.00.
- Oakhill Drive \$100 per improved parcel and \$40 for vacant for road maintenance and lake access improvements
- Woodward Drive \$30.00 per parcel for road maintenance plus \$200.00 for ten years for repairs for a total of \$230.00
- Selma and Sharon Drives \$150.00 per improved parcel for road maintenance
- Hartwood Drive \$30.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Bougher Drive \$225.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Hiawatha Drive \$150.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Ridge Drive \$75.00 for parcels North of Lake Drive, \$35.00 for parcels South of Lake Drive for maintenance
- Longfield Drive \$140.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Shiawassee Drive \$150.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Locust Grove \$75.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Shared Driveway (Duffield Rd) \$10.00 per parcel for road maintenance

The appearance and protest of a property owner or party in interest or agent at the above-referenced public hearing is required to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Such appearance and protest may be made in person at the hearing or by letter addressed to and received by the Township Clerk at 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, MI 48451 prior to the close of said public hearing. Any appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal must be filed within 30 days after the date the roll is confirmed.

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National Farmers Markets Week

Michigan towns, vendors, shoppers celebrate locally grown crops, homemade products

By Sharon Stone

The Michigan Farmers Market Association (MIFMA) kicks off National Farmers Market Week from Aug. 1 through 7, with farmers markets across the state and country. Many of Michigan's nearly 250 farmers markets will be hosting special events, activities and more to celebrate farmers and vendors, and express appreciation for volunteers and shoppers.

In the midst of a global pandemic, farmers markets — like all other small businesses — have innovated to continue operations for the farmers and communities that depend on them. Market managers have been at the forefront of adapting rapid solutions and innovating to protect staff, customers and the community.

When conventional food supply



Photo: Sharon Stone



The Holly Farmers Market on Sundays and the Fenton Farmers Market (left) on Wednesdays are in full swing this summer. Numerous vendors at each offer fresh produce that was locally grown and homemade products. (Right) O'Malley's Woodwork, who makes chopping blocks, sharpened knives Sunday at the market in Holly.

chains faltered at the start of the pandemic, farmers markets and local food systems clearly displayed the resiliency of short supply chains and interest in local foods spiked nationwide.

Pat Allen, the manager of the Fenton

Farmers Market, said this year they have 23 seasonal vendors with six of them being produce vendors. They have 33 day-payer vendors, which sell all types of crafts, homemade signs, cheese vendor, baked goods. They also

have one group in spot 21 that has crafts for kids and is providing community resources.

"We have all types of homemade items plus homemade honey," Allen said.

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FARMERS MARKET

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When asked about the tone of this year’s farmers market, Allen said, “I’ve heard nothing but great reviews, in fact this year I’ve had more interest in potential vendors.

“This week alone I received four new vendors. My vendor base is up by 50%. I know last year was a rough year but it’s been probably five years since we’ve had this much interest.”

The Fenton Farmers Market, run by Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation, takes place Thursdays from 5 to 9 p.m., rain or shine, in downtown Fenton on the lawn of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center during the Street Experience. It is a member of the MIFMA and follows its guidelines.

“2020 was not an easy year, but we know farmers, market managers, and MIFMA staff and board members are no strangers to hard work and overcoming challenges,” said Amanda Shreve, executive director of MIFMA. “As we celebrate 2021’s National Farmers Market Week, we’ve already seen the strength, resiliency and hope we share as a farmers market community, and know our markets will continue to

positively impact their communities long beyond this week.”

Diana Regan, marketing manager and produce vendor for the Holly Farmers Market said Patty Roeske of Roeske Farms will be having summer squash, potatoes, onions, watermelon, winter squash and pumpkins coming up. “They have been working very hard in their field in Hartland to bring their fresh produce each week. Also they have farm fresh eggs and pork, chicken, and turkeys raised on their farm,” Regan said.

Also in Holly, Diana’s Heirloom Produce will have blueberries, peaches, corn, cantaloupe, tomato, zucchini, candy onions, cucumbers, pickling cucumbers and much more. In the near future, watermelons, winter squash and heirloom pumpkins will be available.

Bass Root Farm has lettuce, kale, onions, zucchinis, cucumbers, tomatoes, and in the near future squash, eggplant, and pumpkins. Regan said this is their first year farming at the market it has been an exciting year for them.

