

Community conversations scheduled

■ Fenton to host events on street improvement bond proposal

The city of Fenton will host a series of at least three meetings where voters can learn more about the street improvement bond proposal that will be on

ballot in the Tuesday, Nov. 2 general election.

All meetings will be held in the Van Gilder Room of the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. The meetings will be on:

- Tuesday, Sept. 28 — 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 6 — 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 13 — 6 p.m.

City Council members, staff engineering, and financial experts will be on hand to answer questions about any aspect of the proposal. These meetings will be open-house style, with officials at different, smaller presentations around the room. Residents will See **EVENTS** on 25



Shown here is an example of local road conditions in downtown Fenton, south of Shiawassee Avenue.

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Linden commits \$20,000 to pathways

■ Phase 3 of pathway project will either be Owen Road or Fenton Road

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Non motorized pathways continue to gain monetary support from municipalities.

On Monday, Sept. 13, Linden City Council approved allocating \$20,000 in a non-binding commitment to help build a pathway either along Owen Road or Fenton Road to Thompson Road.

The money, due in five years, will be used in matching funds to secure grants for the next phase of the LAFF (Linden, Argentine Township, Fenton Township, See **PATHWAYS** on 26



Former Linden Community Schools art teacher Gemma Amendola painted this mural on the side of City Hall in 2014 with the help of art students and in conjunction with city and school officials. The Linden Downtown Development Authority is exploring options to bring a new mural downtown, and City Hall is one of three buildings that qualify. This mural could be replaced. Photo: Hannah Ball

Rose Township asks for pause in trimming of oak trees

■ Supervisor's concern of oak wilt disease prompts board to develop local ordinance

By Sharon Stone

After learning that DTE was performing maintenance tree trimming in Oakland County, Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snyder asked the Rose Township Board of Trustees to consider creating a local ordinance that would only allow maintenance trimming of red oaks during a specific time of year to prevent oak wilt disease.

Scheib-Snyder said during the Sept. 8 meeting that the tree trimming would be paused in Rose Township after she expressed her See **OAK TREES** on 13



“Thursday, I watched you speed past the stopped school bus with flashing red lights on S. Holly Road. You must have heard the bus and cars honk. That was my daughter standing feet away, about to cross the street. What was so important that it was nearly worth my child's life?”

“To the Hot-liner that was born and raised in Fenton. Who cares? Don't understand why people need to say where they were born and raised? Again, who cares?”



“A big thank you to the Fenton Fire Department for their wonderful remembrance of 9/11/2001. Loved the bagpipes, flyover and speakers, so inspiring.”





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(Left) Mueller's Orchard has several varieties of apples to select. (Center) Mueller's Orchard and Cider Mill are known locally for their cinnamon and sugar doughnuts. (Right) Spicer Orchards and Winery offers flights of homemade wine. Below is the tractor-shaped corn maze at Spicer Orchards in Hartland Township. (Bottom right) Kids will have fun exploring the hay maze at Diehl's Orchard & Cider Mill.



■ Perfect way to spend a fall day in Michigan

By Sharon Stone

For many, autumn means it's the perfect time to bring out the pumpkin spice. For others, autumn is the ideal time to visit area cider mills and orchards to experience some of Michigan's finest and delicious treats. Treats can include apple cider made from locally grown apples, apple wine, warm doughnuts, pumpkins ranging from small to large in numerous colors, hay rides and spending the day with family or friends outdoors.


Locally, Mueller's Orchard and Cider Mill opened Sept. 8. They're open Wednesday to Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It's located at 6036 Lobdell Road in Fenton Township.

Cider at Mueller's is made with hand-picked apples that are in season. They do not pasteurize nor add preservatives. Their doughnuts include their best selling Apple Cinnamon with sugar. In October they will make Pumpkin Glaze.

Charles Mueller, owner, said their crop is short in some varieties but overall the quality is good.


See **FALL** on 23

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David's dabbings

Early fall is the best time of the year in Michigan

When it comes to Michigan, one of the positives we enjoy are the variety of seasons we have over the course of a year.

Yes, a lot of us love to complain as each begins and a new one ends, but for the most part, it's pretty awesome. And while I'm guessing if we did a poll on which season most people in Michigan enjoy the most, the summer would win out pretty easily, that's not the case for me. The winner easily is the early fall — a period I like to unofficially consider from about Sept. 1 until about Halloween. Why that span? There are plenty reasons.

First off, not only do the temperatures cool off, but as that period continues the humidity decreases as well. When the weather is in that 60 to 75 degree range with little humidity, it's so easy to do just about any physical activity outdoors. The best part is you don't sweat or die from that activity as much as you would on a hot and humid day in mid-July. This really is the perfect season for just about any sporting event or home project.

The better temperatures also set us up for something me and my wife, Anna, love to do — trail walking through the woods. As the temps cool, the bugs start dying off as well and the leaves start changing. A bright sunny autumn day this time also has a different feel from the sun for some reason. A lot of animals are more active because they are preparing

See **DABBLINGS** on 10



David Troppens
Sports Editor

Hotlines

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

All submissions, if approved for publication, must be 50 words or less and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Tri-County Times. We reserve the right to edit for clarity, length and liability.

I AM A nurse. I have zero respect for people in my profession who use it to try to push their beliefs on everyone. Last time I checked, this is still America.

IF YOU THINK masks work, great wear one. You should be protected. If you think the jab is safe, great go get it. You should be protected. If you don't like seeing patients on ventilators then start treating them with remdesiver. Leave the rest of us alone. We don't buy the lies.



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READERS WRITE

Letters, 150 words or less, must be signed and include a phone number. We reserve the right to edit for clarity and liability. Letters must be written exclusively for the Times.

Re: 'Parents oppose latest mask mandate'

Dear Editor,
Sending your child to class without a mask is depending on luck. I get it — believing in our constitutional rights is our American way. Consider the stark reality of this plague with 650,000 dead and counting daily. You and I have not lost a family member to it yet. When we do, how will our rights console our waking days and sleepless nights? We as a species have been here before — 1350 AD, Bubonic Plague. We did nothing and let herd immunity pull us out of a death rate of 1:3. Current death rate of COVID-19 and variants is at 1:521. Are we really going to be okay sending children into classrooms? The longer this virus is passed among us the more lethal it will become. Just by the grace of God, we are here today. Our knowledge of viruses and how to defeat them is God's way of validating his love for each and every one of us. It's time to use masks, vaccines and faith to unite us in this struggle.

*Bill Douglas Crane
Fenton*

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers

Who's your favorite actor or actress?



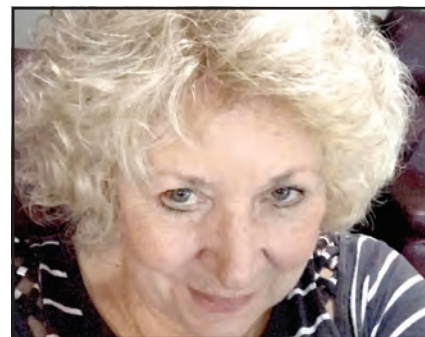
"Elisabeth Moss from 'The Handmaid's Tale. She is a strong, independent person and a great leader in the TV series!"

Ann Rogulsky, Fenton



"Jimmy Stewart. Love all Jimmy Stewart's except for the westerns. I've watched many of his movies multiple times. 'The Glen Miller Story' actually got me into liking big band music."

Dawn Middleton, Holly



"Clint Eastwood is not only entertaining in front of the camera but also a great director. At 91, he is still making great films, proving his ability for longevity, which is rare in the entertainment industry."

Lillian Taylor, Fenton



"Hugh Jackman. I love theatre and he's just very multifaceted. He's Wolverine, but he also can sing and dance."

Cindy Alvado, Grand Blanc

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Sheriff announces elder abuse information event

■ One recent fatal case of elder abuse involves black mold in house, multiple injuries

By Hannah Ball

After discussing two instances of elder abuse — one involving a living situation so bad the investigator was heard on camera dry heaving because of the smell — Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson announced a conference to spread awareness and education on elder abuse.

The Educate, Defend and Guard the Eldery (E.D.G.E.) event will take place Thursday, Oct. 7 at the Genesys Conference Center in Grand Blanc from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The full day conference will include resources and education from various agencies, as well as prizes and fun activities. Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel is the keynote speaker.

“If you have any contact with any kind of elderly person, whether you work in the field caring for the elderly,

if you work in a financial institution, it’s an event you want to go to because it’s going to help you recognize the signs of elder abuse, and it’s going to help you help those clients and those customers,” said Sgt. Jillian Macey of the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office and the GRACE Team, which handles elder abuse cases.

Tickets are \$47. They can be bought at gcsomichigan.com.

Two elder abuse cases

During his weekly press conference livestreamed on Facebook, Swanson said Michael Laquex, 50, of Genesee Township, was arrested after they received a call in April from Hurley Hospital. Michael’s 72-year-old mother was in the hospital with a pelvic fracture, a femur fracture, fecal material in her hair, and bruises.

