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## Altered Applefest starts Friday with golf outing

■ Largest fundraiser of year features popular car raffle, apple pie sales and apple pie auction

By Sharon Stone

Applefest, which traditionally takes place on the grounds of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton each fall, will be altered just as it was last

See **APPLEFEST** on 7

## Fire chief 'honored' to be grand marshal at HollyDays

■ Event to honor first responders on 20-year anniversary of 9/11 attacks

By Hannah Ball

HollyDays is this weekend, on Saturday, Sept. 11 and Sunday, Sept. 12, and three first responders were named the grand marshals.

Holly Police Chief Jerry Narsh, Holly Fire Chief Steve McGee and North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) Chief Jeremy Lintz share the title this year.

See **GRAND MARSHAL** on 8



Approximately two dozen Fenton Area Public Schools parents line the sidewalks along Donaldson Drive prior to the start of school Tuesday, Sept. 7. The group was protesting the county's expanded mask mandate that requires all students pre-k through 12th grade to wear masks inside schools. **Photo: Sharon Stone**

## Fenton parents oppose latest mask mandate

■ Hold peaceful protest along Donaldson Drive as students arrive for school

By Sharon Stone

**Fenton** — A group of Fenton Area Public Schools parents

showed their opposition to Genesee County's latest order regarding face masks for their children when they held a peaceful demonstration before school along Donaldson Drive. See **PARENTS** on 6

## Fireworks to celebrate Labor Day



Photo: Hannah Ball

■ Lobdell Lake has decorating contests, fireworks to celebrate holiday

By Hannah Ball

**Argentine Twp.** — Labor Day is a celebration in honor of working people, and on Lobdell Lake in Argentine Township, the festivities are always colorful.

For years, the Lobdell Bennett Lake Association has held the annual Festival of Lights on Lobdell Lake. This year, the association encouraged riparians to put lights and tiki torches in their yards to bring light to the lake at night. The fireworks were Saturday, Sept. 4, and the boat parade and house decorating contest were Sunday, Sept. 5.

See **CELEBRATE** on 6



“Good luck to our firefighters from NOCFA who traveled down to Louisiana to help with hurricane victims. God bless them and let them stay safe during their travels.”

“Thank you **Tri-County Times** for the story about honoring the 13 U.S. soldiers who were killed in Afghanistan. That meant a lot to our family of several veterans. Thank you to the man who put up the flags, too.”

“Loved the **Kari Holmes** concert at the park a couple weeks ago. She has a great voice, is a very energetic performer, and she is gorgeous. She signed a record deal, but I hope she is not too big time to come back to Fenton next year.”





**HOT LINE** CONTINUED

**FENTON POLICE NEED** to enforce the 25-mph speed limit and the lack of yielding for pedestrians who are in and entering crosswalks in downtown Fenton. A beautiful walkable downtown infected with careless drivers ignoring state and local pedestrian laws.

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**ENJOYED THE WONDERFUL** service provided by the Fenton Bar Hopper. Good drinks and good times at all the locations.

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**THANK YOU FENTON** Township for spraying for mosquitoes, I haven't been bitten once this year.

**SO MUCH GREAT** live music this weekend. Thank you to the restaurant on the lake for the entertainment and thank you to the people living on Ponemah who also had a great band over the holiday weekend.

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**I LIVE ON** North Road, next to U.S. 23. Rush hour traffic during a thun-

derstorm is not as loud as the music coming from over a mile away at the Lake Ponemah Lodge this weekend. Never have I ever heard anything remotely that loud in this town, ever.

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**I LOOK FORWARD** to the wooden boat cruise every Sunday morning at 9, thank you.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR PINE LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

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# Linden creates Mill Advisory Committee

■ City faces high costs, preservation issues in doing upgrades to Linden Mill building

By Hannah Ball

*This is part II of a two-part series. Part I was published Sunday, Sept. 5.*

Foundation repairs. Lead paint. Accessibility issues.

These are a few of the problems facing the Linden Mill building. For years, Linden City Council has discussed doing upgrades to the structure, but they face high costs and historical preservation restrictions.

In 2018, Linden City upgraded the electrical system, repaired the outside stairs and upgraded the HVAC system by replacing furnaces and air handlers.

An environmental review in the 2017 report, relating to indoor air quality, moisture barriers and insulation, found that the insulation was lacking and exterior work needed to be done. Multiple materials in the building tested positive for asbestos.

“The majority of the painted surfaces of the building (both exterior and interior) have tested positive for the presence of lead in some degree. Not all of the paint contains lead, however, and it should be noted that most of the paint indoors remains intact,” according to the report.

Removing this lead requires taking



proper precautions to avoid releasing it into the air or into the Shiawassee River, which flows right by the building.

Repairing siding, sealing gaps and other window/door repairs is projected to cost \$60,000. Providing insulation could cost \$75,000-\$150,000, and asbestos and lead paint abatement for construction services could cost \$30,000. Stripping the building of the existing paint and repainting it is estimated to cost \$100,000-\$125,000.

The report recommends making the lower level path more accessible, making the restroom more handicap accessible and doing other upgrades to make the building more compliant with the American with Disabilities Act, which would cost anywhere from \$58,000 to \$85,500.


Doing all recommended upgrades in the 2017 report would cost an estimated \$1.67 million.

In July of this year, Thomas Trice, interim public works director, presented council with a potential budget plan with capital improvement projects, which includes hundreds of thousands on Mill building repairs and upgrades.

“We’ve had a lot of interest in the Mill as of lately, especially after the 150th and we want to keep the momentum going. We have some really solid reports that have been done by HRC and we really need to prioritize those projects, but we also need to really get a pulse on the community’s desire for the future of the building,” said City Manager Ellen Glass at the Aug. 23 meeting. “We really feel the committee can do the heavy lifting ... many hands are going to need to be involved in this.”


The council discussed reaching out to certain people who have an interest in the Mill building to serve on the committee.

