

# NOCFA Board approves grant

■ Fire Authority to receive a \$541,944 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant

By Sharon Stone

During a special North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA)

Board meeting Monday, Sept. 27, the Board unanimously voted to accept a \$541,944 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant. With an Oct. 12 deadline to accept the grant, the NOCFA Board had to schedule the special meeting because they did not have a quorum at its regularly scheduled meeting on

Sept. 21.

NOCFA had received award notification for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) FY 2020 SAFER grant and Board approval was required.

SAFER is a recruitment and retention activity grant in the amount of \$541,944

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The NOCFA Board unanimously votes in favor of accepting a federal recruitment and retention grant worth \$541,944.



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### Home invasion suspects headed to trial

■ Three teens facing up to 20 years in prison for Argentine Township break-in

By Sharon Stone

The cases of three co-defendants arrested and charged with home invasion and larceny of six firearms May 9 were bound over to Genesee County Circuit Court for a jury trial after they waived their preliminary exams Sept. 2 in Genesee County 67<sup>th</sup> District Court.

Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen said two residents were home at the time of the home invasion and heard the suspects in the home.

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### Construction continues



Construction workers walk along the U.S. 23 bridge over Silver Lake Road on Monday, Sept. 27. The road, which was recently reconstructed, is often one-lane only while the Michigan Department of Transportation does repair work. The estimated completion date is Nov. 15. **See story on page 6.**

Photo: Hannah Ball

### Township considers medical marijuana ordinance

■ Requires growers be licensed, operations must occur in dwelling or attached garage

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Township could pass a new medical marijuana ordinance and zoning amendment that gives the municipality more authority and enforcement options.

The first reading for the proposed medical marijuana ordinance and zoning amendment was held Monday, Sept. 20. The second reading, when the board is expected to vote, will take place

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“As a Linden resident, I agree that the mural in town needs to be repainted but why not get a Linden artist to do the work? We already have the Mill building to view. Why paint another on a wall when the other is just a few steps away?”



“Watched the NOCFA Board meeting on Monday. We are thrilled that the Board unanimously voted in favor to accept the half-million dollar SAFER grant.”



“Shiawassee Shores Retirement Park is still a warm and friendly place to live. My Webber Court neighbors rock.”





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# DEA issues public safety alert

■ Warns that international and domestic criminal drug networks are flooding U.S. with lethal counterfeit pills

On Monday, Sept. 27, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued a Public Safety Alert warning Americans of the alarming increase in the lethality and availability of fake prescription pills containing fentanyl and methamphetamine. DEA's Public Safety Alert, the first in six years, seeks to raise public awareness of a significant nationwide surge in counterfeit pills that are mass-produced by criminal drug networks in labs, deceptively marketed as legitimate prescription pills, and are killing unsuspecting Americans at an unprecedented rate.

These counterfeit pills have been seized by DEA in every U.S. state in unprecedented quantities. More than 9.5 million counterfeit pills were seized so far this year, which is more than the last two years combined. DEA laboratory testing reveals a dramatic rise in the number of counterfeit pills containing at least two milligrams of fentanyl, which is considered a lethal dose. A deadly dose of fentanyl is small enough to fit on the tip of a pencil.

Counterfeit pills are illegally manufactured by criminal drug networks and are made to look like real prescription opioid medications such as oxycodone (Oxycontin, Percocet), hydrocodone (Vicodin), and alprazolam (Xanax); or stimulants like amphetamines (Adderall). Fake prescription pills are widely accessible and often sold on social media and e-commerce platforms, making them available to anyone with a smartphone, including minors.

"The United States is facing an unprecedented crisis of overdose deaths fueled by illegally manufactured fentanyl and methamphetamine," said Anne Milgram, administrator of the DEA. "Counterfeit pills that contain these dangerous and extremely addictive drugs are more lethal and more accessible than ever before. In fact, DEA lab analyses reveal that two out of every five fake pills with fentanyl contain a potentially lethal dose. DEA is focusing resources on taking down the violent drug traffickers causing the greatest harm and posing the greatest threat to the safety and health of Americans. Today, we are alerting the public to this danger so that people have the information they need to protect themselves and their children."




"What is particularly alarming is how these pills are often marketed and packaged as legitimate prescription medications. To the naked eye they appear to be the same pill you would get at a local pharmacy, when in fact they often contain lethal dosages of fentanyl," said DEA Detroit Division Special Agent in Charge Keith Martin, whose office oversees DEA operations in Michigan, Ohio and northern Kentucky.

"Criminal drug traffickers flood this region with fake prescription pills. This summer alone we have seized hundreds of thousands of fake pills. They are getting them here by whatever means they can, and they are trying to exploit every mechanism possible: the border, ports, commercial shipping, the mail, and more. Working with our law enforcement partners, we are all laser-focused on stopping the drugs at every current and potential entry point and pursuing those who distribute them in our communities."

The vast majority of counterfeit pills brought into the U.S. are produced in Mexico, and China is supplying chemicals for the manufacturing of fentanyl in Mexico.


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## Sharin' the spotlight

By Editor Sharon Stone

## Kudos to our hardworking small business owners and their employees

**T**o all the small business owners and their employees who show up every day with a smile on their face and a genuine desire to take care of every customer that walks into their business — thank you.

The world is full of negative people. There are those who would complain about a new dinner entrée at a restaurant they've never been to before that doesn't taste like what they've made at home.

The world also is full of positive people, those who venture into a new business with an open mind and try something new to eat. It may not be what they expected, but admit that it was delicious, but different.

This pandemic has brought out the bad and the good in people and I try to surround myself with positive people. People don't want to hear others complain about slower than expected service or when specific products are not available, especially when the employee or owner has no control over the matter. It's quite disheartening to me to see people bash a small business on social media, one whose owners have done everything possible

to make a living and provide for their family and that of their employees.