Regan said, “The Holly Farmers Market has grown tremendously this year. Each week we have an average of 5-plus vendors.

The Holly Farmers Market runs

Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., from May to Oct. 17 at Crapo Park in Holly.

In 2020 and continuing into the 2021 market season, Michigan markets adapted to keep customers safe, with more than 250 market managers, volunteers, vendors, and others participating in COVID-19 town hall webinars hosted by MIFMA. The town halls were just one example of the ways MIFMA

staff helped markets respond to the pandemic and keep shoppers and vendors safe, totaling more than 550 hours of COVID response staff time invested.

Now, farmers markets are honoring another year of building resilience in their communities and bringing people together.

In Michigan, nearly 250 farmers markets serve their communities by increasing food access, often in areas where grocery options are scarce, and by supporting small businesses. In 2020 alone, 152 markets accepted SNAP Bridge Cards including 25 new sites, generating more than \$1 million annually in farm revenue and creating access to nutritious fruits and vegetables for Michigan’s most vulnerable families.

“Farmers markets are a critical component of Michigan’s agricultural economy,” said Michigan Department

of Agriculture and Rural Development Director Gary McDowell. “Demand for Michigan’s food and agricultural products has never been greater, and markets provide an opportunity for consumers to connect directly with those products, while supporting our state’s small businesses. The economic and community impacts are worth celebrating.”

“When we look at the new and growing roles our markets play in increasing food access, creating inclusive spaces for vendors and shoppers, and providing a place where communities can begin to safely reconnect, we certainly have much to celebrate,” Shreve said. “Michigan has long had a vibrant farmers market and agricultural community. National Farmers Market Week is one way to recognize and thank all those who come together around our state to manage and support markets.”

There are numerous farmers markets in the tri-county area affiliated with the MIFMA, including in Fenton, Grand Blanc and Flint in Genesee County, Hartland, Howell and Brighton in Livingston County and Brandon Township, Clarkston, Highland Township, Pontiac, Rochester and more in Oakland County.

Want to visit a farmers market during National Farmers Market Week? MIFMA’s Find a Market tool helps shoppers search their local markets for days, times and locations to join in celebrating National Farmers Market Week, available at mifma.org.

“I’ve heard nothing but great reviews, in fact this year I’ve had more interest in potential vendors.”

Pat Allen
Fenton Farmers
Market manager

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Weekend Scrambler

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words.
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_____ a cup of caviar."

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WAKES

Somber

MOOSER

Root

BRUTE

Dismay

LAMAR

TODAY'S WORD

Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times

DAY PLANNED

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They’ll have free lunches available for veterans and first responders. Organizations that provide services to veterans, such as the Karl Richter Community Center, will be in attendance.

“There’s a lot of different organizations that they’re bringing to the table that day to connect first responders and veterans to resources to potential benefits, things like that,” said Linden Manager Ellen Glass.

The city will close Main Street, north of Broad Street, and Tickner Street until East Street. The library parking lot will be used for food and vendors. First responder vehicles will be parked along the street, and residents will still have access to their homes. Sutter said they’re inviting other departments to

participate as well.

Linden Fire Chief Brian Will said they plan to have several fire trucks displayed.

“The event is to honor the vets and first responders, but it’s important that the public come to see everything and talk with those in the event to thank our participants and to see and learn about what we do and what we use to do our jobs when called upon. We are looking forward to seeing everyone,” he said.

Kildee’s office approached Linden about putting on the event. Glass said they accepted and it’s a good event to put on because they weren’t able to host National Night Out.

“They’ve had this event four or five times and it’s traveled around,” she said. “We graciously accepted. We thought this was a perfect opportunity for us to do something.”

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FEATURES

ACROSS

1 Pagan belief

6 Shortly

12 Refuses to comply with

20 Bubbling over

21 Not end on schedule

22 She played Natalia Boa Vista on "CSI: Miami"

23 Warming up a 24-ounce Starbucks drink?

25 Corded phone connection

26 See 11-Down

27 Beijing-to-Taipei dir.

28 Indian-language word meaning "lower limbs?"

29 Greek dawn goddess

30 Car ad abbr.

32 Edison's middle name

34 Go quickly, old-style

35 Put clothes on a raccoon relative?

39 Margarine, old-style

41 Praise highly

45 Gossipy sort

46 Pea keeper

47 Shiny gray wrist bones?

50 Bagel option

52 Non-paper money

54 Defeated in a footrace

55 Countrified

58 "Right on!"

