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Local superintendents respond to mass school shooting

NEW Patients

Assure families that students' safety is their top priority

By Sharon Stone

In light of the mass school shooting that left four dead and another seven injured at Oxford High School on Tuesday, Nov. 30, the Times reached out to our four local school superintendents to give them an opportunity to share their thoughts and what each of the school districts has been doing to prevent such an event.

Holly Area Schools closed Thursday and Friday due to reported threats and all 21 school districts in Genesee County closed schools on See **SUPERINTENDENTS** on 14

Mass shooting at Oxford High School stuns community

Weekend *Imps

■Alleged shooter charged with four counts of first-degree murder, terrorism — his parents also charged

By Sharon Stone

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> Hana St. Juliana. Tate Myre. Madisyn Baldwin. Those of the names of the three Oxford High School students who were fatally shot Tuesday, Nov. 30 while at school. Hana was 14. Tate was 16. Madisyn was 17. Tate died inside a patrol car as sheriff's deputies rushed him to a hospital.

> On Wednesday, Dec. 1, Oakland County Undersheriff Michael McCabe reported that Justin Shilling, 17, succumbed to his See **SHOOTING** on 10



Tate Myre, Madisyn Baldwin and Hana St. Juliana were shot and killed Tuesday, Nov. 20 while at Oxford High School in Oakland County. Another student shot, 17-year-old Justin Shilling, died from his injuries Wednesday morning. The alleged shooter is a 15-year-old sophomore from the school. Six other high school students and one teacher also were shot.

Fenton DPW is ready for winter

Director says their goal is to be winter ready by Nov. 1 every year

By Hannah Ball

Approximately 2 inches of snow fell on the Fenton area Saturday, Nov. 27, which was the area's first snowfall of the 2021/2022 winter season.

Trees, buildings and roads were covered in the fluffy, white substance. Enough snow fell in a few See **DPW** on 13



The Center of Hope is moving into a new location off Fenton Road in front of Camp Copneconic. The complex includes four buildings, which will be used for the food pantry, baby closet, classrooms and short-term housing. **See story on page 21. Submitted photo**

Deputy struck by car while searching for suspect

Sheriff's office looking for male in his 30s who broke into home on N. Long Lake Road

By Sharon Stone

At approximately 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 29, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies responded to the 2000 block of N. Long Lake Road in Fenton Township for a home invasion. The suspect was not See **BROKE INTO** on 12



66 Prayers,

strength and hope to families of the Oxford High School shooting. So many families ruined within minutes. Why? I'm glad the parents are also being charged since that is where the shooter got the gun from."

G To the Hot-liner on not

voting for the hike in water rates. We don't vote on city business. We vote on our candidates of choice who best represent us to manage city business. Also the county increased the rates on the city. I believe this was a pass on to the users."



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Three sheriff's deputies recently injured

Two incidents happened in Fenton Township

By Hannah Ball

Flint — Three Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were injured recently, two of which occurred in Fenton Township.

During his weekly press conference on Wednesday, Dec. 1, Sheriff Chris Swanson described the three incidents.

"They were hit, dragged, they were smashed just doing their jobs. It's important that we use these briefings to educate people," he said. "Just in America, since Jan. 1 of 2021, 55 police officers have been killed in auto related accidents. In America, of the 438 killed, 55 of them are from accidents."

Fenton Township traffic stop

On Nov. 22 at around 9:22 a.m., Dep. Jacob Bilanow made a traffic stop on Fenton Road near Butcher Road. The driver was male and the passenger was female. The driver of the vehicle being stopped drove off and Bilanow was knocked to the ground by the vehicle. He suffered a deep laceration to his head. The deputy received significant wound care to his injury at a local hospital and was discharged. Both suspects were located and arrested.



Three Genesee County Sheriff's Office deputies, from left, Jim Duhart, Geno Gatica and Jacob Bilanow, were recently injured while on duty. Photo: Hannah Ball

Bilanow said it happened so fast he couldn't react. He was dazed after. Swanson said he received 12 staples on the side of his head. He thanked him for his service.

The driver, later identified as Omokaro Olise, 35, of Flint, was charged Nov. 22 with assaulting a police officer, fleeing and eluding a police officer, security fail and driving an unregistered vehicle. He was released on bond and has a probable cause conference Dec. 9 in Genesee County 67th District Court.

Fenton Township occupied home invasion

On Monday, Nov. 29, GCSO deputies responded to a home invasion in the 2000 block of N. Long Lake Road in See INJURED on 18



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The immortal life of excellent books

Words with Hannah

Nonfiction is one of the most impressive genres of writing, if not the most impressive. When done well, these writers take actual human beings that did amazing things or went through amazing, world-changing events and make them into characters on a page that readers can empathize with.

"Radium Girls" by Kate

Moore and "The Devil in the White City" by Erik Larson are some of my favorite nonfiction books, along with "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot.

A recent article about a John Hopkins court case brought the book back into the limelight and into my head.

The entire world owes a debt of gratitude to Henrietta Lacks for her involuntary, unwilling contribution to the medical community. Lacks, 30, was a mother of five in 1951 when she went to John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore because she had a lump on her womb.

The tumor grew and grew, and the cancer spread so fast through her body that she died less than a year after her first visit to John Hopkins.

The doctors biopsied her cells and noticed that they divided rapidly and didn't stop.

Dr. George Gey successfully cultured the first immortal human cell line using cells from Henrietta's cervix, which are called HeLa after the first two initials of Henrietta's first and last names, according to rebeccaskloot. com.

After she died, doctors took more samples during the autopsy without her family's consent. HeLa cells were the first human cells to be suc-

cessfully cloned. They helped create breakthroughs in developing the polio vaccine, gene mapping and more.

For decades, scientists used her cells without knowing the woman or the circumstances of her life.

It wasn't until 1973 that the Lacks family first learned that Henrietta's cells were still alive and being used for scientific advancement. They haven't received any money from the sale of these cells. That same year, researchers from John Hopkins took samples from her children to continue work on HeLa research without their informed consent.

In 1975, Rolling Stone published an article about HeLa, and this is when her children first learn they were commercialized.

Over the next few decades, multiple court cases are heard about whether people have a right to their cells after the cells have left their body. There's a very good timeline at rebeccaskloot. com. It took Skloot 10 years to write the book. It details how she gets in touch with the family, how they're deeply distrustful of reporters and scientists, and ultimately how the HeLa cells affected them and the world. It's a deeply emotional book that perfectly balances the science behind the cells, the evolving laws and Skloot's friendship with the family.

This past October, the family of Henrietta sued Thermo Fisher Scientific for allegedly selling their late family member's stolen cells. John Hopkins has a nice webpage dedicated to Henrietta at hopkinsmedicine.org/henriettalacks/.

"Although Mrs. Lacks ultimately passed away on October 4, 1951, at the age of 31, her cells continue to impact the world," according to the site, which states that John Hopkins never sold nor profited from the distribution or discovery of her cells. "Having reviewed our interactions with Henrietta Lacks and with the Lacks family over more than 50 years, we found that Johns Hopkins could have — and should have — done more to inform and work with members of Henrietta Lacks' family out of respect for them, their privacy and their personal interests."

I can't recommend the book enough. It would make a perfect Christmas gift, and it can be bought at Fenton's Open Book.

Hotlines

Submit Hot lines online at myfen or text to 810-771-8398

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

DID YOU HEAR about the SUV that killed those people in Wisconsin? I saw it on CNN. The crazy thing is that same SUV ran over its owner's girlfriend a week before that. Straight out of a Stephen King novel. I think someone should disconnect that battery.



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.

Oxford High School shooting

Dear Editor,

I am not at all anti gun, but I am anti irresponsible gun ownership. It is time Michigan makes it a major felony to inadequately secure a firearm, which then falls into the hands of a minor child with resulting injury or death to others. Lock up the firearm's owner, too, for the agony they have spawned by their sociopathic recklessness. — Robert Wolf, Fenton

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

What are good Christmas gifts to buy for men?



"My husband loves the Irish Spring gift sets, slippers, and gift cards to Home Depot (I swear it's the men's version of Target)."

Chelsea Horton Grand Blanc



"Cordless drills. You can never have too many! Tools are always good. Hunting and fishing stuff. Gift cards to places like Home Depot, Bass Pro, or Rural King." Jimmy Alber, Fenton



"Gift certificate for his precious baby to be detailed or the special coating on the paint."

street talk



"Any quality tools, outdoor gear. And remember if you want a husband buy that man a boat lol."

Nicole Cieslak Durand



Hannah Ball Staff Reporter

Fenton Township man sentenced

To spend up to five years behind bars for assault, resisting police, impaired driving and more

By Sharon Stone

Jack Edward Boshell, 51, of Fenton Township, was sentenced Tuesday, Nov. 30 for an incident in Fenton Township,

which occurred Sept. 18. He was facing one count of felonious assault, assaulting/ resisting a police officer.

