

# Township seeks funding to bring water to Thompson Road

■ Agreement between two other municipalities approved; entire project estimated to cost \$23.4 million

By Hannah Ball

**Fenton Twp.** — Fenton Township is one step closer to bringing municipal water to Thompson Road.

On Monday, Aug. 16, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved an agreement for preliminary engineering costs for two proposed water towers and a water main along Thompson, Fenton and Baldwin roads.

“I respectfully request the township approve this agreement as an important first step for providing municipal water to the northern part of the township and

the Thompson Road area,” said Supervisor Vince Lorraine.

The township is pursuing grant funding through Genesee County from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to bring water to the Thompson Road corridor. The area is zoned a mix of manufacturing, commercial, residential and planned unit development, mainly populated with manufacturers and businesses that

retrieve water from wells.

“Even though final funding decisions have not been made, approval of preliminary engineering expenses by the three communities involved in the Southwest Water Loop project, (Fenton, Mundy and Grand Blanc townships), is necessary to keep this potential infrastructure plan on schedule,” Lorraine wrote in a letter to the board.

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### Holly police chief wants to shut down these thieves

■ Rash of catalytic converter larcenies in tri-county area

By Sharon Stone

On Saturday, Aug. 7, at approximately 6:45 p.m., the vehicle and persons depicted in these photos were involved in the theft of several catalytic converters from vehicles parked on Grange Hall Road, near N. Holly Road.

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Suspects in a slew of catalytic converter thefts were seen in this vehicle in Holly. Submitted photo

### Free art boxes for children



Hannah Godlewski, 5, who attends Lake Fenton Community Schools, works on a painting at the Arts are the Heart event at the World of Wonder campus in Fenton on Saturday, Aug. 14. The event was put on by the Fenton Arts Council. See story on Page 9. Photo: Hannah Ball

### Linden man charged

■ Arrested in Shiawassee County in undercover sex sting operation

By Sharon Stone

A 27-year-old Linden man is one of five suspects arrested by the Shiawassee Human Oppression Team (SHOT), which conducted a sex sting operation Sunday, Aug. 8.

Corey Mulanix, 27, of Linden, was arraigned Thursday, Aug. 12 in Shiawassee County's 66<sup>th</sup> District Court. He pleaded not guilty during his arraignment. He was released on \$20,000 bond. A probable cause conference is scheduled for

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Corey Mulanix



#### “Fentonite drivers, please:

use turn signals so people behind you know what you are doing; do not use

the left turn lane as a driving lane; remember that you do not have the right of way when turning on to a road with traffic already present.”



#### “Our area lake

levels are extremely high right now and many yards around Lake Ponemah are underwater near the shoreline. Please boaters, keep the wake and waves down so that more water doesn't come into our yards.”

#### “Shout out to

Consumers Energy and all the other hard-working crews who worked so diligently to restore our power after the recent storm. Hard hats off to you.”



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**Daniel from Estonia, 16 yrs.** Loves to play all kinds of sports, especially basketball and soccer. He is excited to join in with his host family's daily activities!



## BACK-TO-SCHOOL SERIES

# Holly schools welcomes students back Aug. 30

■ **COVID vaccinations recommended, not mandated — masks optional**

By Sharon Stone

Administrators and school boards are finalizing their current policies and safety guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The goal is to follow the ever changing guidelines issued by the Genesee County Health Department (GCHD), the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The Times reached out to school officials at Holly Area Schools, Lake Fenton Community Schools, Linden Community Schools, Fenton Area Public Schools, Holly Academy and St. John School in Fenton with a series of questions to inform readers of what will be happening at our local schools.

Holly Area Schools Superintendent Scott Roper said the district is excited

to welcome back all Bronchos on Monday, Aug. 30. "We are still in the process of student registration and student verification, and currently anticipate an increase in enrollment over last school year," he said.

Holly Area Schools will offer both in-person and virtual options to help serve the unique academic, social and emotional needs of every Broncho.

"In all cases, we remain committed to providing a culture of kindness, compassion and respect that prepares all Bronchos for success," Roper said.

COVID-19 protocols

Holly Area Schools will follow for the 2021-2022 school year

At Holly Area Schools, Roper said the district is committed to returning to a normal school environment and the routine their Bronchos are accustomed to.

"We will continue promoting a healthy and safe learning environment, including regular building cleaning and sanitizing, ventilation improvements,

and reinforcing healthy hygiene habits," he said. "We will also continue to regularly monitor COVID-19 metrics and follow any safety mandates and laws.

Roper said the school district will support its families and staff making the personal choice about wearing a mask in their buildings and at school events.

"We recommend COVID-19 vaccination for all eligible individuals, but will not establish a vaccination requirement for our students or staff," he said. "Throughout the year, we will keep our families updated on any developments related to the virus."

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**Scott Roper**

*Holly Area Schools superintendent*



Scott Roper

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Sharin' the spotlight

By Editor Sharon Stone

I'm jumping on the bandwagon to thank and praise the work of Consumers Energy, DTE and contractors from the seven states that worked around the clock to restore power to much of Mid-Michigan following the storms that began last Wednesday, Aug. 11. Huge kudos also to all the fire and police departments that dealt with their own challenges from the storm.

Five days after the first of three storm waves statewide, Consumers Energy announced Sunday night, Aug. 15, that more than 98% of all electric customers had power, with most expected to be restored overnight.

"We are very pleased with the progress made given the extent of the damage," said Guy Packard, Consumers Energy's vice president for electric operations. "With much of the state wrapped up, we're consolidating crews in the southernmost counties in our final push for this storm."

It was a crazy storm. When I ran about 40 feet to my car Wednesday afternoon for a scheduled dentist appointment, I don't think I could

Giving praise to our utility workers and first responders

have been more drenched from the rain. No umbrellas were in sight. The sky was so dark it felt like nighttime. Not realizing the full extent of the storm, I found myself navigating around big tree branches on Torrey and Linden roads.

When I got home, it hit me just how bad the storm had been. Power was out. My husband was dragging tree branches off to the side of our yard. We felt very fortunate that we had no damage other than that. Then the sound of generators started filling the air.



Sharon Stone

We have a very small generator that kept our refrigerator and a fan going. I think I found a couple batteries that I had stashed from the Y2K debacle.

When darkness came, we went to bed. I was relieved to realize that the Times office did not lose power. From there, we monitored the weather and the progress that utility workers were making. They knew a storm was coming and had out-of-state workers ready to help.

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**YOU KNOW, IF** the utility companies would run their wires underground instead of through the trees, we wouldn't have to deal with all these power outages and instead of fixing broken lines and hacking up trees they could concentrate on maintaining and upgrading our electrical system.