59 Echo

60 "That South Asian yogurt drink is my favorite!"

64 Strip race

66 Anger

68 Defiant type

69 Scan for typos and such

71 "Me and Bobby —" (1971 hit)

73 Off-roader, in brief

74 Counterfeit

75 Spatula on a Hawaiian porch?

77 Noontime nap

80 Ring match

82 Singer Debby

83 Words after many fiction book titles

84 Legions

86 Least vicious

90 Beautiful woman in the Muslim paradise who's destitute?

92 During each

95 Actress — Grace Moretz

96 Really tiny

97 Be worthy of

98 Chariot in which the Bible's three wise men traveled?

100 Fast escape

102 1952 Winter Olympics city

104 Egg: Prefix

105 Foldable bed

106 Pool lengths completed by Hindu masters?

111 "... bug — feature?"

113 Typos and such

116 Geometric plane curve

117 Fight a ruling family of old Florence?

120 Stopped sleeping

121 Tristan's lady

122 Tendencies

123 Anonymous

124 Wood finish

125 Inner tension

DOWN

1 Crib outburst

2 "Except after C" lead-in

3 Roughens

4 — Field (Mets' stadium)

5 "Put — on it!"

6 The so-called "Godfather of Punk"

7 Fall mo.

8 Malted drinks

9 Potted dwarf

10 Spy's info

11 Start of an end-of-week cry that's followed by 26-Across

12 Wrap offerer

13 Sir Walter Scott hero

14 Christian music singer — Patty

15 Classic song

16 Umpire's call

17 Lake that abuts Ohio

18 Egg foo —

19 Gets the idea

24 DEA figure

28 "Barney Miller" star

29 Ben & Jerry's rival

31 "Red Book" Chinese chairman

33 Put in words

36 Go hungry

37 Justice Alito

38 Raiders' stats

40 Lead-in to a holiday

41 Delayed

42 Call into a court of law

43 Cornered

44 Big racket

47 Between solid and liquid

48 Filmmaker Nicolas

49 Tea holder

51 Time stretch

53 Old El — (salsa brand)

56 Top dog

57 Tomb raider

59 Sirius XM medium

60 Lyric writer Gershwin

61 "We'd better skip that"

62 Apparent

63 Mexican hats

65 Broccoli —: Var.

67 Perpetually, to poets

70 Be worthy of

71 1972 Summer Olympics city

72 Christmas Nativity display

74 WWII battle site

76 Unit of bricks

78 "Climb — Mountain"

79 Six, in Sicily

81 Forebodings

83 Yellowfin tuna, in Hawaii

84 Santa —

85 Wrap offerer

87 Deciding (to)

88 One-man bands, e.g.

89 Examine

91 Doe and hen

93 Vainglory

94 Construction bolt installer

98 Many a Utah churchgoer

99 Fish lurer

100 Vilify in print

101 By itself

103 Untethered

106 Time stretch

107 Tot's H2O

108 Composer Khachaturian

109 Create

110 Hip hangouts

112 Showing skill

114 Country's McEntire

115 Yemeni port

117 Part of ACLU: Abbr.

118 Fruity drink

119 Suffix with 31-Down or 93-Down

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

MIDWEEK SUDOKU ANSWERS

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MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:

DEPTH, DWELL, PAPAYA, PACIFY

Answer: The telemarketers would work until they — **CALLED IT A DAY**

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:

ASKEW, MOROSE, TUBER, ALARM

Answer: **BORROW**

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 22 min.

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Fenton native Denise Daddino, 90, plays golf at Tyrone Hills twice a week. She shot a 49 during one nine-hole round earlier this summer.

Photo: David Troppens

Fenton native Daddino keeps on golfing at 90 years old

By David Troppens

Fenton native Denise Daddino has one goal on the golf course.

"I'm competitive," Daddino said. "I can always stay out of the 60s for nine holes, but I want to get back to the 40s, but I'm afraid that my 40 days are over. I did shoot a 49 ear-

lier this year."