As a small business owner myself, I hear the stories of frustration by my husband when it's totally out of his hands when he cannot get product to his store. He and his two awesome part-time employees represent our store and they're forced to call our valued customers to let them know there has been yet another delay.



Sharon Stone

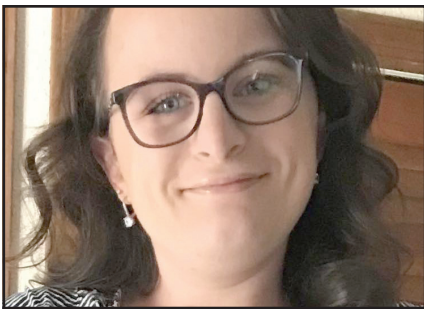
Most understand that it's not the store's fault. Believe me, he would love nothing more than to have every delivery truck show up on time and every product that was ordered arrive when it was supposed to. The pandemic changed that.

The tri-county area has numerous small family owned businesses — the small businesses that sponsor the local cheer, football and baseball teams, the ones that provide prizes for raffles to local non-profits and the ones that provide the best service they can to the customers who return week after week.

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

## Would you rather stay in or go out on a Friday night?



"Stay in! Order from a local pizza place, watch a movie and go to bed early! Start the weekend early, and refreshed after the busy five-day week."

**Emma Ziraldo**  
Fenton



"Stay in. I work 50-55 hours a week, I'd rather stay in and drink a cup of coffee lol."

**Davette Nicole Boring**  
Fenton



"Friday nights have been great with the Street Experience downtown. My son and I ride downtown on my ebike and love playing with the games and blocks that are out. It's a great opportunity for families in Fenton."

**Andrew Spiece**, Fenton



"It's cheaper and safer to have a few and eat at home. I also, don't like crowds!"

**Terese Young**  
Holly

## Hotlines

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**THIS IS FOR** the Hot-liners complaining about Shiawassee Shores Retirement Park. I have lived there for the last six years and have never had a problem with anything or anyone. I have lived in many other places but Shiawassee Shores is my favorite. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

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**SHIAWASSEE SHORES**

**RETIREMENT** Park is still a warm and friendly place to live, except for the person with the bad attitude who writes ugly things about it. So move.

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**I THINK CLOSING** the streets in Fenton for the drunks on Thursday and Friday nights benefits nobody but the drunks. The roads in Fenton are inadequate for the traffic and this just causes more stress for those trying to get home without getting drunk.

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road commission. You need to be fired. Hogan is a disgrace. No new limestone in years as promised. A bridge out for years, but you say half of it is ok? It's either bad or it ain't! And don't you check weather conditions before you grade? Do your job.

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.

Thank you, Lake Fenton  
High School band director

Dear Editor,  
I wanted to thank Lake Fenton High School Band Director Ryan Gonder for his thoughtfulness toward Clio High School bands this week. Our field is currently being replaced and our home games are being played away. Mr. Gonder invited our band to come share the field for the Sept. 24 game. It was amazing, especially since band has missed out on performances and competitions due to COVID much like so many other activities. Being able to have our first performance was fantastic. The camaraderie and sportsmanship shown between the bands was inspirational. The world needs more of this. Thank you so much to everyone involved in making this happen. We felt like the red carpet was rolled out for us. The band and band families had a terrific time. We appreciate it. Teamwork and sportsmanship at its finest!

*Stephanie Mink*  
Clio

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# City approves engineering services

## ■ Main Street Rehabilitation Project slated for 2022

By Sharon Stone

On Monday, Sept. 27, Fenton City Council unanimously approved a proposed scope of engineering services for the Main Street rehabilitation project.

Mill of the existing pavement with a 4-inch asphalt overlay is planned for Main Street from N. LeRoy Street to the eastern Fenton City limits in 2022. There will be limited areas where curb and gutter and drain structures will be repaired. All sidewalk ramps will be investigated and updated as necessary to conform to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

The total project is estimated at \$1.05 million and \$750,000 will be received in federal funds. The city cost is estimated at \$250,000 plus 100% of the project engineering costs, done by OHM, the city's engineering firm. The project will be administered through the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Local Agency Programs Unit.

OHM's services will be billed on an hourly basis not to exceed \$79,000 with geotechnical services estimated at \$9,000 and historical services estimated at \$4,000.

Public Works Director Dan Brisson wrote in a Sept. 20 memo to City Manager Lynn Markland that he recommended Fenton City Council to approve the OHM Scope of Engineering Services proposal to begin the necessary engineering work to be submitted to MDOT for the project. Funding for the project is provided from the Major Streets Capital Improvement Fund.

## SUSPECTS

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The suspects, two males and a female, fled as the homeowner chased them. The police chief said the homeowner threw a brick at the suspects' car and broke a headlight as they drove away. He provided a description of the vehicle to police and their vehicle was located in Grand Blanc Township. All of the stolen guns were recovered.

Sgt. Paul Honkanen of the Argentine Township Police Department said the home invasion took place in the 8000 block of Pineview Lake Drive.

Zachary Luchenbill, 17, of Fenton, was

charged with two counts of first-degree home invasion, one for conspiracy and one attempted. He's also facing six counts of larceny of firearms and one count of carrying a concealed weapon.

He was released on \$45,000 personal bond. Conditions of his release include no drugs or alcohol, and he is not allowed to possess or purchase ammunition, firearms or other dangerous weapons. The home broken into is the home of Luchenbill's father.

Jihad McKinnui, 17, of Grand Blanc, was charged with first-degree home invasion and six counts of larceny of

firearms. He posted bond and was released pending future court dates.