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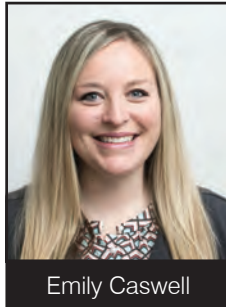
**W**hen was the last time your boss asked you, “What would make your job easier?” It’s a question a lot of bosses probably don’t want to ask right now, because they may not be able to deliver. But that didn’t stop our publisher from asking the question to our team last week during an in-person meeting.

The answers varied from funny to serious. “Chocolate” was a popular response. (Luckily, that’s an easy request to fulfill.) A lot of the answers, however, involved communication — mainly we need more of it.

Certain departments asked to know about sales and circulation promotions further in advance, others wanted to be kept in the loop with upcoming technology changes, for example. Due to the fast-paced nature of the newspaper business, a lot of things happen with little or no warning. Plus, we have offices across the state and have remote and freelance team members, meaning communication can be a challenge. We’re not alone,

## Communication is key to getting back on track

obviously, especially with the ongoing pandemic. Many businesses are suffering from a breakdown in communication and that can’t happen.



Emily Caswell

A Fast Company article on the return to work in a post-pandemic world argues that while there are many stressors for leadership to think about, one item must rise to the top. From the article, “If we could sum up the key to effective management in the post-pandemic workplace it would be with one word: Communication.”

Hearing from some of our team members that they feel there has been a communication breakdown

hurts, especially because I am a communications professional. On top of that, we are a newspaper company. Communication is our business. We can’t fail to communicate with our team while fulfilling our duty to communicate with our readers. That said, I know what the team is talking about, and I admit, we need help.

Luckily, the Fast Company article provides just that. Here are guidelines offered and how I plan to help implement some of them at our company.

**Communication is a process:** The article suggests that leaders think of communication as a process rather than a function. After all, work can continue without communication,

See **COMMUNICATION** on 8

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**WHEN MY CHILDREN** had their immunization shots, it was for the benefit of their health, not for the people around them. Using communist tactics like guilt, bullying, wanting to force COVID vaccines, only makes me dig my heels in because now I don’t see science at play, I see politics.

**VIRTUALLY NO ONE** remembers when farmers used to have a woodlot. They cut out dead wood and used it for home heating. Today’s environmentalists want the wood to grow naturally and burn up without being used for benefit. We should use this wood for homes and electricity rather than let it burn without regard

**I WONDER HOW** well those charging stations are working down in Louisiana for all those electric cars. Turns out you really can’t get there with one of those. We are lucky however that the internal combustion engine is still in use for all those vehicles coming to help.

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

## What movie do you never get tired of watching?

## | streettalk



“‘Dirty Dancing.’ I wore out two VHS tapes when I was 5. I was obsessed. Still watch every so often. Never gets old.”

**Carrie Bard**  
Fenton



“‘Caddy Shack!’ Has great lines and is an excellent comedy!”

**Ann Rogulsky**  
Fenton



“‘Walk the Line.’ Our family loves country music, great storyline, and it’s a movie my husband and I can actually agree on! He knows a lot about history so I learn something new every time.”

**Shelby Lynn**, Swartz Creek



“‘Moonstruck.’ Star Wars (all).”

**Lisa Vaughn**  
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**Mark McCabe**

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### Zoom Zoom, Zoom, and the Michigan Supreme Court

Back in 2001, a new ad campaign was announced for the Mazda Motor Corporation featuring the tagline “Zoom Zoom.” The reported reason was to promote their vehicles as innovative and current and to give an emotional “promise” as to what Mazda stood for as a company.

Although unquestionably not a perfect analogy, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in early 2020 our Michigan Supreme Court was called upon to make some changes to ensure that our court system remained innovative and current with the promise to the public, that despite many courts being closed, we would remain strong and operational.

Accordingly, there were a number of new administrative orders, court rule amendments and other steps taken to continue the wheels of justice turning while also protecting the health of litigants, court employees and the public.

One significant change was to expand the use of videoconferencing in lieu of in person court appearances which resulted in the Zoom system being widely implemented.

To date, there have been more than 3.5 million hours of these

See **JUDGE** on 8

# First West Nile virus cases of 2021 in Oakland, Macomb counties

## ■ Residents urged to take proper precautions to prevent mosquito bites

The first cases of West Nile virus (WNV) have been detected in residents in Oakland and Macomb counties. Michiganders are reminded that the best way to protect against West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses such as WNV and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) is to prevent mosquito bites.

In the past week, mosquitoes collected in the city of Detroit and Bay, Kent, Macomb, Midland, Oakland and Wayne counties have tested positive for WNV and Jamestown Canyon virus (JCV). Additionally, Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus was identified in a sick deer from Livingston County.

The risk for mosquito-borne illness rises throughout the state over the course of the mosquito season, peaking in August and September.

“It only takes one bite from an infected mosquito to cause a severe illness, so take extra care during peak mosquito-biting hours, which are dusk and dawn,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) chief medical executive and chief deputy director for health. “As we head into the holiday weekend and beyond, we urge Michiganders to take precautions such as using insect repellent and wearing long-sleeve shirts and long pants when outdoors during those time periods.”

WNV is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird.

Most people who contract the virus have no clinical symptoms of illness, but some may become ill three to 15 days after the bite of an infected mosquito. Symptoms of arbovirus infection, like WNV, typically include a high fever, confusion, muscle weakness and a severe headache. More serious complications include neurological illnesses, such as meningitis and encephalitis.

The best way to prevent West Nile disease or any other mosquito-borne illness is to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and to take personal precautions to avoid mosquito bites. Precautions include:

Use EPA registered insect repellents with one of the following active ingredients: DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus or para-menthane-diol, and 2-undecanone; follow the product label instructions and reapply as directed.

Don’t use repellent on children under 2 months old. Instead, dress your child

in clothing that covers arms and legs and cover crib, stroller and baby carrier with mosquito netting.

Wear shoes and socks, light-colored long pants and long-sleeved shirts when outdoors.

Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings.

Use bed nets when sleeping outdoors or in conditions with no window screens.