Shooting in the 40s is a goal for a lot of recreational golfers, but for Daddino, shooting in the 40s is pretty impressive for another reason. Daddino is 90 years old.

Daddino celebrated her 90th birthday among her group of friends

during her Tuesday morning league at Tyone Hills Golf Club. Despite being 90, Daddino is the only golfer in the league to walk and push her clubs in a cart. She does the same on Wednesday's when she competes in another league.

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Sports Times

Linden's Goodman leads our girls track & field team

■ Freshman becomes area's top spriter quickly

By David Troppens

At the start of the prep track season, chances were many people in the tri-county area didn't know much about Lauren Goodman.

She was a freshman on the Linden varsity girls track squad, and while she had promise, who knows about a freshman at the prep level? They have to prove themselves.

Goodman, the girl who runs with a smile on her face while competing, proved herself. Goodman became Linden's top sprinter, posting the team's best time in the 100-meter dash (13.11 seconds), the 200 (27.03) and the 400 (1:05.96), giving the Eagles some strong sprint relays along with teammates Lani Manners, Kennedy Hoose and Vic-

toria Osmond.

Suddenly, the Eagles had themselves a regional championship 400 relay (51.00) and 800 relay (1:52.31). The Eagles eventually also became 400 relay state champions at the D2 event (50.36) and in eighth place in the 800 relay (1:49.99). For these reasons, the Goodman is our 2021 Tri-County Female Track Athlete of the Year.

Obviously, earning a state championship in the 400 relay was Goodman's highlight to the 2021 season.

"Yeah, we really didn't know what to expect at the state meet, so being able to follow through on where we were seeded (No. 1 in the state) felt good," Goodman said after the state meet. "Seeing Victoria Osmond on that last stretch and seeing her pull away from that other girl was the best feeling in the world. Right af-

ter the race, I ran right to Lani Manners to give her a hug, because this is her senior year and this is what she had been striving for her whole high school career."

Goodman's performance in the 200 was eye-popping as well. She started the season posting times of 28.82 and 29.65 seconds in competition, but quickly started to trim down those times. She posted a 27.28 seconds at the Flint Metro League Championship, earning a third-place finish. She followed with a 27.92 at the regional meet, seeding her 20th entering the state meet. However, she was able to run a 27.03 in the preliminary round, earning a spot in the finals. She followed with a 27.69 in the finals, earning All-State honors with an eighth-place finish.

Her drop in times also helped the

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Linden's Lauren Goodman is our Tri-County Female Track Athlete of the Year.

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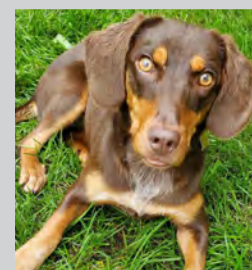
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Many teams have proud history of earning top five finishes in our Top 16 poll

By David Troppens

Well, it's been a long process, but we are starting to get close to the No. 1 position in our 2020-21 Tri-County Top 16 poll.

All we have remaining are the top five squads. All five of these teams had outstanding seasons.

Twenty-six teams have made our top five at least once in the 12 years we've done these polls. So what squad has been in the top five the most? Well, eight teams have been in the top five at least four times. The squads that have been in if four times are the Fenton girls soccer team, the Fenton boys cross country team, the Fenton girls swim team and the Lake Fenton wrestling team. Two teams have been in it five times. They are the Linden boys cross country team and the Fenton girls golf squad. Finally, only one team has made it into our top five six times. That squad? It's the Holly girls tennis team.

So those have been our truly consistently elite programs over the last 12 years. That in itself deserves congratula-

tions. Some will be adding to their total as we reveal our current top five squads.

No. 5 - Linden softball: This is the second time the Eagles have made our top five of our top 16 poll. The Eagles had an outstanding season, recording a 34-8 overall record, and they earned that record by scoring an eye-popping 448 runs (an average of 11 runs a game). That is ninth all time in the MHSAA record books.

With all that success, the Eagles were unable to win a Flint Metro League title for one reason, Owosso pitcher Macy Irelan's arm. She was one of the few people able to contain the Eagles, allowing Owosso to finish the Metro season with a 21-1 mark. Meanwhile the Eagles finished second to the eventual D2 state champions with a pretty impressive 20-2 league slate.