“You could tell there was neglect, abuse, a whole slew of things that were happening,” he said, adding that she had

See **ELDER ABUSE** on 18

Henderson man killed

■ Single vehicle crash at Ray and Seymour roads in Argentine Township early Friday morning

By Sharon Stone

A 34-year-old Henderson man was killed in an automobile crash early Friday morning in Argentine Township. Argentine Township police did not release the victim’s identity.

On Friday, Sept. 17, at approximately 12:06 a.m., Argentine Township police and fire departments were dispatched to the intersection of Ray and Seymour roads for a vehicle fire.

When first responders arrived, they observed the vehicle to be fully engulfed in flames. The tree also caught fire. The fire was extinguished by Argentine Township Fire and Rescue.


Upon further investigation, it was discovered that the vehicle

was occupied by a 34-year-old man from Henderson. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The preliminary investigation shows the vehicle was traveling eastbound on Ray Road and was unable to stop prior to crossing over Seymour Road and striking a tree. According to Argentine Township police, speed is believed to have been a factor.

The crash is being investigated by the Argentine Township Police Department.

Clayton Township Police and the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office assisted at the scene. Anyone who may have witnessed the crash or may have further information is asked to call Argentine Township police at (810) 735-5317.



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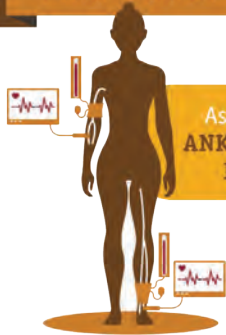


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A change.org petition was created to save the Linden community mural. It has approximately 1,000 digital signatures. **Times file photo**

Linden mural could be replaced

■ DDA will discuss topic at Sept. 23 meeting

By Hannah Ball

Linden — The Linden mural on the side of City Hall could be replaced.

At the Aug. 23 meeting, the Linden Downtown Development Authority (DDA) discussed bringing a new mural to the city, and they're expected to discuss it again at the Thursday, Sept. 23 meeting. Due to historic district restrictions, the city is limited in where a new mural could be placed. City Hall is one of the few options.

City Manager Ellen Glass reached out to the artist, former Linden Community Schools art teacher Gemma Amendola, who painted the existing mural to ask for her blessing to bring a new mural to that spot, which she did not receive.

A change.org petition was created to save the mural, as well as a Facebook group called Save the Linden Community Mural.

Amendola painted the mural in 2014. According to a change.org petition, the project was done in collaboration with students, local businesses, the city and community volunteers. The petition has approximately 1,000 signatures.

Amendola wrote a Facebook post after Glass contacted her about potentially redoing the mural, in which she said she was "blind-sided" to receive that call

and that she does not give her blessing.

"The mural is not mine in that it was created as a community. The city manager, the mayor, and the superintendent at Linden Community Schools came to me to head up a community mural that would involve everyone," she wrote.

She said she knew it would be a lot of work, but it was a community project that included students and she was proud to do it. Amendola did not get paid to do the mural, and she spent her own money on some of the supplies.

Read more of her statement below or online in the Save the Linden Community Mural Facebook page.

During the Monday, Sept. 13 Linden City Council meeting, Councilor Heather MacDermaid, who's also on the DDA, said, "It's not at all a done deal. It's just something that has been discussed."

The DDA provided Linden City Council with a rendering of a potential mural done by two artists, Gregg Bugala from Fenton and Kevin Burdick of Scarps Designs in Flint. Incorporated into the proposed mural are birds, a Linden tree and a rendering of the old Union Block. The DDA has approved not spending more than \$15,000 on the project, and the proposed mural costs approximately \$13,500.

See **MURAL** on 11



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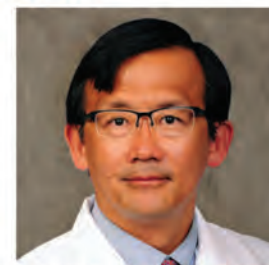
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Drowning on Lobdell Lake

■ 76-year-old Howell man slips from boat's ladder and falls into water

By Sharon Stone

A 76-year-old Howell man drowned in Lobdell Lake on Thursday, Sept. 16 after he slipped off his boat's ladder. Argentine Township police have not released the man's identity.

At approximately 1:36 p.m., Argentine Township police and fire departments responded to the 8000 block of Haviland Beach for a water rescue. When first responders arrived, they learned that two individuals had been retrieved from the water by other boaters.

Upon bringing the two individuals to shore, first responders located an unresponsive 76-year-old man and a 72-year-old woman, who appeared to be in shock. The lifesaving efforts were unsuccessful and the Howell man was pronounced deceased at the scene. The woman was transported

to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The preliminary investigation shows the two were boating when the man slipped off the boat's ladder. He was not wearing a lifejacket when he fell into the water. The woman, also of Howell, threw a lifejacket in the water to aid him and then jumped in herself to assist. She screamed for help and was heard by lake residents who responded to assist.

The incident is being investigated by the Argentine Township Police Department. The Linden Police Department, Genesee County Sheriff's Office and Medstar Ambulance assisted at the scene. Anyone who may have witnessed the incident is asked to call Argentine police at (810) 735-5317.

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Springfield Township man imprisoned

■ To serve 25 to 70 years for fatally shooting girlfriend in September 2020

By Sharon Stone

After pleading no contest July 23 to first-degree homicide, Vincent Scott Merrill, 51, of Springfield Township was sentenced Aug. 20, to 25 to 70 years in state prison. He was also ordered to an automatic two years in prison on the felony firearms charge.

Merrill's case goes back to Thursday, Sept. 3, 2020 at 5:52 p.m., when the Oakland County Operations Center received a 911 call from someone, later identified as Merrill, who stated, "I just killed my girlfriend" and then hung up the phone.

The victim was identified as Vicki Diane Fortin, 60, of Springfield Township.

Merrill was arraigned Sept. 6, 2020 in Oakland County 52-2 District Court on one count of first-degree homicide

and one count of felony firearm.

His case was bound over to circuit court for a jury trial and he was arraigned March 18 on the charges. He remained in the Oakland County Jail while his case was pending.

Oakland County Undersheriff Mike McCabe previously said deputies responded to the scene in Springfield Township and found a 50-year-old man, Merrill, standing in the driveway outside the residence. Merrill told the responding deputy, "I shot her. I killed her."

Deputies entered the residence and found Fortin lying on the floor with no sign of life. She was believed to be the suspect's live-in girlfriend. Fortin had sustained multiple gunshot wounds. An ER doctor at McLaren Oakland Hospital in Pontiac pronounced her deceased.

A .380 semi-automatic handgun, which is believed to be the weapon used in the homicide, was found on a table in the basement.



Vincent Scott Merrill



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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

FENTON HIGH SCHOOL VICTIM OF DAMAGING TIKTOK CHALLENGE

Fenton High School Principal Laura Lemke sent a letter to parents to inform them that bathrooms at the school have fallen victim to a TikTok challenge that has prompted students across the country to destroy public bathrooms, especially at schools. She said over the past week, 10 soap dispensers in the high school or at the football fieldhouse were removed. Toilets were intentionally clogged and/or bathroom fixtures, sinks and toilets were dismantled. She sent the email to let parents know that students caught participating in this behavior will be issued disciplinary consequences and could be charged criminally with malicious destruction of property. She asks that any student who has knowledge of who is responsible for the damage to come forward.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IT APPEARS THAT the new owners of WJRT have stopped carrying ABC World News in the 6:30 p.m. time slot. Don't those idiots realize that Flint folks have been watching that news show for over 50 years on channel 12. They are shooting themselves in the foot by dropping it.

ANYONE ELSE THINK the new Vette is ugly? Looks like the designers stole styling cues from the Volt. The car looks like a Corvult.

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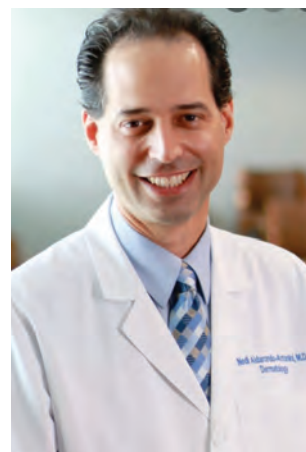
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NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Downtown Holly's inaugural Witches Night Out

Calling all witches. Grab your best "Ghoul-Friends" and dress to impress for downtown Holly's first Witches Night Out on Friday, Oct. 1 from 5 to 9 p.m. Enjoy shopping, specials, contests, dancing in the streets and of course their Social District area in Battle Alley. This is part of downtown Holly's First Friday series.

Pancake breakfast to raise funds for Linden Fire Department

■ Proceeds will go to buying a chest compression device

By Hannah Ball

On Saturday, Oct. 2, the public is invited to attend an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast at the Linden Fire Station to help support firefighters.

From 8 a.m. to noon, people can enjoy pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee, and all proceeds go to helping the Linden Fire Department

See **BREAKFAST** on 11

HOLLY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL FALL CLEAN-UP

LOCATION:
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SATURDAY, October 2, 2021
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Clean-up days are provided for Holly Township residents to remove refuse from their properties. Residents are also encouraged to participate in the clean-up of Township roads.

