

Township plans to issue \$5 million bond for water project

■ Township approves putting notice in publication; no bonds have been approved yet

By Hannah Ball

Tri-County Times readers will soon see a notice in this paper about Fenton

Township's intent to issue capital improvement bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 to finance the costs of municipal water system infrastructure.

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted to approve the resolution on Tuesday, Jan. 4.

By law, the township must publish the notice before the board votes on the bond.

No bonds have been issued yet. The money would help fund the \$23.5-million water project that would bring municipal water to Thompson Road and farther south, as well as in certain areas in Mundy Township and Grand Blanc Township. The two municipalities are contributing funds.

Phase 1 construction is scheduled to

begin this spring. It includes building a water tower on the northeast corner of Fenton and Thompson roads and constructing a water main on Thompson Road. Fenton Township has secured \$6.5 million from Genesee County for the project, and they continue to pursue other fundraising and grant options.

See **WATER PROJECT** on 8



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■ Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Michigan set for Feb. 5

By Sharon Stone

It's time to start working on your costumes and

getting your friends together for this year's Polar Plunge, Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Fenton Moose Lodge, 2245 Sonora Drive.

The Fenton Polar Plunge is an event where individuals/teams take the plunge into See **POLAR** on 8

Public can provide input on SLPR five-year plan

By Hannah Ball

Residents have until Jan. 18 to submit input on the proposed Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation master plan for 2022-2027.

The most significant See **SLPR** on 12



Melissa Borden, owner of The Devoted Barn in Rose Township, stands with the roosters they adopted from Michigan Humane. They have since been adopted by a private sanctuary. Cluck Norris, Colonel Mustard, Gabe, Gary and Garrett have a new home for the new year.

See story on page 8. Submitted photo

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Three-vehicle crash on northbound U.S. 23

By Hannah Ball

A crash on northbound U.S. just past Thompson Road involving two semi trucks and another vehicle slowed traffic on the expressway around 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 7.

The call came to first responders as a personal injury crash. Onlookers told Genesee County 911 Dispatch that a

vehicle was “torn in half.” On scene, one semi was half off the road and a vehicle was in the ditch at the median.

Multiple emergency departments responded. Northbound traffic was diverted off at Thompson Road. This story will be updated when more information is available.

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Sold out Linden book to be back in stock next weekend

■ Proceeds from historic book go to restoration of Linden Mill building

By Hannah Ball

The Linden Mills Historical Society book, “Linden Memories Past & Present,” which quickly sold out after its first printing, is expected to be available for purchase next weekend, Saturday, Jan. 15 and Sunday, Jan. 16.

LMHS President Pete Maas said the first round sold out December 19, and they’re currently awaiting a second printing. The printer is positive they can have the book done by Thursday, Jan.



13. The book has more than 250 pages filled with historic information about Linden, along with many stories and photos shared by community members and descendants of founding families. The Linden Mills Museum will be

open on Saturday, Jan. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 16 from noon to 3 p.m. for those who have reserved or pre-paid for the books and also for those wishing to purchase a copy while supply lasts.

The first printing of the book was \$25, and the price has increased to \$30. All proceeds from this project will go to the restoration of the Linden Mill building. Those who wish to have the book mailed, please send a check for \$35 (\$30 plus \$5 shipping), including mailing information to Linden Mills Historical Society, PO Box 823, Linden, Michigan 48451.

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David's Dabblings

I joined the Tri-County Times staff right before the 2002-03 school year.

Since that time, I've had a working relationship with Denny Hopkins.

The first football game I covered at the paper was the 2002 opener when the Eagles lost a 17-16 verdict against Corunna. I remember that game well. Corunna had a field goal attempt I swore went wide. I was writing the results in my notebook and when I looked up after doing so, the referees eventually called the 20-yard field goal attempt good.

"When the kicker takes his helmet off in disgust and 20 seconds later the two officials underneath have to ask about it and then say it's good, you have to wonder," Hopkins said after the game about that play. I bet Denny remembers that field goal attempt as well.

Over the next 20 years, I was able to watch many more of Hopkins's football and boys basketball teams play many games. On the football field, his teams were some of the most entertaining I've ever watched play the game. In fact, after that loss to Corunna that 2002 team would win its next eight games, win the Flint Metro League championship and make the playoffs. It would be the first of 16 straight Linden football teams to qualify for the playoffs and the first of seven Metro League championship teams Denny coached.



David Troppens
Sports Editor

But, as most already know, Hopkins won't be on the sideline next fall when the Linden Eagles begin their varsity football season in 2022. Hopkins recently retired as Linden's head coach after a remarkable career of coaching varsity baseball, boys basketball and football teams every year since the late 1970s. He's an icon, and it only should be a matter of time an athletic court, field or stadium should be named after him somewhere on Linden's campus. Hopkins's teams were a blast to watch, but what I will miss more than the teams is Hopkins himself.

After a few years of him bugging me to attend Linden's annual football team canoe trip that was held the weekend before the start of the official football practices, I finally went in 2012. During it, I saw exactly why he remained a coach for more than 40 years. He loved his players, and that showed while at the camp.

The players egged Denny to slide down a makeshift water slide. All it involved was a watered tarp on a large sandbank with a 'speed bump' like sand pile at the end that propelled you into the air before landing in the Muskegon River. Denny did it and will tell you today he still feels that trip down the slide.

Later on, there was karaoke, and no one sang more songs than Denny. His first song was a Beyonce song. He later sang many other songs including Cyndi Lauper's "Girls Just Want to Have Fun." The

Denny, you will be missed

players ate it up.

Also, there was the cornhole tournament. Me and Denny end up being teammates and lost in the quarterfinals.

At other times, we had other more personable talks. One that stuck out was Denny talking about watching his daughter, Cori, play volleyball. The subject came up when we were watching volleyball during the Summer Olympics. You could see the sense of pride in his eye when he talked about those days.

The trip ranks as one of my greatest highlights during my career at the paper. The two other times I attended, I came just for Saturday. That included this August when I attended sensing this may be Denny's last year on the sideline. If it was, I had to do one last football canoe trip.

So many times with my job you get to see only the coach side of the people I work with. I only get only occasional glimpses of the actual person beyond the coach. Denny was one of the few I got to experience a large part of the actual person as well, and did so for 20 years. And, if he doesn't mind me saying it, he's a pretty cool and personable guy.

When the 2022 football season begins, Linden football will certainly move forward. That's not going to change, obviously. But, without Denny there, I'll miss someone I can call a good friend. Enjoy your retirement, and your grandkids, Denny. You deserve it.

Hotlines

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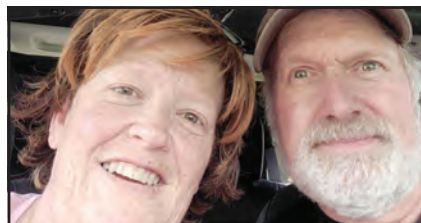
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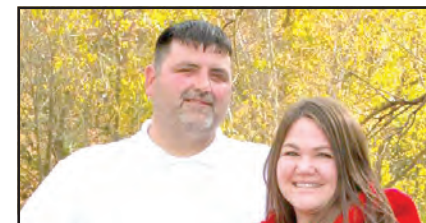
"My Dad. He has been through so much but is still a rock for me! He is a Vietnam Veteran, and a GM retiree. We lost my brother, his first born. He stood tall, and he has supported me 100% with starting my own business. Love him. He's my best friend!"

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"My husband. Joe is one of the toughest, honest and bravest person that I know. In the last few months of 2021, he was diagnosed with a brain tumor, had 10 hours of surgery and then contracted COVID. Been married for 42 years and everyday he amazes me."