Paigelyn Walker, 17, of Grand Blanc, was charged with first-degree home invasion, six counts of larceny of firearms, two counts of carrying a concealed weapon and two counts of accessory after the fact.

The home invasion was elevated to first-degree because the residents were home at the time of the larceny of firearms. This is a 20-year felony. Larceny of firearms and carrying a concealed weapon are both five-year felonies.

No new circuit court hearing have been scheduled.



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# Holly homecoming activities begin Oct. 4

■ Football game is Friday, Oct. 8 against Kearsley

By Hannah Ball

Holly High School's homecoming activities begin Monday, Oct. 4 with the powderpuff football game at 6:30 p.m.

Local schools are returning to in-person homecoming activities after many had to be canceled in 2020 due to the pandemic.

"At Holly Area Schools, we are thrilled to return to many favorite in-person student events, including the fall tradition of homecoming. We are in the process

of planning an in-person homecoming in October, including the football game and dance," Superintendent Scott Roper said. "Our Bronchos are eager and excited to again celebrate homecoming, and are working together with staff on final plans for this year's special event. We will have additional details in the coming weeks."

Spirit Week is Monday, Oct. 4-8. The homecoming parade and football game is Friday, Oct. 8, and the dance is Saturday, Oct. 9.



In this 2018 photo, Holly High School senior Peyton Price drives with the ball during the second quarter of the Holly High School Powder Puff Game. This year's powderpuff game is Monday, Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m. *Times file photo*

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

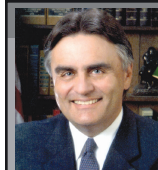
**RIGHT TURN: FOR** instance, I cannot turn right at The Laundry because there is always a large vehicle on the left creeping into the intersection, as well as all the other intersections.

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**THE SHORTAGE OF** workers before COVID was due to a strong economy near full capacity. Now, there is no longer a shortage of workers: there is a shortage of motivated adults seeking employment. Big difference.

■■■  
**FOR THE HOT-LINER** extolling the French ally. Remember the first people that Americans fought during World War II were the French, Operation Torch, North Africa and the French insisted that the NATO headquarters not be in France. Some ally.

■■■  
**DON'T WASTE TIME** arguing with a fool. In the end the fool will win. He'll beat you with experience.

■■■  
**TO THE HOT-LINER** who is 'obeying God's orders.' Thank you for being so kind. Now that you're vaccinated, you are safe. Good job.



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the  
**judge**

## The Financial Exploitation Prevention Act

I know that I am just one of many who have received phone calls and messages from people claiming to be from entities such as the I.R.S., a utility company, or Social Security and claiming that I owe money or requesting my personal identification information.

I have never responded to any of them knowing them to be scams.

Regrettably, statistics tell us that not everyone recognizes scams and become victims as a result. For example, one study showed that one in seven older Americans have fallen victim to some form of financial exploitation or abuse.

As a result, all states have laws prohibiting such criminal activity.

In Michigan, we have a number of criminal statutes in this area including ones which protect elder victims and "vulnerable adults" from financial exploitation and physical and mental harm and abuse.

A vulnerable adult generally means those unable to take care of themselves because of age, developmental or physical disability, or mental illness.

Efforts to protect these victims never end and on Sept. 26, a new Michigan civil law took effect called the Financial Exploitation Prevention Act (FEPA).

The purpose of FEPA is to provide new protections to vulnerable adults and others and requires financial institutions to provide special training to relevant employees so that they can recognize signs of covered financial exploitation of their members or customers and take protective actions.

This includes promptly reporting such activity to law enforcement or Adult Protective Services and, when necessary, freezing accounts and transactions.

The statute includes a new definition of "vulnerable adult" which means an adult who, because of mental or physical impairment or

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## Estimated completion date for U.S. 23 overpass is Nov. 15

■ MDOT continues with demolition work Wednesday night

By Hannah Ball

The Michigan Department of Transportation is hoping to be done with construction on the U.S. 23 overpass by Nov. 15.

Keith Brown, construction engineer for MDOT, said the work is "going well."

"We just switched to the second phase for the U.S. 23 bridge over Silver Lake Road. This part of the structure has some additional steel repairs. As long as they go well, we should be open by the end of November. We are pushing for November 15," he said.

However, the schedule depends on steel repairs and if the weather cooperates. Challenges with this project include maintaining traffic and dealing with more rainy days than expected.

On Wednesday, Sept. 29, they're

going to work during the night, which will involve closing down Silver Lake Road and North Road under the bridge for the demolition work. Brown said they're also opening up the northbound U.S. 23 ramp to North/Torrey Road.

This project is part of a \$12.3-million investment in significant bridge improvements to 16 structures along the I-75/U.S. 23 corridor through Genesee County. Work includes steel beam repairs, deck replacements, and protective epoxy coating. MDOT completed work on the Owen Road bridge earlier in the summer.

Brown said the Silver Lake Road/North Road overpass, which required more work, was completed in the late '50s while the Owen Road bridge was completed in the early '90s.



