

# Deputy injured during traffic stop

■ Vehicle of driver being pulled over knocks deputy to ground causing deep laceration to his head

By Sharon Stone

A Genesee County sheriff's deputy was injured during a traffic stop Monday, Nov. 22, on N. Fenton Road near Butcher Road in Fenton Township.

Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson said the deputy made a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle being

stopped took off and the deputy was knocked to the ground. He suffered a deep laceration to his head.

The deputy received significant wound care to his injury at a local hospital and was discharged.

The suspect's vehicle was located

and the sheriff's K9 unit located the suspect on a foot pursuit. The suspect is lodged in the Genesee County Jail pending charges.

This story will be updated as more information becomes available.



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### Farmstead project slowly taking shape

■ Timelines paused in response to pandemic setbacks including lack of material, available workers

By Sharon Stone

Holly Township Supervisor George Kullis provided an update to The Farmstead last weekend.

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### Fenton to increase water rates

■ First increase since 2009 — largest hike is the capital charge from \$40.40 to \$52 per quarter

By Sharon Stone

Fenton City Council unanimously approved quarterly water and sewer rate

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**GOBBLE, GOBBLE** — Matt Ross (left), meat department clerk at Alpine Marketplace in Linden, stocks the store with turkeys Monday, Nov. 22 with Scott Trump, store director. As of Monday, Alpine Marketplace sold more than 2,000 turkeys for Thanksgiving. Co-owner Marvin Yono said this is more than last year. "We have great relationships with multiple suppliers. We have not experienced any shortage on fresh or frozen turkeys," he said. "We don't expect to run out of turkeys or Thanksgiving food. We have multiple varieties and brands of food for Thanksgiving celebrations." **Photo: Hannah Ball**

### Township closer to bringing water to Thompson Road

■ Supervisor secures \$6.5 million from county from COVID-19 relief funds for the project

By Hannah Ball

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted to approve an engineering services agreement to bring water to Thompson Road.

This project would extend the Genesee County Water Supply System Southern Loop to include the Thompson Road Corridor, which is zoned a mix of manufacturing, commercial, residential

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“Hi, my Thanksgiving came early for us this year. We just returned from McDonald's where the people in front of us paid for our breakfast meal and I'd like to thank them. Thank you and God bless.”

“The city having fireworks is one thing but all the yahoos with no common sense blowing them off late into the night is another.”

“It was nice to see a crew out harvesting the orange and white seasonal trees (aka picking up the construction barrels).”



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# Art gallery explores topic of violence against women

■ Nov. 25 is International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

By Hannah Ball

From Nov. 20 to Dec. 20, Cause & Affect Gallery in Fenton is showcasing art on a difficult topic — violence against women.

The “See it, Hear it, Speak out!” is an all-woman show in which 15 artists share their voices and perspectives on the violence women experience.

“Violence against women occurs all around the world and is in many forms. This exhibit speaks to many of these forms of violence. As a society if we see it, or hear it, we must speak out. This show may be triggering for some individuals and may not be appropriate for children,” according to the press release.

Annie Anglim, owner of the gallery, has wanted to take on hard topics ever since she opened Cause & Affect.

“Art has the ability to make people look at things differently. Nov. 25 each year is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and I wanted this show to



The newest showcase at Cause & Affect Gallery is “See it, Hear it, Speak out!” It explores the topic of violence against women. According to the World Health Organization, globally, about 1 in 3 (30%) of women worldwide have been subjected to either physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence in their lifetime. **Submitted photo**

coincide with that,” Anglim said.

This event is sponsored by the Zonta Club of Flint and Michigan Fence Company. Anglim is a member of Zonta International. The organization works to end violence against

women. They do 16 days of activism every year beginning Nov. 25.

These heavy topics can be hard and triggering for people who have dealt with these experiences.

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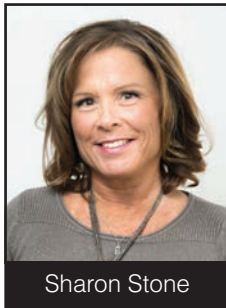
Sharin' the spotlight

# #Bringbrendanhome

By Editor Sharon Stone

As the current editor and police reporter here at the Times for the last 18 years, I've covered a variety of court cases, deaths, arrests, disappearances and more. I will never forget the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009 when I met the Jawhari family. The frantic Jawhari sisters were desperately trying to find their sister Randa, 42, who had not been heard from since the prior day. They were doing everything they could to get the word out. Randa's health was failing and she disappeared with no clues from her Fenton apartment. To date, they have not found Randa. I've gotten to know the Jawhari family and my heart is broken for them.

Anyone who listens to the news hears reports of missing children and adults on a nearly daily basis. Some cases are tragic, some have happy endings and some remain unsolved. Where did these missing people go? Who did they go with? Did they fall and die from their



Sharon Stone

injuries? Were they murdered? Were they drugged and taken out of state? There's usually so many questions and few answers.

A recent missing person case has me concerned. I don't know any of the people involved, however, the disappearance happened from the MSU campus, my beloved alma mater, the night prior to their football game against

UM on Oct. 30. Brendan Santo, a freshman at Grand Valley, was last seen on the MSU campus close to midnight on Friday, Oct. 29. He was visiting friends on campus and



Brendan Santo was last seen on the campus of MSU close to midnight on Oct. 29. **Submitted photo**

was last seen leaving Yakeley Hall in the old section of campus.

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**PRAY FOR THE** Waukesha, Wisconsin residents. What a complete tragedy that was 100% preventable. My heart aches for those families and the youngsters who were killed. Pray that this never happens again.

**TO THE HOT-LINERS** comparing last year's COVID numbers to this years. Last year there was no vaccine and this year the vast majority of these numbers are unvaccinated people. You're actually proving the opposite point that vaccines are working to keep people out of the hospital.

**I THINK THE** refs have too much control over the outcome of the game. They should eliminate all holding and pass interference calls. Let the players play.

**WHERE ARE ALL** the workers and how are non-workers surviving? I just don't understand. Will someone please explain this to me? There were plenty of employees pre-COVID and a huge lack afterward. What happened?