Kim Weber
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"I looked up to my mother my entire life. She passed away seven years ago. The qualities I loved about her was her loving heart, her compassion, and her love she had for everyone she met."

Dan Killian
Linden

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Supervisor withdraws request for alerts

■ Rose Township supervisor/NOCFA Board member will use police scanner or pager

By Sharon Stone

During the North Oakland County Fire Authority Board meeting Tuesday, Dec. 21, Rose Township Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snider withdrew her request to be added back in the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System (CLEMIS) system.

This came after she requested to be added back to the system to receive alerts at the NOCFA Board's Oct. 19 meeting after learning her phone number had been removed.

CLEMIS uses innovative computer technology for criminal justice and public safety applications. By serving as a technical link among multiple agencies, CLEMIS

promotes communication and sharing of criminal justice information.

The Oct. 19 vote was prompted by an Oct. 12 letter from NOCFA Assistant Fire Chief Matt Weil to Chief Jeremy Lintz, who indicated that Scheib-Snider asked that she be put back into the system.

In the letter, Weil indicated that he was removing a former employee from the CAD Incident Notification System and had requested a complete copy of the current enrollees so that the department could audit it. He said he wanted to make sure no former employees were missed, make sure current employees are on and due to the increase of information that is Protected Health Information (PHI), Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) and other sensitive in nature information, that any non-rostered personnel are

removed to limit any disclosure liability of the department.

Weil said he removed a few non-rostered people from the system, including Scheib-Snider, who serves on the NOCFA Board, representing Rose Township. Scheib-Snider had worked for NOCFA years ago as a Basic EMT/firefighter, however, her license had lapsed.

During the Oct. 19 meeting, Scheib-Snider said as supervisor, being on this list lets her know what is happening in the township. She said she had been on the list for five years

and was given no indication of why she was removed.

Lintz said Scheib-Snider, as well as several others, had been on the list. He said the Board itself did not have the authority, citing federal privacy laws, to put a person back on the list, only NOCFA had the authority. He said

the messages, containing sensitive information, is to go to personnel of NOCFA only. "Personal information cannot be disseminated out to anyone other than employees," he said.

After agreeing to end the discussion, the Board voted 3-2 in October to have Lintz put Scheib-Snider back into the CAD CLEMIS system so that she could continue receiving the alerts.

After discussing options available to her at the December meeting, such as receiving pager alerts or listening to a police scanner, Lintz assured Scheib-Snider that these other options would provide everything she needs to know regarding emergencies in the township.

Scheib-Snider said, "I'm willing to use a scanner. I withdraw my original motion for access."

“I’m willing to use a scanner. I withdraw my original motion for access.”

Dianne Scheib-Snider
Rose Township supervisor

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Pageant seeks young women with Irish descent

■ Applications accepted for 2022 Flint St. Patrick's Day Miss Hibernia Pageant

By Sharon Stone

Applications are being accepted for the 2022 Miss Hibernia Pageant with \$3,000 in cash scholarships being awarded to the winners.

The pageant will select Miss Hibernia and her court who will join the Grand Marshal in hosting the official St. Patrick's Day festivities in Flint on March 17. The Miss Hibernia Pageant is sponsored by the Grand Marshals of the official Flint St. Patrick's Day Celebrations.

The pageant is a two-step process with contestants first participating in a screening interview on Feb. 5 at Brickstreet of Grand Blanc and then preparing and presenting an essay at the pageant on Feb. 8. The pageant will take place at 4 p.m. at the Dom Polski Hall on Linden Road near Flushing.

Immediately following the pageant, the newly selected Miss Hibernia and her court will be announced and introduced at the annual Pre-St. Patrick's Day Party at 6 p.m., which is a fundraiser for the Miss Hibernia college scholarships and other activities promoting Irish culture and Christian Charity through the year.

The chosen Miss Hibernia will receive a \$1,500 cash scholarship, the first runner-up will receive a \$1,000 cash scholarship and the second runner-up will receive a \$500 cash scholarship.

Along with the Grand Marshal, Miss Hibernia and her court will preside over various events on St. Patrick's Day including the annual Catholic Mass and Celebrations at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in downtown Flint.



Pictured are (from left) 2015 Miss Hibernia Queen Celeste, Hynan Grand Marshal John Potbury, Haley Parson and Shelby Roesner. **Submitted photos**



Miss 2016 Hibernia Erica Rose Kennedy



Miss Hibernia 2019 Fiona Caughey

The pageant is open to any young woman from Genesee County with Irish ancestry between the ages of 16 and 22 that is presently enrolled in a college or high school in Genesee County. Contestants are judged on a written essay, panel interview,

poise, appearance, and a prepared speech presentation. The deadline to apply is Jan. 31 and the application and more details may be found online at FlintStPatricksDay.com or by calling (810)730-4446.



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OLD BUSINESS:

HO21-004 Leah Bauder, 12265 Dollar Lake Dr: Requesting a Home Occupation Permit for in home fitness instruction, parcel # 06-12-502-007.

NEW BUSINESS:

ZBA21-036 George Krull, 14008 Eastview Drive: Requesting a 304 square foot size variance and a two-foot height variance to construct a new accessory building at 14008 Eastview Drive, parcel #06-22-200-001.

ZBA22-001 Kevin Gurski, 10051 E Highland Rd. Ste. 29250 Howell, MI: Requesting a 9-foot rear yard setback to construct a new deck at 14255 Durrant St, parcel #06-21-602-049.

ZBA22-002 Allore Sharp, 12078 Mantawauka Dr: Requesting an Appeal of the Fenton Township Planning Commission's decision to deny a request for a commercial kennel at 13015 Linden Road, parcel #06-17-100-008.

ZBA22-003 Jeff Collins, 16508 W. Horseshoe Trail: Requesting an 11-foot sight line variance to build a new deck extending three feet beyond the closes part of the house to the lake.

To the residents and property owners of Fenton Township, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested parties. Please take notice that a regular meeting of the Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Tuesday January 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. IN PERSON and by ZOOM Meeting. The public may participate in the meeting in person or via the following web link:

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Devoted Barn helps roosters find forever home

By Hannah Ball

Five roosters have a lucky start to the new year.

On Jan. 3, Michigan Humane announced on Facebook that The Devoted Barn in Rose Township adopted all five of their roosters.

The Devoted Barn, a rescue non-profit that takes in animals, took care of them for a few days because they have more resources for housing. The roosters have since found a permanent home.

"The roosters that were taken in from Michigan Humane have been adopted out to a private sanctuary. They were at The Devoted Barn Sanctuary for a short period until arrangements could be made to get them to their new forever home," said Melissa Borden, owner of The Devoted Barn.

The three 7-month-olds are Gabe, Gary and Garrett. Colonel Mustard and Cluck Norris are approximately one year old.

Anna Chrisman, media manager at Michigan Humane, said Gabe, Gary and Garrett were surrendered to them by their owners, along with many other chickens, roosters and other domestic animals, in

June 2021.

"We watched them grow from downy chicks into handsome roosters," she said. "Colonel Mustard and Cluck Norris came to us from separate animal control agencies for care and then adoption. They have been with us for around five months each."

Chrisman said it does typically take longer to find homes for more unusual animals, or ones with specific housing and care needs. They tried several avenues to find homes for the roosters, including social media, featuring them on the Pet of the Week television spots and more.

At Michigan Humane, the roosters lived in the Berman Center, where they had places to perch, enrichment items, fresh food and water, and bedding every day.