He was sentenced to 13 to 48 months imprisonment for felonious assault and 13 months to 24 months for assaulting/resisting an officer. He was given 39 days credit for time served. The

sentences will run concurrent with each other.

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.

Sgt. Andrew Snyder said forced entry was made into the residence

Jack Boshell

the garage. He refused all orders from the deputies and resisted arrest. Boshell was ultimately arrested and taken into custody. During the Nov. 30 sentancing Bashell also was

and Boshell was later found

hiding in the rafters over

sentencing, Boshell also was sentenced for a misdemeanor

charge of driving under the influence on July 3 in Grand Blanc Township. He was sentenced to 13 months minimum and up to 60 months maximum. He was given 40 days credit for time served.

Boshell was facing additional See **SENTENCED** on 26

Holly schools close Thursday, Friday

Threats deemed not credible, but district superintendent and police chief make decision following mass shooting in Oxford

By Sharon Stone

Out of an abundance of caution and due to the overwhelming and outpouring of concern from their students, staff and families, Holly Area Schools Superintendent Scott Roper and Holly Police Chief Jerry Narsh made the decision to close schools Thursday, Dec. 2 and Friday, Dec. 3.

They made the announcement through a Dec. 1 letter to parents and families within the district.

In the letter, they said that at the end of school day on Wednesday, district administration received multiple reports of a potential shooting threat against Holly Area Schools that had been posted on social media. In response, Holly Area Schools began a joint investigation with the Holly Police Department.

The police department interviewed

a number of students who have shared these posts. The investigation has produced no source for the original threat, but instead several second and third-hand reports from individuals sharing what they heard others say.

At that point, the police department deemed the threat not credible due to a lack of evidence. But given the circumstances, and the mass shooting that happened at nearby Oxford High School on Tuesday, Roper and Narsh said they wanted to take the next two days to ask the community to share any information regarding any threats with school administration or the Holly Police Department at (248) 858-4911.

Roper and Narsh ask that the students and community stop sharing the threats on social media platforms. They say doing this actually causes duplicate reports that tie up scarce resources and distract from the investigation. They urge anyone to provide any information to the phone number above.

See SCHOOLS CLOSE on 15

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Local funeral home offers support

To help those coping with grief during the holidays

For those suffering from grief of any kind as we enter the holiday season of 2021, Sharp Funeral Homes stands as a source of guidance and resources. The staff at Sharp Funeral Homes wishes to extend their help to anyone who may feel that their grief is increased by the presence of the holidays.

The Sharp family has served Genesee County for over a century, and in that time they have encountered nearly every kind of grief that follows the loss of a loved one. What they have found is that the feelings of loss and despair that frequently linger with us can intensify between November and January.

Whether it has been a month or 10 years since the passing of a loved one, holiday events and traditions can have the unintended effect of reminding us of those who are missing from these moments, causing us to feel the pain of their loss to a greater degree.



If your grief and despair over the loss of a loved one increases during the holidays, there is support available. Sharp Funeral Homes offers grief support programs to anyone who needs help.

"In our profession, you learn a lot about the nature of grief," said Roger Sharp, Sharp Funeral Homes CEO. "Year after year, we have observed an unfortunate connection between the holidays and a resurgence of grief because of the tradition of gathering together with loved ones to celebrate, causing missing loved ones to become more prominent. We would like to remind families that we are here to help them through grief, and that they don't have to suffer alone."

To help the families they serve combat grief, Sharp Funeral Homes has compiled a vast collection of resources dedicated to helping people begin their path to healing. These resources include professional therapists and counselors, online programs, monthly support meetings, and a year-long daily grief support email program.

For more information about Sharp's "Helping the Bereaved" grief support meetings, visit sharpfuneralhomes. com/helping-the-bereaved. For more information on the rest of Sharp's grief resources, visit sharpfuneralhomes. com/grief-resources.

For questions and more information, contact Sharp at (810) 239-8800.

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LOOKING BACK at this week in **HISTORY**

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

DEC. 5

1945: At 2:10 p.m., five U.S. Navy Avenger torpedo-bombers comprising Flight 19 take off from the Ft. Lauderdale Naval Air Station in Florida on a routine three-hour training mission. Flight 19 was scheduled to take them due east for 120 miles, north for 73 miles, and then back over a final 120-mile leg that would return them to the



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naval base. They never returned. Two hours after the flight began, the leader of the squadron reported that his compass and back-up compass had failed and that his position was unknown. Other planes experienced similar instrument malfunctions. Radio facilities on land were contacted to find the location of the lost squadron, but none were successful. After two more hours of confused messages from the fliers, a distorted radio transmission from the squadron leader was heard at 6:20 p.m., apparently calling for his men to prepare to ditch their aircraft simultaneously because of lack of fuel.

DEC. 6

1907: In West Virginia's Marion County, an explosion in a network of mines owned by the Fairmont Coal Company in Monongah kills 361 coal miners. It was the worst mining disaster in American history. In 1883, the creation of the Norfolk and Western Railway opened a gateway to the untapped coalfields of southwestern West Virginia. New towns sprung up in the region virtually overnight as European immigrants and African Americans from the south poured into southern West Virginia in pursuit of a livelihood from the new industry.

DEC. 7

1941: At 7:55 a.m. Hawaii time, a Japanese dive bomber bearing the red symbol of the Rising Sun of Japan on its wings appears out of the clouds above the island of Oahu. A swarm of 360 Japanese warplanes followed, descending on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in a ferocious assault. The surprise attack struck a critical blow against the U.S. Pacific fleet and drew the United States irrevocably into World War II. The day after Pearl Harbor was bombed, President Roosevelt appeared before a joint session of Congress and declared, "Yesterday, December 7, 1941 — a date which will live in infamy — the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan."

DEC. 8

1980: John Lennon, a former member of the Beatles, the rock group that transformed popular music in the 1960s, is shot and killed by an obsessed fan in New York City. The 40-year-old artist was entering his luxury Manhattan apartment building when Mark David Chapman shot him four times at close range with a .38-caliber revolver. Lennon, bleeding profusely, was rushed to the hospital but died en route. Chapman had received an autograph from Lennon earlier in the day and voluntarily remained at the scene of the shooting until he was arrested by police. For a week, hundreds of bereaved fans kept a vigil outside the Dakota-Lennon's apartment building - and demonstrations of mourning were held around the world.

DEC. 9

2016: The World Anti-Doping Agency details a vast "institutional conspiracy" involving Russian officials and more than 1,000 athletes in systematic doping at major athletic competitions, including the Olympics. A second WADA report says the conspiracy involves the Russian Sports Ministry, national anti-doping agency and the FSB intelligence service and that the cheating and cover-ups were on an "unprecedented scale" from 2011-

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15. "For years, international sports competitions have been knowingly hijacked by the Russians," a WADA investigator told reporters. "Coaches and athletes have been playing on an uneven field. Sports fans and spectators have been deceived." In 2019, Russia was hit with a four-year ban for the doping programs. But the ban was later reduced to two years.

DEC. 10

1690: On this day, a failed attack on Quebec and subsequent nearmutiny force the Massachusetts Bay Colony to issue the first paper currency in the history of the Western Hemisphere. France and Britain periodically attacked each other's North American colonies throughout the 17th and 18th Centuries. In 1690. during one such war, Gov. William Phips of Britain's Massachusetts Bay Colony made a promise he could not keep. After leading a successful invasion of the French colony of Acadia, Phips decided to raid Quebec City, promising his volunteer troops half the loot in addition to their usual pay. Soldiers were typically paid in coins, but shortages of official currency in the colonies sometimes forced armies to temporarily issue IOUs - in one case, in the form of cut-up playing cards — which troops were allowed to exchange for goods and services until receiving their actual pay. Despite Phips' grand promise, he failed to take the city, returning to Massachusetts with a damaged fleet and no treasure.

DEC. 11

2008: Financier Bernard Madoff is arrested at his New York City apartment and charged with masterminding a long-running Ponzi scheme later estimated to involve around \$65 billion, making it one of the biggest investment frauds in Wall Street history. Madoff, who was born in Queens, New York, in 1938, founded a small trading firm bearing his name in 1960. The business was established, in part, with money he earned working as a lifeguard. Two decades later, Madoff's firm, which helped revolutionize the way stocks are traded, had grown into one of the largest independent trading operations in the securities industry, and he and his family lived a life of luxury, owning multiple homes, boats and expensive artwork and jewelry.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

SO DO YOU think the city of Linden can clean the gutters around the main streets and remove the leaves and debris so the water can reach the sewer inlets? Or are the homeowners and businesses responsible for this procedure. I thought Linden bought a new cleaning machine?

A REMINDER THAT some people use online dating sites to post fake information about themselves. If you meet up with them, ask to see their driver's license. It could save you a lot of heartache. If they are honest, they shouldn't have a problem complying. Unfortunately, deceivers are out there.

ELECTRIC CARS DON'T exist. There are cars where you put gas in the tank. And there are cars where you use gas to make electricity that you put into batteries.

NOW WHITMER IS trying to shut down the pipeline in state courts. This whole mess has nothing to do with the environment and everything to do with the U.S. having to import oil from foreign sources.