Eliminate all sources of standing water that can support mosquito breeding around your home, including water in bird baths, abandoned swimming pools, wading pools, old tires and any other object holding water once a week.

To date, 22 mosquito samples, eight birds, one squirrel and one horse have tested positive for WNV. EEE virus has been found in a horse and deer from Livingston County and a mosquito sample from Barry County.

For more information, visit [Michigan.gov/WestNileVirus](http://Michigan.gov/WestNileVirus) or [CDC.gov/WestNile](http://CDC.gov/WestNile).

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## PARENTS

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The Genesee County Health Department directed Genesee County schools to expand their mask mandate and include pre-kindergarten and grades seven through 12 in its mask order, which was initially released Aug. 12.

This latest requirement went into effect Tuesday, Sept. 7, the first day of classes following the Labor Day weekend.

The order will remain in effect until community transmission for Genesee County is categorized as “Moderate” by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Transmission Indicator for New Cases for at least 14) consecutive days.

Maygen Semintelli was part of Tuesday morning protest. She’s lived in Fenton since 2005 and has three children. Her youngest attends St. John School and she has one child at AGS Middle School and one at Fenton High School.

Semintelli said she and the other parents protesting believe it’s the parents’ choice, not the government’s

choice to mandate masks. Her high school daughter obtained a medical exemption from their physician not to wear a mask, however, Semintelli said the school sent her daughter home while they researched the exemption to verify it came from an approved physician.

She was hoping for more turn out Tuesday morning but acknowledges and understands that so many don’t want to cause issues with their school and the students fear repercussions if they do not obey the mask mandate. “We want them in school and we believe in freedom of choice,” she said. “If they want to wear a mask, let them.”

Semintelli said a group of high school students who were not wearing masks were secluded to an area of the

school, which she said could violate the Revised School Code Act 451 of 1976, 380.1307b: Statement of prohibited practices, Sec. 1307b. Semintelli

added that she was made aware that some students had called Fenton police regarding the masks. Fenton police confirmed that some students called, however, as of noon on Tuesday, no complaints had been filed.

Following the protest Tuesday morning, Superintendent Adam Hartleysaid,

“We appreciate our families protesting in a peaceful and safe manner. We understand that the mask mandate is a polarizing topic not only within our school community, but throughout this nation, and respect people’s right to protest.”

When asked if a school district could disregard this mask mandate, he said, “No, the mask mandate is

**“Our number one priority is to deliver a safe, quality education and to make sure we are doing everything we can to remain in person so our students can experience a school year within the four walls of our buildings.”**

**Adam Hartley**

*Fenton Area Public Schools superintendent*

**“We want them in school and we believe in freedom of choice.”**

**Maygen Semintelli**

*Fenton Area Public Schools parent*

an emergency health order that, by law, must be followed.” He added that under the health code, there are consequences to violating the health order. “We have reviewed the mandate with both the health department and our legal counsel,” Hartley said.

“Our number one priority is to deliver a safe, quality education and to make sure we are doing everything we can to remain in person so our students can experience a school year within the four walls of our buildings,” he said. “The Emergency Health Order is issued to all schools, public or private, within Genesee County.”

Regarding the high school students who were secluded Tuesday morning, Hartley said, “The high school administration allowed them to remain in the foyer until they were able to decide to attend class with a mask or get a ride home. Our administrators are hoping to work with students that are refusing to wear masks and help them understand the law and policies in place.”

The full mask mandate order is available on the Genesee County Health Department website at <https://www.gchd.us/coronavirus/>.



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## CELEBRATE

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The most popular decorations were the house with a pirate display, which came in first, and the Jack Skellington decorated house, which placed second. A house with disco lights came in third. A boat with a large needle made to look like a vaccine, called “Vaccine Lottery,” was the first place boat. Second place was a two-way tie with boats decorated with strings of light.

Hundreds of boaters were out on Lobdell Lake at night this past weekend for the fireworks display and the decorations. (Right, top) The “Vaccine Lottery” boat won first place in the boat decorating contest on Lobdell Lake on Sunday, Sept. 5. (Right, bottom) These Jack Skellington decorations won this house second place in the house decorating contest. **Photos: Hannah Ball**



## APPLEFEST

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year. Organizers of the church's largest community fundraising event made the decision months ago in response to ever changing COVID restrictions, which could have led to a last minute cancellation.

Ryan and Miriam Sage, chairs of Applefest, announced the decision on St. John's website, stjohnfenton.org and through bulletins for parishioners.

Event organizers and volunteers are looking forward to 50 years of Applefest next year, in 2022.

The Sages wrote that the coronavirus pandemic over the last 16 months has not only impacted the health and well-being of far too many individuals, but it has played havoc with the planning of so many events in Michigan, including Applefest.

The decision to modify Applefest again was not taken lightly. The event's chairman, volunteers and corporate sponsors invite you to participate in Applefest 2021 by supporting the following Applefest events that will take place this year:

• **Second annual Ron Lockwood Memorial Golf Outing**, Sept. 10 at The Coyote Preserve Golf Club, 9218 Preserve Dr., Fenton. Cost is \$500 per four-person team, which includes lunch, golf, driving range, drink tickets and steak dinner. Dinner only tickets are \$40 each. A free kids golf clinic is from 9 to 10 a.m. on the day of the golf outing. This event is sold out.

There are golf sponsorship opportunities. All event proceeds will provide funding to continue to support St.

John the Evangelist Church. All sponsors will receive recognition on the St. John and Applefest affiliated pages and website links. A variety of sponsorship opportunities range from \$250 to \$5,000.

• **Raffle drawing** Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. at St. John Activity Center. The top prize is a three-year lease on a vehicle, a pontoon or \$12,000 cash.

• **Apple pie sales.** Go to stjohnfenton.org to order your apple pies. The cost is two pies or two crisps for \$25.

• **Apple pie auction.** Celebrity pie bakers include Fr. Robert Copeland of St. John the Evangelist Church, Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff and St. John School Principal Andrew Schmit.

As the major fundraiser that supports the parish, organizers have set a financial goal for 2021 of \$125,000.