"We are in the process of creating a space for our farm and other domestic animals to be able to thrive in something closer to their natural environment through the Michigan Humane Center for Farm Animal Care at Abraham Ranch," Chrisman said. More information is available at michiganhumane.org/michigan-humane-center-for-farm-animal-care/.

WATER PROJECT

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Supervisor Vince Lorraine said his goal is to issue the smallest bond possible.

"Our intent is not to force anyone to connect at this point because we've been able to procure money and funds. The \$5 million is there, but we don't expect to get anywhere near that," he said.

It's an "up to amount," said Thomas Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk of Fenton Township. The

bond is for \$5 million but officials expect to collect \$2 million to \$3 million. Township attorneys recommended issuing a larger bond to avoid a scenario in which they would run out of money and issue a second one.

The principal and interest of the bonds will be payable from the township's general funds. The debt on the bond should be covered by the revenue from the water system, Broecker said. The intent is for the system to be self supporting.

POLAR

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the lake and help to raise funds for the athletes of Special Olympics Michigan. The funding goes to support those with intellectual disabilities so there is no cost to the parents or the athletes.

The Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Michigan event series is presented by Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Michigan.

Timeline:

- 11 a.m. — plunge check-in opens and pre-plunge party. Plunge check-in takes place at the Fenton Township building. Turn in cash and check donations, get

your incentives, prepare to plunge.

- 1 p.m. — plunge into Lake Fenton
- After — After-Splash Bash

Lunch is included for all plungers. Drinks and lunch for spectators will be available for purchase on-site. Make sure to pre-register Friday evening at the Fenton Moose Lodge. The event will run from 7 to 9 p.m.

Andrea Rachko, senior director of Law Enforcement Torch Run Special Olympics Michigan, said they brought back the Polar Plunge Series after a year of being virtual and they are looking to grow this event and help to raise more than \$65,000.

To register or to donate, go to Fenton Polar Plunge 2022 - Campaign (classy.org)

LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

JAN. 9

1493: Explorer Christopher Columbus, sailing near the Dominican Republic, sees three “mermaids” — in reality manatees — and describes them as “not half as beautiful as they are painted.” Six months earlier, Columbus (1451-1506) set off from Spain across the Atlantic Ocean with the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria, hoping to find a western trade route to Asia. Instead, his voyage, the first of four he would make, led him to the Americas, or “New World.” Manatees live an average of 50 to 60 years in the wild and have no natural predators. However, they are an endangered species. In the U.S., the majority of manatees are found in Florida, where scores of them die or are injured each year due to collisions with boats.

JAN. 10

1901: A drilling derrick at Spindletop Hill near Beaumont, Texas, produces an enormous gusher of crude oil, coating the landscape for hundreds of feet and signaling the advent of the American oil industry. The geyser was discovered at a depth of over 1,000 feet, flowed at an initial rate of approximately 100,000 barrels a day and took nine days to cap. Following the discovery, petroleum, which until that time had been used in the U.S. primarily as a lubricant and in kerosene for lamps, would become the main fuel source for new inventions such as cars and airplanes; coal-powered forms of

transportation including ships and trains would also convert to the liquid fuel.

JAN. 11

1964: United States Surgeon General Luther Terry knew his report was a bombshell. He intentionally chose to release it Jan. 11, 1964, a Saturday, so as to limit its immediate effects on the stock market. It was on this date that, on behalf of the U.S. Government, Terry announced a definitive link between smoking and cancer. The link had long been suspected. Anecdotal evidence had always pointed to negative health effects from smoking, and by the 1930s, physicians were noticing an increase in lung cancer cases. The first medical studies that raised serious concerns were published in Great Britain in the late 1940s.

JAN. 12

2010: Haiti is devastated by a massive earthquake. It drew an outpouring of support from around the globe but the small nation has yet to fully recover. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, due largely to its history of colonization, occupation and exploitation by Spain, France and the United States. It also has a history of seismic activity — devastating earthquakes were recorded there in 1751, 1770, 1842 and 1946. The island of Hispaniola, which Haiti shares with the Dominican Republic, lies mostly between two large tectonic plates, the North American and the Caribbean. The Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince practically straddles this fault-line. Despite this knowledge and warnings from seismologists that another earthquake was likely in the near future, the country's poverty meant that infrastructure and emergency services were not prepared to handle the effects of a natural disaster.

JAN. 13

1995: America3, an all-female sailing team, wins the first race of the America's Cup defender trials, easily beating Team Dennis Conner by a little more than a minute. The team is the sport's first all-women team to compete in the 144-year history of the America's Cup, the world's oldest continually contested sporting trophy. The Cup represents the pinnacle of international sailing yacht competition. America3 (pronounced “America Cubed”) was the brainchild of Bill Koch, a millionaire businessman and skipper of the 1992 America's Cup-winning vessel. Koch wanted to pique American interest in the sport and field a competitive sailing team. So, he assembled a 23-member team that included female sailors, rowers and professional weightlifters to take on Conner's team in the defender trials.

JAN. 14

1875: The theologian, musician, philosopher and Nobel Prize-winning physician Albert Schweitzer is born in Upper-Alsace, Germany (now Haut-Rhin, France). The son and grandson of ministers, Schweitzer studied theology and philosophy at the universities of Strasbourg, Paris and Berlin. After working as a pastor, he

entered medical school in 1905 with the dream of becoming a missionary in Africa. Schweitzer also was an acclaimed concert organist who played professional engagements to earn money for his education. By the time he received his M.D. in 1913, the overachieving Schweitzer had published several books, including the influential *The Quest for the Historical Jesus* and a book on the composer Johann Sebastian Bach.

JAN. 15

2009: On this day, a potential disaster turned into a heroic display of skill and composure when Captain Chesley Burnett Sullenberger III safely landed the plane he was piloting on New York City's Hudson River after a bird strike caused its engines to fail. David Paterson, governor of New York at the time, dubbed the incident the “miracle on the Hudson.” After walking up and down the aisle twice to ensure a complete evacuation, Sullenberger was the last to leave the sinking plane. Sullenberger, a former fighter pilot with decades of flying experience, received a slew of honors for his actions, including an invitation to Barack Obama's presidential inauguration and resolutions of praise from the U.S. Congress.

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REVIEW

DEAR CITIZENS OF THE SOUTHERN LAKES REGIONAL METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT,

Beginning Monday, December 20th, 2021, the public is invited to take part in a 30-day review of the DRAFT SLPR 5-year Recreation Master Plan for 2022-2027. The plan will be available for public review and comment through Tuesday, January 18th, 2022. Copies are available online at www.SLPR.net, through an email request to contact_us@slpr.net, at the SLPR office in the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, the Fenton Township Office, Linden City Hall, and at Fenton City Hall. We look forward to your input and finalizing our master plan!

Ed Koledo

Executive Director, SLPR

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Pink Night Palooza sets record for local breast cancer patients

■ Event raises \$200,508 to benefit breast cancer patients

By Peggy Agar, marketing/social media specialist at Hurley Medical Center

No one has a piggy bank for breast cancer. Going through treatment can be tiring and costly, but our community has stepped up to help patients so they can focus on beating this awful disease.

Presenting Sponsor Hurley Medical Center and Founding Sponsor Financial Plus Credit Union are proud to announce the 2021 Pink Night Palooza raised an astounding \$200,508.52 for the Hurley Breast Cancer Patient Navigation Program.

This total is a collection from sponsorships, mini-fundraisers and individual donations.