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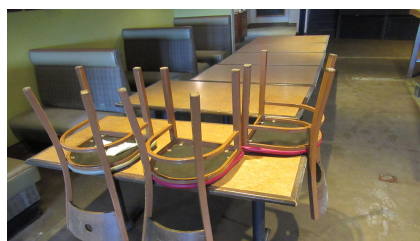


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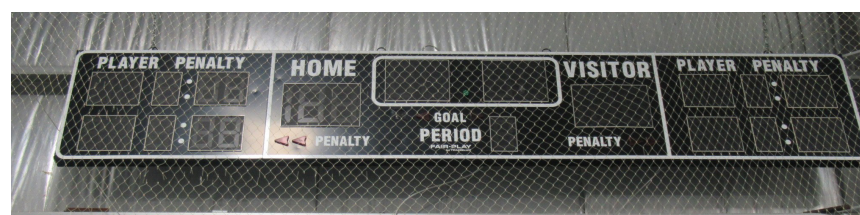
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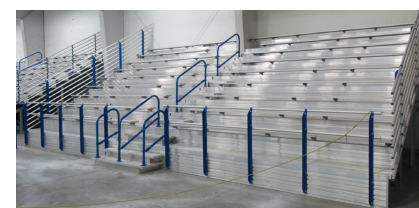
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## PUBLIC SAFETY

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The drug overdose crisis in the U.S. is a serious public safety threat with rates currently reaching the highest level in history. Drug traffickers are using fake pills to exploit the opioid crisis and prescription drug misuse in the U.S., bringing overdose deaths and violence to American communities. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 93,000 people died of a drug overdose in the United States last year. Fentanyl, the synthetic opioid most commonly found in

counterfeit pills, is the primary driver of this alarming increase in overdose deaths.

Drug poisonings involving methamphetamine, increasingly found to be pressed into counterfeit pills, also continue to rise as illegal pills containing methamphetamine become more widespread.

Drug trafficking is also inextricably linked to violence. This year alone, DEA seized more than 2,700 firearms in connection with drug trafficking investigations, a 30% increase since 2019. DEA remains steadfast in its mission to protect our communities, enforce U.S. drug laws, and

bring to justice the foreign and domestic criminals sourcing, producing, and distributing illicit drugs, including counterfeit pills.

This alert does not apply to legitimate pharmaceutical medications prescribed by medical professionals and dispensed by licensed pharmacists. The legitimate prescription supply chain is not impacted. Anyone filling a prescription at a licensed pharmacy can be confident that the medications they receive are safe when taken as directed by a medical professional.

The issuance of today's Public Safety

Alert coincides with the launch of DEA's One Pill Can Kill Public Awareness Campaign to educate the public of the dangers of counterfeit pills. DEA urges all Americans to be vigilant and aware of the dangers of counterfeit pills, and to take only medications prescribed by a medical professional and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist. DEA warns that pills purchased outside of a licensed pharmacy are illegal, dangerous, and potentially lethal. For more information, visit <https://www.dea.gov/onepill> or scan the QR code on page 3.

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**FRIDAY THE 13TH PART 2**

## KUDOS

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I found it sad to see some people posting negative comments on Facebook about one of those community-minded businesses that closed recently. Did it really make them feel better by posting a derogative comment of their personal opinion that put the now closed business in bad light? Maybe, maybe not. What it did show to everyone who read it was their character.

Between Facebook and the Nextdoor app, people have become emboldened to share their negative experiences with the world before they privately approached the business. I bet the owner of the business would have bent over backwards to make things right had they known about an incident. Their business and reputation depend on it.

My husband and I, along with our friends, frequent many local shops and restaurants. Yes, I've had experiences that upset me. Did I bash them publicly on social media? No. I contacted the business personally and explained my experience. For the most part, I was completely satisfied with their explanations and responses. I'm now a customer for life.

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## MARIJUANA

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during the Monday, Oct. 4 meeting.

The proposed ordinance includes requiring a business license for primary caregiver operations, which will allow the township to do annual inspections on these facilities, regulating where marijuana can be grown and more.

Michael Deem, zoning administrator, said the original law allowing medical marijuana, Michigan Medical Marihuana Act (MMMA), had a lot of information, but not much guidance on enforcement. They couldn't tell caregivers where they could or couldn't operate.

"Now we have the ability to control a lot of things we haven't in the past," he said.

The Michigan Supreme Court has recently made a number of rulings that give local government more authority. Deem said he's following these precedents so the township can avoid future litigation.

In *DeRuiter v. Byron Township* (2020), the courts established medical marijuana growing operations must take place in a dwelling or attached garage, not in a detached accessory building. The case restricts the number of caregivers in a municipality to two, and they must be full-

time residents. Distribution of marijuana cannot occur on site.

Fenton Township's proposed ordinance includes these stipulations.

"The distribution of the marijuana cannot be done on site," Deem said. "The intent of these is to treat it similar to how we treat a home occupation without making it go through the home occupation process. We wouldn't allow a home occupation in a detached accessory building."

The proposed ordinance prohibits outdoor growing for primary caregiver operations, which is consistent with the York Township v. Miller decision (2021).

Additionally, a proposed zoning ordinance amendment prohibits medical marijuana caregiver operations in non-residential zoning districts, which is consistent with

the Ypsilanti Township v. Pontius (2020) decision.

"It would prohibit primary caregiver operations in non-residential zoning districts," Deem said. "We're treating it as a home occupation because this is not a commercial enterprise. By preventing it in your commercial and industrializing districts, you're preventing the temptation of people wanting to create co-ops and, in essence, turn them into dispensaries."

Deem said growers should operate in a

manner that does not disturb the neighbors. They don't want to encourage the commercialization of medical marijuana. "There is an odor associated with it, right? But if it's within your dwelling, you're more likely to control it than if it's in a detached structure or growing outside," he said.

A caregiver is allowed to have 72 plants. With the township allowing two caregivers, they would allow up to 144 plants being grown in the township. Deem said it may be in their best interest to allow only one caregiver at first. They could allow more in the future.

Supervisor Vince Lorraine said he has issues with certain things, such as spacing issues, but he believes it's a good first step to having controls in place to monitor these operations. He said medical marijuana growing should be done in a more controlled environment.

"My concern is that we have a lot of people that are growing the stuff in their homes and they're supposed to be caregivers for people, but we really don't know what they're selling or giving to a patient," Lorraine said.