Dumpsters and/or Garbage Trucks will be located in the front parking lot. You must bring refuse to the dumpster and/or truck.

THERE WILL BE NO ROADSIDE PICKUP, NO COMMERCIAL DUMPING AND NO ON SITE SHOVELING ALLOWED.

No stumps, brush, leaves or concrete will be accepted.

You must be in line by 2 p.m.

Someone will be present to verify residency and/or property owners.

Metal scrapping will be available. All appliances will be taken.

All barrels and fuel oil tanks must be open-ended.

Paint cans must be empty or filled with sand or kitty litter.

There is a \$5.00 per item charge for car tires, \$10.00 for large truck tires (off the rim) and a \$15.00-\$25.00 per item charge for tractor tires depending on size.

Additional information may be obtained by calling George Kullis, Holly Township Supervisor at (248) 634-9331 Ext. 304.

DABBLINGS

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for winter, looking for mates and/or it's just cooler to be active. You just see more activity. And until the snow comes and the paths turn to compact ice, it's just a great time to find a woods anywhere and walk a half-mile or five miles observing the woods around you. You can walk the same paths five times in five days, and while it will be the same path, no walk is ever the same as the previous. I enjoy seeing the turtles one last time before they bury themselves in the mud for a cool winter's nap.

As a sports reporter, it's also my favorite season to do my job. Almost all of the fall sports season are outdoor events, and there's no better excuse to be outdoors during a beautiful 60-degree night than watching a soccer or a football game under the lights. Odd as it may sound, while I hate running, I also love going to cross country meets during the fall. It's a strong sport in our area and I have nephews that run at their schools. If you've never watched a cross country meet, you are missing out. It's different than any other sport because it's a race over a 5K plot of land, the best way to observe the race is running from spot to spot to see what the heck is going on. It's fun to see how many times you can push yourself to see the leaders or your individuals you are primarily to see. Doing it, you almost feel as though you are a part of the

actual event. It's a feeling you don't get with any other sport. And even if you don't want to run to six different spots, cross country courses are way more fan friendly than they were 20 years ago. With minimal effort at most courses, you will see the runners at least three to four times.

There are so many special events during the fall as well. We went to one of the local cider mills this week, did the cider and donut thing but also walked through a corn maze, and probably spent about 90 minutes at the mill. Many smaller cities have annual events this time of year.

Halloween pretty much caps this period as well. When I was a kid, the only holiday that compared was Christmas. It's really cool to see more people putting up outdoor decorations each Halloween season. On one of our city walk routes, we have been able to enjoy decorations at a home on N. Adelaide Street since the start of August. If you haven't seen their yard (roughly located across the street from St. John Church), make the trip to check it out. It's definitely worth it.

These are just a few reasons I love this time of year. Of course, there are some downfalls. The days are getting shorter and as the temps cool off, we start to realize winter's grasp is nearing. But the positives clearly outweigh the negatives, making this approximate eight-week period my favorite of year.

PUBLIC NOTICE TYRONE TOWNSHIP REVISIONS TO ZONING ORDINANCE #36

Notice is hereby given the Tyrone Township Board, during a regular meeting held on September 7, 2021, adopted amendments to Ordinance #36, Articles 11 and 21. The entire Ordinance is available to the public for review during regular business hours at the Tyrone Township Hall, 8420 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430 and can also be accessed from the township's website at www.tyronetownship.us. A summary of the revisions follows:

1. Amendments to Article 11 Planned Unit Development (PUD), Table 11.1 PUD Uses Permitted updated Table 11.1 to be consistent with Table 20 in the Master Plan.
2. Amendments to Article 21 Supplemental District Regulations, Section 21.21.F. Swimming Pool Covers to allow for the use of approved safety covers to fulfill residential swimming pool enclosure requirements consistent with the Michigan Residential Building Code, which had been amended in recent years to recognize certain safety covers as viable alternatives to fencing.

The above amendments to Tyrone Township Zoning Ordinance #36 shall take effect 7 days after publication of this notice.

MURAL

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The DDA's next meeting is Sept. 23 at 8:30 p.m. in the Linden City Council chambers.

"There are some challenges that the DDA faces when they're talking about a mural project because of the historic district commission (HDC) and the guidance that they've received from the state historic district," Glass said. "Murals are a challenge when you have an HDC because they recommend they can only go on certain buildings."

This includes buildings that are already painted or a building that has an existing mural. For any other new murals, historic guidelines recommend putting the art on a removable format.

"They do not want to see old historic brick painted or they don't want to see newly constructed buildings in a historic district painted either," Glass said.

With these restrictions, only three buildings are viable for a new mural. These buildings are the Ice Cream Garage, Thimbleberry Antiques and city hall. Thimbleberry is a privately owned building and Glass said they decided painting the Ice Cream Garage would be too much of an undertaking.

The existing mural represents different amenities of the city. The teapot represents the city's hospitality and the apple represents Mueller's Orchard, among other symbols. A full explanation of the mural is posted at city hall.

Councilor Brad Dick said he doesn't believe a mural belongs on a public building.

At the Monday Sept. 13 meeting, Paula Flannery, former member of the DDA, said, "We've had this mural up for six years. It's weathered. This isn't the direction that we're going with the city. We need something better, more patriotic."

Flannery, who owns Michigan Beauty Company in Linden, said Fenton and Holly have "gorgeous" murals, and Linden should be hiring artists like the ones who painted those murals.

"I understand that this was an art project for kids and the art teacher, and I get that and I think that we've honored that at this point, but it's time to now move on," she said. "We need something the town understands. We need to be up with the surrounding cities."

Gemma Amendola statement

"The kids were proud to be part of this project as were a number of community members and now you are saying it is no longer relevant? We could say most of the things that symbolize Linden are no longer relevant but they are part of our history and keeping those things alive creates a rich and beautiful culture. In a time when this country is bitterly divided by misinformation, it is sad that you think it would be nice to cover up a symbol of collaboration, goodwill and charity," she said.

"I am quite frankly offended that you thought I would be happy about covering

it with something else, something made by 2 artists and not by a whole community together. I know you will do whatever you want and my opinion does not mean much but I will not say I agree with it. If you want to show you care for the community of Linden, add to it, do not change it or erase any evidence of what brought a community together," she wrote.

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BREAKFAST

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purchase equipment.

They've held this event in the past, and it has attracted between 50-75 people. It was put on hold last year due to pandemic restrictions, said Fire Chief Brian Will.

The cost is \$7 for an adult, \$5 for children age 6 to 12, and kids 5 and under eat for free. It's sponsored by the Linden Firefighters Association.

"The owner of the Linden Hotel will be doing the cooking and our members of the department will be working the actual event in our fire station," Will said.

Proceeds will go toward a fundraiser to purchase a CPR LUCAS (Lund University Cardiopulmonary Assist System) device, which is equipment that does mechanical chest compressions. It costs approximately \$16,000.

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 October 4, 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. 157.037:

A request for a variance to allow for a 4 foot wrought iron fence in the front at 508 E. Sherman St., LH-01-34-377-007.

Requested by: Fredreck (Jim) Fuller

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.

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OAK TREES

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concern to DTE. She said DTE follows the guidelines of tree trimming set forth by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), however, this is for foresting, not maintenance trimming.

According to the Michigan State University Extension, pruning oak trees should not be done past April in Michigan. Avoid pruning until November. Oak wilt is a serious disease that can quickly kill oak trees. According to the report, oak trees pruned during the growing season are at greater risk of infection.

Oak wilt is a systemic fungal disease transmitted by sap beetles that are attracted to fresh wounds created during the growing season. Beetles feed from tree-to-tree and if one of the host trees is infected with oak wilt, the pathogen can be carried from tree-to-tree as the sap beetle feeds. The disease can also spread from tree-to-tree through root grafts. Oak wilt can kill trees in the red oak group within a few months; members of the white oak group are not impacted as quickly.

Scheib-Snider said there would be



Oak wilt, *Ceratocystis fagacearum*, is a deadly disease in oak trees with the red oak group being more susceptible than white oaks. Pruning should not be done during the growing season.

Photo: MSU Extension

exceptions to this local ordinance in the case of an emergency.

Trustee Glen Nobel motioned that the board ask the planning commission to reach out to experts and develop an ordinance for the board to take action on.

Scheib-Snider said she hopes this local ordinance would bring the oak wilt disease to the attention of residents and the oak trees on their personal property.

The Board voted unanimously to have the planning commission to develop a local ordinance.

Ribbon cutting at sewn.