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## BRENDAN

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Brendan's family and friends have been tirelessly organizing search efforts and raising funds to offer a reward for any information so that they can find him and bring him home. The MSU police are actively investigating his disappearance. Brendan's car was located and police do not believe Brendan would harm himself. If anyone has information or any tip they are urged to call (844) 99-MSUPD or email tips@police.msu.edu.

Friends of the Santo family have created a gofundme page called, "Bring Brendan Santo Home," seeking donations, leads and just to get the word out that they continue to search for the 18-year-old. So many people are following this case and the gofundme has topped \$100,000 in donations. Those helping have

posted photos of Brandon all over campus, letters have been sent to sorority and fraternity houses, and the large digital screens at the football stadium and basketball arena have displayed information and photos of Brendan. Again, loved ones are doing everything possible to find Brendan and to get the word out. They are surely exhausted, but that will not stop them.

A group also has started a Facebook page called "Bring Brendan Santo Home, organized by Melissa Corsi."

If you can, please share this story and check out the Facebook or gofundme pages. Look at the photos of Brendan. Maybe you'll remember something. If you do, please contact the MSU police at the number listed above.

As tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day, it wouldn't hurt to also add the Santo family to your prayers when you sit down and say grace at dinner with your own family.

## RELIEF

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and planned unit development, mainly populated with manufacturers and businesses that retrieve water from wells.

The vote was Monday, Nov. 15, when the board discussed the proposal from engineering firm Wade Trim. In a letter to the Genesee County Drain Commission Division of Water and Waste Services (GCDC-WWS), Wade Trim laid out the process for design and bidding for the project, with construction potentially starting June 6, 2022.

The company completed a proposal for engineering services regarding the design of a 16-inch transmission main along Fenton Road and Thompson Road to extend water into Fenton Township, as well as a 16-inch transmission main extension along Baldwin Road, until the Shadyhill Lane subdivision in Grand Blanc Township.

Designs include approximately 25,000 lineal feet of 16-inch ductile iron water main, a tunneled crossing below U.S. 23, a master meter to be constructed at the township line between Mundy Township and Fenton Township, and a master meter pit at the end of the Baldwin Road transmission main extension.

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

This project would benefit Mundy Township and Grand Blanc Township due to engineers being able to loop the water line in the

three municipalities, which results in better water quality for residents.

Engineering costs for the design for the Phase 1 water main and a 0.5 MG elevated water tank is expected to cost \$382,000. The costs would be split between three municipalities. Fenton Township would pay 69% (\$263,580), Mundy Township would pay 25% (\$95,500) and Grand Blanc Township would pay 6% (\$22,920). The majority of these lines would be located in Fenton Township.

According to the letter, Wade Trim services will not exceed the fee of \$252,000 for the proposed transmission main and will not exceed \$130,000 for the elevated storage tank.

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, Fenton Township Supervisor Vince Lorraine spoke at the Genesee County Board of Commissioners to discuss the issues surrounding the high arsenic levels found in the Fenton Township area. He hopes that bringing in municipal water will help solve this issue.

The Genesee County board approved allocating \$6.5 million, of the county's \$78.6 million from the American Rescue Plan Act, for the Thompson Road water project. Bringing water to Thompson Road, and connecting areas in Fenton Township, is expected to cost approximately \$23.5 million. Lorraine's goal is to use grant money and other federal funds to fund the majority of the project.

The funds for engineering will come from the \$6.5 million from the county.

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## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

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### HOLLY POLICE RENDER MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE

On Monday, Nov. 8, at 11:40 a.m. a Holly police officer was dispatched to a N. Holly Road business for a report of a man acting strangely and interacting with customers. The officer arrived and recognized the man. The officer was able to calm him and transported him home. The officer contacted his case worker who arrived and transported him for medical care.

### HOLLY MAN ARRESTED FOR DRIVING ON SUSPENDED LICENSE IN POSSESSION OF STUN GUN

On Sunday, Nov. 14, at 12:45 a.m., a Holly police officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation on North Street and N. Saginaw Street. The driver of the vehicle handed the officer a Michigan ID card advising the officer he does not have a valid driver's license. The officer placed the driver under arrest after verifying the suspension. During the arrest, the officer discovered the 31-year-old Holly man was in possession of an electronic stun gun. The driver did not have a concealed pistol permit. The driver was arrested for possessing the stun gun and suspended driving. In addition, he had three open warrants for his arrest from other Michigan police agencies and one from the State of Georgia. He was lodged in the Oakland County Jail pending issuance of charges from the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office and arraignment.

### HOLLY MAN'S VEHICLE STOLEN BY FEMALE FRIEND

On Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 3:49 p.m., a Holly police officer was dispatched to a

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### BINGO FOR VETERANS

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary Post 3243, 1148 N. LeRoy St., in Fenton offers BINGO **every Sunday starting at 2:30 p.m.** Community members are invited to attend and play. All proceeds go to assist veterans with bills, medical equipment they need or meals. This is a way that you can support the veterans in the Fenton area.

residence where a male resident told the officer he recently befriended a woman from the Flint area who is struggling with heroin addiction. He allowed her to stay at his home for a few days. He woke up to discover his vehicle and his houseguest were both missing. The man waited to file a report, hoping the 46-year-old Flint woman would return it. The report was filed and the vehicle entered as a stolen vehicle. Officers are investigating.

### HOLLY WOMAN FILES FALSE POLICE REPORT

On Saturday, Nov. 13, at 12:47 a.m., Holly police were dispatched via a 911 call by a woman who reported a man pointed a gun at her during an argument inside her residence. The caller said the man then cocked the gun while he pointed it at her. An officer arrived and determined that there was no gun involved. The 51-year-old Holly woman who reported it admitted she lied, hoping the police would remove the man from her home. The case has been presented to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office for criminal charges for filing a false report to police.

## GALLERY

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"This has been a tough show for me personally as well as I too was a victim. If we do not discuss these things, nothing will ever change. Using art to speak on this topic helps us to dialogue with one another," Anglim said.

She hopes the exhibit helps people learn what women face every day.

"Women should not have to be a victim of violence just because they were born female. I also want to see men get on board and start to let one another know it is not okay to treat women this way. If there could be legislative change happen, that would be wonderful. An example of this is child marriage," Anglim said. Cause & Affect Gallery is located at 126 N. LeRoy St.