SHOOTING

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injuries from being shot at approximately 10 a.m. at McLaren Oakland Hospital in Pontiac.

In addition to those four students who died, seven other people were shot — six students and one teacher.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office released the following information about the injured victims.

The injured victims include:

• 15-year-old female with gunshot wound to left leg. She was discharged.

• 17-year-old female with gunshot wound to neck. She is in stable condition. •14-year-old male with gunshot wound to jaw and hand. He was discharged.

• 17-year-old female with gunshot wound to chest. She is in stable condition.

• 14-year-old female with gunshot wound to back/neck and face. She is in stable condition.

• 47-year-old female with gunshot wound to left shoulder. She was discharged.

•17-year-old male with gunshot wound to hip. He was discharged. McCabe



said that at 12:51 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 30, the first 911 call was placed about an active shooter at Oxford High School. Dispatch received more than one hundred 911 calls during the incident.

A 15-year-old sophomore student of Oxford High School was taken into custody and the handgun was recovered. There was no resistance during the arrest and the suspect asked for a lawyer and has not made any statements as to a motive. The gun contained several rounds of ammunition when

authorities recovered it.

On Wednesday, Oakland County Prosecutor Karen McDonald announced charges against Ethan Crumbley, 15, of Oxford. Her office is charging him as an adult with four counts of first-degree murder, seven counts of assault with intent to

murder, terrorism and multiple firearms counts. He faces life in prison.

On Friday, Dec. 3, Oakland County Prosecutor Karen McDonald charged each of the suspect's parents, James and Jennifer Crumbley, with four counts of involuntary manslaughter.

A search warrant was executed Tuesday at the suspect's residence and is being inventoried. The firearm used was a 9mm Sig Sauer and had been purchased by the suspect's father four days prior to the incident. There was no prior information shared with the Sheriff's Office or the School Resource Officer before the incident.

Following a detailed walk-through and examination of the scene and evidence, Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard said, "As I reflect on the day, it is one that is filled with overwhelming sadness. My heart aches for families that will never be the same and a quiet sweet community that had its innocence shattered. I have seen far too many bodies and death in my career, but children's are always the worst."

Tate Myre was a running back on the school's football team and was described as a hero by his peers. A petition is being circulated to rename the Wildcat Stadium after him.

Oakland County Undersheriff Michael McCabe reported that approximately 300 officers responded to the Oxford area including the FBI, ATF, USSS, DOJ, MDOC, ICE, DNR, Oakland County Gang Task Force,

Michigan State Police, Joint Terrorism Task Force and more.

On Wednesday Dec. 1, Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson gave a statement on the Oxford High School shooting during his weekly press conference. He gave his condolences and said McCabe gave a "great response" during his briefing.

He held up a large packet called the "Emergency Operations Plan," which contained the active shooter response

program the county uses.

"We also want to address what we're doing here in Genesee County. I promise you, across the country, the active shooter response protocol...is exactly why more people aren't injured and killed in mass shootings," he said.

Ethan Crumblev

In 2021, there have been more than 600 mass shootings in the U.S.

"That's way too much but that's why law enforcement, first responders, people in schools and hospitals and organizations have a protocol that, if this tragedy should come to their doorstep, there is training in place," Swanson said.

He said police departments and school resource officers work together all the time to make sure they know exactly what to do. GCSO has school resource officers in Lake Fenton schools, Goodrich schools, Clio schools, GISD schools and more.

"Schools have done an incredible job. The superintendents and the principals out there are working with us. We work hand in hand to do these different drills when we can learn so if the time comes, we know how to respond," he said.

Swanson commended the work of the SRO at Oxford who caught the shooter.

"If you are ever in a position where you hear about somebody wanting to take out any kind of anger aggression, whether it's at a school, church or a business or an organization, come forward. You can't hold that information. Let us put our processes in place. We have to act on every tip and that's what keeps our businesses and our communities safe." he said. "Always call 911."

Reporter Hannah Ball contributed to this story.

Decorating Christmas trees



The Rotary Club of Fenton and Fenton Robotics met the Friday after Thanksgiving to decorate the gazebo and trees that are set up at Bush Park in Fenton for the season events. Every Christmas, the Rotary Club works with local schools and support organizations to help provide Christmas to area youth in need. Rotary members take part in the identification, organization, purchasing, wrapping, and the delivering of gifts to local families. Helping were members of the rotary as well as students and parents from the Fenton Robotics.

FBEM food distribution ramping up for holidays

Anyone who would like to volunteer can schedule a time by calling (810) 396-0210

By Gary Gould

Any families who find themselves in need, especially during this holiday season, look no further than the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

The food bank and its partner agencies are providing food to neighborhoods by the truckload with weekly distribution sites from its Mobile Food Pantry targeting areas of great need through the 22 counties it serves.

Averaging 13,000-15,000 pounds of supplemental food, the Mobile Food Pantry has distributions dates and sites distribution calendar searchable by zip code to determine the site closest to you.

Kara Ross, FBEM president and CEO, said while demand for food is

always high during the holiday season, this year after more than 18 months of dealing with the pandemic and its effects, there is even more of a need for assistance.

"Demand continues to be high across the service area with people still recovering from the effects of the pandemic," she said. "Some of the people we serve work two to three part-time jobs and are trying to get back to having their income whole again so they can replenish their savings."

One example of a successful distribution site is the one held weekly at Trinity Assembly of God in Mount Morris. The distribution is run by the church but is assisted by the food bank. Ross said in addition to distributing food at the church, they deliver at homes of seniors and veterans who need assistance and can't drive to the church to receive it.

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Genesee County Sheriff's Dep. Geno Gatica stands with Sheriff Chris Swanson during the weekly press briefing on Wednesday, Dec. 1 to discuss the home invasion in Fenton Township.

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immediately located or identified.

Sheriff Chris Swanson provided an update during his press conference Wednesday, Dec. 1.

Swanson said that the homeowner was home when a white male in his 30s, wearing a dirty T-shirt and shorts, walked into her home. A verbal confrontation occurred, however, the intruder did not take anything from the home and left. The unknown man fled on foot into the woods. K-9 units responded and a search of the area was conducted but they were unable to locate the home invasion suspect.

Swanson said, "We're going to get him."

During the response Monday evening with the K-9 unit, Dep. Geno Gatica was struck by a passing car on N. Long Lake Road. The vehicle's side mirror struck him on his elbow and spun him around. The impact broke the mirror. Swanson said the driver was traveling too fast while emergency vehicles with their flashing lights were activated at a crime scene. Charges are pending on the driver.

If anyone has information about the home invasion suspect or any other crimes, call (810) 257-3422.



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BUSINESS BROKEN INTO

An employee of a business in the 100 block of N. Pine Street in Fenton reported that when they arrived to work Nov. 22, they saw that someone had pried open a window and cut the screen to gain access. The suspect(s) stole \$560 from the cash drawer. Police are investigating.

SEVERAL RETAIL STORES IN FENTON HIT WITH FAKE \$20 BILLS

The Fenton Police Department is investigating several complaints of counterfeit \$20 being passed at retail stores on Owen Road and Silver Parkway on Nov. 20. Lt. Jeff Cross said five separate businesses reported the fake bills for a total of \$1,540. Cross said the bills were poor quality and missing the shadow and watermark. Clerks at one large business on Owen Road accepted 37 fake bills as the suspects kept asking to switch out the fake bills for \$50s and \$100s. The suspects were identified as two younger Black men wearing hooded sweatshirts and masks. The cases remain under investigation.

EQUIPMENT STOLEN FROM CONSTRUCTION SITE

Between Nov. 20 and Nov. 22, someone stole approximately \$5,000 worth of construction equipment from a construction site on Fenway Drive, just west of Silver Lake Road in Fenton. Police are investigating and said it appears the suspect left behind their shoe as evidence. Police plan to send it to the MSP crime lab for analysis and to see if there's a DNA match.

DPW

hours for a Winter Weather Advisory to be put in effect for Detroit and most of Southeast Michigan until late Saturday. Temperatures were around 30 degrees Fahrenheit.

Dan Brisson, public works director for the city of Fenton, said weather conditions required two salt trucks in the morning and more plowing and salting on city-owned streets, parking lots and sidewalks Saturday pight and into Sur

Saturday night and into Sunday morning. He was not surprised to see snow on this date.

"Although we have experienced mild winter conditions the past few years, there are typically a few November events that require a varying degree of response," Brisson said.

In November 2020, the DPW did not respond to any winter events. There were three times in November 2019 that required snow plows and salting. The first snow event of this season was Veterans Day, Nov. 11. surface. Ever. Equipment to plow and

salt roads is expensive to own, operate and maintain. Salt and other de-icing chemicals are at record-high cost. Freeze-thaw cycles can do a lot of damage to Michigan roads."

> Nonetheless, the DPW is prepared for winter. They begin working on equipment and purchasing

salt months prior to the first snowfall. The DPW staff meets annually to review snow plowing and salting procedures with the goal of being 100% percent ready by Nov. 1.