With a ribbon cutting ceremony held Wednesday, Sept. 15, Holly's newest business, called sewn., is a sustainable sewing company that does full service design and custom sewing. Owner Missy McIsaac-Lidster was excited for the grand opening. She celebrated with Holly and county officials, as well as family and friends. Located at 104 E. Maple St., in Holly, sewn. is appointment only and can be reached at (586) 556-4779 or sewninholly@gmail.com. Photo: Coreena Storms



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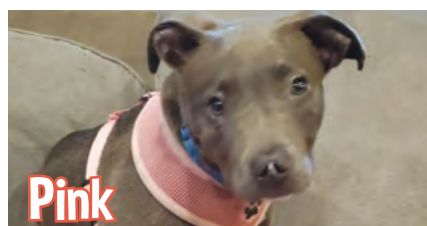
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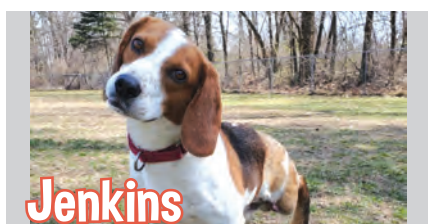
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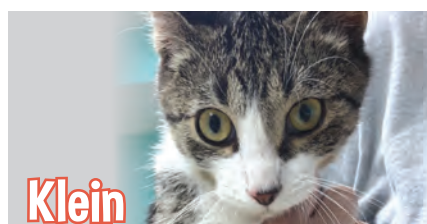
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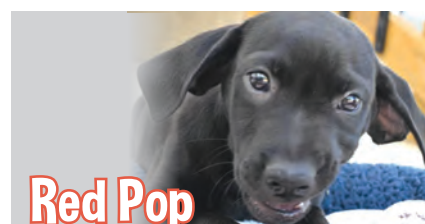
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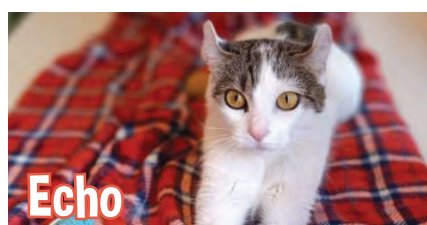
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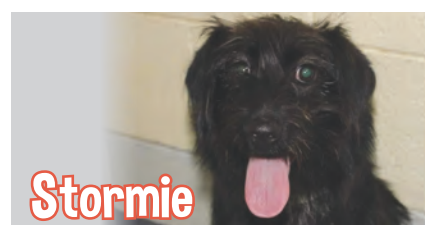
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ELDER ABUSE

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so much “medical breakdown” that the transport to the hospital worsened her condition.

She died two days after being taken to the hospital.

Swanson showed photos and video of the house in Genesee Township. Heaps of trash were piled outside, which Swanson said can be a sign that it’s “as bad or worse” on the inside.

Photos show black mold covering walls and ceilings, maggots on the floor and more.

Swanson said these victims often don’t leave a bed or couch.

Macey said it was one of her top 10 worst houses she’s gone into in Genesee County.

“There was trash all over. There were flies all over the home. It was very disturbing to see people were actually living in those conditions,” she said.

The video shows trash piled up inside, with dirty bathrooms, bedrooms and more.

“People like this are taking care of people and they’re creating an



Genesee County Sgt. Jillian Macey and Sheriff Chris Swanson speak about an elder abuse case on Wednesday, Sept. 15. **Submitted photo**

environment that vulnerable people live under. That’s not taking good care of them,” Swanson said. “There are homes, whether in Genesee County or where you live right now, where people like this are living in this environment. You need to take action. If you see these things, if you see these disturbing

things, if something triggers you, like ‘I haven’t seen my neighbor in a while,’ get involved.”

Swanson urged people to call 911 if they see a situation like this.

Laquex also was taking care of his 43-year-old cousin who requires special needs. He’s reportedly doing better in

an assisted living facility.

Laquex faces two felony charges.

The second elder abuse case was the arrest of Maria Leemhuis, 54, for financial abuse.

Macey said this case was brought to them by a financial institution in Genesee County after they noticed suspicious activity.

“The financial institution didn’t think things looked right,” she said.

The GRACE team investigated and spoke with the victim, whose finances were handled by her daughter.

“She realized that she was a victim and that her daughter was taking all of her money for her own purposes,” she said.

Leemhuis allegedly took approximately \$50,000 from her mother over the course of a year and spent it on online shopping, fast food and other various things.

“We find that in our world, the ones that take advantage or neglect or abuse are often the closest members of the family. These aren’t strangers coming in,” Swanson said.

Leemhuis is charged with financial

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FALL

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They offer pick-your-own apples of Golden Delicious, Gala and McIntosh, as well as raspberries.

Fall weekend activities may include small carnival rides, train rides, hay rides, kettle corn, BBQ, corn roasting, cotton candy, bubble tea and funnel cakes.

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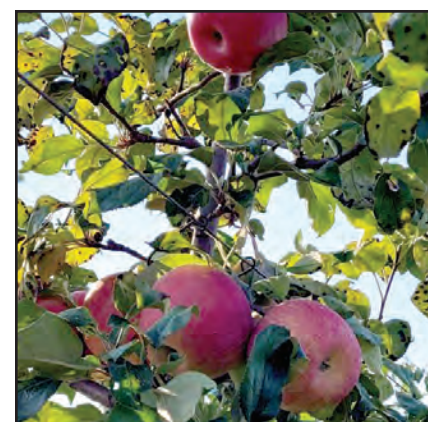
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EVENTS

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be able to see maps showing the current rating of every street in the city and how it compares to their condition in 2018. There will also be details on how the bond sales would work, showing how more money is raised up front while the millage goes down over time.

City officials hope the format will facilitate open conversation about the proposal and allow for more follow-up questions than a traditional presentation-followed-by-questions style of meeting.

“This is the number one issue for most residents in the city,” said City Manager Lynn Markland. “So we hope to show that we’ve built the best possible program to address the city’s neighborhood streets, most of which are not eligible for federal funding.”

The proposal would have the city borrow an amount not to exceed \$24 million via bonds sold at three separate times. Each series would be paid back over no more than 10 years and 3 months. The estimated millage to be levied in 2022 would be 3.50 mills (\$3.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value). Over 11 years, the average annual millage rate would be 3.03. The average homeowner with a taxable value of about \$76,000 would pay \$266 in the first year.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is my taxable value?

Go here to find out the taxable value of your property: cityoffenton.org/pages/Tax-Information/4 - then go here to see what your new bill would be if the proposal is approved: Millage Proposal Tax Calculator.

What streets would be improved?

Which would be worked on first? A lot of factors go into queuing the projects, including new information engineers might discover as they plan the work. All areas of the city will have streets improved by this plan.

When would the work start?

Execution of the plans for construction would begin immediately, with construction likely starting in spring 2022.

What neighborhood streets would be done, and in what order?

The city’s engineers constantly update a list that ranks streets by need, but what streets would be first or in the first round of funding would

be subject to planning. The positive aspect of this proposal is that more neighborhood streets could be done earlier due to more money being available earlier.

What would happen in my neighborhood during construction?

Construction involves many moving parts and often, minor inconvenience to residents. In addition to working to minimize disruption, the city will conduct neighborhood outreach prior to and during construction to keep residents informed about effects on traffic, parking, refuse pick-up and more.

The voters rejected the last two proposals. What’s different about this one?

This proposal would generate more funds (\$8 million) up front and more overall. Meaning the city can improve more streets. Compared to the 2018 proposal, the 2021 proposal generates more street-repair funds with a lower millage rate.

Another big difference: The 2018 proposal also required amending the city’s charter. This one does not. It’s a straight yes/no vote.

Other than a smoother ride, what are benefits of repaired/resurfaced streets?

• Smoother streets are safer in a number of ways. They’re less distracting to drivers and more easily navigable by pedestrians and people facing disabilities.

• It could reduce the amount paid for car repairs. A 2019 study found Michigan motorists pay at least \$370 a year to repair damage caused by bad roads.

• Newly resurfaced streets can increase a home’s curb appeal and its market value.

Are there possible negatives of delaying repairs further? Yes. We know that the cost of materials generally goes up over time. So repairing the same set of streets in two or three years would likely require a more funds.

Also, road deterioration accelerates with age. So the street that would cost \$150,000 to repair now would in two or three years, likely cost more than that and require more construction time.

What about federal and state money?

The city has made good use of federal and state money for road repairs, but the federal money comes with strict guidelines, in particular prohibiting their use for residential streets. So that money

lets us improve arteries, but not smaller streets.

How much of this street millage will be received by to the Downtown Development Authority?

None. \$0. My taxes are high enough. Can you explain why you can’t just work with what we pay now? It’s important to remember that of all your property taxes, only a small portion (about 25%), goes to local operations and maintenance. The rest goes to various county and state uses.

But it seems like the city’s budget should be able to handle this.

The city has a total budget of about \$6.5 million. More than half of that, about \$3.5 million, goes to police and fire protection. Even if some of the remainder were shaved off for street improvements, it wouldn’t pay for much since the cost of street repair and resurfacing can be roughly \$600,000 to \$1 million per mile. So if the additional funds are not generated, the city would only maintain its current budgeted amount for city streets. And that amount does not allow for major replacement and repair.

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PATHWAYS

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Fenton) Pathway project to bring more pathways to the tri-county area.

"The more that this trail grows and the more connectors that we have, it only generates more people utilizing it, more people coming into town, that economic piece of things," said City Manager Ellen Glass.