**A BIG THANK** you, to Consumers Power. Never so glad to be woke up at 1:30 a.m. with power back on.

**GOD BLESS, LINEMAN.**

**I WISH FENTON** Township Sheriff's deputies would park by North Road and Torrey Beach Drive. Cars, trucks and motorcycles fly up North Road between 5:30-8 p.m. We're talking 65-70 mph and loud pipes. Can't even sit outside and enjoy the fresh air.

**WHERE ARE MY** five vintage early 1900s first edition Wizard of Oz books that I dropped off at the Fenton Post Office? Let me see the Security Footage showing me dropping them off. I can find them that way.

What three movies would you recommend everyone watch? | streettalk



"American History X.' 'Garden State.' 'Saving Private Ryan.'"

**Billy Hoffman**  
Linden



"The Dig,' 'The Motorcycle Diaries,' and 'The Lord of the Rings' Trilogy. (I know that's technically five movies, but come on, LotR can count as one)."

**Ton Fiselier**  
Fenton



" 'Jaws.' 'In Bruges.' 'Heat.'"

**Joseph Pyrc**  
Linden



" 'Dune.' The original 'Planet of the Apes.' 'Logan's Run.'"

**Ann Rogulsky**  
Fenton

## City continues preparations for new vendor

■ Residents can request garbage and recycle cart swaps via online form, phone or email

On Friday, Aug. 13, the city of Fenton opened the process by which residents can request refuse and recycling carts of a different size than what they're slated to get when GFL begins service in October as the city's new refuse, recycling and yard-waste vendor.

A comprehensive package of information about the new service, including swap options and procedures as well as key dates, is being mailed to residents. The package also can be found at [cityoffenton.org](http://cityoffenton.org).

Most residents will receive 65-gallon refuse and recycling carts from GFL, while some residents of attached condominiums will receive 35-gallon containers. Current hauling provider Republic Services, which owns its carts, will be removing them at some point after its last collection day. Residents can switch into 95-gallon, 65-gallon, or 35-gallon refuse carts and 65-gallon and 35-gallon recycling carts as well as an 18-gallon recycling tote.

Reminder — recycling will be picked up weekly when the new service begins. Requesting the switch can be done by:

- Filling out the online form at <https://bit.ly/3yv03ZI>
- Emailing City Hall at [refusecart@cityoffenton.org](mailto:refusecart@cityoffenton.org)
- Calling (810) 629-2261

City of Fenton residents also can use the above methods to request additional carts, which are \$65 each except for 18-gallon recycling totes, which are \$35. The first deadline to make requests for alternate-size containers



or additional containers is Aug. 20 at noon. Requests will still be taken after that. After Nov. 17, all swaps will cost \$65.

NOTE: Even residents who make requests by the Aug. 20 deadline may not receive their selections until after GFL service begins.

Besides purchasing additional carts from GFL, residents can use containers they already own or purchase separately, as long as containers used for recycling — which will be picked up weekly — are clearly marked.

### WHAT GFL RECYCLES

**Yard waste:** They pick it up separately and compost all of it at an approved compost facility, which then uses it.

**Fibers:** Corrugated cardboard, mixed paper, newspaper, white paper, phone books, junk mail and more

**Metals:** Copper, aluminum, brass, iron and steel — unprepared and prepared

**Glass:** Mixed scrap glass, sorted clear containers, scrap plate glass and more

**Plastics:** Household plastics #1, #7, plastic jugs and bottles and much more

**Construction:** Concrete, wood, cardboard, glass and metals

**Computers:** Computers, cell phones and other antiquated electronic equipment is recycled effectively.

soon be bought and traded like mere property under Sharia Law. The Biden administration must resign now.

■■■

**WHY AREN'T OUR** local politicians, Mike Mueller, Ken Horn, Bob Bezotte, Wes Nakagiri speaking out against what Biden did to the innocent Afghanistan people, and the world for that matter? I'm sure Whitmer will praise Biden for his ineptness and the media will just print what she says.

■■■

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**TO THE PERSON** questioning where our state tax dollars are going from gambling/pot/sales/prostitution/etc. It's all going to those that continue to collect unemployment.

■■■

**PRAY FOR THE** innocent people of Afghanistan. Pray for the surrounding countries. Pray that our government will not have blood on its hands for the women and young girls who will

## SEX STING

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Aug. 25 and preliminary exam is scheduled for Aug. 31.

Also charged are Nathan Schneider, 22, of Owosso; Benjamin Fielder, 30, of Lansing; Thomas Chester, 56, of Haslett and Zachary Adcock, 20, of Lansing.

Sheriff Brian BeGole said four of the suspects believed they were having sexual conversations with 15-year-old girls and one suspect thought they he was chatting with a 15-year-old boy.

The five suspects were arrested after they allegedly traveled to a location of undercover operation for the purpose of sexual acts.

Mulanix and the others are facing charges of child sexual abusive activity, accosting a minor child for immoral purposes, and using the internet to commit a crime.

SHOT involves members of the FBI, the Shiawassee County Prosecutor's Office, Shiawassee County Central Dispatch and Shiawassee Emergency Management.

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Preparations are well underway for the 2021-22 program year and the arrival of our new future leaders this fall. ASSE students come with an enthusiasm to practice their English and experience American culture — food, sports, shopping, and more. They also love to share their own

culture with their host families — who welcome them not as guests, but as family members — giving both the students and families a rich cultural experience.

In addition, ASSE students have pocket money for personal expenses, along with health, accident, and liability insurance. ASSE students are selected for participation based on academics and good citizenship. Host families can choose their students from a wide variety of backgrounds, countries, and personal interests.

ASSE's top concern is the health of their host families, host communities, and exchange students. These students will not travel unless it is considered safe to do so by the U.S. and foreign governmental agencies entrusted with public health and safety.

To become a host family, or to find out how to become involved with ASSE in your community, call the ASSE Eastern Regional Office, 1-800-677-2773 or go to [www.host.asse.com](http://www.host.asse.com) to begin your host family application.

### CORRECTION

#### Village of Holly Zoning Board of Appeals Notice of Public Hearing

The Village of Holly Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) shall hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on September 13, 2021 in the Board of Education Room in the Karl Richter Community Center located at 300 East Street. The public hearing is to consider the following variance from the Village Zoning Ordinance Sec. 154.04:

A request for a variance to allow for a pole sign which is otherwise a prohibited sign type located at 15191 N. Holly Road.

Requested by: Phillip Sign & Lighting Inc. representing Holly Plaza Partners LLC

This meeting is open to the public. Anyone wishing to comment on the variance request but is unable to attend the meeting may send their comments to – Village of Holly Zoning Board of Appeals, 300 East Street, Holly MI 48442. A copy of the request is available at the Village of Holly Offices between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

Deborah J. Bigger  
Clerk/Treasurer  
Village of Holly

# Purses for Protection

■ Local organizations unite to help women and children in domestic violence situations

By Sharon Stone

The Zonta Club of Fenton and the Fenton Moose Lodge are working together for their Purses for Protection event throughout September.