The Eagles made some noise in the state tourney series as well. In district play, they defeated Kearsley 17-4, Clio 21-6 and Lakeland 7-5 to earn some district hardware. A week later, the Eagles won a regional crown, defeating Imlay City 9-4 and Essexville-



The Linden varsity softball team finished fifth in our 2020-21 Tri-County Top 16 listing of the top varsity squads of the school year. Photo: David Troppens

Garber 4-3 in eight innings off a game-winning home run by Haley Ludwig.

The run ended in the state quarterfinals, however, as the Eagles lost to

Marysville 3-1.

No. 4 - Lake Fenton boys cross country: It was a tough start to the

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Tigers, Red Sox fought in a tough battle for 1972 AL East championship

Editor's Note: Through the years sports editor David Troppens has collected historical radio and television broadcasts of Detroit Tigers games. He'll be featuring games through his collection based on the a date close the actual date of our current publication.



"Tiger baseball is on the air."

July 30, 1972

Boston 4, Detroit 3

First game of doubleheader

Network/Announcers: Boston radio announcers Ned Martin and Dave Martin broadcast this game.

Background: The 1972 Tigers still had a decent bulk of the players that gave Detroit the 1968 World Championship squad. The list of players that remained from the 1968 squad in 1972 were Dick McAuliffe, Gates Brown, Bill Freehan, Norm Cash, Jim Northrup, Mickey Stanley, Willie Horton, Al Kaline, Mickey Lolich and John

Hiller. The big difference now was that these players were four years older and four years slower. However, with Billy Martin as manager, the Tigers were making one last plunge for an American League pennant, and it would result in one exciting season at Tiger Stadium.

The American League East Division title race was battled among Detroit, Boston, Baltimore and New York. By the end of the season, the real contenders were Detroit and Boston with a three-game series at the end of the season deciding the division champion.

Game summary: So many of these 1972 Detroit-Boston games were entertaining contests during the second half of the regular season, and this game was no exception. Detroit took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first after a home run

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2020 fall season for the Blue Devils. They ended up finishing third in the first Metro League Stars Division jamboree. But that's where the struggles ended.

In the second jamboree, the Blue Devils won the event by edging second-place Goodrich by eight points. And then, at the final division meet earned first again to earn first in the overall Stars Division standings. And, actually the Blue Devils can argue they were the overall final meet champions because both division races were ran at the same course, and if the times of the two races were combined, the Blue Devils would've won the meet.

In the postseason, Lake Fenton continued its success. The Blue Devils finished second at the pre-regional meet and then placed second at the regional meet, earning a spot at the D2 state meet. While there, the Blue Devils finished 10th, the best ever by a Lake Fenton team at a D2 state meet.

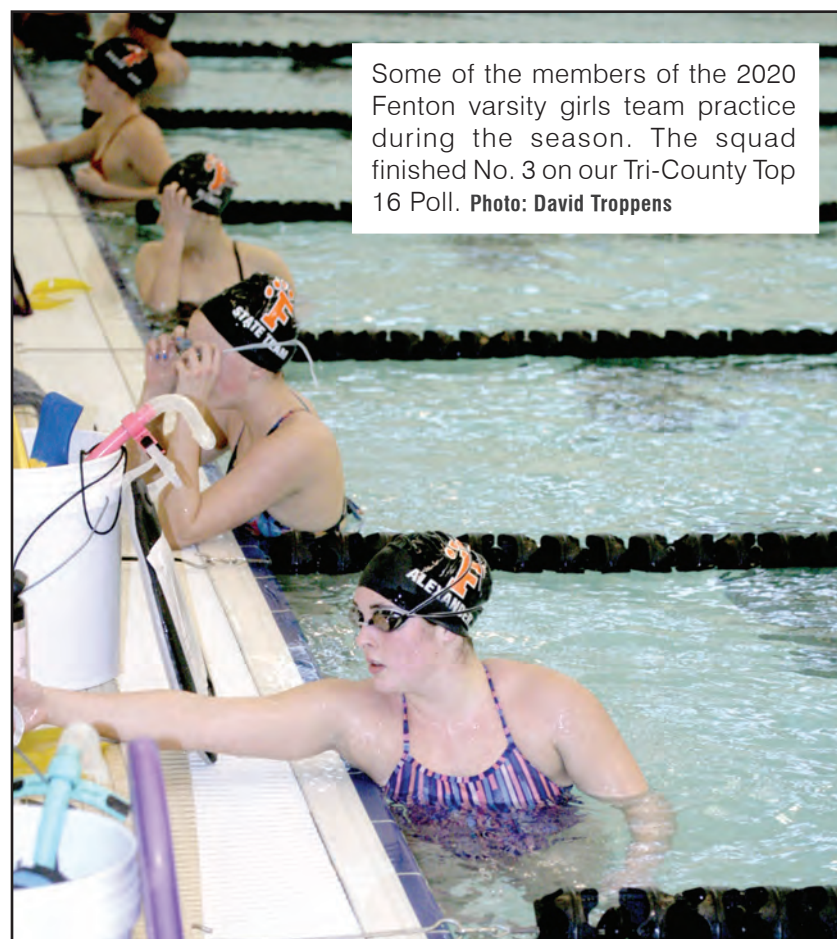
No. 3 - Fenton girls swimming and diving: The Tigers are claiming their fifth top-five finish of all time, making them one of three squads to place in