"All of our dump trucks are equipped with underbody scraper plows and the salt spreaders are computer controlled. The material spreader system on each truck is calibrated annually to ensure efficient use of road salt. The task of being ready for winter is very fleet technician driven," he said.

The city has a salt storage capacity of 300 tons. They work to keep it filled

because deliveries can be unstable.

The city owns a total of six dump trucks to handle plowing and salting operations for Fenton's 125 lane-miles of streets. This includes four dump trucks with 10-foot underbody scrapers and 5-ton capacity dump bodies with salt spreaders. Last year, they purchased two tandem axle dump trucks, equipped with 12-foot underbody scrapers, 9-foot wing plow and a 7-ton live bottom spreader system. These new trucks have liquid pre-wet application systems.

When the area receives major snowfall, the dump trucks use the 12-foot front flows. One of the front end loaders is equipped with a 12-foot snow pusher used to clear city parking lots and intersections. **November snowfall**

On Nov. 27, Flint received 2.6 inches of snow, according to the National Weather Service. On average, Ann Arbor received approximately 4 inches and Howell received around 2.7 inches.

On Monday, Nov. 29, the area received another few inches of snow overnight. Nov. 28 is the average date for the first inch of snow in Flint. The earliest date is Oct. 12 and the latest date recorded that Flint received one inch of snow is Jan. 13.



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NAMI GENESEE COUNTY MEETINGS OFFER MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT

NAMI Genesee County is a support, education and advocacy group for people living with a mental illness and their family and friends. Family Support meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. NAMI Connections meetings for people who have a mental disorder meet the second Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. Meetings are held at Building H, 2346 Stone Bridge, Dr., Flint. If any public Genesee County School is closed because of inclement weather. the meetings are canceled that evening. For information, call (810) 232-6498 or go to nami. genesee.org.

SHOW SCHEDULE LONGWAY Nov. 30-Dec. 19. 2021 MISSION SAFAR **Open Tuesday through Sunday** PLANETARIUM Tickets: Longway.org Closed Monday DARK SIDE: Skies THE LIGHT SHOW Michigan MUSEUM AT COURTLAND OCTOBER 2, 2021 - JANUARY 2, 2022 OPEN TUES.-SAT .: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 4:00 PM Tues.-Sun. 8:00 PM 3:00 PM SUN.: 12:00-5:00 p.m. 7:00 PM Thurs./Fri./Sat. Tues.-Sun. Thurs./Fri./Sat. CLOSED MONDAYS Spin the wheel and your adventure is real! Spider webs, jungle vines, swinging bars and more await you in this a-maze-ing Mission Safari adventure that's both educational and fun. Learn how your favorite animals get around and try their movements on for size while learning about efforts to save their habitats! Can you jump as far as a Kangaroo? Can you glide like an eagle? Can you navigate a web like a black widow? Find out while learning about biodiversity, conservation, and your favorite animals in this interactive maze experience that's never the same experience twice! VIOLENT UNIVERSE Mission Safari is created by Minotaur Mazes, a company specializing in interactive maze exhibits. Mission Safari is funded in part by the Genesee County Arts Education and Cultural Enrichment Millage. Your tax dollars are at work 2:00 PM 12:00 PM 1:00 PM Visit SloanLongway.org/MissionSafari Sat. & Sun. Sat. & Sun. Sat. & Sun. Sloan Museum at Courtland Center | 4190 E. Court St. Burton, MI 48509 | 810-237-3450

44 Equipment to plow and salt roads is expensive to own, operate and maintain. **77** Dan Brisson Fenton public works director **WEEKEND TIMES**

school environment for our students

not limited to: secure entry points, se-

curity camera upgrades in all buildings,

secondary locking devices on all class-

rooms, ALICE training for our students

and staff, school liaison officer, threat

assessment training, safety buckets in

each classroom, facility safety assess-

ment and an updated operations plan.

"In addition, we are currently work-

"Safety measures included, but are

SUPERINTENDENTS

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Friday out of an abundance of caution. Fenton Area Public Schools Superintendent Adam Hartley sent a letter to his families Tuesday night. His letter, in part, said, "I want to make sure our students walk through our doors tomorrow knowing our team, and



our community, will continue to do everything possible to keep them safe. We understand tragic events, such as the one that occurred today,

Fenton Area **Public Schools** Superintendent Adam Hartley

can be difficult for both parents and students. Please know that your child's safety, and

positive outlook on their learning experience, remain our number one priority.

"This afternoon, into this evening, there have been many conversations between administrators, board members, teachers, counselors, social workers, police officers, and other key FAPS team members on the topic of school safety. As always, tomorrow will begin with a large number of school personnel taking action to make sure our students feel safe and feel surrounded by people who love and care for them.

"Listed below are examples of the steps we have taken to maintain a safe and positive environment:

•All FAPS staff have completed nationally recognized (ALICE) training. AL-ICE training is ongoing at each school. • All buildings have locked entryways and exterior cameras.



· All buildings have had additional interior cameras installed this past summer. •All building administrators have reviewed their building's safety plan. Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater will have officers join our School Resource Officer (SRO) Tom Cole, in welcoming students at AGS and FHS.

• All FAPS staff, including our SRO, will be visible and approachable throughout the entire day.

• We will have our school counselors, social workers, psychologists and other support staff available for any student needing extra support.

"While these safety measures are a piece of the larger picture, a school district is only as strong as its community. I would like to encourage our families to discuss safety protocols and what they have learned from the ALICE training. When having those conversations, please remind students that if they see or hear anything, including social media, that is concerning, it is important they share the information with Officer Cole or a FAPS staff member. You, or your child, may also reach out to the State of Michigan's Okay2Say tip line at 8-555-OK2SAY or OKAY2SAY@ mi.gov. It truly takes a community to create and maintain a safe and positive learning environment.

"As always, thank you for your support as we continue to work together to educate our learners. Please know our hearts, and our minds, are focused on maintaining a safe and positive learning environment for all of our students."

Linden Community Schools Russ Ciesielski wrote a letter to parents Wednesday morning. In part, his letter said, "Please know that your student's safety and well-being remain our number one priority. Like all school districts, Linden Community Schools is committed to creating a safe school environment where students can learn and grow. To that end, we wanted to remind you of the various safety protocols we have in place to protect students, teachers and staff.

"Our safety measures include, but are not limited to, safety drills (lockdown, fire, tornado, etc.), support from our local police and fire departments, and a dedicated School Resource Officer. LCS uses the ALICE program, which is our internal response protocol to an active intruder/shooter situation. As a district, we will continue with



Community Schools Russ Ciesielski

to discuss with our children.

"If you wish to speak to your child at 8-555-OK2SAY or OKAY2SAY@ mi.gov.

"We need to continue to have conversations about how to care for each other in spite of differences. We have extremely talented and dedicated administrators, teachers, counselors, social workers, and support staff at every building. These amazing people pride themselves on helping our students."

Lake Fenton Community Schools Superintendent Julie Williams wrote her families Wednesday morning. In part, her letter said, "At a time when families should be looking forward



Lake Fenton Community Schools Superintendent ongoing reminders and training, to create a healthy, safe, and confident school environment. While we are confident in these safety protocols, we know that we need the support of the entire community to protect the children

to serve. Events like this are often hard

about what happened yesterday, you may find the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) website to be a helpful starting point. Nonspecific safety conversations may be more appropriate for our younger students and may begin with presentations such as these found on the Johns Hopkins' site for K-2 and 3-5 safety in schools. We ask that you speak to your student and urge them to reach out to school officials if they become aware of a potential safety issue in our district. You can also reach out through the State of Michigan's Okay2Say tip line



that Lake Fenton Community Schools continues to be committed Julie Williams to creating a safe

we are privileged

ing with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office to provide refresher training for our staff. It is through the generous and continued support from our community, we have been able to improve our safety protocols and procedures. Now, more than ever, we need the support

and staff.

of our entire community to protect the children we are so privileged to serve." Holly Area Schools (Oakland County) Superintendent Scott Roper sent out a letter to parents. In part, it said, "At no time was there a threat to Holly Area Schools. However, out of an abundance of caution, we moved

our buildings into secure mode to



Holly Area Schools Superintendent Scott Roper

our local law enforcement regarding the situation. "Shortly after 2 p.m., it was con-

limit hallway traf-

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firmed to us that the active shooter was placed in custody and the situation was contained. As a result, the district lifted secure mode at approximately 2:10 p.m. In the coming days, local law enforcement will increase their presence around our schools. Law enforcement leaders also will debrief our team on the incident as part of our ongoing security protocols. This debriefing follows another module of ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate) training that staff recently completed in September.

"We appreciate your support and will continue to communicate with you on any concerns related to student safety. Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone at Oxford Community Schools."

25 Days of Giving

Dort Financial Credit Union sponsors annual Catholic Charities collection, donates funds for those in need

Dort Financial Credit Union is the sponsor and donation location for the annual 25 Days of Giving, benefitting Genesee and Shiawassee Counties' Catholic Charities. The annual 25 Days Of Giving event is held each December in the lead up to Christmas Day, when local families in need will receive the necessary winter items.