Saqib Nakadar, who was appointed to the Marihuana Advisory Panel established by the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act by former Gov. Rick Snyder, offered

input at the Sept. 20 meeting. He has a bachelor's degree in biological sciences from Wayne State University and is a doctor of osteopathic medicine from Michigan State University.

He said the odor becomes an issue in denser areas because there are limited situations when they have 100% control of the smell. Many communities use the square footage of the home and then give a percentage of that square footage to be allowed to use as a growth area. This prevents an entire dwelling from being used as a grow operation.

He said not allowing these operations in detached dwelling is a good way to avoid this problem, and allowing these operations in certain districts is a good way to make sure the township can monitor it.

"You also have 12 recreational plants that you have to deal with as well. Because each homeowner is now allowed to grow 12 additional recreational plants, just from the recreational law, whether you opt in or not," he said.

He encouraged the township to take a stronger look at the language in the ordinance to prevent some of these problems.

Lorraine asked if he would be willing to communicate with the township further in drafting these ordinances. Nakadar said yes.

**“There is an odor associated with it, right? But if it's within your dwelling, you're more likely to control it than if it's in a detached structure or growing outside.”**

**Michael Deem**

*Fenton Township zoning administrator*

## NOCFA GRANT

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and there are no matching funds required from NOCFA. The grant monies would cover costs for the next four years and would support the following:

- **Length of Service Award Program.** The department would initiate a program that would give annual stipends to paid on-call and part-time employees only for their years of service.

- **Advanced Firefighter Training.** It would pay for training tuition for employees and pay for class instructors

- **Leadership/Career Training Courses.** It would pay for officer training courses.

- **Personal Protective Equipment / Firefighting Gear.** The grant would pay for firefighting gear and other PPE

equipment.

- **Annual employee physicals.** The grant would cover costs for employee annual NFPA physicals.

As previously reported, Lintz said, "Receiving this grant would save money from our regular operating budget over the next four years. NOCFA would not be obligated to continue any additional costs after the four year grant period ends."

The NOCFA board is comprised of two Rose Township Board of Trustee members, two Holly Township Board of Trustee members and one citizen at large. Representing Rose Township are Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snyder and Treasurer Paul Gambka. Representing Holly Township is Clerk Karin Winchester and Supervisor George Kullis. The citizen at large is Peter Stouffer of Rose Township.

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# Blue Devils pound Clio, improve to 4-1 overall

By David Troppens

It's harder to be any more efficient than the Lake Fenton varsity football team's offense was in the first half of its home game against the Clio Mustangs.

The Blue Devils scored touchdowns on all eight of the squad's first eight possessions in the opening half, eventually resulting into a 55-0 Flint Metro League Stars Division victory.

The defense was just as deadly, allowing just two first-half first downs. The 55-point spread was the biggest the

Blue Devils have enjoyed in a victory since defeating Atherton 76-0 on Aug. 5, 2018.

Clio's offensive troubles began on its first possession when the Blue Devils forced a sack on the Mustangs' 2. That set up a short field and the Blue Devils scored on a one-yard run by Lucas Storm. Ashton Hunter made the first of seven straight extra points and the Blue Devils led 7-0.

Lake Fenton would end up scoring

four first-quarter TDs. After the defense forced Clio to punt in three plays, Jack Conley had a 13-yard run, Reid Shumaker completed a 15-yard pass and a 27-yard pass to Dalton Decker, putting the ball on the Mustangs' 2. Decker completed the drive with a sweep right for the TD. The Blue Devils led 14-0.

Clio's next possession was stifled by a sack by Max Muenzer, forcing another Clio punt. Lake Fenton would raise

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Lake Fenton's Brandon Bossert scores a touchdown in a past game. Bossert caught a TD pass in the Blue Devils' victory against Clio. **Photo: Mark Bolen**

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## Sports Times



Linden's Colin Weiss gets a tackle during the Eagles' loss to Flushing. **Photo: Mark Bolen**

### Eagles clipped by Raiders, 46-29

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity football team didn't have any issues scoring against the Flushing Raiders Friday night.

The problem was stopping the Raiders from scoring themselves.

The Raiders scored a season-high 46 points against the Eagles, resulting in a 46-29 victory against Linden at Linden High School.

The Eagles jumped to the early lead, scoring on a 60-yard TD pass from Brandon Green to Monte Keener. However, that would be the Eagles only lead of the contest. Flushing would score on a 17-yard run by quarterback Caleb Mantei on their next possession and then take the lead for good on the first play of the second quarter on an 18-yard run. Flushing led 13-7.

**See EAGLES on 13**

## Tigers atop Metro Stripes Division, defeat Holly

By David Troppens

**Holly** — Both teams came away with something they wanted when the Holly Bronchos hosted tri-county rivals the Fenton Tigers Friday night.

The Tigers are in a fight to earn their third straight trip to the Flint Metro League's championship game, and did what they needed to in order to get a step closer to that goal. Meanwhile, the Bronchos (1-4) showed the fight the squad's coaching staff wanted to see against the Metro League Stripe Division's top team. The end result was Fenton won the battle between the two rivals for the 10th straight season, earning a 50-29 victory at Holly High School.

"We stopped the run pretty well today," Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke said. "That was our emphasis. They completed some passes, but we only really got beat on one or two passes. ... I learned a long time ago not to feel about winning, it doesn't matter what the final score was. Our goal was to get to 3-2 and we got to 3-2. Now the goal is 4-2."