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### According to the World Health Organization:

- Violence against women — particularly intimate partner violence and sexual violence — is a major public health problem and a violation of women's human rights.

- Globally, about 1 in 3 (30%) of women worldwide have been subjected to either physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence in their lifetime. Most of this violence is intimate partner violence. Worldwide, almost one third (27%) of women aged 15-49 years who have been in a relationship report that they have been subjected to some form of physical and/or sexual violence by their intimate partner.

- Violence can negatively affect women's physical, mental, sexual, and reproductive health, and may increase the risk of acquiring HIV in some settings.

- Violence against women is preventable. The health sector has an important role to play to provide comprehensive health care to women subjected to violence, and as an entry point for referring women to other support services they may need.

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**CLARIFICATION**

In the Sunday, Nov. 21 edition of the Times, it incorrectly labeled Fenton First Presbyterian Church Pastor Robbie Carnes and his wife Lindsey in a photo regarding the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service. In addition to being his wife, she also is co-pastor of the church.

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**HOT LINE** CONTINUED

**SO, TWO OF** the 17 missionaries kidnapped Oct. 16 in Haiti have been released. One of the children kidnapped is only 8 months old. We must not forget about these people. The gang said they'd murder these people if they don't get \$17 million ransom.

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67th District Court

Ask the

**judge****Sequestration of witnesses**

In my years on the bench, I have found that at the start of almost every criminal or civil trial and at hearings when witnesses are to be called, a motion to sequester witnesses is made by one side or the other or both. Invariably the motion is

granted. I would daresay that all of my fellow judges rule the same way.

There are some very important reasons for this and accordingly I present the following.

The word "sequestration" comes to us from the Latin word "sequestrare," which means to "place in safekeeping."

As to witnesses, it describes the legal term for the removal of potential witnesses from the courtroom until it is their turn to testify and informing them that they shouldn't discuss the case with or reveal their testimony to any other witness.

This is a procedure, which goes back to biblical times and is sometimes called putting a witness "under the rule."

The United States Supreme Court has described the purpose of sequestration as follows:

"The aim of imposing the rule on witnesses is twofold. It exercises a restraint on witnesses tailoring their testimony to that of earlier witnesses and it aids in detecting testimony that is less than candid."

Under both the Federal and Michigan Rules of Evidence, there are three exceptions to sequestration: (1) a party who is a natural person; (2) an officer or employee of a party who is not a natural person designated as its representative by its attorney; (3) a person whose presence is shown by a party to be essential to the presentation of the party's cause.

An example of the third exception is when the officer in charge in a criminal case is allowed to stay in the courtroom to help the prosecutor.

If a witness violates a sequestration order there are three recognized sanctions: (1) contempt; (2) permitting cross examination as to the violation; (3) precluding the witness from testifying.

Witness sequestration has proven to be an effective way of determining the truth and has been called one of the "greatest engines" that man has invented to gauge the individual honesty of each witness.

For a very interesting perspective on all of this, I recommend "Sequestration Of Lay Witnesses And Experts" by my former evidence law professor Ralph Slovenko available online.

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# Nervous about chatter at Thanksgiving table?

■ Try these conversation starters to help avoid political, COVID disagreements and more

**By Sharon Stone**

With so many family members divided on any number of controversial issues today, it might be handy to have some conversation ideas to make this Thanksgiving a day to give thanks and to spend quality time with loved ones.

Easing the tension at the dinner table could be accomplished with a host of topics found below, according to [conversationstartersworld.com](http://conversationstartersworld.com). You also might find out something new about your aunt or uncle or cousin who lives several states away.

- What was the last funny video you saw?
- What is something you are obsessed with?
- What three words best describe you?
- What would be your perfect weekend?
- What are you going to do this weekend?
- What's the most useful thing you own?
- What did you do on your last vacation?
- Who is your oldest friend? Where did you meet them?
- If you had intro music, what song would it be? Why?
- What were you really into when you were a kid?
- If you opened a business, what kind of business would it be?
- What is the strangest dream you have ever had?
- Who in your life brings you the most joy?
- Where is the most beautiful place you have been?
- Who was your best friend in elementary school?
- Where is the most beautiful place near where you live?
- If you had to change your name,

what would your new name be?

- What is your guilty pleasure?
- What do you fear is hiding in the dark?
- What is the silliest fear you have?
- What smell brings back great memories?
- Who is the funniest person you've met?



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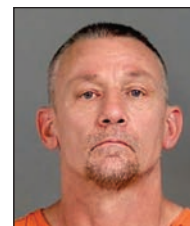
# Fenton Township man to be sentenced Nov. 30

■ Pleads guilty to assault and assaulting/resisting officer — facing other charges

By Sharon Stone

Jack Edward Boshell, 51, of Fenton Township, is to be sentenced Tuesday, Nov. 30 for a incident in Fenton Township, which occurred Sept. 18.

He was arraigned Monday, Sept. 20 in Genesee County 67th District Court on one count of felonious assault, assaulting/resisting a police officer and domestic violence.



Jack Boshell

The charges stem from an incident that the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to in Fenton Township on Saturday, Sept. 18. Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 3400 block of W. Ray Road for a domestic with weapons complaint.

The female victim, a Fenton Township resident, told the deputies that her boyfriend, Boshell, woke up and allegedly assaulted her while she was lying on the couch watching television. She said she went into the garage and he followed her.

The woman reported that Boshell attempted to hit her with a metal pipe and she blocked it with a chair. She

said she ran outside and hid behind a tree. She called 911 and waited for police to arrive.

Sgt. Andrew Snyder said forced entry was made into the residence and Boshell was later found hiding in the rafters over the garage. He refused all orders from the deputies and resisted arrest. Boshell was ultimately arrested and taken into custody.

In a plea agreement, the domestic violence charge was dismissed and Boshell pleaded guilty to assault and resisting/obstructing an officer. His case was bound over to circuit court for sentencing.

During the Nov. 30 sentencing, Boshell also will be sentenced for a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence on July 3 in Grand Blanc Township.