Volunteers will stuff small purses/bags with personal hygiene items to help domestic violence victims — women and children. These purses full of essentials will help victims who are moved quickly from their situation.

Zonta Club of Fenton will donate the filled purses (new or gently used) to the YWCA of Flint. Some might be given to the Fenton Police Department as well.

Candice Montie, president of Zonta Club of Fenton, said purses can be gently used. “It would be great if they filled the purse/bag as well and brought it complete,” she said. To her understanding, the Moose Lodge already has some purses and possibly sample size items as well.

Montie said historically Zonta had done designer purses but they decided to keep it simple this year.

Montie asks that people donate the purses or bags with the following items:

## WOMEN'S BAG

Wipes  
Antiperspirant/deodorant  
Toothbrush (folding one)  
Toothpaste  
Q-tips  
Hand sanitizer  
Small body wash  
Pick for hair  
Ponytail holder  
Tampons/pads

## CHILD'S BAG

Wipes  
Antiperspirant/deodorant  
Toothbrush (folding one)  
Toothpaste  
Q-tips  
Hand sanitizer  
Small body wash  
Pick for hair  
Ponytail holder  
Small toy/book/deck of cards

## DROP-OFF SITES

- Zonta Club of Fenton  
400 S. Adelaide St., Fenton
- Fenton Moose Lodge  
(during business hours)  
2245 Sonora Dr, Fenton
- Brad Hoffman Agency  
102 S. LeRoy St., Fenton

## PRAISE

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I'm sure many of those workers from Michigan were without power at their own home, yet they worked around the clock clearing paths to install new power lines, all while more storms were threatening just over their shoulders. Power outages were sporadic near our home. I'm sure my co-workers were glad that I was able to shower at my brother-in-law's home Friday morning before heading into work.

I monitor fire department alerts and heard numerous calls regarding trees in the road, power lines down, arcing wires, sparking wires, transformers on fire and carbon monoxide alarms. Our fire departments sure had their hands full too. The majority of our

local firefighters are paid on-call firefighters, meaning they only get paid when they respond to a call. They typically live close by with other full-time jobs. Like the utility crews working around the clock, so were our firefighters.

Our power came back on Friday afternoon. I cannot tell you how relieved we were.

I know utility crews are still working and finishing reconnections and there are still reports of weakened tree branches pulling down power lines, but life for the most part is back to normal.

To all those who worked tirelessly to restore our power and to keep us safe, thank you. It's an awesome feeling to flip a light switch and have a light come on.

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- 1) As you get started, go to the ICPM (Inner-city Church Planting Mission) website “citiesforchrist.org” and select Teaching Resources/Teaching Videos for your bible studies. The ICPM has teachings on many different subjects, in 20 languages.
- 2) Select one of you to be an elder. Go to the bible and review the requirements for church elders, 1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:7 and Acts 20:28

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- 3) As an elder, the two of you can now practice the healing process described in James 5:14-15. The ICPM has practiced this procedure for many years, and we have experienced many miraculous healings by our Lord's hands. You will not find a more sure healing procedure anywhere! The ICPM has kept meticulous records on results of this procedure over many years. Its records show that the sick person was healed over 90% of the time. Remember: Spiritual Healing (eternal life) can be yours if you-by faith- “call upon the Lord Jesus Christ” John 3:16-18; Romans 10:13, and Ephesians 2:8-9.
- 4) Although you can expand your bible study to more than two members, we recommend keeping the number down to protect your anonymity.

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# Cleanup time

■ Last week's storms knock over trees, pull down wires, raise lake levels — again

By Sharon Stone

Five days after the first of three storm waves statewide, Consumers Energy announced Sunday night, Aug. 15 that more than 98% of all electric customers now have power, with most expected to be restored overnight.

"We are very pleased with the progress made given the extent of the damage," said Guy Packard, Consumers Energy's vice president for electric operations. "With much of the state wrapped up, we're consolidating crews in the southernmost counties in our final push for this storm."

St. Joseph, Branch, Hillsdale and Jackson counties experienced significant damage when the third wave of the storm rolled through early Thursday.

As outage numbers tick steadily downward, lineworkers will continue around-the-clock restoration work



The North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) clears away this fallen tree on Buckhorn Lake Drive. Photo: NOCFA

until 100% of service is restored.

This storm was one of the 10 most significant in Consumers Energy's company history with more than 7,000 wires down and more than 200 poles damaged across Michigan. In many areas, repairs included upgraded poles, conductors and crossarms made to withstand higher wind speeds and greater tree damage. These upgrades

aid the resiliency of the system and are part of ongoing, deliberate infrastructure investments within Consumers Energy's electric service territory.

In Fenton Township, Fire Chief Ryan Volz said the main load of their work was cutting up fallen trees. Second to that would be caution tape around trees entangled in primary wires.

"We did have a structure fire caused by a lightning strike to add to the storm calls," he said. This home was in the 5000 block of Thompson Road.

North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) responded to 84 calls between 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 11 and 1:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 12.

NOCFA Chief Jeremy Lintz said most of the calls were for downed power lines and trees. At 6:45 p.m., they responded to a house fire on S. Fenton Road that was quickly extinguished.

"Our personnel worked through the night clearing trees across roads, establishing hazard zones for downed power lines and making sure the public was safe," Lintz said.

Besides the house fire, there were no reports of any structures damaged from the storms and no injuries reported.

Lake levels of some area lakes are up several inches above normal. Many homes and yards along Ponemah Drive on Lake Ponemah sit very low. Many seawalls, docks, beaches and lawns are covered with lake water and fish.

In Tupper Lake, winds from the stop toppled a large group of trees revealing roots along the shoreline.



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the

## judge

### The Michigan Supreme Court and COVID Emergency Rental Assistance

The New York Times reported that last week United States Attorney General Merrick Garland held a virtual meeting with 35 State Supreme Court Justices about the ongoing eviction crisis. He requested that they do everything in their respective powers to avert or delay evictions and ensure that landlords and tenants had full access to a \$47 billion dollar emergency rent fund allocated by Congress.

He provided several examples of what some states are doing including a new order by the Michigan Supreme Court, which provides relief to tenants.

He was referring to the Court's Administrative Order 2020-17 (originally issued June 9, 2020) which was put in place during the pandemic to ensure that tenants are provided with important information and possible help.

The following is a brief summary.

At the initial appearance in landlord/tenant cases, there is a pretrial conference and not a trial. The District Court judge verbally informs the parties that the defendant has the right to an attorney; the names of the available agencies which could be a source of paying some or all of the rent due; that a judgment isn't needed to obtain assistance; the availability of Community Dispute Resolution, (a form of mediation) and; the possibility of a conditional dismissal if all parties agree.

As to available resources, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) has established "COVID Emergency Rental Assistance" (CERA).

This program is funded by the federal government for the payment of past due and future rent and utilities.