the top five that many times. This also makes it the second straight season the Tigers finished third as well.

The Tigers have won at least a share (won all but one outright) every Flint Metro League title in the history of the conference and did so again last fall. The Tigers won every dual meet by at least 68 points. Once at the league meet, the Tigers scored 652 team points, or more than double the amount of second-place Corunna (240). Now, that's domination.

The Tigers also had numerous D2 state qualifiers, but the state meet was put on hold for months. When the competition finally happened, Fenton placed seventh with 128.5 points. And through the process they also had Gracie Olsen win her fourth individual state event championship of her career (100 butterfly) and also take second in the 200 freestyle. Sophie Stefanac also placed sixth in the 100 backstroke while the 400 freestyle relay team of Olsen, Stefanac, Delaney Fries and Abigail Dolliver finished third.

And while this was a great season for the Tigers, it seems even brighter seasons may be on the horizon.



Some of the members of the 2020 Fenton varsity girls team practice during the season. The squad finished No. 3 on our Tri-County Top 16 Poll. Photo: David Troppens



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by Brown, and from there the teams exchanged one-run innings each half-inning until the Boston top of the fourth. At that time, the team was tied at 3-all.

The game-winning run was provided by Boston in the top of the sixth. Reggie Smith opened the sixth with a single and Rico Petrocelli followed with a single to left. The Tigers took out starter Chuck Seelbach after the second hit in favor for usual starting pitcher Joe Coleman. Coleman got his first two batters he faced out, possibly ending the threat. However, that didn't happen as John Kennedy hit an RBI-single, giving the Red Sox a 4-3 lead and the eventual victory.

The Tigers had a threat in the ninth when Stanley hit a one-out double. However, Ike Brown grounded out and Tony Taylor grounded out to end the game.

1972 lock out: There was a work stoppage to begin the 1972 season, which meant a handful of games were postponed indefinitely for each team. It was recognized when the season started those games would not be replayed. It set up an

interesting dynamic in the final standings for the American League East. The Tigers won the AL East by a half-game against the Red Sox. Sometimes you may hear a Red Sox fan complain that playing one less game than the Tigers cost them the division. Based on broadcasts from those three contests, that wasn't controversial at the time. Detroit's last three games were played against the Red Sox with both squads realizing the team that won two of the games would win the division. In a way it was the perfect set up to end the regular season. The Tigers actually won the first two games of that series, making the final contest pretty meaningless.

How about the second game of the doubleheader?: Detroit won the second contest easily 7-2. Detroit led 3-2 but then scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth to blow the game open. Two Red Sox errors helped Detroit score the runs. The biggest hit was a Cash two-run single.

Joe Niekro was called up from Toledo to pitch this game. He tossed the complete game victory, scattering 11 hits while striking out three. He remained with the Tigers the rest of the season, but started only one more game.

Female Track Athlete of the Year

LAUREN GOODMAN (Linden)

As the season progressed, Goodman, who is only a freshman, became the tri-county area's top sprinter. She made waves at the end of the season, taking second in the 200 dash at regionals (28.50) and then taking eighth at the state meet (27.03/27.69). She helped lead Linden's 400 relay team to a state championship with a time of 50.36 seconds. Her teammates were Lani Manners, Kennedy Hoose and Victoria Osmond.