“Thanks to the generosity of this community, we can help patients pay rent and utilities, get to and from treatment and even provide extra help for food or wigs,” said Marsha Schmit, Hurley breast cancer patient navigator. “I owe a huge debt of gratitude to my community and everyone involved. From every part of my heart on behalf of the patients we serve, we will use this money wisely, carefully and to the benefit of patients who are going through breast cancer here locally.”

Pink Night Palooza was successful thanks to title sponsors Insta-Lube and

RMI, Hosts Melissa Hager and Chris Swanson, and Mid-Michigan Now who broadcasted the event live on CW46 for the first time this year.

“I’m happy to thank our community for their continued support over the past 13 years. This year we were able to raise awareness and share our mission with thousands of viewers via a live broadcast thanks to our sponsor Mid-Michigan Now,” said Brad Bergmooser, Financial Plus Credit Union president and CEO. “Your generosity is truly bringing light to so many lives every day.”

Save the date for this year’s Pink Night Palooza: Thursday - October 20, 2022

LINDEN COMMUNITY EDUCATION BROCHURE REVISIONS

The Linden Community Education 2022 Winter/Spring Program guide is included with this edition. On Page 16 of the brochure, **Session 1 of the Photography class is now Monday, February 7, 2022 instead of Monday, January 10.** Also on page 16, to register for a Community Education class, please do not call Argentine Early Childhood Center, please call 810-591-0415. Please only call the Argentine Early Childhood Center to register for programming on pages 18 and 19 only.

PLANNING COMMISSION CITY OF FENTON GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST

THURSDAY, January 27, 2022

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fenton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Tuesday, January 27, 2022, for the purpose of considering a Special Land Use request to allow a banquet facility at 234 N. Leroy Street, Tax ID #53-25-300-010. This property is within the CBD, Central Business District, where banquet facilities are permitted by special use.

The purpose of the public hearing is to describe the proposed special land use request and receive public comment on the proposal. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

A copy of the special land use request is available for public inspection by appointment only at the City of Fenton offices, 301 South Leroy Street. Written comments concerning the special land use may be submitted to Jason Payne, Building Official at jpayne@cityoffenton.org prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. All minutes of meetings are available at the City Clerk’s office.

Comments and questions may be directed to the City of Fenton Zoning and Building Administrator, Jason Payne, at 810-629-2261.

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The purpose of the public hearing is to describe the proposed special land use request and receive public comment on the proposal. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

VEHICLES STOLEN FROM FENTON AUTO DEALERSHIP

At 1:43 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 21, Fenton police responded to an auto dealership on a report of two stolen vehicles. Through their investigation, an employee determined that an abandoned vehicle they saw on U.S. 23 near Clyde Road had been stolen from their lot. There was extensive damage to the abandoned Jeep Grand Cherokee. Through an inventory check, the dealership also discovered that a Chevy Cobalt had been stolen. The Jeep was recovered but the Cobalt has not. Employees believe the vehicles were stolen days prior to their inventory check. Police will be analyzing surveillance footage from the lot to investigate suspects.

MOTORIST INJURED IN HIT AND RUN CRASH

On Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021 at 7:18 p.m., deputies from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to southbound U.S. 23 for a personal injury crash. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with one of the drivers who said he was rear ended by a dark colored minivan. The minivan did not stop at the scene of the crash and continued southbound on U.S. 23. The driver complained of neck pain and was transported to McLaren Medical Center by ambulance. While on scene, deputies were dispatched to Lake Ponemah Mobile Home Park in Fenton Township reference to domestic disturbance in progress. The caller advised that the troubled individual was just involved in a crash on U.S. 23. Deputies arrived and found the vehicle having heavy front-end damage parked in a community parking lot. Upon searching the area, the suspect was found hiding underneath a pontoon boat. The suspect was lodged at the Genesee County Jail for operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing injury and leaving the scene of a crash. The case remains under investigation.

BREAKING AND ENTERING IN HILLS OF TYRONE

The Livingston County Sheriff's Office is investigating a break-in that happened at a home on Tyrone Trail in the Hills of Tyrone in Tyrone Township. The homeowner reported that sometime between Dec. 26, 2021 and Jan. 2, unknown individuals broke into their home. The sheriff said that the preliminary investigation reveals over \$20,000 in cash and property were stolen. Anyone with information is asked to call the sheriff's office at (517) 546-2440.

LINDEN TEEN CITED FOR HAVING NO LICENSE, SPEEDING

At 1:20 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 20, a Fenton police officer clocked a vehicle traveling 64 miles an hour in a 40-mph zone on Owen Road. A traffic stop was initiated and contact was made with the driver, a 15-year-old male from Linden who had not yet obtained a driver's license. There were others in the vehicle. The teen was cited for driving without a license and for speeding.

BREAK-IN ON NORTH ROAD

On Monday, Jan. 3, at 3:30 a.m., Genesee County sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 14000 block of North Road in Fenton Township for a breaking and entering report. Upon arrival, deputies met with the female homeowner who stated that she just returned home from vacation. While entering her residence she noticed several drawers from her nightstand and dresser were open. A small safe that was unlocked also was open. The homeowner noticed jewelry and coins missing from a shelf attached to the bedroom wall. Deputies processed the scene taking photographs and fingerprints. The case is still being investigated by the Office of Genesee County Sheriff.



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Township passes resolution in support of recreation plan

■Five-year plan by Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation includes park details, goals and objectives

By Hannah Ball

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees passed a resolution in support of the proposed, five-year master plan for Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation.

Fenton Township is a member of the Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District (SLPR). The proposed plan details area parks, SLPR's programs and events, and the organization's goals and objectives for the next five years.

See the story on this page for more information, and visit slpr.net/news/slpr-5-year-master-plan-review/ to see the plan.

Citizens can provide input by emailing contact_us@slpr.net or calling (810)-714-2011.

Trustees Rob Kesler and Christine Reid are on the SLPR Board. Reid said the available plan is a draft and it's expected that it will be tweaked.

"We have to have a five-year plan on file," she said.

The vote was 5-1. Kesler was absent and Clerk Robert Krug was the dissenting vote.

SLPR

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change in the plan is SLPR's goal to acquire land for a park, or future parks, and construct a new recreation and administrative facility to house SLPR operations.

The "Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan" is meant to be a tool to guide the development and preservation of park facilities and programs in a manner consistent with its mission of "establishing, maintaining and operating a system of parks, recreation facilities and programs," according to the draft.

"While there are no significant changes to our goals in the plan, we have updated the objectives under each goal to reflect the progress of the last six years," said Executive Director Ed Koledo. "Having a five-year master plan is a requirement of multiple grants and makes good business sense as an organization, that we have a long-range plan to move forward towards what our communities are telling us they want."

See the full plan at slpr.net/news/slpr-5-year-master-plan-review/.

What is SLPR?

The Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District was founded in November 2000 by a vote of residents in Linden, Fenton and Fenton Township under the the Metropolitan District Act, PA 312. Funds come from a 0.4 mil operating millage, which generated \$484,000 in 2021.

SLPR provides youth programs for dozens of activities and sports, and the organization manages multiple community events, including the Fenton Farmers Market, the "Back to the Bricks" Tune-Up Parties in Fenton and Linden, concert programs by

the Shiawassee River and the Fenton Street Experience. SLPR also provides community education programming to Fenton Area Public Schools.

The master plan

The plan will allow SLPR to apply for grants through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). In 2013, the State of Michigan recognized SLPR as a DNR Park Authority. The plan is divided into five categories: community description; administrative structure; parks, facility, and program inventory; planning process; basis for action; and action plan.

Currently, SLPR does not own its own properties. The current administrative offices and storage facilities are in the Fenton Community and Cultural Center (FCCC), while programming opportunities are offered in all school districts as well as the FCCC, according to the plan.