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Kids paint large pieces of cardboard at the Fenton Arts Council event at World of Wonder on Saturday, Aug. 14. They also could get free books and play in a bounce house. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

## Free art boxes for children

### ■ Fenton Arts Council gives away hundreds of boxes of art supplies

By Hannah Ball

**Fenton** — The Fenton Arts Council gave away 100 free boxes of art supplies to area kids on Saturday, Aug. 14.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., families brought their kids to World of Wonder, on Ellen Street, for a “Arts are the Heart” event and “PopUp Play.”

Sally Bright, director of the Fenton Arts Council board, said, this is the third time they’ve given away free art boxes to kids. The other two times were at the Fenton Street Experience on Thursdays and Fridays in downtown.

“Many many studies have shown that kids who are exposed to art, whether it’s drama, visual arts, music, it helps them in all the rest of their classes,” Bright said.

Inside the boxes were three small canvases, a paint brush and paints. The children were encouraged to paint one of the canvases at the event, and these were taken to Cause and Affect Gallery in Fenton to be displayed in the “Our Community” showcase. The kids took the rest of the canvases home.

“It’s nice to see how happy the kids are. It’s messy, but it’s okay. It’s important for them to explore a different way of doing things,” Bright said.

On Saturday, children and families walked to different stations at the Ellen Street campus to paint, get free books and play with toys. Fenton Area Resources & Referral Network, Inc. (FARR) was on scene to give away free backpacks and clothing to families who qualify for free and reduced lunch to prepare for the school year.

She commended the number of volunteers who helped that day. Kids from a local National Honor Society, Key Club and student volunteers from a local church helped make the event possible.

“The mission of the Fenton Arts Council is to support all kinds of arts in the community and this is one of the

ways we’re doing it this year,” she said. “It went pretty good. We’ve had lots of volunteers.”

They’ve also put up Art Challenges around the city and the Ellen Street Campus. Each post has a different kid-friendly challenge, like singing a song or doing a dance. One of them is to take a photo of Fenton and post it to the Fenton Arts Council Facebook. They will display a banner of these photos at a Fenton Street Experience.

**“It’s nice to see how happy the kids are.”**

**Sally Bright**  
Fenton Arts Council



Fenton Arts Council volunteers hand out 100 free boxes of art supplies to area children Saturday, Aug. 14 to encourage more interest in art. Children painted small canvases, which will be displayed at the Cause & Affect Gallery in Fenton.

**Photo: Hannah Ball**

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### Volunteers sought

Looking for a way to help out the community? A way to have fun, meet new people and feel good about helping others? The Holly Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is looking to gain some more people who are willing to help during events and other opportunities to make the community the great place it is. The Holly DDA is currently planning the HollyDays celebration for Sept. 11 and are in need of more volunteers — if that sounds like something you would be interested in email Nick Klempp at [nklempp@hollyvillage.org](mailto:nklempp@hollyvillage.org) or contact him at (248) 234-9571, and he will get in contact with you. There are all kinds of ways to help.

### JUDGE

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Under the Administrative Order, if a defendant applies for CERA and notifies the court, there is an automatic 30-day stay of the proceedings.

This stay is contingent on the local MSHDA agency determining eligibility within 30 days of the pretrial, the defendant being eligible, and the plaintiff receiving full payment within 45 days of the pretrial.

If all of these events do not occur, except for delays attributable to the plaintiff, the stay is lifted.

From my perspective, the new procedure has worked well, but for a variety of reasons, payments to landlords from the local agencies are sometimes delayed. Hopefully, for all parties concerned two things will happen soon — the payments will be made sooner and the pandemic will end.



The Holly Police Department seeks the community's help to identify the individuals captured in this Holly business surveillance video. Police believe they are responsible for multiple thefts of catalytic converters in Holly. Holly Police Chief Jerry Narsh said that the manner and speed they operate at tells police they do this often and most certainly in other communities. Call (248) 634-8221 if you have any information. **Submitted photos**

### THIEVES

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The vehicle in question is a gray 2010 Ford Fusion with tinted windows. There appears to be body damage on the front driver's side fender and possibly a doughnut-sized tire on the front passenger side. An orange or bright colored figurine is hanging by a rope or chain from the rear-view mirror.

Both male suspects appear to be 20-30 years old, approximately 5-feet, 7-inches to 6-feet tall, medium to thin build and have dark hair. One male suspect is wearing a "Machine Shop"

hooded sweatshirt and the other has numerous tattoos on each arm. The driver of the vehicle is possibly a white female with tattoos on her left hand/arm.

Catalytic converter thieves typically sell the devices illegally to scrap yards for a valuable metal found within the device.

Holly Village Police Chief Jerry Narsh said, "We want to shut this crew down." He asks anyone with information on this theft or the suspects is asked to call Holly police at (248) 634-8221.





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# Program helps low-income residents do home repairs

■ No-interest, no-payment loans available to fix roofs, furnaces, septic, wells and more

By Hannah Ball

A Genesee County program helps residents complete much needed repairs to their homes with no-interest, no-payment loans.

The Genesee County Home Improvement Program and Urgent Repair Program helps low-to-moderate income homeowners fix roofing issues, windows, doors, septic issues, broken furnaces, wells and more.

"The main point is to make their home safe and to make sure it meets local code," said Nicole Odette, program services specialist with the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Under this program, homeowners can apply to receive a Deferred Payment Loan (DPL) to make needed improvements to their homes without monthly payments. Improvements are based on HUD Section 8 Minimum Housing Quality Standards (HQS) designed to result in the home being decent, safe and sanitary, according to the GCMPC.

Repairs can include roofing, windows, furnaces, wells, electrical, plumbing repairs and more.

This program has been in place for more than 30 years. It's sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Odette said Genesee County receives an allotment every year. In 2020, they did

25 projects and spent approximately \$524,306. The program worked on 113 homes between 2016 and 2020.

Participation is limited to one time, on a first come, first served basis until funds are exhausted each year. They receive hundreds of applications a year.

Odette said they have a list of approved contractors and inspectors who go into these homes and determine what needs to be done. The goal is to fix code issues as well as health and safety issues. Common projects include replacements for furnaces, septic tanks and wells.

It's not a monetary loan. A DPL requires no monthly interest or principal payments. Payback is required when the owner no longer lives in the home or refinances the property for cash payout.

Applicants must meet federal income guidelines in order to be eligible. They must own and occupy the home for at least one year prior to applying, and they must be current on property taxes, mortgage and homeowners insurance payments. The existing mortgage cannot exceed the value of the home.

Clients under age 62 are required to pay back a portion of the repairs when they sell the house or transfer ownership. The amount they must pay back is based on their income. For clients over 62, it's a forgivable loan if they stay

in the home for five years following project completion.

In the last few months, they've been getting more calls than usual about paybacks because people are selling their houses.

The program does not look at credit scores when reviewing applications.