All Tri-County Girls Track and Field Team

| Event | Name | School | Time |
|-------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 100 | Lauren Goodman | Linden | 13.11 sec |
| 200 | Lucianna Kamischke | Lake Fenton | 27.00 sec |
| 400 | Taylor Huntoon | Fenton | 1:02.01 |
| 800 | Taylor Huntoon | Fenton | 2:20.92 |
| 1,600 | Claire Hunt | Lake Fenton | 5:37.44 |
| 3,200 | Nina Frost | Fenton | 12:06.21 |
| 100 hurdles | Luciana Kamischke | Lake Fenton | 18.62 sec |
| 300 hurdles | Katelynrose Birchmeier | Linden | 51.99 sec |
| 400 relay | Lani Manners | Linden | 50.36 sec |
| | Lauren Goodman | | |
| | Kennedy Hoose | | |
| | Victoria Osmond | | |
| 800 relay | Lani Manners | Linden | 1:49.99 |
| | Kynleigh Copeland | | |
| | Victoria Osmond | | |
| | Lauren Goodman | | |
| 1,600 relay | Emma Dubie | Fenton | 4:24.80 |
| | Delaney Moon | | |
| | Ava Pyeatt | | |
| | Taylor Huntoon | | |
| 3,200 relay | Nina Frost | Fenton | 10:40.11 |
| | Ella Cox | | |
| | Sophia Resa | | |
| | Taylor Huntoon | | |
| Shot put | Sidney Sahr | Fenton | 31-feet-6 1/2 |
| Discus | Jaden Wilks | Linden | 88-feet-7 |
| High jump | Aniya Semer | Holly | 5-feet-4 |
| Pole vault | Libbie Maier | Fenton | 7-feet-6 |
| | Madison Gerszewski | Linden | 7-feet-6 |
| Long jump | Isabella Henson | Fenton | 16-feet-1 3/4 |

Note: Each event winner was made based on the best time or distance during the spring season in any meet recorded on athletic.net during the prep season.

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400 relay team sneak on to state championship scene. The relay team started with a 54.36 seconds at the Chelsea Relay, but had their time fall to 52.12 at the Flint Metro League Meet. From there, the times kept dropping, with a 51.00 at the regional meet and the state championship time of 50.36 seconds at the state finals.

The 800 relay started with a

2:04.59 in the season's first meet, eventually to a Metro League championship time of 1:53.62. The team dropped their time to 1:52.31 at the regional meet and eventually earned All-State honors by taking eighth at the state meet (1:49.99).

"In both of those events (the 100 dash and the 800 relay, we were not ranked well," Goodman said. "I was ranked 20th in the 200 and 17th in the 4X2, so being able to get up to all-state was the best experience."

DADDINO

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Daddino, who currently lives in Brighton but grew up in Fenton, still hits the ball well. She hit a nice drive probably about 100 yards down the center of the fairway on her first shot of Tuesday's round. She ended up shooting a 53, just four shots less than her 40-something goal.

"But I had 3 three-putts," Daddino said. "I had three three-putts and I don't like that."

Daddino started playing golf in 1977 and has played ever since. She also still rides a bicycle.

"I enjoy the exercise, the camaraderie and all my friends are here," Daddino said.

She said being active is one key to living life at 90, but she also added another tip.

"Living on sweets and carbs," Daddino said. "I've never had a salad in my life."



Fenton native Denise Daddino, 90, hits her second shot on the 10th hole at Tyrone Hills Golf Club. She can still hit a golf ball about 100 yards. Photo: David Troppens

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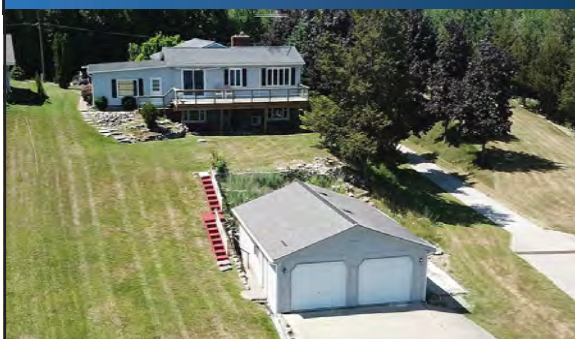
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Ann Marie Allen