This area has approximately three dozen parks and other recreational facilities, including the non-motorized LAFF pathways. The plan rates each park on accessibility, lists available features and provides more information.

Goals and objectives

According to the plan, the top priorities ranked in order include; (1) Expand program opportunities in the SLPR service area; (2) Promote non-motorized connections throughout southern Genesee County and connect them to key destinations; (3) Continue partnerships with non-profits and education institutions; (4) Evaluate and pursue acquisition for park development; (5) New capital improvement project; (6) Continuing to modify programming to fit the demographics needs

Koledo said he spends a lot of time on goals two and four. "Goals two and four require facilitating meetings with multiple organizations involved with planning, developing, and construction, as well as working to fundraise money and write for grants for the LAFF Pathway and potential park land," he said.

Community input

Community input was sought during the drafting process of this plan from a survey. 112 residents responded, with 37% living in Fenton Township, 33% living in Fenton, 12% living in Linden and 4% living in Argentine Township. Approximately 12% said they lived in a "other" municipality.

Approximately 78% support SLPR acquiring property to offer more programming and 21% do not. 88% want to see more development of non-motorized pathways compared to 11% who responded "no."

With the question, "Overall are you satisfied with the current programs offered by SLPR?" 76% said "yes" and 23% said "no." The most popular categories people said they would participate in were "Canoeing, Kayaking/Paddle Boarding" and "Health/Fitness."

Send in opinions, concerns and questions

Residents can find the PDF online as well as printed copies at municipal offices. The public can submit notes in person or email them to contact_us@slpr.net. Call (810)-714-2011 with any questions. After the public review process, on Thursday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m., the SLPR Board will have a public hearing and look to finalize/approve the plan.

Budget

SLPR's recreation revenues experienced a sharp increase \$394,404 in 2020 to \$638,348 in 2021. Recreation expenses also increased in that time period from \$402,313 to \$645,646.

Revenues are expected to decrease and expenses are expected to rise in 2022, and SLPR anticipates a sharp decrease in net income.

2020 budget summary

Total administrative revenues ..	\$476,310
Total recreation revenues	\$394,404
Total revenues	\$870,715
Total administrative expenses ..	\$313,201
Total recreation expenses	\$402,313
Total expenses	\$715,515
Net income	\$155,199

2021 approved budget summary

Total administrative revenues ..	\$495,700
Total recreation revenues	\$638,348
Total revenues	\$1,134,048
Total administrative expenses ..	\$392,189
Total recreation expenses	\$645,646
Total expenses	\$1,037,835
Net income	\$96,213

2022 approved budget summary

Total administrative revenues ..	\$517,864
Total recreation revenues	\$599,433
Total revenues	\$1,117,307
Total administrative expenses ..	\$557,090
Total recreation expenses	\$558,139
Total expenses	\$1,115,229
Net income	\$2,077

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New local coordinator for Linden

■ Sherry Payne joins International Cultural Exchange Services (ICES)

International Cultural Exchange Services (ICES) welcomes Sherry Payne as a new local coordinator.

"I have lived in the Holly, Fenton area for my entire life. I am a retired nurse. I have a big dog named Oliver," she said.

"My hobbies include boating, sewing, walking the dog, cooking and baking. I'm excited to work with exchange students because I learn so much about them and their culture and I love to learn new things and teach people new things."

Payne said she is excited for this new opportunity to work with international high school students and the local families that host them and believes that having exchange students in our local schools and communities increase mutual understanding and improves relationships between countries. Sherry will be working with families



“I’m excited to work with exchange students because I learn so much about them and their culture and I love to learn new things and teach people new things.”

Sherry Payne
International Cultural Exchange
Services local coordinator

and schools in Linden and in the surrounding area.

Payne is currently seeking families that would like to host for the school year of 2022. Exchange students live as a member of the host family — not a guest or boarder. They participate in family activities, follow host family rules, and help with chores. Students have their own medical insurance and spending money to cover all personal expenses.

Host families provide room and board and loving parental guidance to the student.

As the local coordinator, Payne is available to answer questions, give advice, and provide general support to students and host families throughout the experience. For more information about hosting or working with ICES, please contact Sherry Payne.

ICES is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting a peaceful world by increasing international awareness and understanding through cultural sharing experiences.

Township recycling collection changes for some

■ Board clarifies dates after ‘confusing’ postcard

By Hannah Ball

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees is clarifying that recycling collection day is Friday, but the week of collection is changing for some residents.

On Tuesday, Jan. 4, the board said a Republic Services postcard confused some residents. It states that their recycling collection day is changing to Friday. However, the collection day is already Friday. The week of collection is changing for all properties that lie north of Silver Lake Road, south of Lahring Road and west of US-23.

This area is currently on the “yellow” portion of the recycling map and calendar, according to a notice on fentontownship.org. This area had their recycling collected Friday, December 31, 2021 as normal, and again on Friday January 7, 2022. It will be collected every other week from now on.

This area will become part of the “blue” portion of the recycling map/calendar going forward.

An updated waste collection brochure, including a 2022 calendar and recycle map, are available at fentontownship.org. Residents can contact the Fenton Township office at 810-629-1537 with questions.

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VILLAGE OF HOLLY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with Chapter 157, Section 157.120 of the Village of Holly Zoning Ordinance, that the Village of Holly Planning Commission will consider a request for a Special Land Use Permit on January 26, 2022 at 7:00 PM (or as soon thereafter as possible) in the Village of Holly Council Chambers located at 920 E. Baird Street, Holly, Michigan.

An application for a special land use permit was filed by Letisha Hughes, 4394 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442. The proposal is for the Special Use Permit at 602 N. Saginaw Street, Holly, MI Parcel ID # IH-01-34-101-003.

Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk/Treasurer, Karl Richter Center, 300 East Street, Holly, Michigan 48442 prior to the review and may also be submitted at the meeting. All documents pertinent to the application are available for inspection in the Village Offices at the above address during regular business hours.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the meeting. Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend are asked to contact the village offices at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (248) 634-9571 during regular business hours.

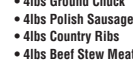
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MICHIGAN VOTES

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, Nov. 19.

The House and Senate are on break until Nov. 30, so rather than votes, this report describes some of the many “economic development” bills introduced this year to give selective subsidies and tax breaks to certain corporations and developers. Approximately 20 such bills have been introduced in 2021, with two already signed into law and several others already passed by either the House or Senate (but not both). This report describes some of those that have not yet received a vote.

House Bill 4827: Authorize residential housing development subsidies

Introduced by Rep. John Roth (R), to authorize a new selective property tax for developers, this one for residential housing. The owner of a new or refurbished residential property on at least one acre in an eligible “district” would get a 50% property tax break for 12 years. This would be available to individuals earning up to 125% of the local median income. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 615: Authorize \$300 million more in state business owner subsidies

Introduced by Sen. Kenneth Horn (R), to authorize a new corporate

subsidy program that would let certain businesses and developers collect (and require the state to forego) up to \$300 million of the income tax paid by employees and residents. Officials in the state agency in charge of delivering subsidies to business owners they select could approve up to 40 new subsidy deals each year through 2026. The bill was advanced by the Committee On Economic And Small Business Development with a “favorable” recommendation.