Phase 1 of the project was the pathway built in Argentine Township that connects the Linden Community Schools complex to downtown Linden with sidewalks.

Mayor Danielle Cusson said the num-

ber of people using the Phase 1 pathway in Argentine Township is "great."

"The more you connect, you're going to give more opportunities for people to come to the city, use the water, and go to the parks, and it's providing a safe way for kids to get to school or riding their bikes," she said.

Phase 2 is The State Bank Trail, which will be constructed in the spring of 2023 and completed that fall. This trail will begin at Triangle Park in Linden and will be built along the south side of Silver Lake Road until it connects with city sidewalks.

SLPR and LAFF have secured approxi-

mately \$1,946,000 in grants and matching funds for Phase 2 so far. The pathway is estimated to cost \$2,814,935, and they need \$868,682 in additional funds.

"LAFF is working with Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation and the city of Fenton, who's the Act 51 agency on Phase 2, to get that money," said Ed Koledo, executive director of Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation and Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

The State Bank donated \$500,000 and received naming rights. Koledo has a request in to Dan Kildee's office to potentially receive earmarked money

for the whole \$868,682. If they receive more money than needed, they will use it in the future for maintenance or use it for Phase 3.

If the earmarked money doesn't come through, Koledo said they'll be \$300,000 short.

"We've got a number of different ideas to approach various organizations to try to get that money, similar to what we did with the sponsorships for The State Bank Trail. So, Phase 2 looks very successful financially," he said.

Currently, they're working with their engineering firm and real estate firm to secure the 18 easements needed along Silver Lake Road.

"We're thinking the usage on that trail is going to be out of this world. It's going to be great," Koledo said.

Phase 3 and 4 are the last two phases. Initially, Phase 3 was building a pathway along Owen Road, connecting Walmart to the soccer fields along Linden Road, and Phase 4 was Fenton Road, connecting LeRoy Street to Thompson Road until the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park.

Organizers haven't decided which trail will be Phase 3.

Groups in Grand Blanc are working on developing trails, too, and Koledo said their goal is to eventually connect to the Iron Belle Trail and east to Holly.

"So there's a lot of movement in this area on people trying to develop pathways and we're kind of leading the edge of expansion," Koledo said. "All of these things are five and six years out. You really have to plant the seeds right now."

They're working to apply for a \$450,000 grant from the county, which requires matching funds in the amount of \$112,500. With the municipalities of Fenton, Linden, Fenton Township, Argentine Township and SLPR each committing \$20,000, and with LAFF committing \$12,500, they will reach that amount.

This money is due in 2026, and it's non-binding.

"In four or five years from now, if something just goes wrong and Linden says that we just can't do this, you can still back out," he said. "I've been in touch with the management of each of the municipalities and everyone has been very supportive that they can do this \$20,000, so it's looking good."

They don't have an official commitment from the townships of Argentine or Fenton yet. The city of Fenton approved the \$20,000 commitment at the Monday, Sept. 13 Fenton City Council meeting.

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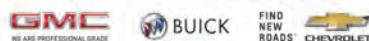
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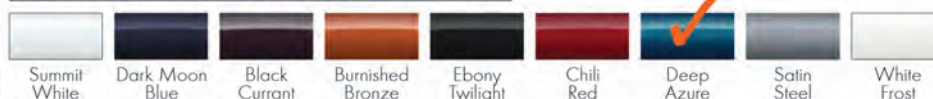


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Fenton's Sana Saab competes in an event during a meet last season. She took first in the 50 freestyle and second in the 100 butterfly against Livonia Stevenson. **Times file photo**

Fifth-ranked Tigers defeat D1 Livonia Stevenson

By David Troppens

Anyone wondering how good the Fenton varsity girls swimming and diving team can be this fall saw a little bit of the answer to that question recently when the Tigers faced off against Division 1 Livonia Stevenson.

The Tigers battled all the way until the final relay and eventually pulled off a thrilling 96-90 win against the squad that is listed among the top in Division 1 according to the Michigan High School Swim Coaches Association (MISCA).

tion (MISCA).

Now note that the Tigers did this without their most decorated swimmer in the history of the program. That was because Gracie Olsen was on an official college trip to Indiana University.

It mattered little. Entering the 400 freestyle relay, the Tigers led 88-84, needing either a first-place finish or needing both of their relays to take second and third to earn the victory. The 400 freestyle relay team of Sophie Stefanac, Sana Saab, Lilah Falvo

and Tess Heavner won in dramatic fashion, beating Livonia Stevenson's top relay with a time of 3:48.76. Livonia Stevenson's top relay finished with a time of 3:49.44.

The Tigers' depth was their biggest strength. Fenton, ranked fifth in Division 2 themselves, took first in two of the three relay events and while they took only three of the nine individual event firsts, they took six of the nine seconds and seven of the nine thirds, sparking the victory.

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Sports Times

Fenton boys tennis remains perfect in Metro

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity boys tennis team hasn't won a Flint Metro League title since 2012.

And even during that season, the Holly Bronchos dominated competition but elected to forfeit the Metro meet championship due to the possibility of using an ineligible player, giving the Tigers the crown.

The last time the Tigers won it 100 percent on the court was 1991. It looks like the Tigers are poised to possibly win another one in 2012.

Fenton is one of just two Flint Metro League tennis teams with an undefeated record after sweeping Kearsley and Owosso by 8-0 scores on back-to-back days.

The Tigers won all eight matches by straight sets against Kearsley, earning the victory on Tuesday. On Wednesday, the Tigers also won all eight matches in straight sets to earn the win.

Against Kearsley, the teams had to battle windy conditions but it didn't seem to bother the Tigers as three matches were won by 6-0, 6-0 scores. The players doing just that were No. 1 singles player Sheldon Hand, No. 2

singles player Josh Brott and No. 3 singles player Remy Book. In fact, the Tigers lost only one game in singles flights as Cam Ruiz (No. 4 singles) won his match 6-1, 6-0.

The doubles teams were almost as dominant, losing only 14 games in four matches. The Fenton victors were Nate Dymond and Gavin Stuber by a 6-2, 6-2 score at No. 1, Joe McCarthy and Trey Hajec by a 6-0, 6-2 score at No. 2, Noah Gurnsey and Isaac Gurnsey by a 6-2, 6-4 score at No. 3 and Tate Webb and Zach Michelson by a 6-1, 6-1 score at No. 4.

The Tigers were more dominant against Owosso, never losing a set



Fenton's Sheldon Hand won both of his Flint Metro League matches at No. 1 singles last week. **Photo: David Troppens**

and only losing a combined 12 games among the eight matches. Again, three singles flights won their contests by 6-0, 6-0 scores. They were Hand (No. 1), Brott (No. 2) and Ian Mills No. 4. This time Book was extended just a tiny bit, winning his No. 3 match 6-0, 6-1.

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Fenton's Tyler Hahn dribbles with the ball in a recent game. He had a goal against Corunna in the team's 4-1 victory. **Photo: David Troppens**

State-ranked Tigers remain undefeated in Metro League play

By David Troppens

It appears there is a three-way battle for first place in the Flint Metro League race.

And right in the middle of it is the three-time defending champions, the Fenton Tigers.

Fenton, who shared the crown with Goodrich and Linden in 2019 and 2020 and won it outright in 2018, remain one of the three teams still unbeaten in Flint Metro League play after collecting a road victory at Corunna Wednesday night. The Tigers won 4-1.

Fenton (4-0-0) are three points behind. **See UNDEFEATED on 31**



Linden's Olivia Nester attacks a ball against the Holly block in the Eagles' three-set victory against the Bronchos. Photo: Christopher Summers

Eagles open Flint Metro League season 2-0, defeat Holly Bronchos

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity volleyball team is off to a pretty solid start in Flint Metro League play. Four days after earning a sweep in their first FML Stripes Division contest against Kearsley, the Eagles defeated the Holly Bronchos in three straight sets 25-10, 25-10, 25-11. Two matches into the Metro season the Eagles have yet to lose a set to a league foe.

The Eagles were paced by Gracie

Pierscinski who had a strong performance at the net. She collected a team-high nine kills on offense and added a team-high five blocks defensively. Olivia Nester also had a strong showing, complementing Pierscinski's game. Nester had eight kills and four blocks, just one less in each category than Pierscinski. Brook Durkac and Korryn Moore also had solid offensive games with five kills each.

TIGERS

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The Tigers also won the 200 free-style relay with the team of Halee Alexander, Abigail Carrigan, Addison Dolliver and Rose Haney (1:51.97). And while the 200 medley relay team of Stefanac, Heavner, Alexander and Saab took second, they did so with a time of 1:51.68.

The Tigers' individual firsts were provided by three different athletes. Diver Ella Koch took first in diving (185.85) while Heavner won the 200 individual medley (2:09.56). Finally,

Stefanac won the 100 backstroke (1:01.14). Heavner's time is the best posted in the state of Michigan on the swimcloud.com website. She is the second Fenton swimmer to earn that distinction in an event at this time. Olsen's time of 50.50 seconds is the top time posted on swimcloud.com for Michigan prep swimmers in the 100 freestyle. Heavner also has the second-best posted time in the state so far in the 100 backstroke, a 58.56 recorded in a dual with the Holly Bronchos.