"They're so thankful. A lot of times, unfortunately, they can't get a loan anywhere else, or they've pursued all avenues and they don't have any other way to get these repairs done. They're always thankful and appreciative. We

get a lot of 'thank you' cards. It's a very positive experience. It's a wonderful program," she said.

Assisted homeowners must meet designated income guidelines and live in Genesee County outside the city of Flint (the cities of Clio, Davison, and the villages of Lennon and Otter Lake do not participate). Odette said Flint qualifies for its own federal money

for this type of program, and the other communities opted out.

Any questions regarding the Home Improvement Program should be directed to the Genesee County Community Development Program at (810) 257-3010.

Genesee County is also now accepting applications from contractors to become qualified to do work with the Home Improvement Program.

**“A lot of times, unfortunately, they can't get a loan anywhere else, or they've pursued all avenues and they don't have any other way to get these repairs done.”**

**Nicole Odette**

*Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission program services specialist*

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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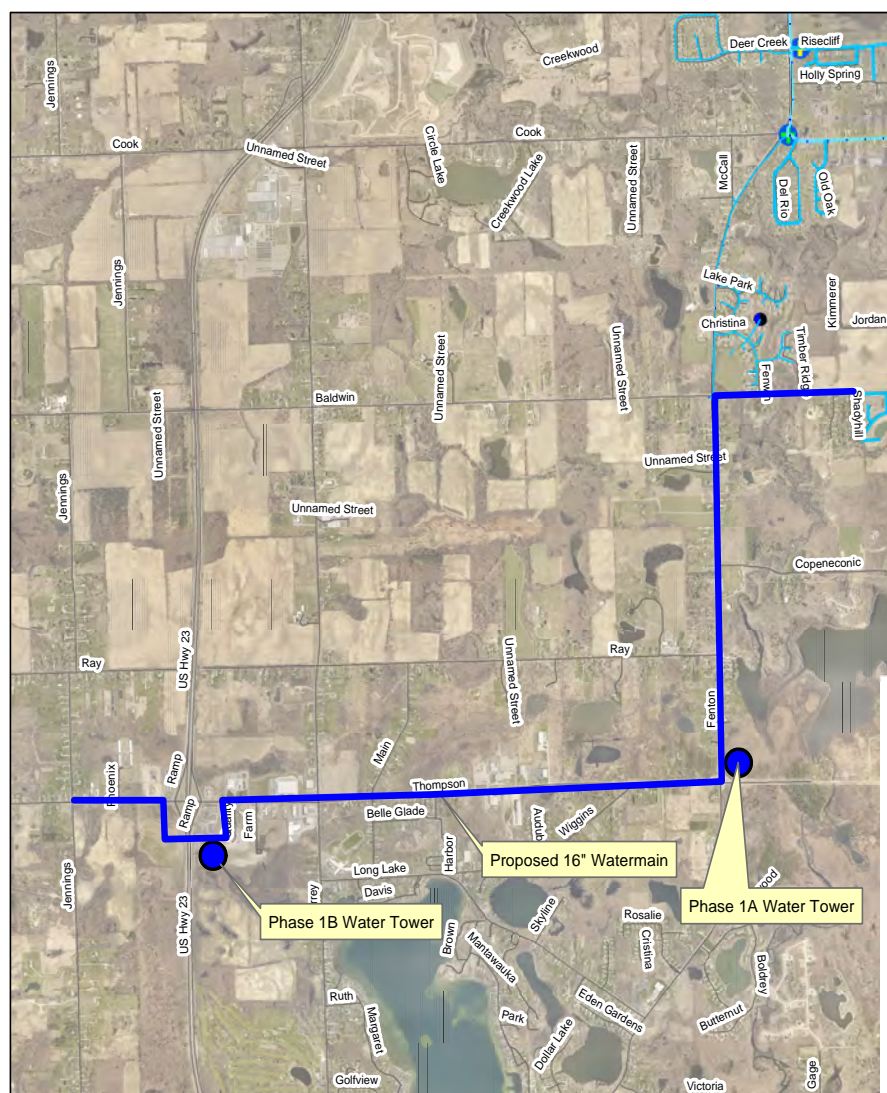



Exhibit A: Phase 1 

Thompson Rd to Fenton Rd and to Baldwin Rd

1 in = 2,500 ft

# WATER

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The 2021 Thompson Road Corridor Water Improvements Agreement, provided by the Water & Waste Services division of the Genesee County Drain Commissioner (GCDC-WWS), outlines the project and allocates \$55,000 in preliminary engineering costs to Fenton Township. The agreement is between the townships of Fenton, Mundy and Grand Blanc and the Genesee County Drain Commission.

Trustee Kade Katrak clarified that they have to pass this in order to qualify for funding for the county.

A map in the meeting minutes shows that the proposed water main would go from Jennings Road, under the U.S. 23 highway, along Thompson Road to Fenton Road. The water main would be installed on Fenton Road from Thompson Road to Baldwin Road. The main would also be installed on Baldwin Road from Fenton Road until the Shadyhill Lane subdivision in Grand Blanc Township.

The Phase 1A water tower would be placed at the northeast corner of Fenton and Thompson roads, and the Phase 1B water tower would be located just east of northbound U.S. 23 near the Thompson Road ramps.

Engineering costs for Phase 1 of the Fenton Road water main extension is anticipated to cost \$80,000. Fenton Township would pay 69% (\$55,000), Mundy Township would pay 25%

(\$20,000) and Grand Blanc would pay 6% (\$5,000).

The board also passed a resolution supporting Genesee County to provide up to \$6.5 million in grant funding to Fenton Township, Mundy Township and Grand Blanc Township for construction of the first phase of the Southwest Water Loop.

The resolution states that, “the project will improve public health and safety by providing water to areas that do not currently have public water and have significant levels of arsenic in the ground water.”

The system also would bring water to areas that do not have public water for fire suppression.

“The county of Genesee received significant funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which is intended for the construction of water, sewer and broadband infrastructure,” the resolution states.

The entire project is estimated to cost \$23.4 million, and the first phase should be “shovel-ready” in the spring of 2022.

Both votes were 6-1, with Trustee Mark Goupil dissenting. He's previously spoken about how he does not support bringing municipal water to Fenton Township.

Lorraine said, "To me, it's more of a public safety issue to have viable safe drinking water for the future. It's something that's been near and dear to me," he said, citing the township's high arsenic levels found in water and how businesses and residents need to have wells and water treatments.

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# James leads our Tri-County women's soccer team

By David Troppens

For a large chunk of the spring of 2021, the Linden varsity girls soccer team was the talk of the prep sports scene.

It's easy to see why.

The Eagles never lost a regular season game and only allowed three goals all season long, leading to a 14-1-2 record and an outright Flint Metro League championship.

And the Eagles did so with their share

of COVID-19 problems entering the season. Yet, the Eagles overcame all that adversity and had a magical season.