The credit union has partnered with NBC 25, FOX 66, and CW46 once again to promote the event in hopes of spreading the word that Catholic Charities is need of donations now more than ever before.

"Due to the pandemic, there has been an increased need for essential items all over the world. Many people were affected financially and either found themselves in a situation where they could not give to charities or were in need of help themselves," said Nicole Sterling, community relations coordinator at Dort Financial. "We see that need locally as well, and Dort Financial is taking a small step to make sure these families get some help this winter season."

Those wanting to contribute may drop off any non-perishable food

SCHOOLS CLOSE

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Making threats is a crime. Roper and Narsh ask parents to speak to their children and reassure them that law enforcement and school leaders will investigate every threat and take whatever action is warranted to protect the community.

Holly police officers will be present and visible at Holly schools going forward to provide additional security, support and assurance to students, parents and staff.

Copycat threats forced more than 12 other school districts across the metro Detroit area to close for classes Thursday. items, personal care items, winter coats, hats, gloves, and mittens to any of the 10 Dort Financial Credit Union branch locations beginning Dec. 1 through Christmas, during business hours Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Dort Financial Credit Union also made a donation of \$1,000 to Catholic Charities of Shiawassee



and Genesee Counties' fund for the victims of the Nov. 22 Flint home explosion. Twenty-seven homes were damaged or destroyed in the explosion, many of those families now relying on the community for shelter, food, and essentials.

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Snuggle Sacks provides survival kits to local communities' homeless population

hange is underway in Linden, Michigan thanks to the 501(c) (3) nonprofit, Snuggle Sacks. Snuggle Sacks was founded by a group of young siblings who sought out to make a difference and did just that.

In August 2015, Sheridan Goss, Jaxson Goss, and Addisyn Goss, just 8, 10 and 12 at the time, discovered their grandfather, who they lost contact with, was homeless. As kids, there was only so much they could do. But, they researched, brainstormed and implemented a way to ease this harsh reality, and in the years that have followed, their idea touched the lives of various communities.

Homelessness is a real and devastating issue in counties nationwide. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) reported that for every 100,000 residents, about 86 people are experiencing homelessness in Michigan. Medical emergencies, starvation and mental health issues are prevalent amongst many homeless individuals.

To reduce the stigma that goes along with homelessness, the Goss siblings put their minds to work and decided to gather basic essentials



like clean clothes, blankets, toiletries and food, then package it up to give to a person in need. Providing these resources gives individuals the opportunity to take their lives back, live a healthy lifestyle, and ultimately bring a smile to their face. Their work, however, cannot be done alone. Snuggle Sacks relies on volunteerism to achieve their goal.

Volunteers make up a majority of the Snuggle Sacks workforce. They assemble and distribute bags of supplies around their community. Monetary or gift donations are always appreciated; still, donating time, skills, and energy goes a long way. Call 810-919-9937 or email team@snugglesacks.org to get



Sheridan Goss started school at Saginaw Valley University and brought Snuggle Snacks to campus. She manages social media platforms and emails.

involved.

In addition to teams delivering sacks around the county, Snuggle Sacks has wooden structures, known as tiny pantries, around local Linden communities with full size toiletries and nonperishable products. Tiny pantries are unlocked, available 24/7, and refilled weekly — take a little, leave a little!

If you live in the Linden area, visit Snuggle Sacks sister store, Giving Grace Boutique. The store is an extension of Snuggle Sacks, located on South Bridge Street. Proceeds of every sale are given back



Jaxson Goss is wrapping up high school. He's Snuggle Sacks' logistics guy and keeps things moving smoothly.

to the community. Visit "@ GGBoutique106" on Facebook to learn more.

Six years have passed since the Goss siblings learned their estranged grandfather was homeless, and Snuggle Sacks has raised \$62,700, delivered 17,610 bags, offered medical services to 3,943 people, and served 29 communities. With your help, Snuggle Sacks can do even more.

As the winter season approaches, supplies are more needed than ever: instant coffee packets, ramen noodle cups, hand warmers, tissue packs, lip balm, gloves, and more can be donated at Snuggle Sacks various drop-off locations.



Addisyn Goss is approaching high school. She manages the volunteers and inventory responsibilities.

In addition to the Linden and Fenton areas, Snuggle Sacks provides services to communities in Flint, Lansing and Detroit areas. Visit snugglesacks.org and click on the "Take Action" tab to find your nearest location.

Need more ideas? Snuggle Sacks has countless ways individuals can make a worthwhile difference. From visiting their Amazon registry of needed supplies to spreading the word about the impact this organization has on local Michigan communities, your efforts are invaluable. Visit Snuggle Sacks Facebook, "@ snugglesacksmi," to learn more.



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Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson speaks during his weekly press conference Wednesday, Dec. 1. Photo: Hannah Ball

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Fenton Township. An individual in his 30s wearing a brown and white "nasty" stained T-shirt and a brown jacket and shorts entered the home when the owner was there, Swanson said. This is an occupied home invasion. She called police but the man escaped into the woods.

"We need you to be on the lookout. If you see anybody matching that description, certainly somebody suspicious, you call 911," Swanson said.

On Monday, Nov. 29, Dep. Geno Gaticka was walking along N. Long Lake Road looking for the suspect with a K9 officer when his elbow was hit by a passing vehicle. It spun him around. He noticed the side view mirror on the car was broken. "The driver was going too fast when she saw the emergency lights. When you see emergency lights, slow down," Swanson said.

The third deputy injured was Dep. Jim Duhart in Vienna Township. He was driving behind a cyclist at night to protect the man from traffic. A driver slammed into the back of Duhart's vehicle traveling approximately 65 mph. This person was drinking and driving and will be charged with OWI.

"I just want you to, to see the person behind the badge. They are husbands and fathers and their friends, and they have lives and they put themselves out there all the time," Swanson said.

FOOD

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"There are some relationships getting built from this," she said. "We should all look out for our neighbors and seniors."

Ross said donations have been picking up as the holidays approach and she urges everyone in the community who is able to help support the food bank.

One dollar equals six meals for a person in need, she said, so every little bit helps keep people fed. Ross said the food bank procures food from across the nation and so far hasn't run into any supply chain disruptions.

"We have pretty reliable resources

for food," she said. "There's always a concern with transportation, even if food is donated, we still have to pay third-party carrier, so we work with a lot of distribution companies."

Besides donations, Ross said the FBEM could also use more volunteers to help sort and inspect food at their facility in Flint. Last year, she said the Michigan National Guard helped, but this year they are still looking for people to give their time to help at the distribution center.

Any individuals or groups who would like to donate their time are asked to call Keri Brack, volunteer coordinator for the food bank, at (810) 396-0210 to schedule a time to come in and help.

Christmas gift ideas for men

Grills, coolers, knives, and camera equipment make excellent gift ideas

By Hannah Ball

Christmas gift shopping for men can be difficult, which is why it's recommended to focus on a particular interest.

Here are gift recommendations from two local business owners.

Great Lakes Grills has numerous products that would work as Christmas gift ideas, especially for men who like to grill.

Owner Bob Kuerbitz said at his Fenton store they have many cooking accessories for indoor and outdoor cooking. They have chef knives, butcher knives and more cutlery from Victorinox, which is the same company that makes Swiss Army knives.

"They're high quality," he said.

They have wireless meat thermometers from ThermoWorks that are inserted into the meat before cooking. The device is connected to a downloadable app that lets users check the temperature of the meat as it's cooking.

"We've got gift boxes for seasonings. A big line of different rubs and seasoning for cooking, indoor and outdoor," he said. "A whole lot of other accessories for grilling and smoking."

He's expecting to get a new product soon, called a SearPro Torch, which is used to sear meat or start a charcoal grill or campfire.

"That would be a really cool gift that someone could get someone," Kuerbitz said.

Great Lakes Grills

also has electric heat guns, electric lighters, and a high-quality line of Orca coolers and drinkware, which has been tested as bear-proof.

"They have a whole bunch of different types of insulated cups and mugs," he said.

This is the store's first year open in the community, and business has slowed since the warmer months are gone. Despite the time of year, Kuerbitz said a grill is still a good present.



They have gas grills, charcoal grills, smokers, pellet grills, fire pits, pizza ovens and more. Pellet grills are computerized. Users set the temperature of the grill and monitor it while it's cooking, but the grill manages it the entire time, Kuerbitz said.

Prices range from \$999 to \$2,200.

"I encourage people to come in and see what we've got. Shop local and shop small businesses. It's better to see it in person," he said.

Terry Green, owner of Billmeier Camera Shop in Fenton, said cameras are a good gift, however, due to the pandemic and the chip shortage, cameras are "extremely difficult" to get right now. Accessories are still available.

"It's a good year, in my opinion,

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someone. 77

Bob Kuerbitz

Great Lakes Grills owner

to focus on accessories. That's what we're focusing on. Bags, straps, tripods, lots of that stuff. We're just very shy on cameras," Green said.