The individual seconds were recorded by five different swimmers.

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Fenton golfers remain in first place

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls golf team is doing what it needs to if the Tigers want to repeat as Flint Metro League champions this fall.

The Tigers defeated Owosso and Brandon in a Metro event at Owosso Country Club on Wednesday.

The results were never really in doubt as the Tigers (8-1) were the over-

whelming favorites against the two squads who have losing league records.

The Tigers were paced by Katelyn Burkett who was the overall match medalist with a nine-hole score of 42. She was followed by Elise Roberts who had a 48, Payton LaRowe who had a 49 and Summer Smith who had a 50.

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Holly tennis sweeps recent Metro opponents

By David Troppens

After losing a dual meet to Fenton, the Holly varsity boys tennis team has done what it needs to in recent times to remain in the Metro League race.

The Bronchos have won each of their two most recent league duals, defeating Kearsley 6-2 and Owosso 6-2.

In the victory against Owosso, the Bronchos won three of the four matches in the singles flights and the doubles flights. In singles action, the Bronchos saw Jacob Denman (No. 1), Jake Distel (No. 2) and Ryan Tiell (No. 3) earn victories. Denman and Distel won in straight sets. Tiell won by default. In doubles action, the Bronchos won in straight sets in three flights. The flight winners were Ethan Tillier and Ben Kittle at No. 2, Andrew Van Hese and Nate Costigan at No. 3 and Eric Ranck and Aaron Crain at No. 4.

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Holly soccer avenges previous loss vs. Kearsley

By David Troppens

After losing a close 1-0 verdict against the Kearsley Hornets a year ago, the Holly varsity boys soccer team didn't want to get stung again this season.

It didn't happen as this time the Bronchos posted the shutout.

Kearsley was unable to score during the 80 minutes, while Holly scored two second-half goals earning the Bronchos a 2-0 victory.

The win improved Holly's league record to 2-2-1, placing them in a tie for fifth place in the 12-team Flint Metro League.

In the opening half, Holly varsity boys soccer coach Matt Sherrow said the squad did a strong job controlling possession but were unable to score.

"We had several opportunities, but (we) weren't able to convert them into goals," Sherrow said. "Despite our best efforts, (we) weren't able to pull ahead from the Hornets. Simple fundamental mistakes from the entire team allowed the Hornets

to gain too much possession and remain in the game."

The Bronchos' offense played better in the second half.

"Their play was sharper, passes crisper and positioning much better," Sherrow said. "The midfield started to click and they were able to move the ball well."

The Bronchos were able to score their first goal due to the quality possession. It was set up when the Holly midfield sent a thru ball to sophomore forward Zayne Dennie. Dennie made a quick step and shot to the right side of the goal. The shot was saved, but senior Jase VanTassel got the rebound off the goalie's hands and scored on the rebound. Holly led 1-0.

The lead grew to 2-0 with the help of a throw-in. Dennie threw the ball in to junior Austin Jacopec who took a quick touch and shot the ball that curved away from the keeper into the upper left corner of the net. Holly led 2-0.

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Holly's Jacob Tipton shields an opponent from the ball in a recent game. Holly defeated Kearsley 2-0 on Wednesday. Photo: David Troppens

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Holly swimmers post firsts in loss against Milford co-op squad

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity girls swim team took time to face off against Milford's squad in a non-league match-up recently and lost a 114-68 verdict.

The Bronchos earned firsts in four events. Ella Althaver took part in three of those firsts. She won the 200 individual medley (2:31.80) and the 500 freestyle (5:44.62) individually, and teamed with Katie Sanders, Evelyn Wolleson and Riana Kivari to win the 200 freestyle relay (2:00.17). The other two firsts were provided by Wolleson in the 50 freestyle (29.35) and by Megan Dahlen in diving (152.45).

Holly had two individual seconds as well. Liberty Parry took second in



Holly's Katie Sanders prepares to dive in the pool during a recent meet. She helped the Bronchos take first in the 200 freestyle relay against Milford. Photo: David Troppens

diving (121.40) while Allison Rockafellow was second in the 100 breaststroke (1:32.10).

Tigers clinched 1968 pennant during Sparma's surprising start

Editor's Note: Sports editor David Troppens collects historical radio broadcasts of Detroit Tigers games. He's spent the summer featuring some of these games through his collection with a contest with a date close to the publication's date.

Sept. 17, 1968

Detroit 2, New York 1

Network/Announcers:

Detroit radio announcers

Ernie Harwell and Ray Lane are covering the game.

Background: It had been since 1945 that the Tigers had won the American League pennant, and just a year earlier in 1967 the Tigers lost the pennant to the Boston Red Sox during the last day of the season. Tiger fans were hungry for an American League champion and the 1968 Tigers provided it. This was the game that the Tigers clinched the pennant. Played in front of 46,512 the enthusiastic crowd left home happy in tight ball game.

Game Summary: This was a pitchers' duel between Detroit's Joe Sparma and New York's Stan Bahnsen. Of course, that wasn't unusual as 1968 is



"Tiger baseball is on the air."

called the Year of the Pitcher by baseball fans due to the low offensive numbers produced during the season.

Detroit broke the scoreless tie in the bottom of the fifth. Bill Freehan singled to left, and moved to second on Tommy Matchick's ground out. Don Wert flew out to left for the second out, and it seemed the threat was over with Sparma coming to the

plate. However, he collected a rare hit with an RBI-single. The Tigers led 1-0.

The lead held until the top of the ninth. The Yankees' Charley Smith pinch hit and reached base with a single off of a diving Ray Oyler's glove at shortstop. Two outs later, Jake Gibbs hit the game-tying RBI-single.

The Tigers opened the bottom of the ninth with two out, but then pinch hitter Al Kaline walked and Bill Freehan singled. Pinch hitter Gates Brown, who was batting .459 as a pinch hitter at the time, followed with a walk, loading the bases. Don Wert was the next batter and he hit a 2-2 pitch for an RBI-single, earning the Tigers the win.

"The wind-up and the pitch, he

Against the Cavaliers, Fenton didn't score until the second half. The first goal came on a Ben Chapple assist on a Calvin Curtis goal. The duo then reversed the order for Fenton's second goal when Curtis assisted Chappel's first goal.

Tyler Hahn provided the Tigers' third goal about 10 minutes later, putting Fenton in control of the contest.

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swings, a line shot, base hit, right field," Harwell said during the play. "The Tigers win it. Here comes Kaline to score and it's all over. Don Wert singles. The Tigers mob Don. Kaline has scored. The fans are streaming on the field and the Tigers have won their first pennant since 1945. Let's listen to the bedlam."

Joe Sparma: As Harwell and Lane explained during the broadcast, Sparma wasn't supposed to start this game. Earl Wilson was expected to start but he felt a twinge in his shoulder, and he was replaced by Sparma, making his first start since July 25.

The victory was his best pitched game since he tossed a shutout on April 18. Equally amazing was Sparma's run-producing hit. Only batting .107 entering the game, Sparma drove in the run, his only RBI of the entire 1968 season.

Just days earlier: On Sept. 14, Denny McLain won his 30th game of the season in front of 33,688 fans at Tiger Stadium. With Detroit trailing 4-3 entering the bottom of the ninth, Kaline walked, and an out later moved to third on Mickey Stanley's single. Kaline scored on Northrup's batted ball that was booted. Willie Horton followed with an



Joe Sparma

RBI-single, clinching the 30th victory.

No bullpen needed: This was a different era. First off, this was the best pitching season since the deadball era, so pitchers dominated. The Tigers' starting pitching was doing their work. Sparma's complete game was the 11th straight by the Tigers' rotation. The last time the Tigers used anyone in the pen was Pat Dobson on Sept. 4. A day later McLain would win his 31st game with another complete game, extending the run to 12 games. However, in a Sept. 20 contest against the Washington Senators, Dobson relieved for Mickey Lolich in the eighth and ninth innings in a 6-3 victory at Washington in front of

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hind first-place Clio (5-0-0) who have played one more league game than the Tigers. Goodrich (4-0-1) remains unbeaten but have tied a game. Still, the Martians remain in the middle of the league race since they have yet to play the Tigers or the Mustangs yet this season. Fenton does travel to Clio on Monday.

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The Village of Holly Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) shall hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on October 4, 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. 154.06(B)(1)

A request for a variance to allow for a monument sign to exceed the display area, height, and setback from the street right-of-way allowed by ordinance 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
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Show your support for the pathway

■ Register for the Michigan Trails Week Challenge, log your miles and support LAFF Pathway

By Sharon Stone

Supporters of the non-motorized trail through the tri-county area are encouraged to show their support next week through a statewide challenge.

The Michigan Trails Week Challenge runs Sept. 19 to 26 and is open to everyone. All you have to do is log your miles spent on any local, county, state or federally managed trail. You can record all your miles at once or log individual treks. Every mile counts.