The squad had plenty of outstanding players. Keeper Ashtyn Gocha was a Second-Team All-State selection, while Maryn Rettenmund had a strong offensive season, earning All-State Honorable Mention honors as well. However, no one player had more impact on both

sides of the ball as senior Molly James. James was Linden's rock on defense and when the Eagles needed a goal, she could provide them as well. Or if they needed some leg strength on a set play from 35 yards out or on a corner kick, James could be relied upon to do the job amazingly well. And, perhaps, she was the senior that helped keep the Eagles to-

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Linden's  
Molly James

## Sports Times

# Bronchos want results to match their talent in 2021

By David Troppens

**Holly** — Dallas Lesperance is starting his third season as the varsity football coach at Holly High School.

He's learned a couple of key lessons during that time, and a key one involves his own ability to look within himself.

"We are looking at execution of our plays," Lesperance said. "This is year three and our execution should be better. We aren't adding much. We are just going to do what we do and do it well.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how we handle adversity in the games. In the past we haven't handled it well and that's a direct problem of me. ... I need to do a better job managing and calling the game. I have to do a better job with that. Over the years, I've learned kids win football games and coaches lose them. Whenever we have a loss, I look to what I did or didn't do and that's usually where we falter at. Ultimately, the kids will win a football game for us."

Maybe Lesperance shouldn't be so hard on himself. The Holly football program hasn't been

one that has been known for great winning traditions. According to Michigan-football.com, the Bronchos have a 229-400-10 record since 1950 and have yet to win a playoff game in school history. On the win-loss ledger the first two seasons have been tough with Holly going 4-12 but this season seems to have some promise. There are nine key returners back on offense and seven on defense, so there is some experience coming back.

"We have definitely learned from the last two years that even if you have talent, you have to put in execution," four-year starting varsity player Jacob Gonzales said. "I felt we had the talent last year, but we let the ball slip. We were unfocused as a team. We were undisciplined as a team and would yell at each other. I'm hoping that with the help of our coaching staff, we will be together and really step up and do more as a team."

"Some of the lessons we've learned in the past is to never take a moment for granted," senior Charlie Curtis said. "We need to work hard every single

day because you never know when it could be over."

Just like every other prep football team, the Bronchos started practice last week. So far, the squad is excited about how practices have gone.

"Of the first three practices we've had, two have been really good practices, and our first one on Monday, is what Monday's are — our first practice," Lesperance said. "The other two have been really good. They are a real team. They are coming together and they like each other. They are focused and asking questions. In the past we didn't get a lot of that. That's inspiring to me. They

**See BRONCHOS on 17**



As are all area football teams, the Holly Bronchos are preparing for the 2021 season. (Above) The Bronchos do some blocking drills. (Left) Agility drills are always part of two-a-day practices.

Photos: David Troppens



# FirstTry Triathlon returns to Linden County Park on Saturday

By David Troppens

The FirstTry Triathlon has quickly become a tradition at Linden County Park and the tri-county area.

Last year, the organization was excited to host its 10 annual event, but COVID-19 derailed those plans. This season, COVID-19 still has had an impact. The event is late summer this year rather than the typical early summer date, but it is back. After a one-year hiatus, the FirstTry Triathlon will be hosting its 10th event Saturday at Linden County Park. The event begins at 8 a.m.

“Last year was supposed to be the 10th anniversary and we were not able to have it, so this is the 10th anniversary,” FirstTry race director Brad Brown said. “We are excited to do it this year. It’s been awhile. It’s been since 2019 and we are glad to be doing it again.”

The event is designed to create the triathlon experience for a rookie par-

ticipant who doesn’t necessarily want to make their first triathlon a monster. The event starts with a swim into Byram Lake at Clover Beach. The swim is 300 yards out and back. There is a great support group around the swim to make it secure for those who are uncomfortable with it.

The athletes then advance to the cycling portion which is an 11.3-mile loop. It starts on the parking lot at the beach and returns back to that area. The final part of the race is the two-mile run that takes the participants through Linden County Park and to the soccer fields.

There are two versions of the events. There is the FirstTry for those who haven’t attempted the event before, and then a FastTry for those who have competed before and want to enjoy the experience again.

Typically, there are about 200 participants but the change of date and/or

**See FIRSTTRY on 16**



After postponing last year’s event due to COVID-19, the FirstTry Triathlon will return to Linden County Park on Saturday. Two of the events include swimming (immediately above) and cycling (top right). There’s also a two-mile run to conclude the race. **Photos: David Troppens**



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# 1976 was the summer of 'The Bird' in Detroit

**Editor's Note:** Sports editor David Troppens collects 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."

Aug. 17, 1976

Detroit 3, California 2

Network/Announcers:

Ernie Harwell and Paul Carey are doing the radio broadcast.

**Background:** The Tigers were 55-60 and were playing a 50-68 Angels' team at Tiger Stadium on a Tuesday night. So why were there 51,822 people attending this game? Why, of course, it was a Mark "The Bird" Fidyrych pitched contest. Fidyrych's rookie season was unlike any other rookie players' season before him. Fidyrych's antics on the mound, along with his great talent, enabled him to capture the imagination of not only Tigers' fans but the entire country. He finished the season 19-9 with a 2.34 earned run av-

erage and was the talk of baseball at the time.

**Game summary:** All well pitched Fidyrych games are fun to listen to, and this was one of those games. This game was a great pitcher's duel versus Frank Tanana and Fidyrych. The scoreless tie ended when California scored a run in the top of the fifth with a two-out

solo home run by Ron Jackson. The lead grew to 2-0 when Bruce Botche hit a sacrifice fly, plating Dave Collins, who led off the inning with a single.

But the game's tide changed in the bottom of the sixth. With one out, Bruce Kimm walked and Ron LeFlore tripled in Kimm. Alex Johnson hit a sacrifice fly, plating LeFlore for a 2-2 tie.

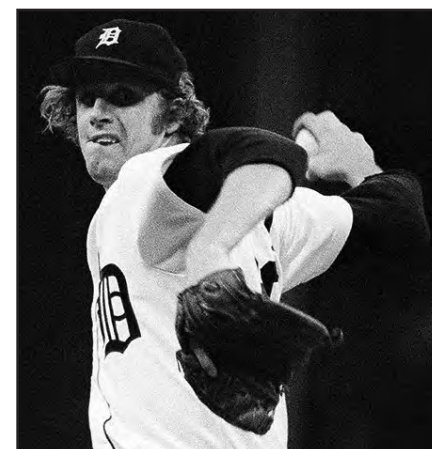
The game remained tied 2-2 until the Tigers' eighth inning when Fidyrych's "personal catcher" Bruce Kimm hit his first-ever Major League Baseball home run, giving the Tigers a 3-2 lead.

With the crowd now in a frenzy, Fidyrych went to the mound in the top of the

ninth to earn the complete-game victory. It wasn't easy. Jeremy Remy singled and two outs later, Dan Briggs reached base on an error, putting runners on first and third. However, Fidyrych got Terry Humphrey to ground out for the final out.