People can place orders for cameras, but it may not come for a while or it may not

come at all. Green recognizes that people can buy cameras online, however, he cautions against this because most won't come with warranty.

A few camera accessory brands he recommends are MindShift, Peak Design, Think Tank and Promaster.

Billmeier also has "a ton" of lighting equipment, he said. A lot of people come in to buy equipment for videos and YouTube channels. Green said they have LEDs, flashes, wireless audio devices, microphones and more.

The Canvas Shoppe, Inc., in Flint makes custom canvas covers for automobiles and boats. Customers can choose from three different types of fabrics and more than 30 colors.

The company makes covers for multiple brands of boats, from Malibu, Mastercraft, Supra and more. Find more information at skiboatcovers.com.

SEE OUR STREET TALK QUESTION ON PAGE 4. HERE ARE ADDITIONAL IDEAS FROM OUR READERS ON FACEBOOK:

Lori Von Brockdorff Ross: The only thing my husband ever wants is underwear and sweatshirts. Anything else I give him gets returned except last year. I gave him a chain saw, which he really likes.

Shannon Roggin-Allison: Mine wanted a dehydrator to make jerky. Joanie Fagan: A good bottle of

whiskey and a good cigar! Lisa AE: Man crates! You can

customize them. I buy them every year. Jeanette Sugar: Darn Tough Socks,

anything by Duke Cannon, and a nice hoodie.

Vera Christina: Cocktail book for my craft cocktail enthusiast.

Kevin Keils: Shinola Watch. What guy doesn't need a new hip watch?

Brad Jacob: About tools as gifts. If your man is a "handy do it yourself around the house" kinda guy, buy them tools. If he is a professional trades person, do not buy them tools.

Theron Wilson: A gift certificate for Tee 2 Green Indoor Golf! Support small local business!

Tim Spencer: Gift card to Bridge Street Exchange in February! Awesome stuff.



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Center of Hope preparing new location

■Location will be first homeless shelter in southern Genesee County

By Hannah Ball

Mundy Twp. — The Fenton Center of Hope (COH) is moving into a larger location with space for short-term and transitional housing.

Bob Strygulec, co-director of the food pantry and baby closet, described it as a "miracle."

The COH is setting up operations off N. Fenton Road near Camp Copneconic, in a complex of four buildings. This was made possible by partnering with the Niles Foundation,

The COH is going from a 1,500 square foot space off Shiawassee Avenue to managing more than 30,000 square feet of space with the four buildings combined. The baby closet, food pantry, classrooms, counseling, and offices will now be housed in the main building on the complex.

Having all these services in one location will allow the COH to help more efficiently.

The most significant addition to



Bob Strygulec, co-director Fenton Center of Hope (right), talks with COH volunteers and employees from Kern Construction about renovations at the new facility Wednesday, Dec. 1. Photo: Hannah Ball

COH services is the short-term emergency housing and transitional housing. Mothers will be able to take their children here to escape a bad situation, along with other people who fall on hard times and need help, Strygulec said.

"That was our big dream when we started saying what is the next phase of Center of Hope?" Strygulec said. "How do we help somebody that is that young mom or whoever in a parking lot that needs somewhere to go?"

This will be the first homeless shelter in southern Genesee County and all of bordering Livingston County, he said. There are organizations that will pay for people to stay in motels, but there isn't yet a dedicated shelter for people struggling with homelessness. The first of three buildings to be open for short-term or transitional housing is the one closest to the road, which they're hoping will be ready for people in the spring of 2022.

"We'll have people on staff in that building all the time, 24 hours a day," he said. "You will figure out what your next step is, whether it's getting a job, fixing a car, whatever it is."

The transitional housing will be available for people coming out of rehab and overcoming addiction.

"They're starting their life over," Strygulec said. "They've got court costs to pay. They've got fines. Maybe their car doesn't work. They don't have savings, they don't have money to put down for a down payment."

They're bringing in experts who have run transitional housing programs in other states to run this one. When people leave this housing, COH wants to make sure they have money saved, a car, a job and support.

Each house is a little larger than 7,000 square feet. Strygulec said the See **LOCATION** on 26



Fenton girls swimming earns top spot in our Elite 8 listing

By David Troppens

There are a few constants when it comes to our tri-county polls.

Cross country teams are usually ranked pretty high is one. The fall teams usually rank pretty high on our final end of the school year top 16 lists as well.

Another is the Fenton factor. It seems during most seasons many of

the Fenton teams start rising to the top of the lists. In our season-ending list from a year ago, the top three squads were from Fenton, including the Fenton girls golf team and Fenton girls swim team which were at No. 2 and 3, respectively overall.

Two years ago, Fenton teams held the top four spots and all four were fall sports. Fenton boys soccer led

the list followed by Fenton girls golf, Fenton girls swimming and then Fenton cross country. Three years ago, six of the top seven team in our final top 16 were Tigers. That included the fall's Fenton girls golf team leading the way.

Our 2021 Tri-County Elite Eight Fall Teams list isn't much different. See EIGHT 8 on 24

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The Fenton varsity boys soccer team has a lot to celebrate after finishing No. 2 on our 2021 Tri-County Fall Elite Eight list. The Tigers won an outright league crown, a district title and advanced to the regional finals this fall. Photo: David Troppens



Emerson Baker is one of University of Wismany young talented and . consin experienced players returning • program. for the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team this • wrestling winter. Photo: Mark Bolen

Winter sports season gets busy this week : In a battle with North Carolina, the 15th-ranked By David Troppens

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Sports Times

Hillger off to strong start this winter

Lake Fenton graduate begins wrestling season at Wisconsin with perfect 4-0 record

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton graduate Trent Hillger is off to a strong start to

his redshirt senior season with the wrestling

2021-22 The season • is still in its young stages, but the

wrestler that the • Badgers call "Thor" has • already had one great highlight.

• Badgers were trailing North The change has been made. Carolina 16-14 entering the Instead of cheering on touch- • final match of the dual --See **WINTER** on 23 • The squad followed that

win with a 38-12 victory against Hofstra. Hillger also won his match in that dual



Trent Hillger

against 20th-ranked Zach Ward by pin-

> fall in 6:56. Hillger is off to a fast start. He's won all four of his matches so far this season and is ranked fifth in the heavyweight division by InterMat.

In other matches this season, he earned an 11-4 victory against Buffalo's Tobin Cahill. In his second match of the season he earned a pinfall win against Little Rock's Josiah Hill in 2:42.

Wisconsin is off to a strong start as well. The Badgers are 4-0 overall. The squad has a few major events in December. On Saturday the squad competes at the Jim Koch Wisconin Open and the Cougar Class. On Dec. 11, the Badgers go to the Northern Iowa Open, and on Dec. 29



Lake Fenton graduate and University of Wisconsin wrestler Trent Hillger (right) competes in a past match. Hillger is off to a 4-0 start with the Badgers so far this wrestling season. Photo: Stacy SchiesI

the team competes in the All-American honors three Midlands Championship. Hillger has earned NCAA

times in his collegiate wres-See HILLGER on 23

WINTER

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Winter sports are here, and while some teams have already started their seasons (like the Fenton/Linden hockey team, the Linden varsity girls basketball team and the LFLF gymnastics team), most are beginning their seasons this weekend.

Basketball takes center-stage in the winter and the tri-county's potentially best squad is Lake Fenton's varsity girls team. The Blue Devils, who earned the Flint Metro League Stars Division title, a 13-2 record overall and a Division 2 district crown a year ago, has a lot of the pieces that made last season a success back. Included in that mix are Emerson Baker, Savannah Fellenbaum, Cola Sisk, Amaya Smith and Kerrigan Howedeshell. They opened their season at home against Southfield Arts and Technology Saturday (Dec. 4) at 1:30 p.m.

The Lake Fenton boys also have their share of high expectations this season, and start their season at home against Genesee Christian on Tuesday at 7 p.m. The Blue Devils started last season with three straight loses and were 2-5 at one time, but rebounded nicely during the second half of the season and at one time won five straight games. By doing so they earned a spot in their D2 district title game before losing to Corunna. Still, the Blue Devils finished 7-7 overall under first-year coach Tyler Szczepanski, and with six returners back, and eight seniors on the team overall, they are excited about their season.

"Our strong leadership and competitive nature will carry us this season to our goals," Szczepanski said. "We believe in ourselves and feel we can compete and win a championship this season.

"We realize we have stiff competition in our league, and we still have to prove ourselves when the bright lights shine. We understand the challenge and embrace the opportunity we have this season."

Fenton's girls team expected to play two games last week, but now have its first game scheduled against Grand Blanc on Tuesday. The Fenton boys don't open until Friday when both varsity squads host Swartz Creek for the traditional Flint Metro League Friday night twinbill.

"I like the makeup of our team and I like our competitive nature," Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Chad Logan said. "I think we are sneaky tough. We



Max Muenzer is one of a handful of players returning to the Blue Devils this winter. **Photo: Mark Bolen**

don't necessarily look like a basketball team because of our size, but like the toughness and how I think these guys are going to compete."