While it was Holly's 10th straight loss to the Tigers, there were plenty of encouraging signs for the Bronchos who had lost their previous two league contests by a combined 68-6, including a 40-0 loss to Linden a week earlier. The Bronchos may have found themselves their quarterback moving forward the rest of the season. Sophomore Boston Curtis made his first varsity start of his career and threw two touchdown passes, actually giving the Bronchos the early lead. Holly featured Curtis and senior receiver Jacob Cherson on the game's first drive and scored. Curtis completed passes of 43 and 16 yards to Cherson, setting up the pair's 17-yard TD reception. Zayne Dennie converted the extra-point and Holly led 7-0 with 10:06 left in the first quarter.

Holly was potent with its kickoff returns as well, scoring twice on them. The first came with just 31 seconds left in half-time on an 80-yard scamper by Cherson. Holly trailed just 35-22 at halftime after the score. The second came with 4:38



Fenton's Dylan Beverly tackles Holly's Andrew Lewis during the Tigers' 50-29 victory against the Bronchos. **Photo: David Troppens**

left in the third quarter on an 82-yard return by Kendall Murdock. At the time the Bronchos still trailed just 43-29.

"We came out and battled," Holly varsity football coach Dallas Lesperance said. "Our kids battled hard. Coming out with Boston Curtis, our sophomore quarterback, I thought for a sophomore he played really good. He made some inexperienced mistakes which is going to happen,

but you know what, there were some coaching mistakes by me made with him as well.

"The fight was there They kept going. Give credit to Fenton. They found something in our defense they could capitalize on and they did a good job with that and we didn't get it fixed. We had some bright spots. We had two kickoff returns. That was impressive."

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# Fenton girls swim team places second at county meet

By David Troppens

What has become an annual battle between Fenton and Grand Blanc for county supremacy, the area county rivals faced off with the rest of the area squads at the county meet.

In this edition, Grand Blanc ended up being the victors with 555 points. Fenton placed second with 435 points and Powers was third with 285 points. Holly placed sixth with 115 points.

The Tigers had more firsts than any other squad at the meet, but were unable to match Grand Blanc's tremendous depth. The Tigers also suffered a rare disqualification in the 200 freestyle relay, losing them important points in the battle for first.

Fenton had two two-time individual event county champions. They were Gracie Olsen and Tess Heavner. Olsen won the 200 freestyle in an interesting style. She tied Grand Blanc's

Sophie Curtis for first with a time of 1:51.81. Olsen also won the 100 breaststroke (1:05.44). Heavner earned her firsts in the 100 butterfly (57.95) and the 100 backstroke (57.22). Both also took part in both winning relays. The two combined with Sophie Stefanac and Sara Saab to win the 200 medley relay (1:48.47). and combined with Stefanac and Rose Haney to win the 400 freestyle relay (3:36.56).

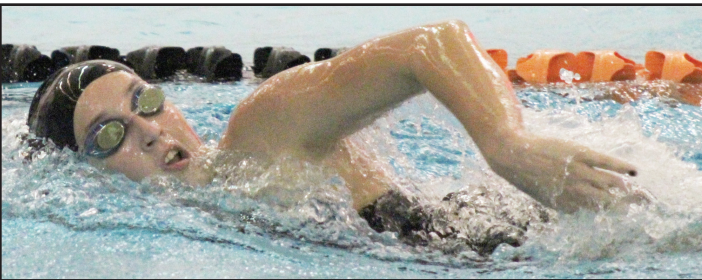
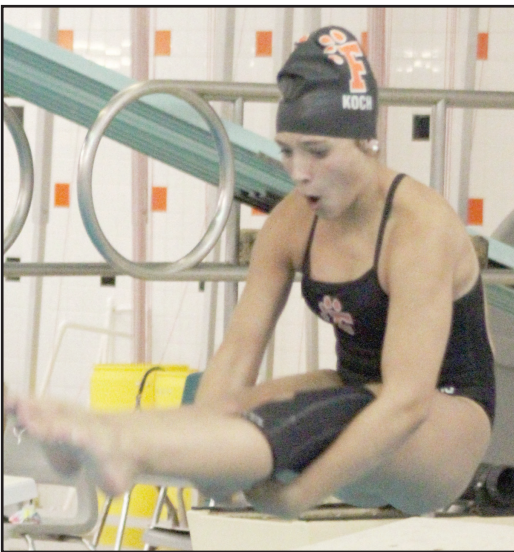
Haney also earned the Tigers' final individual event county championship. She won the 500 freestyle (5:32.55).

Stefanac had two individual seconds. She was the runner-up in the 100 freestyle (54.63) and in the 100 backstroke (58.17). Holly's Ella Althaver also earned a runner-up finish. She finished behind Haney in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:37.24. The Powers 200 freestyle relay team of Lauren Taylor, Katelyn Iordano

nou, Grace Erpelding and Emily Bhagat (1:46.51) also earned a second.

The rest of Fenton's individual top-eight finishers were Haney, seventh in the individual medley (2:20.66); Molly Blanchard, third in the 500 freestyle (5:39.07) and fifth in the 200 individual medley (2:23.79); Ella Koch, third in diving (309.15); Hallee Alexander, fifth in the 100 butterfly (1:04.20) and sixth in the 200 individual medley (2:24.49); Lilah Falvo, fourth in the 500 (5:42.76) and eighth in the 200 freestyle (2:10.66); Saab, seventh in the 50 freestyle (26.56) and seventh in the 100 freestyle (58.48); Zoe Plunkett, eighth in diving (242.90); Abigail Carrigan, eighth in the 100 butterfly (1:05.66) and eighth in the 100 breaststroke (1:07.62); and Addison Dolliver, eighth in the 100 breaststroke (1:14.22).

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A couple of Fenton's placers at the county meet were (left) Ella Koch who placed third in diving, and Sophie Stefanac who placed second in the 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke. Photos: David Troppens

## EAGLES

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The Eagles had a one-yard punt on their next possession, creating a short field for the Flushing offense. The Raiders took advantage and scored on a one-yard run by David Hutchinson, raising the Raiders' lead to 20-7 with 6:37 left in the half.