Organizers of the LAFF Pathway are encouraging residents to register, donate and begin logging their miles at <https://runsignup.com/Race/Donate/MI/Lansing/MichiganTrailsWeekChallenge>.

According to Michigan Trails Week Challenge, there is no limit to the

number of badges you can earn. The more mileage you log, the more badges you earn, and that boosts your chances to win and helps LAFF Pathway to reach their 100,000-mile goal. For every badge earned, you will be entered in a drawing for outdoor gear and Michigan branded prizes.



LAFF Pathway

The city of Linden, Argentine Township, the city of Fenton, and Fenton Township (LAFF) Pathway initiative began in 2009 bringing four municipalities, along with Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation together to develop a multi-community non-motorized trail.

Phase 1 of the pathway connects Argentine Township with the city of Linden and is complete. Phase 2 is known as The State Bank Trail and makes the connection to the city of Fenton through Fenton Township. Construction is planned for the spring through fall of 2023. The State Bank



In May, students, parents and school administrators walked together along the new LAFF Pathway in Linden and Argentine Township, which goes along Silver Lake Road, through the Linden Community Schools complex, and then to Lobdell Road. **Times file photo**

Trail connects Phase 1 to the Linden County Park, Fenton's Bush Park, 22 miles of sidewalks and bike trail located in Linden, and 62 miles of sidewalk located in Fenton, as well as a soccer complex, multiple playgrounds, historic town monuments, and river access sites.

Future phases include pathways along Owen Road and along Fenton Road. The State Bank Trail will offer walkers, runners and bikers of all ages

access to many different activities and amenities and is an important link for southeastern Michigan because it will connect Genesee County to Oakland County through a system of trails, non-motorized use of sidewalks, and bike lanes. It is a point of access to people coming through Oakland and Livingston County who want to ultimately connect to the Iron-Belle Trail System, with planning already underway to make this a reality.



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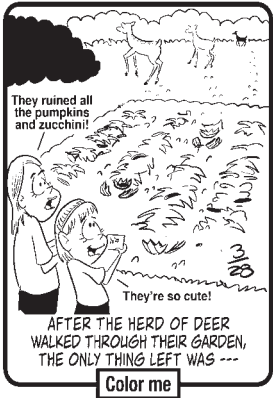
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Jumbles: SAY
Answer: After the herd of deer walked through their garden, the only thing left was --- SQUASH

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Weekend Crossword

PUZZLE CLUE:
ON A FIRST-NAME BASIS

- ACROSS**

1 Father that formed just recently? [Neil]

6 Gather

11 No. on a car lot sticker

15 Quaint letter salutation

19 Pool table fabrics

20 Large town, in Italian

21 Burn slightly

22 Purple fruit from a palm

23 Candid bow wielder? [Anne]

25 Green Hornet's valet

26 Lisa formerly of "The View"

27 Bread eaten at Passover

28 Gallic senior citizens? [Victor]

31 Subside

33 Earnest and solemn

35 D.C. VIPs

36 Four doubled

37 Ebony-colored card given on February 14? [Karen]

41 Stable scrap

42 Writer Ayn

43 Houston site

44 Little bit

46 A Great Lake

50 Cry of worry
- 53 Precious gem that formed just recently? [Neil]

57 Port in Italy

61 Boot leathers

62 Chi preceder

63 Hueless

Focus or Fiesta? [Betty]

67 Self-help writer LeShan

68 Butts in

70 Long-eared hopper

71 Undersized carriage with a fold-down top? [Martin]

76 Prefix with plane

77 University of Maine's town

79 Reply to "Are you?"

80 Annoyed small songbird? [Christopher]

82 PD alert

83 Mutiny

87 Pioneer in graph theory

88 Sweetheart prone to sulk? [Ron]

92 Sailor who flew on a roc

97 Absorbed by

98 Follower of "Co.," often

99 Little bit

103 The last Mrs. Chaplin

104 Showery

106 Robust artisan working in precious metal? [Oliver]

111 Venue

114 Byte lead-in

115 Brand of fake fat

116 Wee, in brief

117 British noble who feels no affection? [Patty]

121 Quartets doubled

123 Oratorio solo

124 "Der —" (nickname for Konrad Adenauer)

125 Clear quartz fashioned to look like a suitor's flower? [Billy]

129 Mets' clubs

130 In tatters

131 Tickle pink

132 Long-term con

133 Louver strip

134 ERA or HRs

135 Quick

136 Up to now
- DOWN**

1 Very close bud

2 Eternally, in poetry

3 "Glitter rock" group

4 Sicilian spewer

5 "For shame!"

6 Circus tumbler

7 "Glee" actress Lea —

8 Pt. of NCAA

9 Pear waste

10 Actress Gilbert

11 Poet Rod

12 Razor feature

13 Hotel listing

14 U. lecturer

15 Slashed-price product

16 Pastry bag fill

17 Cowboy's workplace

18 Vision

24 127-Down between Russia and Ukraine

29 Prefix with plane

30 Stephen of the screen

31 Spanish river

32 Boring

34 T. —

38 B-F linkup

39 "No" vote

40 General on Chinese menus

41 Stage prize

45 Total up

47 More stringy

48 Possible follower of "Psst!"

49 Menlo Park "wizard"

51 Grow mellow

52 Ring arbiters

54 Meat stamp

55 Subtlety

56 Horned viper

58 Osaka drama

59 "— y plata"

60 "This is not —!" ("Red alert!")

63 Self-reflective question

64 Talk about ad nauseam

65 1950 Asimov classic

66 Five doubled

67 Elegant tree

69 With 109-Down, unprocessed facts

72 "Mon Oncle" star Jacques

73 Actress Joanne

74 MSN rival

75 Employs

78 Suffix with audit or arm

81 — Lanka

84 Revise copy

85 Ryder vehicle

86 A maestro conducts it

89 In Maine

90 Doze off

91 Dude

93 — de plume

94 Removes via very hot water, as impurities

95 "No" voter

96 Writer Roald

100 Oxfam or Amnesty Intl.

101 Huge statues

102 Voted in

105 Twisty fish

107 Gung-ho

108 Writer Santha Rama —

109 See 69-Down

110 Fishhook lines

111 Hefty slices

112 Deep pink

113 Madonna musical

114 Groove for a letter-shaped bolt

118 Ingests

119 Old Chrysler

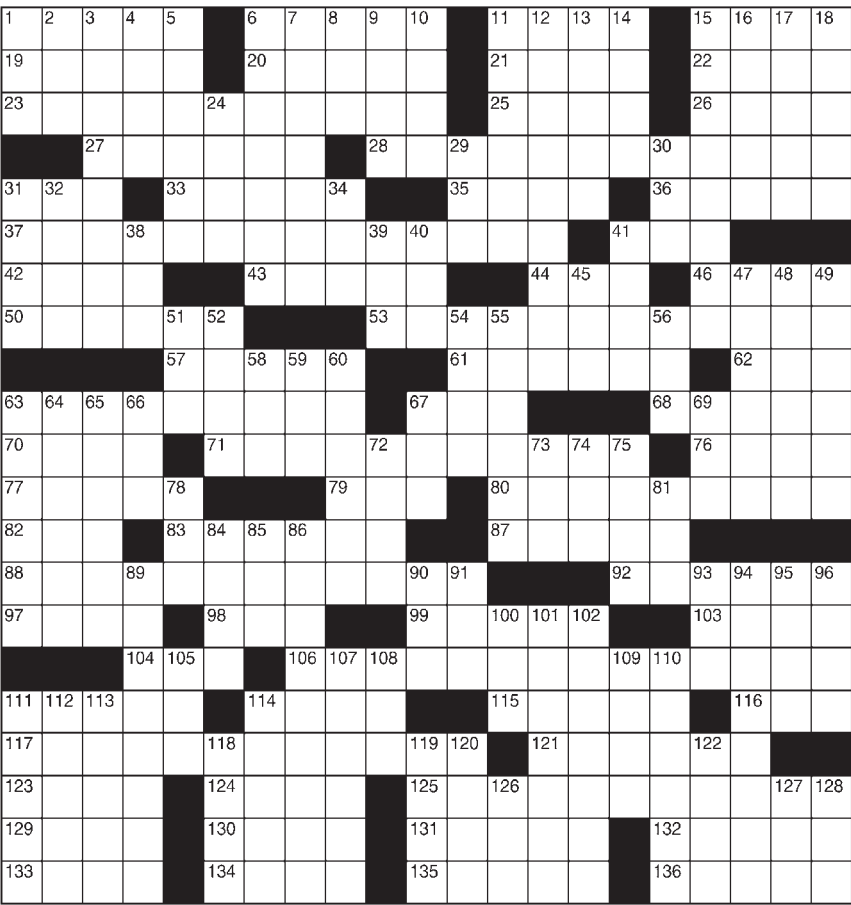
120 Bombeck of humor

122 Sextet halved

126 "I reckon so"

127 Body of water

128 Drop the ball



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Puzzle Answers

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

MIDWEEK SUDOKU ANSWERS

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

MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:
SHAKY, APART, TRICKY, INJECT
Answer: To promote his business, the locksmith wore — **"KHA-KEY" PANTS**