House Bill 4979: Ban device to boost corporate welfare payments

Introduced by Rep. Steven Johnson (R), to prohibit the state department in charge of giving selective subsidies to certain corporations and developers, called the “Michigan Strategic Fund,” from designating a property as a tax exempt “renaissance zone” unless it is located entirely in an “eligible distressed area” as defined in a state housing law. This has been used many times to convert selective tax breaks into outright cash subsidies estimated to cost state taxpayers as much as \$9 billion over 20 years. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4544: Stop earmarking Indian casino revenue to corporate subsidy programs

Introduced by Rep. Jeff Yaroach (R), to establish that all money and assets held by the “Michigan Strategic Fund” state department are declared public money and assets, and like other state receipts, may be spent only as authorized by an appropriation enacted by the Legislature and as provided by law. Also, to redi-

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PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON PUBLIC HEARING – 2022 LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The Fenton Township Board has scheduled a public hearing to discuss local road improvement projects for 2022. Citizens are invited to provide input regarding potential projects, which may include improvements to paved or unpaved local roads. The hearing will be held during the board's regular meeting on Tuesday January 18, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the lower level meeting room of the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. The public may also participate in the public hearing via Zoom. Instructions for participating via Zoom will be posted on Fenton Township's website at www.fentontownship.org.

NEWS
BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Holly Area Chamber of Commerce
annual awards

The Holly Area Chamber of Commerce has served the

Holly Community for many years recognizing businesses, organizations, persons, and families who have demonstrated excellence and commitment to the Holly area. The nomination period is announced annually and the public is invited to submit nominations. This year the nomination period is open through 5 p.m., Sunday, Jan.16.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS
OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS
SECURED BY THE TAXING
POWER OF THE TOWNSHIP AND
RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton, County of Genesee, State of Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended ("Act 34"), in an amount not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000), in one or more series, for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping municipal water system infrastructure, together with all necessary interests in land, and all related sites, structures, equipment, appurtenances and attachments thereto.

BOND DETAILS

SAID BONDS shall mature in annual installments not to exceed twenty (20) in number, with interest rates to be determined at a public or private sale but in no event exceeding the maximum rate permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the Township lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable constitutional, statutory and charter tax rate limitations. The Township anticipates making debt service payments on the bonds from revenues received by the Township from the operation of its water supply system.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A VALID PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWNSHIP IS FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK WITHIN FORTY FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWNSHIP VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Robert E. Krug
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Charter Township of Fenton

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National Hot Chocolate Day

So good on a cold winter day

By Sharon Stone

Get ready to celebrate the timeless cold-weather beverage on National Hot Chocolate Day later this month on Jan. 31.

According to nationaldaycalendar.com, researchers are still looking into the origins of this day.

Hot chocolate is a beverage made with ground chocolate, heated milk or

water, and sugar. In America, we often use the terms hot chocolate and hot cocoa interchangeably. However, the two beverages are different.

Cocoa vs Hot Chocolate

We make hot cocoa with cocoa powder, heated milk or water, and sugar. We're able to do this thanks to a process developed by father and son chemists, Casparus van Houten Sr. and his son, Coenraad Johannes.

For the thicker, more flavorful beverage, we make hot chocolate from ground chocolate containing cocoa butter. It is also called drinking chocolate. Hot chocolate has also been around longer than hot cocoa.

In the early 1800s, Van Houten Sr. developed a process to separate the cocoa solids from the butter. His son, Johannes, made those fats more soluble in water. Together their processes made cocoa powder possible.

But before then, everyone drank hot chocolate. This thicker, creamier beverage often offered medicinal benefits for stomach ailments during the 19th century. In fact, long before the beverage's popularity in Victorian times, it served in ceremonial culture.

However, humans have been drinking chocolate for a long time. The Ma-



yans likely created the first chocolate beverage 2000 years ago. The Aztecs also included a cocoa beverage as an essential part of their culture by 1400 AD. When Europeans began exploring Central and South America, explorers brought chocolate and the beverage back with them to Europe from Mexico.

Make it and benefit

Hot chocolate can be enjoyed in a variety of combinations, topped with whipped cream or marshmallows. Sometimes a sprinkle of cinnamon or a dash of peppermint makes the chocolate extra special. In the United States, many people enjoy an instant form of hot chocolate. It is made with hot water or milk and a packet containing mostly cocoa powder, sugar, and dry milk.

There are health benefits to drinking hot chocolate. Cocoa contains significant amounts of antioxidants that may help prevent cancer. Studies have shown the flavonoids in chocolate may have a positive effect on arterial health and memory.

HOW TO OBSERVE

#NationalHotChocolateDay

Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate. You can make it with dark or milk chocolate. While you're at it, try experimenting, too. Add some cinnamon or other flavors to your chocolate. Of course, inviting a friend to join you is essential to the celebration, too. Try adding these toppings — whipped cream, marshmallows, sprinkles and candied fruit

Source: Nationaldaycalendar.com

CREAMY HOT COCOA

Serves 4

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1 pinch salt
- 1/3 cup boiling water
- 3 1/2 cups milk
- 3/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup half-and-half cream

DIRECTIONS:

Combine the cocoa, sugar and pinch of salt in a saucepan. Blend in the boiling water. Bring this mixture to an easy boil while you stir. Simmer and stir for about 2 minutes. Watch that it doesn't scorch. Stir in 3 1/2 cups of milk and heat until very hot, but do not boil! Remove from heat and add vanilla. Divide between four mugs. Add the cream to the mugs of cocoa to cool it to drinking temperature. Per Serving: 310 calories; protein 9.3g; carbohydrates 52.8g; fat 8.7g; cholesterol 28.3mg; sodium 102.1mg.

Source: Allrecipes.com

HOMEMADE HOT CHOCOLATE

Serves four

A combination of cocoa powder and chocolate chips make this hot chocolate extra flavorful and delicious.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups milk (whole or 2 percent)
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup bittersweet or semisweet chocolate chips or chopped chocolate bar
- 1/4 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

DIRECTIONS

Place milk, cocoa powder and sugar in a small saucepan. Heat over medium/medium-low heat, whisking frequently, until warm (but not boiling). Add chocolate chips and whisk constantly until the chocolate chips melt and distribute evenly into the milk. Whisk in vanilla extract, serve immediately.

Source: Celebratingsweets.com

NOTICE ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

MEETING DATE CHANGE NOTICE

Please be notified that the Argentine Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Meeting on Monday, January 17, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Rd to consider the following Variance:

Appeal #2022-01

Steven Watson 12007 Seymour Rd, is requesting Variances for Size, Height and Use. He would like to build a barn larger than his home to store farm equipment in and the "Use" to run a manufacturing business in R1-Rural Residential district. Described as 01-11-100-006, 33.02 Acres

A complete copy of this application may be viewed at the Township office during regular office hours.

Joseph Graves, Clerk
Argentine Township

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Genisys Credit Union wins awards

■ Receives the Alphonse Desjardins Youth Financial Education Award and more

Credit Union National Association (CUNA) and the Michigan Credit Union League (MCUL) have announced Genisys Credit Union (GCU) as the Michigan state-level first place winner of the Alphonse Desjardins Youth Financial Education Award. CUNA's Alphonse Desjardins Youth Financial Education Award recognizes credit union leadership efforts to strengthen education on behalf of youth financial literacy.

"We place a focus on being a resource to our communities for financial education," said Jackie Buchanan, President and CEO of Genisys Credit Union. "Financial knowledge and capability are key in empowering an individual or family to reach their goals for financial freedom and choice — it's never too early to start that education."

In 2019, the credit union received feedback from area schools that they did not have an engaging curriculum to support the teaching and learning of financial literacy. To support the curriculum development, GCU partnered with the MCUL to offer a Financial Reality Fair program to high school students.