1933-2021

Ann Marie Allen - age 87, of Linden, died July 21, 2021. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated 4 PM Monday, August 16, 2021 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton, MI 48430 with Fr. David Harvey celebrant. The family will receive friends from 2-8 PM Sunday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, MI 48430 and from 3 PM - 4 PM Monday at the church. Mem. Ann was born November 29, 1933 in Detroit, the daughter of Emanuel and Irene (Amond) Boilore. She was a graduate of Fenton High School. Ann married Robert C. Allen on March 14, 1953 and he preceded her in death on February 21, 2002. Ann owned and operated



Willow Tree Home Furnishing in Dibbleville for many years. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Dibbleville Questers and the Red Hat

Society. Surviving are four children, Clifford (Karen) Allen of Fenton; Leslie (Miley) Allen of Linden, Kelly Peabody of Indianapolis, Loren (Dorothy) Allen of Flint; nine grandchildren, Cody, Dane, Lindsay, Jamie, Zack, Josh, Barbie, Mason and Annie. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, daughter, Susan Schoeherr; and two brothers, Bobby and Warren Boilore; sister, June Wagner. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Julia Bastedo

Julia Bastedo - age 85, died July 19, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



Carol Kiniry

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Gary Miller

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Diane Mills

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Edward L. Eicher

1927 - 2021



Edward L. Eicher Jr., - Age 94, of Fenton, died Friday July 23, 2021. Funeral services will be held 6:00 PM Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor Jim Wiegand officiating. Burial in Beaver Island Cemetery, Beaver Island at a later date. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Tuesday from 3 PM until the time of the service. Edward was born February 4, 1927 in Detroit, the son of Edward Eicher, Sr. and Alma Brechtel. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the U.S. Army Air Corp. He married Connie Sue Smith December 19, 1959 in Detroit and she preceded him in death February 14, 2011. He had resided in Fenton since 1966 coming from Flint/Elkton and had been a longtime summer resident of Beaver Island



since 1957. Edward had been employed by Chappell Steel, Steel Transportation Service in Flint, and he had also been employed by "Abey's Fish Market". He was a member of Fenton Moose Lodge #430, Fraternal Order of Eagles #2460. Edward was private pilot and a Captain in the Civil Air Patrol in Flint. Surviving are his children, Eric and wife Judy Eicher of Wixom, Michael (Rebecca) Eicher of Linden, Ty and wife Cindy Eicher of Fenton, and Heidi and husband Mark Wiesen of Suttons Bay; grandchildren, Alex (Katie), Stephanie, Emily, Austin, Brooke, Madison, Jake and Skylar. He was also preceded in death by his parents; sister, Elaine Roberts. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Donald Cocke

Donald Cocke - age 85, died July 23, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



Sheila Beverly

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June Svang-Anderson

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Sean "Bud" McDowell

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Anna Hagler

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Christopher Watson

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Julie Vega

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William "Fred" Polacek
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Patsy Kerr
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Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH – FUN IN THE WATER

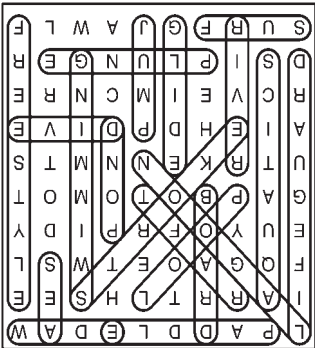
Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **How do babies swim?**

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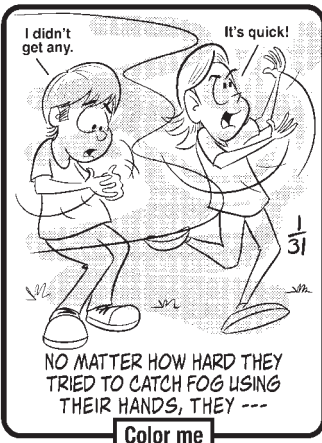
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Jumbles: SPY TRIM MOVE CHIP
Answer: No matter how hard they tried to catch fog using their hands, they --- "MIST"

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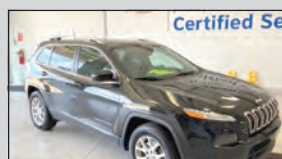
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