Fenton Mayor Pro Tem Pat Lockwood, who's also

wife of the late Ron Lockwood and Applefest committee member, said she and her entire family are so appreciative of Applefest remembering Ron through the golf outing. She said she was excited that the event is sold out with 36 teams and many hole and corporate sponsors.

The Par 3 Challenge this year will feature Kenny Allen, former Fenton varsity football player and University of Michigan football punter/kicker. He also was a Baltimore Ravens free agent.

Lockwood said the committee is really looking forward to next year and for the "Applefest we all know and love." She said the committee appreciates the efforts of all those who sold raffle tickets, the golfers and pie makers. "We really appreciate the community for the support."

“We really appreciate the community for the support.”

Pat Lockwood  
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## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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**TO THE HOT-LINER** stating they don't know who was complaining about the money spent. I for one don't mind spending a lot of money downtown but you should find a way to fix the roads first. I'm glad at least you think Markland and Osborn are doing a good job.

■■■■  
**NAGGING AIN'T GOING** to cut it. Provide a rational, reasoned argument in favor of vaccinations without the all the hysteria driven, propaganda nonsense and I'll listen. 'Because I said so' and 'you're selfish' won't change anyone's mind.

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**A POPULATION STUDY** is done so they know where to direct funds; where the majority are.

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**PSA TO WOMEN** in Fenton. Beware of a 'cowboy' who will approach you in a store or parking lot. Drunk? High? Once he starts talking or singing, you can't get away. Scary.

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**WE LEFT AFGHANISTAN**, left our military equipment to fall into

unwanted hands. Deja vu, embarrassing.

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**EVERYONE COMPLAINING ABOUT** mandates must be a Communist or at best a Socialist because mandates: in 1905 the issue of mandates was settled by the Supreme Court. Cambridge vs. Massachusetts. (You don't have a right to impact others).

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**WHY THE PROTEST** at the schools? It is neither patriotic nor unpatriotic to wear a mask, it is a health issue. The schools, teachers, principals and school boards do not control this, it is a mandate from the Genesee County Health Department. Why the flag waving protestors?

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**SCHOOLS NEED TO** reconsider their perfect attendance policies. They only encourage students to go to school sick, think COVID. Parents are just as bad for letting their students go to school sick.

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**FOR THOSE CRYING** about the pandemic unemployment money ending, did you really think it was going to last forever? If you did, then you must have voted for Biden.



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## GRAND MARSHAL

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Organizers decided to honor first responders due to the festivities taking place on the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. The festivities officially kick off Sept. 11 at 8 a.m. at Crapo Park with a prayer and remembrance for first responders. The 11 a.m. parade will also highlight local police officers, firefighters and EMS workers.

McGee said he and Narsh discussed it and understand “what an honor it is.” They’re both humbled by the position and to serve the community.

“While the first responders appreciate the recognition, it is not the reason anyone I know got involved; it’s all about giving back. Everyone I talked to is actually a little embarrassed to be the focus but is thankful the community appreciates their dedication,” McGee said.

He said it’s hard to believe this weekend is the 20-year anniversary.

“Like everyone alive at the time, I remember exactly where I was and the sick feeling I had knowing our country was under attack. As a new fire chief at the time, I immediately began planning should the attack occur in our area and still feel anxious on that day each year,” McGee said. “9/11 is a date for me to reflect on the heroes who sacrificed everything to save so many lives and the amazing opportunity I have to work with the brave men and women in our own community. Holly is so fortunate to have such a dedicated group willing to give their all when called to duty.”

Sarah McCanney, event organizer and Holly Village Parks commissioner, said the biggest highlight of HollyDays this year will be the parade.

“We plan to reflect on the important roles our own first responders have in our community. This day will focus on acknowledging them for their dedicated service to the people of Holly,” McCanney said.

## JUDGE

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online proceedings. YouTube is also being used by the public with live virtual proceedings having been accessed more than 325,000 times.

There also was a plan called “Return To Full Capacity” which gave courts step-by-step instructions on reopening procedures in four separate progressive phases (depending on public health considerations) with Phase Four being a complete reopening, subject to local health department restrictions.

Over time, many courts progressed to Phase Four and on June 21, 2021 all courts were placed in this status by the Supreme Court.

However, a number of safeguards

and changes remained in place. On July 26, in recognition of the fact that the previous steps that were taken were beneficial in streamlining certain court practices, a number of administrative orders were rescinded, one was amended, and a number of court rules were amended.

Included was the continued use of Zoom.

Currently, Genesee County Courts are fully open to the public but masks must be worn in the courtrooms.

During the pandemic, all of us in the court system have worked tirelessly to keep our courts functioning efficiently while at the same time respecting the rights of everyone that we serve.

I am very proud to be a small part of it all.

## COMMUNICATION

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but that’s not ideal. From the article, “Communication as a process needs to be approached strategically, in terms of long-term goals, not just in terms of utility and specific tools, such as strictly holding meetings by Zoom or mainly corresponding by email.”

Obviously, our teams are communicating, but mostly about day-to-day tasks. We don’t have a strategy in place, for example, on how we roll out communications when a new server is put in place. We can easily put that communication process and others in writing and implement them when needed.

**Listen to motivate:** A huge part of communication is on the other side — listening. The Fast Company article stresses the importance of understanding what motivates team members by listening. From the article, “The science shows that employees perform better when they are motivated and engaged, yet only two out of 10 employees before the pandemic felt they were managed in a way that motivated them to do good work.”

The article suggests that leadership offer opportunities for listening. Our publisher has always had an open-door policy, but the challenge I see for us is time. I will suggest he institute a type of “office hours” policy like college professors so

everyone knows a day and time he can offer an ear for anything — good or bad.

**Trust your employees to do the right thing:** The advice here is fairly simple. Don’t overdo a communication process with unnecessary rules and regulations. From the article, “A good place to start is communicating what your general expectations are and then trust you reports to do the right thing.”