At Linden, the varsity girls opened at Lapeer on Tuesday, while the boys are at Holt on Thursday. Both squads won't host their first game until Friday when the Eagles host the Holly Bronchos for the area's first tri-county girls/boys doubleheader. The two games will represent the Bronchos' first games of the season as well.

Other sports will start this week as well. Wrestling has been a traditionally strong sport and the Fenton Tigers and Linden Eagles begin action on Wednesday. Fenton travels to Saline while Linden will host Imlay City, Walled Lake Northern and Farmington. Lake Fenton and Holly begin their wrestling seasons on Saturday. Lake fenton is at the Don Johnson Tournament at Lansing Eastern High School while Holly will be at a tournament at Birch Run.

There will be a Fenton-Holly rivalry at Holly Lanes on Monday when the two bowling programs compete. Also, on Saturday, the Fenton varsity boys swim team is slated to host their traditional Tiger Relays. Holly travels to Ovid-Elsie on Wednesday.



Lake Fenton graduate and University of Wisconsin wrestler Trent Hillger (right) competes in a past match. He's been a three-time All American at the University of Wisconsin. **Photo: Stacy Schiesl**

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tling career so far. He placed eighth at the 2019 NCAA Championships, earning All-American honors for the first time in only his freshman season. He also finished fourth at the Big Ten Championship that season and ended the year with a 24-9 record overall. Big Ten Championship again and was an NCAA Championship qualifier, but was unable to place. He did earn First-Team All-American honors by the National Wrestling Coaches Association. Last season, Hillger earned All-American honors once again, taking sixth at the NCAA Championships. He also placed fifth at the Big Ten Championships.

In 2020, he placed fourth at the



City of Fenton PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to City of Fenton, Code of Ordinance, Section 29-15, City property owners are required to remove all snow and ice from the pedestrian sidewalk fronting their properties. Said snow and ice shall be removed within twelve hours after the event. This notice shall serve as the first public notice to all municipal property owners. Failure to clear your sidewalks will result in the City performing the work and spreading the costs as a lien against your property.



Fenton's varsity girls swimming and diving team is No. 1 on our 2021 Tri-County Fall Elite Eight poll after winning another Flint Metro League championship and placing fourth at the D2 state meet. **Photo: David Troppens**

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ELITE 8

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tion from the other tri-county squads in the third through eighth positions, but when we look at the top two, guess which schools they are from? Yes, they are Fenton squads.

So now it's time to reveal the top two teams of the fall sports season.

No. 2 - Fenton boys soccer: The Tigers spent the season racking up victories against Flint Metro League foes and non-league opponents consistently. The Tigers won their first seven games, and that helped them get recognition around the state as they rose in the Division 2 polls. A 2-1 victory against Detroit Country Day stood out among that list of victories. After a 1-1 tie against Grand Blanc, the Tigers rattled off seven more straight victories, seeing it end in a 0-0 deadlock against Goodrich, a tie that earned them the outright Flint Metro League title. And, really, it should've been a Fenton victory. A Fenton shot that clearly went into the goal was waved off, enabling the Martians to earn the draw. Fenton won the league crown with an unbeaten 10-0-1 record. In the postseason the Tigers won a district crown, defeating Goodrich, 2-1, and Brandon, 3-2, in two thrillers at Ortonville-Brandon High School. The team's regional charge began with a 4-1 victory against Chelsea, but the Tigers' run ended in the regional title match when they lost a tight 2-1 verdict against DeWitt. Fenton finished the season with a pretty strong 17-2-2 record overall, and both of their losses were 2-1 verdicts.

Making the decision between No. 2 and No. 3 was a toughie. We had the Linden boys cross country team that placed seventh at the state meet. The Eagles have a legit beef for this No. 2 spot. And who knows, this order could change by the time we do our Tri-County Top 16 Teams for the 2021-22 school year in about six months. It's happened before.

No. 1 - Fenton girls swimming and diving: Fenton varsity girls swimming and diving coach Brad Jones thought for a long time this season could be an exciting one for the Tigers. And it's easy to see why he thought that. They had a senior class with strong leaders, had an elite experienced swimmer like Gracie Olsen to lead that class, had some returning state participant swimmers coming back and also had an outstanding freshman, Tess Heavner.

There are a few things the Tigers do every season. One is dominate the Flint Metro League. This season was no different. The league has been giving out a league championship for girls swim since 2004, and the Tigers have won every single one outright but one. The exception was in 2012 when the Tigers won it as well, but had to share the league crown with Brandon. That puts their league streak at 18, or older than most of the girls (if not all of them) on this season's team. The Tigers won all six league duals by at least 62 points, and won one by 105 points. At the league meet, the Tigers scored 188 more points than second-place Owosso, displaying their dominance once again against the league.

The Tigers placed only second at the county meet, as they found it tough to compete with Grand Blanc's large numbers in a meet setting. However, in a dual setting, the Tigers defeated Grand Blanc 99-87, while also defeating Brighton 99-86 and Midland Dow 101-85 in the same meet.

But at the state meet is where the Tigers earned this No. 1 spot. Gracie Olsen collected two more individual event state championships, Heavner earned a second-place finish and a third-place finish in two individual events and two of the Tigers' relays placed third at the D2 state meet held at Oakland University. That helped the Tigers collect their first-ever trophy at a Division 2 state meet. They placed fourth with the team's 400 freestyle relay team of Sophie Stefanac, Heavner, Sana Saab and Olsen placing third in that event. Finally, every point was needed to finish in third, so we can't forget that Heavner also earned points in two individual events, earning All-State honors in one of them.

It was an outstanding season for the Tigers. One that easily earned them the No. 1 spot in our fall poll.

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POLAR STORYTIME AT LONGWAY PLANETARIUM

The community is invited Saturday, Dec. 11 from 9 to 10 a.m., for a festive morning of holiday cheer at Longway Planetarium, 1310 E. Kearsley St., Flint. Relax into the comfortable planetarium chairs and listen to a special guest read holiday stories with a winter wonderland on the dome ceiling. Take a cup of cheer filled with goodies home with you. Tickets: \$5 per person. For more information, call (810) 237-3427 or email rentals@ sloanlongway.org.

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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 was scheduled for Dec. 1. He has been lodged on \$150,000 bond.

In an agreement with the prosecution, on Dec. 1, Boshell pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and domestic violence. He was sentenced to 41 days imprisonment and was credited with 41 days for time already served.





This building, which is closest to Fenton Road in the new Center of Hope complex, will be the first facility turned into short-term housing. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

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Bob Strygulec

Fenton Center of Hope co-director

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second house needs the most work and will require a couple hundred thousand dollars. After March, they will begin work on the third house and hope to have it up and ready by fall of 2022.

They plan on applying for grants to help fund the project. Strygulec said some of the buildings were previously used as a group home.

The COH expected to have to shut down for a few months at the begin-

ning of the new year while they found a new location. Then they found out about this opportunity in October. Strygulec said it's been "such a blur" suddenly doing all this work to set up in a new location.

"The recognition and the awareness and the visibility from Fenton Road has been huge.

We can almost tell anybody that's lived around here for a while that we're located in front of Camp Copneconic and they know where it is," he said.

The COH is still operating out of the old location on Shiawassee Avenue. They will shut down over the holidays and expect the new facility to be open the first week of January.

They have a large volunteer base that's helping, but the size and scope of the project will require more people. They're hoping to find contractors and trade workers to help.

Their three-to-six month goal is to raise a little more than \$100,000. They're not currently accepting secondhand furniture or other items. They are accepting volunteers and money. Strygulec said Ryan Niles from Niles Foundation wants the people who seek help at COH to strive for excellence.

"He's got a heart to help for the community. He believes in what we're doing," Strygulec said. "Somebody might say they don't deserve getting what you're giving them, whether it's food or a nice room, like you say, 'well, they screwed up, they did drugs, they're an alcoholic. It's looking past all that and actually saying they deserve God's best and then let's make sure that they have a path to success."

Find more information at fentoncenterofhope.org.

Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson congratulated the COH on its move. He said he's watched Bob and Jen Strygulec work through a concept and an idea at the Freedom Center that turned into

a fully operational food pantry independent of the church.

"Now, they are a full-fledged outreach that can take care of so many issues that people don't realize that are in Fenton Linden, Argentine Holly and that is homelessness, poverty, addictions and they're doing it," Swanson said.

The COH was the main base of operations in the network of churches that delivered food to people during the pandemic.

"That's the love that people have for serving others getting rewarded," he said. Swanson said they've been working with the COH for years in getting people help and he expects to work with them more in the future.