Boshell is facing additional charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, aggravated domestic violence and domestic violence from an incident on Oct. 13 against the same victim as the Sept. 18 incident. A preliminary exam has been scheduled for Dec. 1 at 9 a.m. He remains lodged on \$150,000 bond.

## MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Oct. 29.

### Senate Bill 601: Restrict school face mask mandates and more

To require public schools that impose epidemic-related face mask mandates on students to grant waivers; ban districts from requiring school board meeting attendees to wear a

face mask or get a COVID test; prohibit schools from requiring asymptomatic students to get a COVID test, and more.

### Passed 19 to 15 in the Senate

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

### Senate Bill 600: Prohibit schools requiring students get emergency-use COVID vaccine

To prohibit public or private schools from mandating student get a vaccine authorized solely for emergency use (meaning the COVID vaccines available when the bill was introduced). Also, to ban different requirements for vaccinated and unvaccinated students including separated seating, facemask requirements and more.

See **VOTES** on 16



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# Linden lighted parade to take place Dec. 3

■ Holiday festivities include meeting Santa, an elf hunt and more

By Hannah Ball

Linden's Holiday Happening Lighted Parade & Frosty Fireworks is returning this year on Friday, Dec. 3 to bring holiday cheer to local residents.

The event is put on by Happening in Linden. The parade, called "150 Years of Christmas," begins at 6 p.m. Sue Turpen, board member of Happening in Linden, said it will feature bands, floats, farm equipment that celebrate the local agricultural community and more.

This is the seventh lighted parade in Linden. It will honor Linden's 150 birthday, also called a sesquicentennial, which took place this past summer. The Grand Marshals are the Fairbanks and Warner families, who are descendants of the city's original settlers.

The event begins at 3 p.m. Additional activities include pre-parade entertain-

ment and an Elf on the Shelf contest with registration at the Fire Hall. The Free Masons will sell pastries.

From 5-9 p.m., residents and attendees are encouraged to shop around the city and visit the food trucks. Families can check out the family fun zone at the fire station, which includes a photobooth and elf hunt.

The Linden Museum will be giving tours. Fireworks will take place over the Mill Pond at 7:30 p.m. Children can meet Santa Claus at the newly renovated gazebo until 9 p.m. Refreshments will be available at the VFW Hall and people can enjoy horse and carriage rides and trackless train rides.

Saturday, Dec. 4 is the All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Linden Hotel. It's sponsored by Kiwanis of Linden and Linden Community Schools. The cost is \$7 per person age 5 and up and \$5 for kids 4 and under. The meal includes sausage, a drink and all you can eat pancakes.



Linden's Holiday Happening Lighted Parade & Frosty Fireworks is returning this year on Friday, Dec. 3 to bring holiday cheer to local residents. These photos were taken at the 2019 event. **Times file photos**



This year's Frosty Fireworks will take place over the Linden Mill Pond at 7:30 p.m. **Times file photo**



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## FARMSTEAD

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The township took the project on in 2014 to save the approximately 120-year-old, 80-ton barn. Leaders had a vision of turning the site into a venue that could support agricultural education, and even offer a music and wedding venue.

The property at 13409 N. Holly Rd. is the home to the original Holly Township supervisor when the township was certified in 1838.

The entire scope of services include the project management plan, site plan, site prep, and fence design and planning. For now, with the board's approval, engineers and planners will begin with just the project management plan and site plan.

Kullis said the barn project has seen its share of setbacks during this pandemic. A lack of available contractors along with material shortages has caused the township to abandon any previous time frames they had set.

After sending out multiple request for proposals (RFPs), in two separate attempts, they chose two contractors, one for the back wall and one for the front doors. For the past two months, the work has been progressing on the back wall as materials became available.

The contract has been signed for the front doors, however, they are still waiting on materials.

The lower section will house some historical farm implements along with telling the story of how this was a dairy farm. The upper level will be turned into an event barn for public and private use.

Kullis said currently the project is in the engineering stage. They have the master plan, which is their overall idea, however, engineers need to review topography, parking lot, moving the building, check utilities and septic fields. He said they are working on all of this to create a site plan, which is needed for any construction.

The stalls in the lower level will have a dual purpose. The master plan called for stalls to tell the story of the dairy farm. The stalls now can be used for horses if there is a weekend event, for example. The stalls will also cover the historical aspect of the barn.

Kullis said the contract for the front of the barn had to be reassigned and the new contractor is waiting for materials. The back doors are complete.

In September 2017, the massive red barn was moved 40 feet to the west. It was lifted from its failing foundation in order to construct a new foundation.

In September 2018, from the outside, the Holly Heritage Farmstead was idyllic with its white farmhouse and red barn sitting on a brand new concrete foundation. But underneath, a big problem was slowing the project down and could cost the township money. At several critical locations, the floor beams weren't lining up with the attachment

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The back wall of the Holly Heritage Farmstead barn shows progress of an extensive renovating project. **Submitted photo**

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## FARMSTEAD

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points of the foundation itself, called pilasters, nor were the concrete bases for the vertical floor supports.

The problem was eventually solved without litigation or extra taxpayer money being spent — but it took a year.

During the Holly Township Board of Trustee meeting Aug. 18, Kullis announced the township received a gift of \$500,000 by the Charles Harding Stewart Mott family to be used exclusively for the Holly Heritage Farmstead project.



Two horse stalls have been constructed at the Farmstead barn. They will serve as a historical feature, as well as a place for horses to stay during an event on the property in the future.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

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### House explosion in Flint heard in Fenton area

At approximately 9:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 22, a home in the 3900 block of Hogarth Avenue between I-75 and S. Ballenger Hwy and north of Miller Road exploded causing extensive damage to neighboring homes. Dozens of people as far south as Fenton and Argentine townships reported on social media of hearing the explosion. The explosion is under investigation and as of Tuesday morning there was one reported death and two injured people.

### VOTES

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**Passed 19 to 15 in the Senate**

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

### Senate Bill 602: Ban certain state face mask mandates in schools

To prohibit the state health department from issuing an order that requires schoolchildren who are asymptomatic for COVID-19 to wear a face mask, receive an experimental drug vaccination (meaning one for COVID), or get tested for COVID-19. This would apply to attending school, riding the bus, or participating in on- or off-campus extracurriculars. This would also apply to adults attending school board meetings.