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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

WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:
OUTSIDE, MINGLE, TRANCE, REMIT
Answer: **RIDES**

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS
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WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

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Obituaries

Times

Nancy B. Smith
1936 - 2021

Nancy B. Smith - age 84, formerly of Holly, died Wednesday, September 15, 2021. She was born in Dearborn, on November 10, 1936 to Stanley and Frances (Witek) Gmelich. She was a former employee of the GM Proving Grounds in Milford. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents; and her son, Craig Smith. Surviving are her brother, Jack (Carolyn) Gmelich; nieces, Jackie (Roger) Coleman, Terri Young, and Kathy (Jeff) Richards; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. Private family services will be held at a later date. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Ronald Wetherell, Jr.
Ronald Wetherell, Jr. - age 54, died September 12, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Charles "Chuck" Thompson
Charles "Chuck" Thompson - age 68, died September 8, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Dallas Powell
Dallas Powell - age 100, died September 13, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Anna DeVoe
Anna DeVoe - age 72, died September 16, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Lucille Helton
Lucille Helton - age 59, died September 16, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Tommy Mann
Tommy Mann - age 54, died September 10, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

William Fox
William Fox - age 60, died September 12, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Word Search

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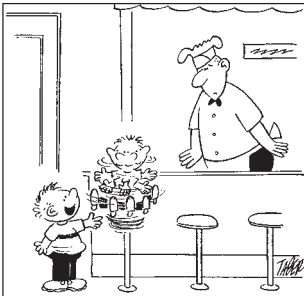
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Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times

Weekend Scrambler

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



Beyond
TEDIOUS

Blend
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NECTAR

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TODAY'S WORD


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Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times

Obituaries

Times

Roberta Jane Fogel

1934 - 2021

Roberta Jane Fogel - age 87, of Fenton, died Monday, September 13, 2021. Funeral services were held 2 PM Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Sharp Funeral



(Macy's) in 1989 after 28 years of service. She had resided in Fenton for many years. She was a member of Lake Fenton United Methodist Church.

She enjoyed traveling and doing word searches. Surviving are her daughter, Janie Butterworth of Fenton; grandsons, Michael Butterworth of Bruce Crossing and Timothy Henderson of Charlevoix; great-grandchildren, Alydia Henderson of Traverse City and Braydon Henderson of Charlevoix; sister, Judy Leek-Relyea (Wellington) of Fenton; sister in law, Donna Robinson of Fenton; uncle, Joseph (Mickey) Jackson of Grand Blanc; and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Lynn Henderson; brothers, Maurice (Shirley) Robinson, Joel Robinson; and brother-in-law "special buddy", Jerry Leek. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Doris Kym (Senter) Cook

1961 - 2021

Doris Kym (Senter) Cook - age 60, of Vernon, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, September 13, 2021, after a short, but hard-



fought battle with cancer. Kym was born on February 1, 1961 in Flint, to Reuben and Leona Senter. She grew up in Fenton and resided in Vernon for the past 25 years. Kym was a servant to her community and to the Lord. She worked in the service industry for many years in the Durand and Flint area and was known as an outstanding employee and understanding person of people's needs which put a smile on the faces of many who knew her well. Kym fell in love and married her best friend Rod Cook and they were married for 25 years. Kym enjoyed spending time

with her family and especially taking care of her four-legged friend De-O-Ge. Kym is survived by her mother, Leona Senter of Linden;

husband, Rodney Cook of Vernon; sister, Theresa (John) Morse of Cadillac; Milt (Rebecca) Senter of Lansing, and Lawrence Larry Senter of Flint; several nephews; nieces; and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Reuben W. Senter; and infant brother, Paul Scott Senter. Visitation will be from 4 - 7 PM Friday, September 17 and funeral services will be held at 1 PM Saturday, September 18, 2021 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Interment will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Barbara Branstner

Barbara Branstner - age 60, died September 12, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Don McKay

Don McKay - age 88, died September 7, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



George Malenich

George Malenich - age 85, died September 12, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



James Bolling, Sr.

James Bolling, Sr. - age 90, died September 13, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Robert "Bobby" Charles Clark

1950 - 2021

Robert "Bobby" Charles Clark - age 70, of Fenton, died Friday, January 22, 2021. A memorial service will be held 1PM Saturday, September 25, 2021 at First Presbyterian Church of Fenton, 503 S. Leroy St., Fenton. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the hospice organization of one's choice. Robert was born May 17, 1950 in Pontiac, the son of Orié Chester and Madeline Mary (Robertson) Clark. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Fenton. Robert was involved with the Hartland Players, Fenton Village Players and Flint Community Players. He is survived by his sisters, Judy (Ken) Chadwell, Christine Enszer and Mary Ann (David) Jackson; brother, Dan (Marilee) Clark; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Sue; brother, Joe; and brother-in-law, Tom. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Obituaries

Times

James P. Heffner

1942 - 2021

James P. Heffner - age 79, of Fenton, died Monday, September 13, 2021. A funeral service will be held 11 AM Saturday, September 18, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, with Pastor Daniel Patz officiating. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Fenton. Visitation will be held 5 - 8 PM Friday, September 17, 2021 at the funeral home. Jim was born June 9, 1942 in Pontiac, the son of James and Mary (James) Heffner. Surviving are wife, Shirley; two sons, Jasen (Elizabeth) Heffner,



and James Heffner V; four grandchildren, Ella, Jacksen, Samuel, and Emmalyn; sister, Carol Vassler; brother, Gerald (Jean) Heffner; nephews, Matt (Susan) Heffner, and Jerry Heffner; nieces, Christine (Brian) Trzcinski; great-niece and great-nephew, Madison and Aidan Trzcinski. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister-in-law, JoAnn Heffner. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Judy McGregor

Judy McGregor - age 75, died September 12, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Monica Wood

Monica Wood - age 76, died September 9, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Leone Tanner

Leone Tanner - age 61, died September 11, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Roberta Wilcox

Roberta Wilcox - age 53, died September 14, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Thomas Oliver Hamel

1939 - 2021

Thomas Oliver Hamel - age 82, of Fenton, died Saturday, September 11, 2021 at his residence. Funeral mass was celebrated 11 AM Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Visitation was held 4 - 8 PM Tuesday September 14 with a 6 PM Scripture service at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, and visitation was held 10 - 11 AM Wednesday morning at the church before the mass. The first-born child of a committed Catholic family, Tom left Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic grade school in River Rouge after the 8th grade and entered Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit to begin studies for the Roman Catholic priesthood. Over the next 12 years he would return home for visits as the family (and new siblings) grew to nine children total. Ordained to the priesthood in 1965, Tom was stationed at various parishes and colleges in the Detroit area. One of his first was Christ The King where he served with other young religious, energetic disciples. Marlene

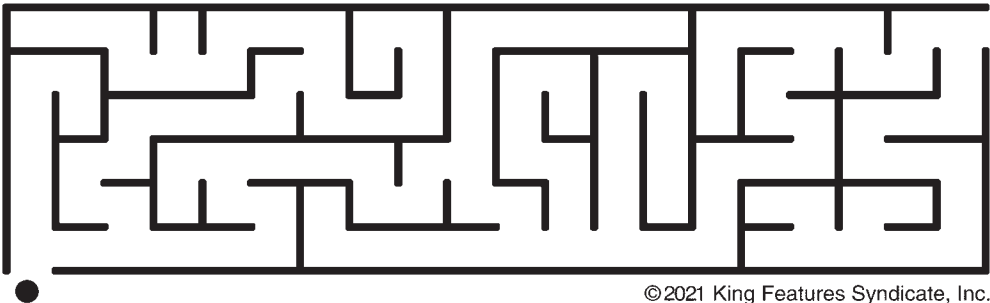
Molinaro, an IHM nun who's order focused on teaching, was among them. Tom and Marlene kept in touch and after both having left religious life began dating and eventually married in 1975. They moved to Fenton and became business partners with Tom's brother Bob and his wife Elaine (owning such local businesses as Locke's Party Shoppe, Oliver T's, Century Beverage and Hamel Bros. Storage). They adopted two children, David and Jamie, and renovated a large family barn/cottage on Lake Fenton to raise them in. Tom's passion for traveling took him and his wife, literally, around the world. They often traveled with Elder Hostel/ Road Scholars to quench his curiosity of other cultures and people. Tom pretended to speak many languages (we often had to remind him that speaking Italian required more than an Italian accent) but he really only spoke English and Latin (which we had to remind him was considered a dead language). He was always proud to have been a priest and considered Sacred Heart Seminary his beloved alma mater the way the most



devoted students loved their college. Tom died of Alzheimer's disease at the age of 82 (not 103 which is what he told everyone who asked his age - followed by "I look pretty good for 103, don't I?"). His parents were Luana (Liphardt) and Oliver Hamel and (as he was proud to say) was the oldest of nine children. Family and community were very important to Tom. He is survived by his wife Marlene; both his children; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family asks to donate to The Alzheimer's Research Association or Medical Team Hospice. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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