**Invest in education:** The lesson here — make sure everyone in your organization knows the importance of communication. From the article, “...organizations can start with a communication strategy that prioritizes listening, trust, and inspiring employees through whatever factors authentically motivate them. Once the strategy is created, then comes the need to create an education program so managers know how to implement that strategy ... This isn’t to say all the responsibility should fall on managers. Communication is a two-way street ... it will be important for employees to also have effective communication skills.”

Clearly, we’ve got work to do, but it will be worth it. Now, I’m off to buy some chocolate.

How do you approach communication in your workplace? Email me at [ecaswell@mihomepaper.com](mailto:ecaswell@mihomepaper.com).

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Holly's Deshawn Willis runs downfield during the Broncos' 23-0 victory. Photo: Christopher Summers

# Bronchos capture first victory of season, defeat Avondale, 23-0

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity football team got a little bit more offense than the program did in its first game of the season, while the defense remained pretty darn good.

The result was a 23-0 victory

for the Holly Broncos at home against Auburn Hills Avondale.

It really hasn't been that long since the Broncos pitched a shutout. In fact, it was pretty recent. The last time they did shut out an opponent was during last year's

final regular-season week (sixth week) when the Broncos defeated Clio 44-0.

Holly took the lead for good in the first quarter on a 27-yard field goal by sophomore Zayne Dennie. Really, that was all the offense the Broncos needed,

but they did end up scoring two TDs before the first half was up. The first came on a seven-yard run by Jacob Gonzales in the second quarter. The second came later that same quarter when Bryce Goings scored on a

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# Sports Times

## Fenton boys tennis wins thriller vs. Holly

By David Troppens

In a battle of area rivals, the Fenton varsity boys tennis team came up on top against the Holly Broncos.

The Tigers captured three of the four doubles flight victories, leading to a tight 5-3 win against the Broncos.

There were plenty of tight battles in the duel of rivals. Two matches went three sets. Fenton's No. 3 doubles team of Noah Gurnsey and Isaac Gurnsey who defeated Holly's Wyatt Randall and Nate Costigan 4-6, 7-5, 6-1. Meanwhile, at No. 2 singles, Holly's Jacob Denman defeated Fenton's Josh Brott 6-3, 4-6, 7-5 in what

**See FENTON on 11**

# Devils get payback against Dragons, 13-0

By David Troppens

**Lake Fenton** — The Lake Fenton varsity football team remembered last year's contest.

The Blue Devils allowed 62 points in a 62-12 loss to Swartz Creek. They circled this year's game date on the schedule committed to make sure that didn't happen again.

It didn't. Instead, this time it was the Lake Fenton defense that opened up a can on the Swartz Creek Dragons.

The Blue Devils' defensive line dominated all 48 minutes of the contest and the Blue Devils' offense didn't make any serious mistakes, leading Lake Fenton to a 13-0 victory against the Dragons Thursday night at Lake Fenton High School.

"We circled this game all

year," senior Max Muenzer said. "We wanted revenge and all of that. We came out and pounded them."

"We were able to do it because we had kids that were willing to sacrifice stats so they can do their jobs," Lake Fenton varsity football coach Marty Borski said. "Every guy had his specific job and we told them they may not get the numbers they like or the tackles they like, but they were going to hold that gap and let other guys make the plays. To be honest, it was absolutely their sacrifice and discipline."

The Blue Devils' defense put their stamp on the contest during Swartz Creek's first possession. The Dragons did collect a



Lake Fenton's defense dominated Swartz Creek's offense during the Blue Devils' 13-0 victory Thursday.

Photos: Mark Bolen



first down, but Creek's Tyler Cole was nailed for a six-yard loss on first down by Muenzer, resulting in a Swartz Creek a punt three plays later.

Lake Fenton's first possession saw the Blue Devils move the ball from their 22 to Swartz Creek's 23. The biggest play was a lateral to Jack Conley for

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## Tigers fall vs. second tough early season foe East Lansing, 33-7

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity football team didn't shy away from scheduling two opponents to start the 2021 season.

Unfortunately, playing those two tough opponents has resulted in two losses.

The Tigers fell to 0-2 with a road trip to East Lansing on Friday, dropping a 33-7 verdict to one of the top ranked teams in Division 2.

East Lansing always led, as the Trojans scored early. With 9:32 remaining in the first quarter, quarterback Brevin Jackson completed a 13-yard TD pass to Mason Woods. The extra-point made it a 7-0 lead.

The Trojans upped the lead to 13-0 in the second quarter on a nine-yard TD run by Asher Gregory. The extra-

point was not converted and the Tigers remained behind 13-0.

Fenton did answer back. With 5:55 remaining in the half, Jake Nichols broke through the middle of the Fenton offensive line and scored on the Tigers' best offensive play of the night — a 37-yard TD run. The converted extra-point cut Fenton's deficit to just 13-7. However, before the half was over, Mason Woods caught a 16-yard TD pass from Jackson in the end zone, earning East Lansing a 20-7. Fenton tried to score before the halftime break, but was unable to. However, Jackson was ejected from the game on a targeting call on defense as the Tigers tried to get a late-half score.

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## Eagles grounded vs. Goodrich, 9-6

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity football team's defense played well enough to lead the Eagles to victory against the Goodrich Martians.

The questions remain on the offensive side. The Eagles lost a 9-6 road contest to Goodrich.

"It was a pretty physical game, but we shot ourselves in the foot a few times that cost us a couple of touchdowns," Linden varsity football coach Denny Hopkins said. "We just have to get better. They are a nice team. It was a well played game other than a few mistakes here and there."

Goodrich was the only team to score in the first half. The first score came on a Jace Simerson 32-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. The extra-point was missed and the Eagles trailed 6-0. Late in

the first half, the Martians (1-1) drove into Linden territory, setting up a 28-yard field goal by Caden Kolanowski. The Eagles trailed 9-0 at the half.

Linden scored its only TD in the third quarter. With 3:29 remaining in the period, Ethan Gomez ran around the right side to score on a 25-yard TD run. The Eagles trailed 9-6. However, that's as close as the Eagles would get.