**Passed 19 to 15 in the Senate**

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

### House Bill 4485: Keep cigar tax cap

To repeal the Oct. 1, 2021 sunset on a law that caps the 32% tobacco tax imposed on cigars at 50 cents per cigar. In other words, if the bill becomes law, the 50-cent cap would remain in effect.

**Passed 28 to 6 in the Senate**

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)	YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)	YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	YES
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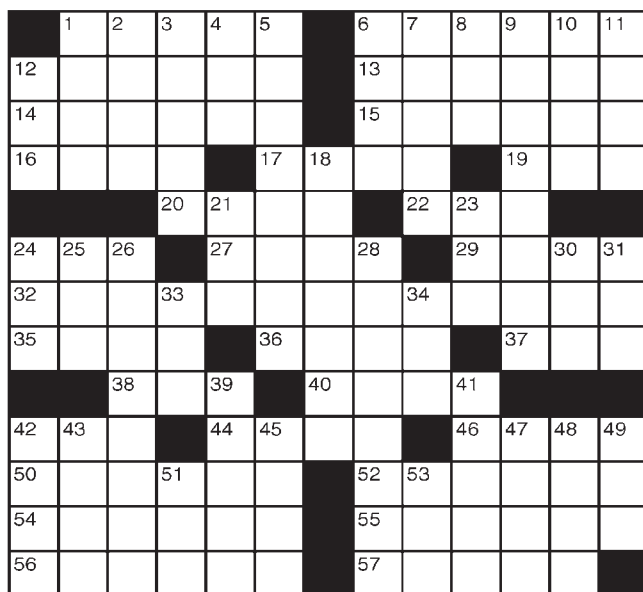
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## ACROSS

- 1 Paid (up)  
6 Tennis star Graf  
12 False  
13 Sounded content  
14 Warm, as left-overs  
15 Not certain  
16 Cruise stop  
17 Farm unit  
19 Garden of Food Network  
20 Austen novel  
22 Perched  
24 Recede  
27 Force  
29 Pleasing  
32 Symbolic first step toward getting hired

- 35 Cab  
36 British noble  
37 Egg quaff  
38 Existed  
40 Squabble  
42 Past  
44 Furnace fuel  
46 Volcanic flow  
50 Cheered (for)  
52 Ogled  
54 Topical anti-septic  
55 Builds  
56 Strong points  
57 "Midnight Cowboy" role



## DOWN

- 1 Grieg's "— Death"  
2 Actress Patricia  
3 Private pupil  
4 Sch. URL ender  
5 "Feel-good" brain chemical  
6 Incite  
7 Jukebox picks  
8 Hosp. areas  
9 Fulfillment  
10 Office plant  
11 Notion

- 12 Greek consonant  
18 Bach's "Coffee —"  
21 1501, in Roman numerals  
23 Moreover  
24 Newt  
25 Large snake  
26 Ornamental garden trees  
28 Best-selling Michael Jackson album  
30 Bill's partner

- 31 Work unit  
33 Spanish aunt  
34 Sprite  
39 Potpourri output  
41 Swift  
42 Met melody  
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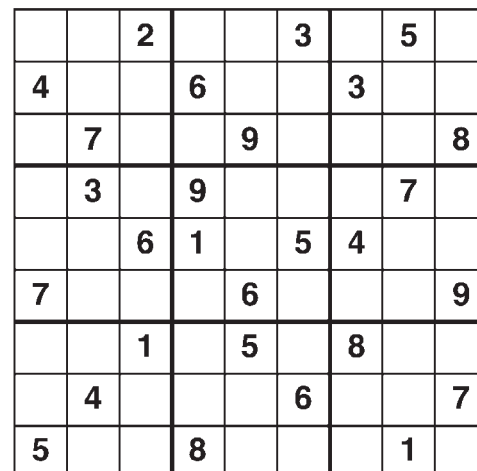
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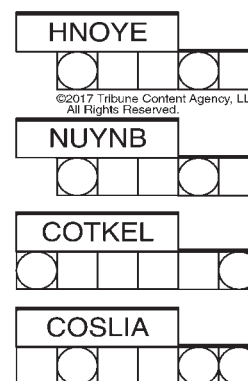
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## JUMBLE

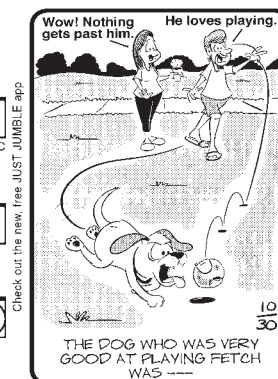
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## Horoscopes

For the week of  
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## ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, family tops your list of priorities. You are likely to spend considerable time with loved ones in the days to come. Relish in all the opportunities to enjoy one another.

## TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

You may feel uneasy or worried for unknown reasons, Taurus. Trust your gut in this instance and steer clear of trouble should it try to find you.

## GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, focus on keeping your cool even if others are trying to provoke you. Be the bigger person in all of your interactions. You have great control of your emotions.

## CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you have been working very hard lately and this may result in an overactive and tired mind. You should factor in a break so you can recharge your body and spirit.

## LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

The conditions are right for finishing important tasks, Leo. You will be able to come up with wonderful ideas that have true staying power. Pursue your options.

## VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, your energy will remain high this week, enabling you to get many things done. Additionally, you may have a big change coming, like buying property or landing a new job.

## LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Be confident and listen to your instincts, Libra. Do so before undertaking any important tasks that turn up in the days or weeks ahead.

## SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, it may be tempting to shirk your responsibilities right now, but resist that temptation. Keep your head down and keep working. It will all soon prove worth it.

## SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you may have to reset your priorities, as new information has come to the surface. Prioritize responsibilities so major issues are taken care of first.

## CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, unavoidable situations may cross your path and it is important that you stay the course. Committing to tackling things head is the most productive approach.

## AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you treasure friends and family, and this week calls for an important decision that could affect them all. It may be tough but you will make the right call.

## PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, minor obstacles are in your path and it's easy to get frustrated. Once you clear the hurdles it will be smooth sailing before long.