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The Argentine Township Board of Review will hold its December meeting as follows:

- DATE: Tuesday, December 14, 2021
- TIME: 6:00 PM. PLACE: Argentine Township Hall 9048 Silver Lake Road Linden MI 48451 (810) 735-5050

This meeting is held for the purpose of correcting qualified errors, clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact, pursuant to MCL 211.53b of the General Property Tax Act. The board will also have authority to act upon principal residence exemptions, agricultural exemptions, poverty exemptions, and veteran exemptions

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Obituaries

Gary Edward Heaphy 1946 - 2021

Gary Edward Heaphy age 75, of Fenton, died Wednesday, December 1. 2021. Funeral service will be held 11 AM Friday, December 10, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes. Fenton Chapel. 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton (A live

stream will be available on Gary's obituary page at www.sharpfuneralhomes. com). Fr. David Harvey officiating. Burial in St. John Catholic Cemetery, Fenton. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Thursday. December 9, 2021 from 4 - 8 PM. Those desiring may make contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Garv was born October 17. 1946 in Detroit, the son of Edward A. and Lauretta (Hardy) Heaphy. Dedicated husband, loving father and adored grandfather. His illustrious career spanned nearly 40 years as an Automotive Executive with General Motors and Chrysler. He dedicated his life to his family, his wife. Joan, whom he spent over 54 years adoring; three children, Michele Heaphy,

James (Allison) Heaphy, and Meredith (Michael) Johnston. His true passion was his six grand-children, Katelyn (Michael) Heaphy Zeolla, Emilee Heaphy, Vincent Heaphy, Keagan Johnston, Delaney Johnston.

and Kieran Johnston. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Lynn Moore: brothers-in-law. Gordon Moore, Kenneth Keller. Glenn MacDonald: and nephew. Steven Keller. Beloved brother of Chris (Jan) Heaphy, Maureen Heaphy, Karen White, Kimberly Heaphy, Michael (Tonya) Heaphy. Dear friends. Robert (Sandy) Hauxwell and Jimmy (Sharon) Carter. His generous and fun-loving spirit will be missed by all but live on through his family. The family wishes to extend special thanks to the staff at Select Specialty Hospital at McLaren-Flint. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes. com.



Rita Burene

Rita Burene - age 65, died November 27, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Robert Young

Robert Young - age 83, died November 23, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Scott Panning

Scott Panning - age 59, died November 25, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Teri Johnson

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Tou Yang

Tou Yang - age 34, died November 29, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Shirley Hunter

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Vicki Ross

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Wayne Neal

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Bethany Lowry

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Carl Kimber

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Daniel Barto

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Dick Carpenter

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Dorothy Hopton

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Edward Shiflett

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Fulvio Ragnone

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Jean "Nanny" Daves

Jean "Nanny" Daves - age 82, died November 24, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



John Ball Jr.

John Ball Jr. - age 78, died November 23, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Kelly Flood Kelly Flood - age 74, died November 25, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Bob Marshall

1941 – 2021

Bob Marshall - age 80, of Holly, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 11, 2021. He was born in Detroit. on September 10, 1941. Bob served honorably in the United States Army from 1958 to 1962. Bob worked for Michigan Bell Telephone for 25 years and followed that for several years working in real estate. Bob was an avid golfer and continued to play as much as he could during this past summer. Bob was also a long-time member of the Holly Moose Lodge. He is survived by his son. Bob (Julie) Marshall: and two granddaughters. Kaitlin (Brad) Vore, and Rachael Marshall, (Fiance, Anthony Martinez). He is also survived by his sister, Bonnie (Arve) Viik; his brother. Rick (Barb) Marshall: and seven nephews and nieces. Bob will be interred with military honors in the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, after a short ceremony conducted at the cemetery at 11 AM on Friday, December 10, 2021. People wishing to express condolences can send donations to the Moose Lodge #1168, at 210 Broad Street, Holly, MI, 48442, with a note requesting the funds go to charity work within the Holly community. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Gilbert A. Gallegos 1928 - 2021

Gilbert A. Gallegos – age 93, of Goodrich, passed away Thursday, November 25, 2021 at The Pines of Goodrich. Cremation will take place



U.S. Army from 1947 -1 950. Gilbert was a millwright, but he also enjoyed carpentry and built two houses. He bowled for many years and bowled his first 300 in

following visitation. Family will receive visitors 2 - 5 PM Sunday, November 28, 2021 at Allen Funeral Home, 9136 Davison Rd., Davison. In lieu of flowers. memorial contributions may be made to Shelter Animal Donations (SAD) in Fenton. Gilbert was born in Guadalupita. New Mexico on November 7, 1928, son of the late Blas and Mary (Gonzales) Gallegos. He proudly served his country in the

Kurt Geisenhaver

Kurt Geisenhaver - age 60, died November 28, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Laverne "Jo" Traylor

Laverne "Jo" Traylor - age 96, died November 25, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes. com.



Lonny Varner

Lonny Varner - age 80, died November 29, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.

1961. Gilbert loved his

dachshund, Molly who was

his traveling sidekick. He

and spending time with his

family. Gilbert is survived

by his daughters, Shelly

Gallegos and Jennifer

sister, Delores Vigil and

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also enjoyed elk hunting

in Wyoming, gardening



Martin "Slick" Dennis

Martin "Slick" Dennis - age 88, died November 30, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes. com.



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Obituaries

Lee Richard Kessler 1953 - 2021

Lee Richard Kessler age 68 of Linden, passed away on Saturday, November 27, 2021. He was born in Jackson, on September 9, 1953, son of the late Richard L. and Patricia



A. (McCann) Kessler. During his childhood, Lee lived in Argentina and Switzerland, returning to Michigan in 1964 where he lived the rest of his life. Lee graduated from Bloomfield Hills Andover High School in 1970, Western Michigan University in 1974 with a Bachelor of Business Administration. and completed his MBA at the University of Michigan in 1982. Before beginning his work career in earnest, he was a caddie at Oakland Hills Country Club where he had the honor of caddying during the 1972 PGA Championship, In 1977, Lee began a 30-year career in finance at General Motors from which he retired in 2007. Lee was an avid card player and collector of coins. stamps, and poker chips. His interest in playing blackjack took him to Las Vegas many times where he developed an interest in dealing. During his retirement years, Lee began a second career as a poker dealer in the Detroit area. In addition, he enjoyed giving back to the community by participating in the 2010 Census, founding the Fenton Area Singles, and

volunteerina with the **Red Cross** Disaster Action Team, Meals on Wheels, and AARP where he prepared tax returns for seniors. In his spare time, Lee loved

assembling jigsaw puzzles, riding with the Biking Bunch out of Loose Senior Center, playing bridge and pinochle with friends, and supporting the Wolverines. Lions and Tigers from the comfort of his big red recliner. One of Lee's greatest joys was spending time with his many good friends whom he truly valued. Sadly, his golden years were cut short by an unexpected cancer diagnosis, which he fought courageously, maintaining his sense of humor until the end. Lee is survived by his siblings, Christine Kessler, Craig (Lynda) Kessler and Pam Kessler: nephew. Christopher (Molly) Kessler; niece, Kelly (Brad) Maxwell; three grandnieces; and stepmother. Dorothy Kessler. A memorial service will be held 3 PM Sunday, December 12, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. The family will receive friends from 1 PM until the time of service. www.sharpfuneralhomes. com. "Bend it in all the right places, Lee."



Dona (Fischer) Wagner - age 93 of Fenton, and Parker, CO passed away Sunday, November 28, 2021. Dona was born in Flint, June 30. 1928 to

Ralph and Armella Fischer. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alton "Al" Wagner: and daughter. Sherry Wagner. She will be lovingly remembered by her children, Wayne (Kathryn) Wagner, Nancy (Emil) Sabolish, and Matthew Wagner: sisters. Mona (Jim) Casadonte and Kay (Mike) Sweeney; grandchildren, Krystyn (Gabriel) Perez and Christopher (Gayle) Wagner; greatgrandchildren. Oliver and Abigail Perez; and many nieces and nephews. Dona was a proud graduate of Flint Technical High School. She and Al married in 1949, and they celebrated their 71st anniversary before Al passed away in October 2020. Dona worked various jobs over the years as an administrative assistant, including working with Al

Dona (Fischer) Wagner 1928 - 2021



retirement years. She loved word games, card games, and crossword puzzles, and was a wonderful cook, hosting countless family gatherings. She was a devoted mother to all of their children. and a passionate advocate for special needs son Matthew. Dona lived a life of quiet faith, the past 30 years as a member of St. John the **Evangelist Catholic Church** of Fenton. A private funeral mass and burial service will be held at St John Church. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the charity of your choice, or St. John the Evangelist Church. The family welcomes memories and messages to be shared on Dona's tribute page at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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Dona and

Al enjoyed

from family

during their

vacations

to world

cruises

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Wagner

Homes.



Caroline "Suzy Q" Frederick

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Caroline "Suzy Q" Frederick - age 78, died November 30, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Marvin Wagner

Marvin Wagner - age 100, died November 30, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Mary Neeley

Mary Neeley - age 89, died November 21, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Paul Suchy Jr.

Paul Suchy Jr. - age 69, died November 30, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Ricky DuVall

Ricky DuVall - age 68, died November 27, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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