Linden cut the gap to within one possession one more time when Colin Weiss returned the ensuing kickoff to the Flushing 6, setting up the next Linden score. Green scored on a three-yard run quickly after that with 5:56 remaining until halftime. Linden trailed just 20-14.

However, Flushing scored the final two TDs of the first half. One came on an 85-yard run by Hutchinson. The second came on a short TD completion to Hutchinson. The Raiders led 33-14 at the half.

The Flushing lead grew with two more scores in the third quarter. The first came on a 10-yard TD completion to



Linden's Ethan Gomez tries to gain some more yards in the Eagles' loss to Flushing. Photo: Mark Bolen

Londyn Claxton. The second came on a TD run. The Raiders led 46-14 with 3:05 left in the third quarter.

The Eagles scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns, but it wasn't enough to make up the deficit.

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# Linden boys XC win team's own invite : Fenton XC teams collect fifth-place finishes at Mott Classic

By David Troppens

It was a good Saturday for the Linden varsity boys cross country team.

The Eagles hosted their own Linden Invitational and captured their first team victory of the season. Meanwhile, the Linden girls placed fourth. Lake Fenton also was at the event and the Blue Devil women placed third, three points ahead of Linden. The Lake Fenton men took fourth.

River Meckstroth won the D1/D2 boys race with a time of 17:16.48. Less than a second behind him was teammate Kyle Eberhard in second (17:17.47). Lake Fenton's Nolan Pinion was one of the four runners to finish the race in less than 18 minutes, taking fourth in 17:57.47.

Linden's entire top seven finished within the top 25 positions. The rest of the men's top seven runners were Clayton Ackerman in seventh (18:24.69),

Hayden Bradfield in eighth (18:50.29), Ryan Blackwood in ninth (18:51.36), Spencer Dicks in 18th (19:35.01) and Miles Aeschliman in 25th (19:55.60).

The Lake Fenton girls were the area's next strongest performers with their third-place finish. The Blue Devils had two of the top 10 finishers, including the second-place runner, Claire Hunt. Hunt's time was 21:48.34. She was one of three runners in their race to finish the 5K course in less than 22 minutes. Teammate Marielle Hatfield placed sixth (22:33.66), giving the Blue Devils two runners in the top 10, and probably were the key to the Blue Devils edging Linden by three points. The rest of Lake Fenton's top five were Kaitlyn Hatfield in 30th (24:27.52), Marcella Jenio in 32nd (24:48.52) and Grace Roy in 46th (26:22.14).

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Ryan Blackwood placed ninth, helping the Eagles win the Linden Invitational on Saturday. Photo: David Troppens

The Fenton varsity cross country program competed at the Fall Classic at Hess Hathaway Park on Friday and the two varsity programs were pretty consistent with their performances.

Both varsity teams took fifth out of 12 teams. The Fenton boys scored 116 points while the girls scored 129.

## Holly XC team competes at Jackson

The Holly varsity cross country program traveled to the Jackson Invitational on Saturday in its last event before the second Metro jamboree on Wednesday.

The Holly boys took 12th while the Holly girls were unable to field a complete team.

However, while the girls didn't have a full team, one of the biggest highlights of the meet was the efforts of Ashley

The boys were led by Michael Crane's 12th-place effort in 17:07.4. Not far behind him was Nathan Katic in 15th (17:14.9). The Lady Tigers had two runners in the top 20 as well. Taylor Huntoon led the women with a 15th-place effort (20:31.6) while Nina Frost was 17th (20:35.2).

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Sobczynski. The freshman took eighth in 19:00.0 of her event.

The best run by the Holly men was put in by Zachary Rockafellow who took 41st (17:15.8). The rest of Holly's scoring five were Benjamin Baxter in 97th (18:05.6), Mason Rosa in 100th (18:08.0), Grant Hoffman in 118th (18:14.7) and Christen Douthitt in 179th (19:39.6).

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## DEVILS

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its lead to 21-0 on a 23-yard pass from Shumaker to Decker.

The Mustangs had three straight incomplete passes on their next possession (the third pass being broken up by Sam Shumaker). On the ensuing punt, Nash Verhelle returned the punt 29 yards to the Clio 22. Not long after the return, Storm scored on a five-yard TD run. Lake Fenton led 28-0.

Clio did collect its second first down of

the game on its next possession but still ended up punting. With the ball back, the Blue Devils scored on a 42-yard TD run by Conley. The Blue Devils led 35-0.

Clio's next possession ended quickly, with a sack by Dylan Hammis and Gavin Teffner helping force a fourth-down situation. The Mustangs went for the first down, but failed to convert. That helped set up Shumaker's 21-yard TD reception to Brandon Bossert. The lead was now 42-0.

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## PREP REPORT

### BOYS TENNIS

► **Flushing 7, Fenton 1:** The Tigers won just one flight in what was a battle of undefeated Metro squads entering the dual.

The Tigers' sole win was earned by No. 3 singles Remy Book who won his match by a 6-0, 6-4 score.

Fenton (7-1) enters the league meet tied for second with Goodrich.

► **Holly 6, Clio 2:** Holly (4-2) won three of the fourth flights in singles and doubles action, earning the victory. Singles victors were Walker Glass

(No. 1), Jacob Denman (No. 2) and Jake Distel (No. 3).

Winners in doubles action were Parker Monty and Quintin Monty at No. 1 doubles, Ethan Tillier and Ben Kittle at No. 2 doubles and Ryan Tiell and Aaron Crain at No. 4 doubles.

### BOYS SOCCER

► **Goodrich 8, Holly 0:** Goodrich scored seven first-half goals to earn the victory. The mercy clinching goal came with 3:30 left in the second half.