## WATER

### Continued from Front Page

increases, which will be reflected in the January bill. The city's last rate increase the city had was in 2009. The increase was necessary due to rising costs of chemicals, maintenance and unfunded state mandates.

In October, Fenton City received a letter from Genesee County that its sewer rates were increasing by \$0.57 per 1,000 gallons and \$3.30 for the Ready to Serve charge per quarter. This increase was not included in the city's previous rate study as Genesee County had not done its own study.

In May, Fenton City Council was presented with the increase that was proposed in the rate study that was completed in December 2020. The city had proposed a \$1.00 per 1,000-gallon commodity increase along with an \$11.60 (see sidebar below) increase to the capital charge increasing the amount due from \$40.40 to \$52.

It was requested by City Council to delay the capital increase until after the new refuse and recycling rates took effect. Now that those new rates have taken effect, the city is asking for the capital charge increase that was proposed by the rate study.

In a memo from Jon Satkowiak Jr, Fenton city treasurer to City Manager Lynn Markland, Satkowiak said the treasurer's department was proposing that City Council adjust the rates to reflect the following amounts.

### • WATER

#### CURRENT RATE

Capital Charge: \$40.40  
Meter Charge: \$17.60  
Commodity Charge: \$6.20

#### PROPOSED RATE

Capital Charge: \$52.00  
Meter Charge: \$17.60  
Commodity Charge: \$6.20

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#### CURRENT RATE

Capital Charge: \$7.00  
Ready to Serve: \$18.30  
Commodity Charge: \$5.65

#### PROPOSED RATE

Capital Charge: \$7.00  
Ready to Serve: \$21.60 (county charge)

Commodity Charge: \$6.22 (includes from the Genesee County Drain Commission)

In his memo, Satkowiak wrote that his office recommended that Fenton City Council approve the increase to the water and sewer rates to reflect the sewer increase by Genesee County. The water charges reported in the most recent rate study would be reflected on the January 2022 bill.

Satkowiak said, "We were grateful for the unanimous approval of the City Council for these rate increases. Part of the increase was held over from a water-rate study we did last year, because we knew our new refuse collection contract would help offset the increase. And we did have to pass on to customers the Genesee County sewer increase, which was based on their own recent rate study."

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A Pre-Bid meeting will be held at Holly High School, located at 6161 E Holly Rd, Holly, MI 48442 on **Thursday, December 2nd at 3:00 PM**. The meeting will be held on-site at the main entrance.

An opaque envelope bearing your proposal must identify your company, the project being bid "Holly Area Schools 2021 Bond Construction Projects" and "Sealed Bid, Do Not Open". The proposal shall be addressed to the attention of Mr. Scott Roper, Superintendent, Holly Area Schools, 920 Baird Street, Holly, MI 48442.

Bids must be delivered no later than **12:00 noon, Thursday December 16, 2021** to Holly Area School District at the address noted above or AUCH Construction. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the Construction Manager and must be completed in full. Familial Disclosure Statement and the Affidavit of Compliance to the Iran Economic Sanctions Act must both be completed and notarized. A bid bond executed by a U.S. Treasury Listed Surety Company acceptable to AUCH Construction or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Holly Area Schools shall be submitted with each proposal in excess of **\$26,046.00**. All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at a meeting convened at the Holly Area Schools Administration Building located at 920 Baird Street, Holly, MI 48442 starting at 1:30 PM on December 16, 2021.

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Fenton's Gracie Olsen earned her third straight Division 2 state 100-yard butterfly state championship by winning Saturday's finals event with a time of 54.19 seconds. **Photo: David Troppens**

# Olsen collects third straight 100 fly state title

By David Troppens

**Rochester Hills** — Ask Gracie Olsen which event is probably her favorite in the pool and the Fenton senior will probably answer the 100 yard butterfly.

"That one was fun. I just love racing that event," Gracie said about performing in the finals of the 100 butterfly at the Division 2 MHSAA Girls Swimming and Diving Championship held

at Oakland University on Saturday. "Even in practice, I enjoy it. The only thing I was thinking about (during the finals) was just having fun with this."

Olsen had fun. She won her third 100 butterfly individual state championship of her career by posting a time of 55.40 seconds, 1.42 seconds ahead of the rest of the field. Olsen doesn't remember too much about the race,

though.

"I don't even remember that race," Olsen said. "Sometimes I will be swimming and I just can't remember anything about it. My mind was so focused in and when I finished all I can think about is just what happened."

What happened was Olsen's third butterfly title and her sixth individual

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### A day to remember for Fenton girls swim team

■ Olsen captures fifth, sixth event state championships; earns fifth with Heavner by her side in 200 IM event

By David Troppens

**Rochester Hills** — Fenton senior Gracie Olsen knows how it feels to win an individual event state championship.

Entering Saturday's Division 2 MHSAA Girls Swimming and Diving Championship, she had already won four in her first three seasons with the Tigers.

But on Saturday, she had a unique experience she will probably never forget when she won her fifth individual event state title. She was able to share it with a teammate in the lane right next to her.

The Tigers were able to enjoy one of the greatest moments in Fenton girls swim history when teammates Olsen and freshman Tess Heavner were able to finish the 200 individual medley in first- and second-place respectively. Olsen earned the individual medley state title with a time of 2:01.58, dominating the field by more than three seconds. Finishing second was Heavner, who was competing in her first-ever state individual event final right next to Olsen, with an equally impressive time

of 2:04.92. In fact, Heavner didn't have much competition for second as St. Clair Shores Lakeview's Elly Belmore took third with a time of 2:06.09, more than a second slower than Heavner's time. The two teammates smiled and hugged after the event.

"That was so special," Olsen said. "Having someone on my team side-by-side is just so fun. How could it not be? We are

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Fenton's varsity girls swimming and diving team finished fourth at the Division 2 state swim meet held at Oakland University on Saturday. (Above) Gracie Olsen (background) and Tess Heavner finished 1-2 in the 200 individual medley. (Left) The Tigers celebrate their team trophy with fans in the stands. There are many more photos at [tctimes.com](http://tctimes.com).