**"And a person from Hell got that one":** Harwell was well known for saying the hometown of a fan who caught a foul ball as though he really knew where that person was from. Of course, he didn't. It was just a gimmick. But in this game, he mentioned that person from Hell, Michigan caught a ball, which shocked me. Apparently there was a reason why he mentioned it. There was a large group of Hell residence at the contest and Harwell was alerted about that fact. He told us after his initial comment about the foul ball that 30 percent of the tiny community's residence were at the game.

**Different kind of wedding:** When Tigers' shortstop Tom Veryzer came to the plate early in the game, we were reminded of an event that happened at the plate a day earlier. Apparently, Very-



Detroit's Mark "The Bird" Fidyrych captured the imagination of a nation in 1976 with his antics and talent on the pitcher's mound.

zer was married next to Tiger Stadium's home plate. The previous day was a day off as Detroit had just got back home from a three-game series in Kansas City.

**More about "The Bird":** Fidyrych won the American League Rookie of the Year Award handily, defeating Twin's catcher Butch Wynegar for the honor pretty easily. Fidyrych finished second in the AL Cy Young Award voting for the top pitcher in the league.

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## FIRSTTRY

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COVID may have lessened the numbers to this point. Brown said there are about 130 to 135 currently registered, but people can register as late as Friday and still compete. Typically there are a decent number of people who register close to the date of the event.

"We are hoping to get a little more bump and get us to that 150 to 160 number," Brown said.

"That's not horribly off the past years, so that would be a real positive."

It probably means more to have the event this season than anything.

"I think it was important that we did it this year," Brown said. "This is an event you can't really do virtually. If we didn't do it this year that would've been two years and people may have lost interest. ... It's a victory to just have the event this year."

The entire staff is volunteers. Over the years Brown said people have gone from being competitors to

volunteers in future seasons.

"We have seen people come and go," Brown said. "There are people who originally helped organize it and aren't involved any more but new people have stepped up, picked up the pieces and have helped out when others have left. It's one of those events because we are volunteers it's going to keep going on. We'll have new blood to keep it going."

Brown said his favorite part is seeing people accomplish their goal of finishing the event.

"I just enjoy cheering people on, helping people and seeing the excitement on the faces of the first-timers," Brown. "Triathlon is such an amazing sport. ... The camaraderie is great, and to see first timers get to the finish line and conquer the race is the best feeling."

For those still interested in signing up, one can by checking the website at <https://www.trisignup.com/Race/MI/Linden/FirstTryTri>.



JAMES

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gether when adversity struck during the early portions of the season. Looking at her season-long performance, James was an easy choice as the Tri-County Times’ 2021 Female Soccer Player of the Year.

James as a First-Team All-Metro League selection and

also earned All-State First-Team honors in Division 2, the area’s only first team pick at the state level.  
Playing on defense, James helped make Gocha’s job quite a bit easier as she was the rock that helped make sure the opposition only got a handful of scoring chances a game. Offensively, she also provided eight goals and six assists.

“She was a four-year player and was a big and strong presence in the back,” Linden varsity girls soccer coach Kevin Fiebert said. “But she also was a force for us offensively. She had the offensive abilities to come forward. She was a good leader, and I hate to lose her.”

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Linden’s Molly James (right) is our 2021 Tri-County Female Soccer Player of the Year. The 2021 graduate was a key to Linden’s play on defense and offense, helping lead the squad to an undefeated Metro League season. Photo: Mark Bolen

Here is a list of the players that made our All Tri-County Girls Soccer Team as selected by the sports staff.

All Tri-County Girls Soccer Team

FEMALE SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

Molly James, Linden senior

A First-Team All-State selection, James was a versatile player who helped anchor the Eagles’ impressive defense while also chipping in on offense when needed, scoring eight goals and dishing six assists.

REST OF FIRST TEAM (All-State performers listed in parenthesis)

Name (all-state team) School

Bella Reitano (second team) Lk Fenton  
Savanah Reese Lake Fenton  
Kendall Scribner Holly  
Avery Carr Fenton  
Maryn Rettenmund (H Mention) Linden  
Mallory Lehmann Fenton  
Makenna Dreyer Fenton

Name (all-state team)... School

Ashton Parker Holly  
Melanea Strauss Linden  
Alison Maienbrook Linden  
Aubre Mofatt Linden  
Aubrey Fray Lake Fenton  
Alicia Otman Linden  
Ashtyn Gocha (Keep 2nd team) Linden

BRONCHOS

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are trying to get a football IQ.”

“Everyone is coming out every day and working hard,” Curtis said. “We have some really great guys on this team and it’s really nice to be able to have a season with them.”

The Bronchos like their talent.

“I definitely think we have a bunch of skillful players,” Gonzales said. “Our line is looking pretty solid. Initially, I didn’t think they were big enough, but I definitely think they know what they are doing, so I’m excited.”

“We don’t have one big strength. I’d say we are really strong all around,” Curtis said. “This season we want to make a playoff run. It hasn’t happened too often in Holly history. I think we have the talent to do it. I think we can go far this season.”

“What has happened for us this year is the holes we created last year due to graduation are being filled by some very good football players,” Lesperance



Holly varsity football coach Dallas Lesperance teaches a blocking technique to some Bronchos during a recent practice. Photo: David Troppens

said. “We have some very good football players from the JV level and they are filling holes. In the past, we may have already had three good running backs but the next season we’d just add two more to the list. This season we are filling some of our most important needs.”

The season starts on Thursday Aug. 26 with a road game at Fraser on the school’s new turf field.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ACQUISITION OF A BANK

Fentura Financial, Inc., 175 N. Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan, intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to acquire a bank. We intend to acquire control of Farmers State Bank of Munith, 201 North Main Street, Munith, Michigan. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application, including the record of performance of banks we own in helping to meet local credit needs.

You are invited to submit comments in writing on this application to Colette A. Fried, Assistant Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60604. The comment period will not end before September 17, 2021 and may be somewhat longer. The Board’s procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262. Procedures for processing protested applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board’s procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the application, contact Jeremiah Boyle, Assistant Vice President for Community and Economic Development at (312) 322-6023; to request a copy of the application, contact Colette A. Fried at (312) 322-6846. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.







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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A REVISED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR LOON LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**To the residents and property owners of Fenton Township, Genesee County, Michigan, the owners of land within Loon Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 2, and any other interested persons:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that that Supervisor and assessing officer of the township has reported to the township board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a revised special assessment roll prepared by him covering all properties within Loon Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 2 benefited by the proposed revisions to the existing lake improvement project. Said revised special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the revised costs of the eradication and control of aquatic weeds in Loon Lake and work incidental thereto within the aforesaid assessment district as more particularly shown on the plans on file with the Township Clerk at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the township, which assessment is in the total amount of \$107,376.61.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessing officer has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan on Monday August 30, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said revised special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

An owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. (The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 35 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.)