Linden (0-2) has scored just 15 points in its two contests. Scoring points is usually not an issue for the Eagles. The last time they've been held to less than 10 points in back-to-back games was in 2003 when the Eagles scored seven points against Lapeer East on Oct. 17 and then seven points against Lapeer West on Oct. 24.

"We shut them down in the second half, but we have to execute when it counts of-



Bryce Eulik runs downfield during a recent event. Photo: Mark Bolen

fensively, and we have not done that the first two games. We've left a lot of points on the field. The kids are playing hard. I can't fault their effort."

The Eagles return to action at Kearsley on Friday at 7 p.m.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CODE OF ORDINANCES: AMENDMENTS TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT ORDINANCE CITY OF LINDEN – HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE The City of Linden Historic District Commission will conduct a public hearing as part of a regular meeting agenda on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., within Council Chambers on the lower level of the Mill Building located at 201 North Main Street, Linden, Michigan, 48451.

The purpose of this hearing is to provide opportunity for public comment on amendments to the following sections of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to the Historic District Ordinance: Sections 31.055, 31.056, (E); 31.058, (B); 31.070, (A), (B), (C); 31.071; 31.072, (A), (B), (C), (D); 31.073; Chapter 153: 153.02, 153.03, 153.04 (A), (B), (D), (E); 153.05 (A), and 153.10.

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## Holly, Fenton XC programs prepare for first Metro event at Early Bird Invitational

By David Troppens

The "preseason" phase of the prep cross country season came to a close for Fenton and Holly at the Hornet Early Bird Invitational Thursday at Huron Meadows Metropark.

The squads competed and the Holly boys took fourth in the Blue Varsity Division while the Holly girls placed seventh. The Fenton boys placed sixth in the Varsity Gold Division while the Fenton girls were seventh.

The top area runner in any race was Holly freshman Ashley Sobczynski. She finished second in her race with a time of 19:42.50. Kettering's Chloe Wall took first (18:59.80).

The Holly boys had all five of their runners finish in the top 30. Mason Rosa was 10th (17:09.8) while Zachary Rockafellow was close behind in 12th place (17:21.5). The rest of the Holly boy scorers were Grant Hoffman in 21st (18:19.30), Benjamin

Baxter in 24th (18:32.60) and Adam Booher in 30th (18:44.10).

After Sobczynski, the rest of the Holly girl point collectors were Jessica Booher in 25th (23:13.50), Ambriell Hoffman in 42nd (25:00.50), Hannah Lee in 54th (26:32.80) and Pavitra Taylor in 74th (35:09.50).

The Fenton boys had its top five finish in the top 52 positions in their race. They were Michael Crane in 12th (16:52), Nathan Katic in 16th (17:00), Aidan Brzezinski in 28th (17:27.7), Gavin Thomas in 36th (17:47.20) and Luke DeFina in 52nd (18:13.40).

The Fenton girls were led by Taylor Huntoon in 16th (19:54.90). She was followed by Nina Frost in 24th (20:22.7), Emily Grob in 26th (20:28.6), Emma Dubie in 41st (21:09.00) and Izzy MacCaughan in 53rd (21:29.70).

The first Flint Metro League jamboree is at Linden Middle School today at 4 p.m.



## BRONCHOS

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five-yard run.

The team's final score came with 4:47 left in the fourth quarter when Jacob Chereson scored on a three-yard run.

But the real story was the Bronchos' defense, which has been pretty strong all season long. Deshawn Willis led the Bronchos with 13 tackles with three of them being sacks. Ashton Dehart had seven tackles and 1 1/2 sacks while Gonzales had six tackles with one being a sack.

Holly's defense has allowed just 16 points this season. The difference between this contest and the Bronchos' opening contest at Fraser (a 16-7 loss) was that the Bronchos were able to move the ball Thursday night.



Holly's Jacob Chereson and Jacob Gonzales prepare to tackle an Avondale player. Photo: Christopher Summers

Gonzales had 87 rushing yards while Bryce Goings had a solid game at quarterback, running for 74 yards and passing

for 65 more.

Holly returns to action with a road contest at Swartz Creek on Friday.

## FENTON

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had to be the closest match.

Another close two-set match happened at No. 4 doubles where Fenton's Zach Michelson

and Tate Webb beat Holly's Andrew VanHese and Drake Setera 7-6, 6-4. Fenton's other winners were the No. 2 doubles team of Joe McCarthy and Trey Hajec beating Holly's Ethan Tillier and

Ben Kittle 6-1, 6-0; No. 1 singles player Sheldon Hand defeating Walker Glass 6-1, 6-4; and No. 3 singles player Remy Book defeating Ryan Tiell 6-0, 6-1.

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## DEVILS

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34 yards. However, the drive died after three incomplete passes and a five-yard loss. It really didn't matter because the Dragons' offense couldn't do much of anything effectively. Creek quarterback Kaleb Hall lost a yard on a keeper (tackled by Noah Hall and Jason Reed), setting up another punt.

The Blue Devils started their next drive on their own 32, and the offense responded with their only long scoring drive of the contest. The drive ended with a 36-yard TD pass from Reid Shumaker to Dalton Decker. The Blue Devils missed the extra-point but still led 6-0.

"That was a beautiful pass by my quarterback Reid," Decker said. "He had to wait for the perfect time and the line held up good, so it all went perfect."

The Dragons had the ball three more times in the half, but only collected one more first down during those possessions. One possession ended after



Lake Fenton's Brandon Bossert advances the ball during the Blue Devils' 13-0 victory against the Swartz Creek Dragons. Photo: Mark Bolen

Hall nailed Evan Lloyd for a two-yard loss. The next died after a 10-yard quarterback sack. On their final possession of the first half the Dragons did get a first down, but were forced to punt three plays later. The punt was a poor one and Hall returned it to the Swartz Creek 22.

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## Linden boys XC takes second at End of Summer meet

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity cross country program prepped for this week's upcoming Flint Metro Jamboree by competing in the End of Summer Fall Preview meet held at Huron Meadows Metropark on Thursday.

The Linden boys finished in second out of 15 teams while the Linden girls took eighth out of 12 teams.