**Photos: David Troppens**

■ Tigers' 400 freestyle relay finish helps lead Fenton to trophy-earning fourth-place team effort

By David Troppens

**Rochester Hills** — Entering the final event at the 2021 Division 2 MHSAA Girls Swimming and Diving Championship, the Fenton Tigers still had a mission to accomplish.

The squad wanted to become the first Fenton girls swim team to ever bring home a Division 2 team trophy. They had done it in 1999 and 2000 when the Tigers brought home a fourth-place finish when the state meet was a Class B/C/D event, but never in the current Division 2 format.

The Tigers entered the 400 freestyle relay tied with Birmingham Groves with the final event going to decide who was going to take home the fourth-place team trophy.

Fenton's 400 freestyle relay team of Sophie Stefanac, Tess Heavner, Sana Saab and Gracie Olsen combined to take third place in the event — two places ahead of Birmingham Groves's fifth-place effort — earning the

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event state championship of her prep career, the most in Fenton High School history. Olsen winning the title wasn't a shock. In fact, it was expected. She entered the meet with a seed time of 55.25 seconds, the best in the field. During Friday's preliminary races, she maintained her No. 1 seed by recording a time of 55.49, .42 seconds better than Grosse Pointe South's Olivia Yoo. In Saturday's final, it came down to Olsen and Yoo again, but no one was going to stop Olsen in her final individual event final of her prep career. She led at the 50 yard mark with a time of 25.45, .62 seconds ahead of Yoo. Olsen maintained that lead during the final 50 yards and earned automatic All-American credentials with her time of 54.19 seconds.

Olsen, who will continue her swimming career at Indiana University in the fall, won the 100 butterfly event her junior season with a time of 55.18 seconds. She also won it her sophomore season with a time of 54.62 seconds. The only season she didn't win the 100 butterfly event at the state meet was during her freshman year when she finished second with a time of 55.69 seconds.

"We can make a list of all of her accolades, but she's also one of the greatest kids in school history," Fenton varsity girls swimming coach Brad Jones said. "She takes her role as a team leader more important than anything else. Taking care of the team is her top priority and that's why she's successful."

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working together for that team and it's different when you are alone (in a race without teammates). I'm in this race alone for my team and it's on me, but when you are in a race together it's like 'All right, we are in this, we can go 1-2 and we can do this.'"

"It was awesome," Heavner said about the experience. "It was so exciting. We were just telling each other good job, gave each other a hug and said how happy we were."

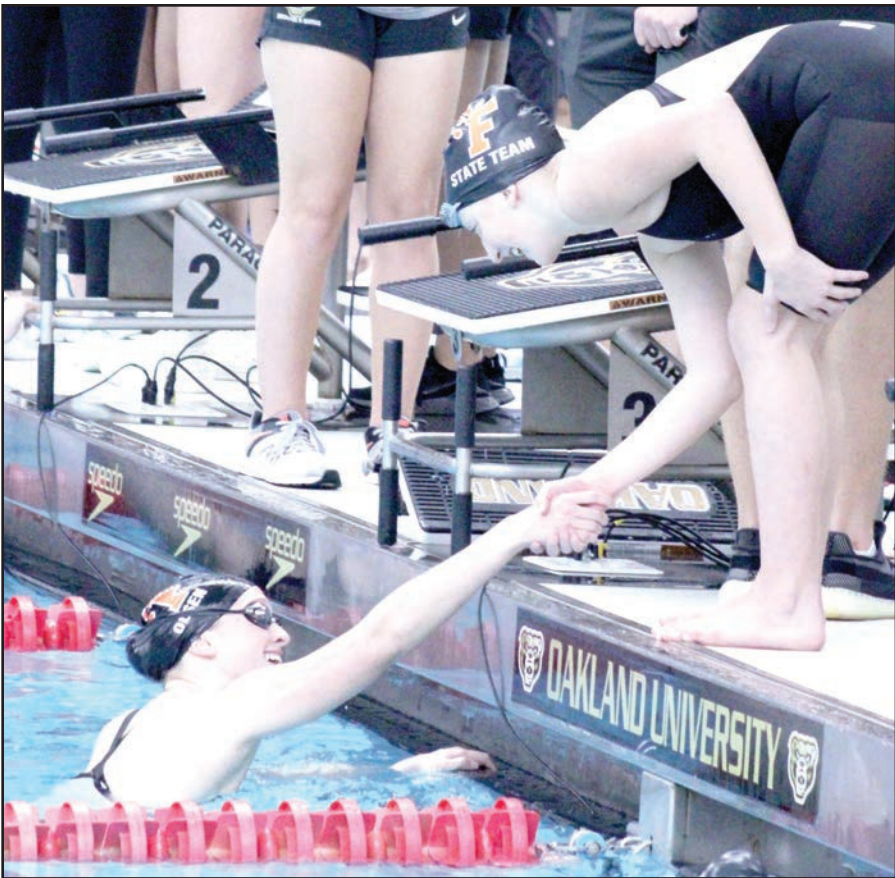
Olsen entered the meet with the top seed time of 2:02.85 while Heavner had the second seeded time of 2:05.85. During Friday's preliminary round, Olsen posted a time of 2:02.90, earning the top seed and the right to select the introduction song for Saturday's final event. This time she picked Run DMC's "It's Tricky."

Olsen's IM title was locked up about halfway through the race. She finished the first 100 56.70 seconds, about a second faster than Heavner's second-place time of 57.82 seconds. The pair only extended their lead on the rest of the field from there.

Olsen admits she was nervous entering the race.

"I was so nervous," Olsen said. "I've been thinking about it the last few days and this was one of my last chances to reach my goals. I was really nervous right until we started walking out and the music started playing. Then my nervousness became adrenaline and I was like, 'All right, it's go time, leave everything out there. This is your last one.'"

Olsen also won the 200 individual medley during her freshman season, posting a time of 2:03.19.



Gracie Olsen gets help out of the pool after the Tigers finished the 400 freestyle relay with a third-place finish. Photo: David Troppens



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Tigers their much desired hardware. Fenton finished the D2 state meet at Oakland University with a school-best point total of 154, earning fourth by four points. Grand Rapids Northview finished third with 191 points while Grosse Pointe South (241) and Birmingham Seaholm (314.5) finished second and first, respectively.