ROBERT E. KRUG  
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EROSION CONTROL PROJECT FOR COTTAGE COVE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**To the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested persons:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions of property owners within the township signed by the record owners of land whose land area constitutes more than 50% of the total land area of the proposed district, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton proposes to construct erosion control improvements in the Cottage Cove condominium subdivision, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:

##### Units 1-22 of the Cottage Cove Condominium Subdivision

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received preliminary plans showing the improvements and an estimate of the costs of such construction, contingencies and related services in the approximate amount of \$149,000, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the special assessment district. The Township Board has also tentatively found the petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of cost, proposed special assessment district and petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk, if open to the public, from the date of this Notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing on the plans, district and estimates of costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday August 30, 2021.

At the hearing, the board will also consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters filed with the board at or before the hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments or changes to said plans, estimates, costs or special assessment district.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing and to submit any comments they may have.

ROBERT E. KRUG  
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK  
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— 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 30.

The House and Senate are on summer break, so rather than votes this report contains some recently proposed constitutional amendments of interest. To become law these require a two-thirds vote in the House and Senate and approval by voters.

**House Joint Resolution A and Senate Joint Resolution E: Ban lame duck legislative session after election**

Introduced by Rep. Jon Hoadley (D) and Sen. Ed McBroom (R), respectively, to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment to prohibit lame duck legislative sessions in even years (election years). The proposal would make the Friday before the November general election the last day legislative sessions may be held in even years. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

**House Joint Resolution F and Senate Resolution E: Repeal legislature's role in adopting initiated laws**

Introduced by Rep. Sarah Anthony (D) and Sen. Erika Geiss (D), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment that would revise provisions permitting

voters to "initiate" new laws by petition. Under the current provision, if petitions are submitted signed by 8% of the number who voted in the last governor election, the legislature has 40 session days to adopt the measure or it goes on the next general election ballot. The resolution would eliminate the legislature's role, and so automatically place proposals on the ballot if they have enough valid signatures. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

**House Joint Resolution H and Senate Joint Resolution I: Permit state universities to discriminate in admissions and contracting**

Introduced by Rep. Shri Thanedar (D) and Sen. Jeff Irwin (D), respectively, to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment that would repeal a ban authorized by voters in a 2006 election that prohibits state universities from establishing

admissions or contracting policies that discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, certain individuals or groups on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin. If placed on the ballot and approved by voters, the proposal would permit such discrimination. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

**Senate Joint Resolution B: Equalize school district funding**

Introduced by Sen. Tom Barrett (R), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment to require that by Oct. 1, 2024, all school districts receive the same amount of total state and local per pupil revenue for school operating purposes. Note: This will happen in the 2021-22 school year due to a massive infusion of epidemic-related federal "stimulus" dollars. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR PINE LAKE  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE  
COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE  
COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER  
INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on motion of the Fenton Township Board, as authorized by PA 188 of 1954, as amended, the township board proposes to continue a lake improvement program on Pine Lake consisting of the eradication and/or control of aquatic weeds and plants and related services, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the costs thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the costs thereof are proposed to be specially assessed are more particularly described as follows:

All parcels of land with frontage on Pine Lake

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board has received plans showing the improvements, together with an estimate of the costs in the approximate amount of \$74,410, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the aforementioned special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of costs and proposed special assessment district may be examined at the office of the Township

Clerk during regular business hours on regular business days from the date of this notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing on the plans, district and estimates of costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday August 30, 2021.

At the hearing, the board will consider any written objections and comments to any of the foregoing matters which are filed with the Township Clerk at or before the time of the hearing, and any objections or comments raised at the hearing; and at the hearing (or any adjournment of the hearing which may be made without further notice), the township board may revise, correct, amend or change the plans, estimates of costs or special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if written objections to the improvement are filed with the township board, at or before the hearing, signed by record owners of land constituting more than 20 percent of the area in the proposed special assessment district, then the township board may not proceed unless petitions in support of the project, signed by record owners of more than 50 percent of the area to be made into a special assessment district, are filed with the township. Written comments or objections may be file with the Township Clerk at the address set out below.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if the township board determines to proceed with the special assessments, it will cause a special assessment roll to be prepared and another hearing will be held, after notice to record owners of property proposed to be specially assessed, to hear public comments concerning the proposed special assessments.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place in person or by representative and to submit comments concerning the foregoing.

ROBERT E. KRUG  
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Source: Thefuneralsource.org

Michael Austin  
1992 – 2021

Michael Austin - age 28, of Fenton, died Friday, August 13, 2021. Funeral services will be held 2 PM Saturday, August 21, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Visitation will be held at the funeral homes Saturday from 1 PM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to Whaley Children's Center, 1201 N. Grand Traverse St. Flint, MI 48503. Michael was born August 19, 1992 in Grand Blanc, the son of Jerico Allen Austin and Shannon Marie Rose. He attended Fenton High School. He had resided in Fenton most of his life. He had been employed in the construction field. Michael enjoyed basketball, video gaming, and most of all spending time with his friends and family. Surviving



are mother, Shannon (Scott) Garfield of Grand Blanc; father, Jerico Austin (Laurie Bedgood) of Fenton; siblings, Chelsi Hoskins of Morrice, Alyssia

Rose of Oxford, Warren (Bailey) Austin of Holly, Kendra Dobbs of Oxford, Jennalyn Dobbs of Grand Blanc; grandparents, Marlene and Gary Steenland of Harrison, Rosalyn and Ron Baumgartner of Grand Blanc, Deborah Bedgood of Fenton; and several aunts; uncles; nieces; nephews; and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Jerry Austin and Mike Rose; and his best friend, Brian LaRoque. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



Patricia Anne Hoyes  
1954 – 2021

Patricia Anne Hoyes – age 67, of Clarkston, went to be with her Lord on Tuesday, August 10, 2021. Patty was born March 31, 1954 in Pontiac, to the late Joseph and Virginia (nee: Brown) Katchuba. She married Thomas Hoyes on June 18, 1988 in Ortonville. She is survived by her loving husband, Thomas Hoyes; loving daughter, Jennifer Hoyes; loving brother, Michael Katchuba. Patty retired from Brandon Schools, having taught at Belle Anne Elementary and Harvey-Swanson Elementary. She began her teaching career with Christian Schools before moving on to the



Brandon School District. She loved to read her Bible, enjoyed gardening, singing, swimming and walking in the park. Funeral service will be 11 AM Thursday,

August 19, 2021 at Village Funeral Home, 135 South Street, Ortonville. Pastor Cliff Powell, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Oxford. Family will receive friends on Wednesday, August 18 from 6 – 8 PM at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hillside Bible Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. To send a condolence to the family please visit [www.villagefh.com](http://www.villagefh.com).

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