Reality Fairs focus on providing a real-world experience to students by giving them a taste of what it takes to financially live on their own. Students start the fair by choosing a career and then are given a salary and credit score

to navigate making various lifestyle purchases through a custom app. In doing so, they learn budgeting and the role a credit score plays in their financial well-being.

In addition to the Financial Reality Fairs, GCU also partners with Banzai, an award-winning content platform, to provide financial literacy materials to teachers. This partnership offers free online courses and materials to teachers such as blog articles, interactive coaching sessions that virtually walk you through the process of setting up emergency savings, and more. There also are lesson plans that can be downloaded or shipped to teachers for elementary, middle, and high school students.

To date, GCU has been able to impact more than 6,000 students with their financial education efforts.

The credit union also was awarded second place at the state level for CUNA's Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Community Service Award. This award promotes social responsibility among credit unions by recognizing their community service achievements. They received this recognition for the Hispanic Emergency Food Program done in partnership with Lighthouse of Oakland County and Centro Multicultural La Familia. The program provides culturally appropriate food to Pontiac's Hispanic community in response to food insecurity. Through a one-night livestream, over \$68,000 was raised benefitting approximately 1,700 individuals in the community.

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rect \$60 million in annual Indian casino revenue now earmarked to this agency to transportation and road funding budgets instead. The "Strategic Fund" is the state government agency that oversees giving taxpayer-funded subsidies to particular corporations and developers selected by its staff and approved by a board of political appointees. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4423: Let more municipalities incur "land bank" debt

Introduced by Rep. David LaGrand (D), to expand the municipalities that may incur debt related to their buying and selling properties in a government "land bank fast track authority." Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4060: Authorize government "microenterprise" business subsidies

Introduced by Rep. Abdullah Hammoud (D), to authorize state government subsidies for "microen-

terprise businesses." The subsidies could be loan guarantees of up to \$35,000 plus some other benefits, to be distributed by "microenterprise development organizations" to which the state would give grants. The bill would also create a state government "Center on Microenterprise Development" to determine which private organizations would get the grant money. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4646: Expand certain developer subsidies, with preference to "compact" developments

Introduced by Rep. Kyra Bolden (D), to permit any city, village or township to authorize selective "neighborhood enterprise zone (NEZ)" tax breaks for certain developers, rather than just county seats and certain "distressed communities." Subsidized projects would have to be ones determined to encourage "compact development and adjacent to existing development and can utilize existing infrastructure." Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

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Public hearing scheduled for citizen input on roads

The public is invited to give input on potential 2022 local road improvement projects in Fenton Township on Tuesday, Jan. 18. This public hearing will allow the Fenton Township Board of Trustees to hear citizens' opinions before making final decisions.



Fenton wrestlers open Metro Stripes season with win vs. Creek

By David Troppens

It's been a tough start for the Fenton varsity wrestling team during the early portion of season.

But that changed on Wednesday as the Tigers captured two dual victories, including winning its first against Flint Metro League Stripes Division foes.

The Tigers defeated Swartz Creek 48-30 and Brandon 48-33. The victory against Swartz Creek marked the first match for the squad against a division opponent.

"We have battled and have had a lot of individual success," Fenton varsity wrestling coach Brad Beverly said. "We've had three to four forfeits in every team event and have been close. It was great getting two wins starting off league action. The kids continue to show up and work hard and they were rewarded. I'm proud of these kids. We've had some adversity losing some kids who didn't come out and others to injury and yet they continue give 100 percent everyday. I'm excited to see

what some of them can do the rest of the season."

In the victory against Swartz Creek, all but one of the Tigers' eight wins were by pinfall. Those earning pinfall wins were Dylan Beverly (152), Philip Lamka

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Fenton's Owen Freeman (top) won both of his matches in duals against Swartz Creek and Brandon. File photo: David Troppens

A great night to be a LF Blue Devil

■ Lady Devils remain perfect, beat Linden, 55-19

By David Troppens

Linden — The 2022 portion of Lake Fenton's varsity girls basketball season began just like how the 2021 portion ended — with an impressive win.

The Blue Devils fielded a team of just seven players against area rival Linden during Tuesday's Metro League crossover contest, but the Blue Devils continued their uptempo, pressing and unselfish ways, cruising to a 55-19 road victory.

"It was different than what we are used to," Lake Fenton sophomore Savannah Fellenbaum said about playing with seven players. "But we are always up for a challenge. We like to challenge ourselves and push ourselves."

Really, the biggest challenge has been for Lake Fenton's opponents. The only game this season that has been within 20 points was the Blue Devils' 52-35 home victory against Imlay City, the squad



(Right photo) Lake Fenton's Cola Sisk (left) led all scorers with 17 points in the Lake Fenton girls basketball team's 55-19 victory against Linden. (Right photo) The top two scorers in the Lake Fenton boys' victory against Linden were Lake Fenton's Francis Senter (left) with 17 points and Linden's Reichen Lund who had 15 points. Photos: Christopher Summers

that was expected to be the Blue Devils' toughest opponent during the 2021 portion of the schedule. Overall, the Blue Devils are 7-0 and are winning their games by an average score of 64.3-27.3, a margin of 37 points. Most of their games end up becoming a continuous mercy clock by

sometime in the second half. That actually didn't happen to Linden. While the 19 points the Eagles scored represents their lowest point total of the season by a long shot, they actually held Lake Fenton to its second-lowest point total of the season and never experienced the mercy clock. Still,

the Blue Devils looked as impressive as ever, and doing it against a neighborhood school made it a little more special.

"It was a big game," Fellenbaum said. "We were talking about it in the locker room, about it being a big game for us. But they are an opponent,

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■ LF boys keep getting better, defeat Eagles 59-35

By David Troppens

Linden — With the addition of Lake Fenton to the Flint Metro League, one of the bright spots has been the creation of some rivalry games that rarely happened in the past but are starting to happen more frequently.

One of those rivalries is neighborhood schools Linden and Lake Fenton.

Lake Fenton's varsity boys basketball team took advantage of that opportunity on Tuesday night. The Blue Devils dominated the final three quarters of their contest against the Eagles, capturing a 59-35 Metro League crossover victory at Linden High School.

"It feels good," Francis said. "We knew they were going to be a tough matchup. We were practicing all week about what they were doing, who the shooters were, who the big men were and executed.

"We knew it was going to be a big game. We heard some of our teammates and our coaches were going to be gone, so we said we'd get this victory for them, and we did."

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Fourth-quarter run sparks Tigers' win vs. Martians

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity boys basketball team picked the right time to have a run against Goodrich Tuesday night at home.

The Tigers did it during the final five minutes of the contest.

Fenton trailed 49-43 after Goodrich's Jack Locey hit a three-pointer with 6:40 left in the fourth quarter, and it looked like the Martians has momentum on their side.

Looks can be deceiving. Actually, it was the Tigers (4-1) that had momentum the rest of the contest, scoring the final 16 points of the contest to earn a well earned 59-49 Metro League cross-over victory.

After the hoop by Locey, the Tigers took a time out and held possession until the 5:05 mark when Ja'Hion Bond hit

a driving layup, cutting the gap to 49-45. With 4:12 left, Justin Banura assisted a three-point hoop by Sam Dillard II, cutting the gap to 49-48.

A Seth Logan steal helped set up the Tigers' next score, the one that gave them the lead for good. Connor Luck assisted a pass to Dillard II for another trey. Fenton led 51-49 with 3:29 left in the contest. The Tigers got the ball back with 2:31 left and started to space the floor. With 1:27 left, Luck was fouled and he converted two free throws, giving the Tigers a 53-49 lead. Maybe Goodrich's last chance to get back into the game came when the Martians failed to score on their next shot, and the miss was rebounded by Bond with just 1:06 remaining.