"It was just so exciting," Fenton junior Sana Saab said about the final relay. "The last event — there's so much adrenaline and so much cheering, it's exciting. You do it and you just jump in. It's an awesome amazing feeling. To be out there and you know you've been working hard all season, knowing that it is obtainable, and it is. We got it."

"It's crazy because we've never had it in team history before," fellow junior Sophie Stefanac said. "I feel it's a great group of girls to earn it with and we all worked do hard for it."

"We knew what we had to do and we all just tried our hardest and it worked out for us," freshman Tess Heavner said.

Overall, the Tigers accomplished more than a fourth-place team finish. Olsen captured two more individual state titles, giv-

ing her six for her prep career. Heavner finished second to Olsen in one of those events and earned a third in another event while Heavner had a states final and a consolation final race of her own. Finally, the squad opened Saturday's championship day with a third-place finish in the 200 medley relay. All of the points collected were needed to earn the fourth-place team finish, but it was the 400 freestyle relay that the final points were earned.

The Tigers opened the race with Stefanac posting a 55.19 time during her 100 yards. The Tigers were about .6 seconds ahead of Groves at that time. Heavner, a freshman, was Fenton's second swimmer and finished her 100 with a time of 53.03 seconds, putting the Tigers in a comfortable third place, about three seconds off Groves at the time. Saab was next and swam a 54.80, keeping the Tigers in third during her 100. Finally, Olsen, a senior, capped her Fenton prep career with a time of 50.14 during her 100, icing up third place easily, about four seconds faster than Groves.

"We knew that this was going to be the most intense race the whole meet," Olsen said. "I think we all could feel it, and we knew we were going to do this. There's no way we can't do this, and it all came

together. There was some emotions before that — oh my gosh, this is the last one — but the fact we pulled it off, I think is amazing. I knew we could and the end result is so cool."

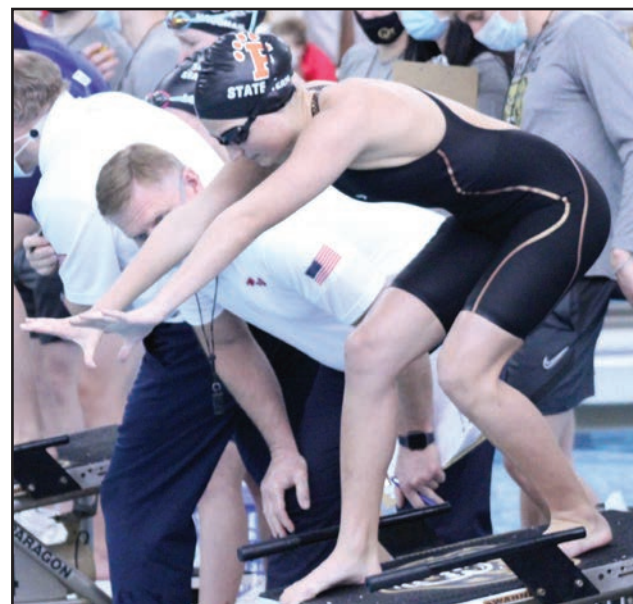
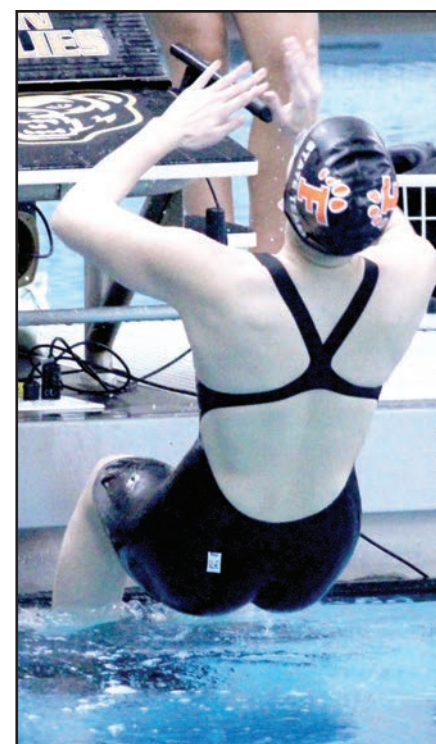
"It's been 2000 since our last trophy and this was our first one in Division 2," Fenton varsity girls swim coach Brad Jones said. "We knew this group coming in when Gracie was a freshman was going to be special and at the beginning of the year we looked where we were at and knew that this was possible. We thought it would come down to the 400 free relay and we knew if it did, we had the girls to do it. The girls knew exactly where we were and what they had to do. And with Gracie on the anchor, you couldn't feel more confident when it's that close. When you are in a tight situation and you have Gracie as your anchor, there's no better way."

Saturday's second day of the meet began with Fenton's 200 medley relay team of Stefanac, Heavner, Olsen and Saab taking third with a time of 1:46.38.

The next event was another pretty outstanding moment when Olsen and Heavner finished 1-2 in the 200 individual medley, giving Olsen her fifth individual state title of her career. Olsen posted a time of 2:02.90 while Heavner finished with a time of 2:04.60. Three events later, Olsen won her sixth — and final — individual event title while she won the 100 butterfly with an All-American time of 54.19. That helped set up the Tigers' run for a team trophy.

Stefanac picked up a few more team points with a 14th-place finish in the 100 freestyle (54.35), and followed that effort with an All-State fifth-place effort in the 100 backstroke (58.53). Heavner put together her second All-State individual performance in the next race, the 100 breaststroke. She posted a time of 1:04.39. Those points helped set up the 400 freestyle relay being the vital event to earn the Tigers their fourth-place team performance.

"From the very beginning when I showed up in camp, I started feeling the



(Top photo) Sophie Stefanac begins the final of the 100 backstroke at the Division 2 state swim meet held at Oakland University. She placed fifth in the event. (Immediately above) Sana Saab prepares to dive in the pool during the 400 freestyle relay. Photos: David Troppens

team energy," Heavner said. "It's always super fun to swim with these girls and represent Fenton."

"It's amazing. I love this team," Saab said. "Honestly, this is the most fun I've ever had swimming. This was my first time going to states. The excitement and how everyone is cheering up and down and yelling — I don't think I could ever forget it."

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