The Linden boys finished second to Chelsea, who scored 32 team points. Linden had 73 and third-place Saginaw Heritage had 120. The only other Metro squad at the event was Goodrich who placed 14th.

The Eagles had two runners finish in the top five — Kyle Eberhard in fourth (16:48.30) and River Meckstroth in fifth (16:54.30).

The Eagles had their entire scoring five finish within the top 26. Hayden Bradfield placed 20th (18:13.0), Ryan Blackwood took 23rd (18:18.10) and Clayton Ackerman placed 26th (18:29.90).

The Linden girls edged out the only other Metro squad at the event, beating Goodrich by seven team points. Colleen Blackwood placed 19th (22:01.60) while Stella Strauss was 47th (23:44.20). Ava Fahrenkoph placed 51st (24:09.80) while Madelyn Strauss was 60th (25:08.80) and Karyn Taylor was 61st (25:19.20).

The first Flint Metro League jamboree will be hosted by the Linden program today at Linden Middle School at 4 p.m.

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# Obituaries

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## Jacob Daniel Clements

1987 - 2021

Jacob Daniel Clements - age 34, of Flint, died Sunday, August 29, 2021. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton, with Rev. Fr. Robert Copeland and Fr. Ryan Riley Con-Celebrant. Interment will follow at St. John Cemetery. Visitation was held 2 - 8 PM Tuesday, September 7 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Life Challenge Ministries (<https://lcmministries.org/>) or Flint Odyssey House ([www.odysseyvillage.com/](http://www.odysseyvillage.com/)). Jacob was born January 26, 1987 in Flint, the son of Daniel and



Marie (Angers) Clements. Jacob had a great sense of humor and was a wonderful storyteller. He enjoyed boating, fishing and hunting. Surviving are parents, Dan and Marie

Clements of Fenton; sister, Rachel (Jason) Belprez of East Lansing; brother, Joel Clements of Novi; nephew and niece, Henry and Ava Belprez; grandparents, Ronald and Norma Clements, and Dolores Angers; many aunts; uncles; and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, William Angers. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Jason Jeremiah "Jay" Barancik

1976 - 2021

Jason Jeremiah "Jay" Barancik - age 45, of Flint, passed away Thursday, September 2, 2021. Funeral services will be held 3 PM Saturday, September 11, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton (A live stream of the service will be available on Jason's obituary page at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com)). In honor of Jason, the family requests that you wear jeans and T-shirts to the visitation and service. Mr. Peter Haist officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Friday, September 10 from 1 - 4 and 6 - 8 PM and Saturday from 2 PM until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Michelle and the family through Faith City Church, 806 Main St, Fenton, MI 48430. Jay was born July 3, 1976 in Flint, the son of Karl



and Sandra (Ross) Barancik. He was a 1994 graduate of Good Heritage Learning Center. He married Michelle Marie Gingras February 14, 2009. He was employed by TRP (Reefer Peterbilt) in Bay City for the past four years. He was a faithful member of Faith City Church in Fenton, where he was in charge of the audio. Jay enjoyed playing poker and was an avid University of Michigan Football and Detroit Lions fan. He was a

hard worker and a devoted family man. Surviving are his wife, Michelle; daughters, Aimee, Victoria, and Karsyn; parents, Karl and Kathi Barancik of New Port Richey, FL; siblings, Andrew (Kristen) Barancik of Fenton, Tabitha (Christopher) Blue of New Port Richey, FL, and Jeremy (Crystal) Barancik of New Port Richey, FL; grandmother, Joan Barancik of Mt. Morris; In-laws, Doug and Linda Gingras of Grand Blanc; brother-in-law, Derek (Kelly) Gingras of West Bloomfield; and several nieces; nephews; and great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Katie Hall; and grandfather, Charles Barancik. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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## Mark Douglas Stevens

1942 - 2021

Mark Douglas Stevens - age 78, of Lapeer, and Largo, FL, formerly of Fenton, died Saturday, September 4, 2021. A memorial service will be held 11 AM Friday,



Surviving are daughter, Wendy (Keith) Byard of Lapeer, a professor at Mott College; son, Matt (Tami) Stevens of Fenton, General Manager of Vic Canever Chevrolet in

September 10, 2021, at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation will be held 2- 4 PM and 6-8 PM Thursday, September 9 at the Fenton funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Fenton Adopt-A-Pet or the Genesee County Humane Society. Mark was born October 16, 1942, in Flint, the son of Hubert and Evelyn (Chevalier) Stevens. He graduated from Flint Central High School where he participated in several sports. Mark was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, a radioman with special clearance on the minesweeper USS Adroit out of Charleston, SC. His ship took part in numerous mine sweeping expeditions and also naval operations during the Cuban Missile Crisis off of Cuba. Mark then experienced a successful career in the automotive sales business. At Tom Gleason Volkswagon, he led in sales and was awarded the top VW salesman in the country. Later, for many years, he served as the General Manager for Pasty Lou Williamson Chevrolet in Flint. During his tenure, it was the nation's top-selling Buick dealership. Mark was a proud father and grandfather.

Fenton; five grandchildren, Haley Byard, Kacie Byard (fiancé, Harrison Watt), Kellee Byard, Brooke Stevens (fiancé, Brett Wakefield) and Brendan Stevens; sister, Marilyn (Fred) Meier; many nieces and nephews; long-time partner Joanne Collis; first wife, Cheryl Stevens and mother of his children; and many friends in Lapeer, Fenton, Largo, FL, and the Flint area. He was preceded in death by his second wife, Brigid Stevens. Mark loved animals, most especially his dogs Boomer and Muffin. He was an avid Detroit sports fan who enjoyed boxing and playing golf with his good friends. He was known as a humble, kind, compassionate, generous, and respectful man of integrity. He also shared a witty sense of humor (and was a sometimes prankster) with a twinkle in his eye and always a smile on his face. Anyone in his presence was made better for it because Mark brought people joy with his happy, caring, and outgoing personality. He was a special man who was truly loved by all. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Terence Anthony "Terry" Robbins