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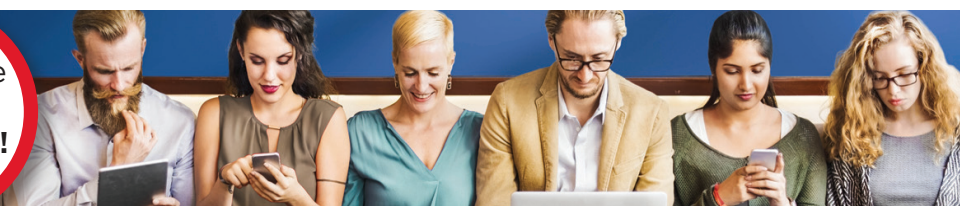
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# Obituaries

## 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.

Source: [Thefuneralsource.org](http://Thefuneralsource.org)

## JUDGE

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advanced age, is unable to protect themselves from "covered financial exploitation."

Covered financial exploitation is defined as deception, manipulation, coercion, intimidation, or improper leveraging of a caregiver relationship.

There are a number of other provisions of the law, which I won't detail here. However, there is an excellent summary found at the Michigan Bankers Association website, [mibankers.com](http://mibankers.com), and which has a link to the entire Act.

Unfortunately, the ways that people can be taken advantage of are almost limitless and seemingly change with the times.

The law must continue to protect victims. Famous educator Horace Mann once said; "Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves." He was quite right.

## Mary Kachman

Mary Kachman – age 62, of Fenton, passed away September 24, 2021. Beloved wife of James Murphy for 43 years, and amazing mother to Shauna Murphy (Les), Kristen Murphy-Naspinsky (Brian), Jenna Murphy (AJ), Jaime Murphy Dawson (Drew), and Neil Murphy (Carrie). Devoted and loving grandmother ("Gram") to Aubrey, Maxwell, Lucas, Adeline, Owen, Charlotte, Lila, Ryan, Elisabeth, and Miles. Mary was the best mom and wife in the whole world, a fun and loyal friend, and a highly skilled and talented artist. She dedicated her career to teaching as a Fine Arts Teacher with Flint Community Schools for over 20 years, recently teaching at Flint Southwestern Classical Academy. A private memorial will be held by the family on a later date. In lieu of flowers, please direct donations to Flint Institute of Arts - Art Student Gallery, 1120 E. Kearsley St., Flint, MI 48503 or [www.flintarts.org](http://www.flintarts.org).

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Midweek Crossword

ACROSS

1 "Arrivederci —"

5 Jazzy style

8 Wild guess

12 Slender

13 Piercing tool

14 Brownish purple

15 In — veritas

16 Corp. boss

17 Desertlike

18 Nowheresville

20 Saint Patrick's Day event

22 Hide-hair insert

23 Nine-digit ID

24 Engrossed

27 Promptly

32 Wedding words

33 Expert

34 Granada gold

35 "Wonder Woman" actress

38 Remain

39 Beer barrel

40 Stolen

42 Alpine home

45 Casts out

49 Opera set in Egypt

50 Guffaw syllable

52 Lavish party

53 Espy

54 Reuben bread

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56 Sparkling Italian wine

57 German conjunction

58 Lean-to

59 Kismet

60 Meager

61 Puccini opera

62 Battery fluid

63 Eliot's "Adam —"

64 Rejection

65 Bat wood

66 Predetermine

67 Oklahoma city

68 Bikini pattern

69 Sgt., for one

70 Tied down

71 Mouths (Lat.)

72 Playpen item

73 Trattoria desserts

74 Candle count

75 Refuses to pay

76 Symbol of strength

77 Juanita's home

78 Swinging joints?

79 Drive- — window

80 Wife of Jacob

81 Diminutive suffix

82 Burpee buy

83 Novelist Rand

1 Answer an invite

2 Hodgepodge

3 Behave

4 Quantity

5 Scenic route, often

6 Have bills

7 Fall into a

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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Midweek Jumble

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Aren't they beautiful? This is my best crop ever. I need to post this picture.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Horoscopes

For the week of September 27, 2021

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Attention to detail is very important this week, Aries. Be sure not to lose your focus as things you do will be highly scrutinized by others. Ask a third party to check your work.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Give others room to breathe and respect how they're feeling in certain situations, Taurus. Just because you feel comfortable doesn't mean others will as well.

GEMINI

May 22/June 21

Gemini, reminisce about those people with whom you had strong connections. If you lost touch, this can be a great time to rekindle relationships and move forward.

CANCER

June 22/July 22

Feel out the crowd and make adjustments to the way you interact with others based on the vibe you're getting, if people are outgoing and boisterous, follow suit.

LEO

July 23/Aug 23

Maintain a positive outlook in regard everything you encounter this week, Leo. A positive perspective can make all the difference when a lot is on your plate.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, a quest to discover something new about yourself could prove fruitful. Take an introspective approach to the next few days and be ready to learn something new.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

This could be an extremely creative week for you, Libra. Afford time for artsy pursuits and you may be surprised at what you can create. You may discover a new passion.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

You're not typically one who excels with last-minute details. Therefore, start planning on an upcoming event and make sure you have all of your ducks in a row.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Listen to your emotions, Sagittarius. While you tend to deal with situations by acting rationally, this time around you may have to go with your gut and your heart.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

This is a week to sit back and slow down. Channel summer vibes even if it's not quite summer any longer, if you didn't have a chance to get away, do so this week.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Your nurturing instincts are on alert, Aquarius. This is an excellent time to tell someone you care about that you're always available for him or her. Reach out soon.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Good times are ahead, Pisces. Keep an open mind and embrace any opportunity to do something good for others.

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