1957 - 2021

Terence Anthony "Terry" Robbins - age 63, of Fenton, passed away, Tuesday, August 31, 2021. Funeral Services will be held Saturday, September 11th at 1 PM at Fenton United



Methodist Church 119 S. Leroy St., Fenton with Pastor Jeff Jaggers officiating. Visitation will be Friday, September 10th from 2 - 8 PM at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Entombment in Tyrone Memory Gardens. Terry was born September 10, 1957 in Flint, the son of William and Patricia (Kucharski) Robbins. He married Deborah Ann Goin in Fenton on June 23, 1984. Terry attended Blessed Sacrament then St. John School in Fenton and graduated from Fenton High School. He attended Central Michigan University where he received a full ride scholarship for baseball. Terry was a member of the Fenton United Methodist Church of Fenton for many years. Terry was the founder of TNT Painting Company. He was previously employed as a sales representative at Martin Buick Truck Center and Vic Canever Chevrolet, Fenton. Terry especially loved spending time with his family. He was an all around sports fanatic, especially golf and baseball. More than anything, he loved attending his daughters' sporting events and coaching his daughters' travel basketball and softball teams. He loved

to grill, play cards, and watch/play any outdoor yard games with his family and friends. His happiest place was in the presence of his wife and daughters. Terry is survived by his wife, of 37 years, Deborah; daughters, Jennifer (Brandon) Wilhelmi and Jessica Robbins (Sefton Greig); granddaughter, Everlee Wilhelmi; siblings, Constance (John) Holahan, Laura (John) Watts, Shellie Robbins-Hardy (Chuck Wiese); many aunts and uncles, particularly a special bond with Dick & Brenda Kucharski, and Betty Owens; mother-in-law, Patricia Goin; brothers-in-law, Mike (Rhonda) Goin, Jim (Sharon) Goin; nieces and nephews, Nick, Bryan (Julie), Malinda (Eddie), Steven (Cassie), Dustin, Brandon (Kelsi), Nicole, Crystal (Pete), Jordan (Brittany), Eric (Shannon), Anthony (Sara), Kelly, Chris, Stacey (Dave); and many special great-nieces; nephews and cousins. Terry was preceded in death by his parents; brother, David S. Robbins; father-in-law, Clyde Goin; uncle (country music star) Dusty Owens; and many other aunts; uncles and cousins. Memorials may be directed to [www.gofundme.com/f/in-Memory-of-terry-robbins](http://www.gofundme.com/f/in-Memory-of-terry-robbins) and/or Fenton United Methodist Church. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## FUNERAL ETIQUETTE

### WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP LATER?

In the days and months to come, the family will continue to need your support. Try to write or call on a regular basis.

Continue to include them in your social plans, they will let you know when they are ready to participate. It is also nice to remember the family on special occasions during the first year following the death. Don't worry about bringing up the pain and emotion of the loss, they are well aware of that. By remembering such occasions as wedding anniversaries and birthdays, you are not remembering the death, but reaffirming that a life was lived.

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## Midweek Crossword

**KING FEATURES**

**ACROSS**

1 Pool stick

4 Gasoline dispensers

9 Attorney's field

12 "Right you —!"

13 Not moving

14 Blond shade

15 Online reference source

17 Carefree

18 By way of

19 Pancake toppings

21 Museum tour guide

24 — Hari

25 Swelled head

26 Solidify

28 Semesters

31 Stately trees

33 Homer's neighbor

35 Mt. Rushmore's state

36 Seized vehicles

38 Dict. info

40 Sundial numeral

41 Hgt.

43 Ancient pyramid builders

45 Bale

47 Mineral suffix

48 Days of yore

49 Sibelius work or vodka

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54 Blackbird

55 Totally

56 Inventor

57 Goat's plaint

58 Lauder of cosmetics

59 Marry

**DOWN**

1 Crow's cry

2 Mentalist

3 "A spider!"

4 Slipcover trim

5 Like leftovers

6 Club —

7 Spectrum creator

8 Patronize, as a hotel

9 New York airport

10 Now, in a memo

11 Reasons

16 "— been had!"

20 Numbered rds.

21 Woodland grazer

22 Leer at

23 Summaries

27 Went first

29 Primary

30 Tackles moguls

32 Auctioneer's cry

34 Cecil B. —

37 Arm's-length portrait

39 Femme —

42 Ore layers

44 Longing

45 Smile broadly

46 Forearm bone

50 Rebel Turner

51 Morning moisture

52 — -de-France

53 Succor

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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
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## Horoscopes

For the week of  
**September 6, 2021**

### ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, this week you can share some secrets that have been troublesome. A trusted confidante may offer advice or be willing to serve as a supportive sounding board.

### TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, a welcoming aura is drawing others to you in the days ahead. Open yourself to new friendships and look for ways to foster these budding relationships.

### GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, consider what you are going to aim for next and don't be afraid to take whatever steps necessary to put you on a path to success. Your confidence will compel you.

### CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

News about investment and career possibilities could be brought to your attention this week. Give these situations a lot of attention over the next few days.

### LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

You are inclined to spend time with others in the coming days, Leo. Take advantage of opportunities to socialize, or take the lead and plan a fun get-together with friends.

### VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you have a drive like no other. This can come in handy as you actively seek change. A career change could be in the cards in due time.

### LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, keep aiming to fulfill your ambitions, even if your approach requires a little revision. This is an amazing period of growth for you, and you'll learn a lot.

### SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Embark on opportunities that will break you out of your comfort zone, Scorpio. These can provide some opportunities for growth and present chances to meet new people.

### SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, your often positive attitude may be challenged in the days to come as you are faced with a few situations you aren't sure how to handle. Take a deep breath and forge ahead.

### CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, if you find yourself in the spotlight, remember to put your best foot forward at all times. This is especially true in professional settings.

### AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, your work ethic has been unrivaled in recent weeks. The summer vacation season has ended and you have gotten back to business. A big change is on the horizon.

### PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Focus on romance and sensuality this week Pisces. Take the time to spend moments with a spouse or significant other as much as possible.





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