Earlier in the contest, it remained a tight battle but Goodrich usually had the lead.

The game was tied 9-9 late in the first when Goodrich's Caedan Rossell hit a layin, giving the Martians an 11-9 lead with 50 seconds left in the quarter. However, Bond earned a steal and eventually was fouled. He made 1-of-2 free throws with 22.6 seconds left in the quarter, cutting the gap to 11-10 entering the second quarter.

In the second stanza, the Martians jumped to a 27-20 lead on a bucket by Parker LePla. However, Banura hit two free throws and Bond earned a steal and a layup down the stretch cutting Goodrich's lead to just 27-24 entering halftime.

Fenton had a 41-40 lead late in the fourth after a driving layup by Bond, but Goodrich's Locey hit a putback shot at the buzzer, earning the Martians the 42-41 lead enter-

ing the final quarter. Goodrich controlled the early portions of the fourth with a 7-2 run, but after Locey's trey that put the Martians up 49-43, the Tigers took control down the stretch.

Bond had a huge contest, leading all scorers with 20 points. He also had some key steals in key moments. Seth Logan chipped in 12 points while Dillard II had 10 points. Locey led the Martians with 17 points while Gavin Hart netted 10 points. LePla had nine points.

Fenton entered a Flint Metro League Stripes Division contest at home against Kearsley on a three-game winning streak. Fenton has proven itself to be a pretty productive offensive squad, scoring at least 59 points in each game it has played.



Fenton's Ja'Hion Bond scored 20 points in the Tigers' victory against Goodrich. Photo: Christopher Summers

Goodrich uses strong second half to defeat Lady Tigers, 62-44

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls basketball team played a traditionally tough Goodrich squad Tuesday night in its cross-over Metro League contest and had its moments of strong play.

The Tigers led after one quarter and were still very competitive entering the second half, but ended up losing a 62-44 verdict at home.

The Tigers had an outstanding first quarter. Five players scored in the first eight minutes, led by Madison Slezinski's five points in the period. She converted a conventional three-point play followed by a three-pointer by Kaleigh Shaker, helping lead Fenton to an eventual 14-10 lead after the first quarter.

The Tigers scored 12 points in the second quarter, but that's also the time

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Kaliegh Shaker led the Tigers against Goodrich with 11 points.

Photo: Christopher Summers

VILLAGE OF HOLLY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF A ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, of consideration of amending section 157.008, 157.074, 157.075, 157.077, 157.078, 157.130, 157.146(B) of the Village of Holly Zoning Ordinance. The Village of Holly Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on January 26 at 7:00 pm (or as soon thereafter as possible) in the Village Council Chambers located at 920 E. Baird Street, Holly, Michigan.

Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk/Treasurer, 300 East Street, Karl Richter Center, Holly, Michigan, 48442 prior to the hearing. The documents pertinent to the hearing are available for inspection in the Village Offices at the above address during regular business hours.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the meeting. Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend are asked to contact the Village offices at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (248) 634-9571 during regular business hours.

Deborah J. Bigger
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Holly



Lake Fenton's Karson Crist (left) competes against an opponent in a recent match. Crist went 2-0 with a pinfall victory in the Blue Devils' matches against Corunna and Flushing on Wednesday. File photo: David Troppens

LF wrestlers maintain perfect record, defeat Corunna, Flushing

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton wrestling team just keeps on winning.

The Blue Devils opened Flint Metro League Stars Division competition on Wednesday and defeated Corunna 47-18. The Blue Devils also defeated FML crossover foe Flushing 44-24. The matches were at Corunna.

"So far so good," Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said. "The kids are wrestling very tough right now. Our practices have been going great and it's been showing in our matches. It's always a good feeling as a coach when you have a team that's all on the same page, and this team definitely is."

"Right now, I think we're 14-0 and have wrestled some pretty solid teams. But the schedule gets tougher by the week from here on out so we'll definitely be put to the test. But for right now,

I'm very proud of this group and we'll continue to work hard and improve."

The Blue Devils had six wrestlers finish the meet with 2-0 records. Only Drake Deem (130) earned two pinfall records in both matches. Meanwhile, Jorge Marvin (103), Clay Cook (112), Jack Conley (160) and Karson Crist (171) had one pinfall victory between their two wins. Finally, Zack Hall (14) had a technical fall and a major decision victory between his two wins. Jaxon Penrod (189) also was perfect, but competed in just one match, earning a pinfall in it.

Jackson Ketchum (125) and Noah Hall (152) had a pinfall win while going 1-1 on the night. Others recording one win for Lake Fenton were Robbie Moore (119) and Jacob Haugh (189).

Lake Fenton continues Metro action Wednesday when the Blue Devils travel to Kearsley for matches against Clio and Swartz Creek.

PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS JANUARY 4, 2022

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday January 4, 2022 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, and took the following actions.

1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
2. Supervisor Lorraine led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Approved the agenda as presented.
4. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$177,608.14.
5. Adopted Resolution No. 2022-01, authorizing the publication of a Notice of Intent to issue capital improvement bonds for municipal water system infrastructure.
6. Scheduled a public hearing for January 18, 2022 to obtain citizen input regarding potential local road improvement projects for 2022.
7. Adopted Resolution No. 2022-02, supporting the proposed 5-year Parks & Recreation Master Plan for the Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District.
8. Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Township employee Kelly Borg.
9. Adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and are available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

Holly girls progressing, lose to Corunna

By David Troppens

Adversity can make a team stronger when the good times come around.

Right now, the Holly varsity girls basketball team has faced its share of adversity.

After graduating most of its point production from last season's team, there was going to be some rebuilding, and there has. However, injuries, health issues and other personal reasons have put the squad in some tough situations in recent contests. That was the case Tuesday night when the Bronchos hosted Corunna for a crossover Metro contest.

Holly played with six players and lost a 55-15 verdict against Corunna.

"We only had six girls but the six girls we had played their hearts out," Holly varsity girls basketball coach Ben Varner said. "The score was ugly but when I watched those kids play, I was proud of them. They played hard and if we play like that every game, I'll be happy."

The Bronchos used six players, including a JV call-up, who started the game, Anneliese Thisse.

"We threw her into the first and she did a nice job," Varner said.



Audrey Combs scored five points in the Bronchos' loss to Corunna on Wednesday. Photo: Christopher Summers

Holly trailed 15-2 after one quarter, but did score seven points in the second quarter. The Bronchos still trailed 32-9 at halftime. The biggest impact player for Corunna was Ellie Toney who scored a game-high 24 points.

"Corunna got Ellie Toney back and See **HOLLY** on 22

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“That’s what Jake Helms said when he was coming off the floor,” Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Tyler Szczepanski said. “It was his first game coming off a knee injury and he was skipping off the floor and said, it was his first game back and it was against Linden. This means something. The roots of the rivalries (between Lake Fenton and the other tri-county schools) haven’t been there because they haven’t played a ton, but they will get there.”

Linden jumped out to a 9-2 lead, with a breaking layup by River Meckstroth creating that score. However, Lake Fenton finished the first quarter on a 5-2 run and was able to cut the gap to 11-8 entering the second quarter.

Once there, the Blue Devils dominated. They made 7-of-11 shots from the field while Linden made just 1-of-10 in the second quarter. Lake Fenton scored the period’s first 16 points. The first two came on a Senter dish to Helms for a bucket and the final three came on a Senter dish on a three-pointer by Helms as well. After that trey, the Blue Devils led 24-11 with 1:47 left in the half. Lake Fenton went on to enjoy a 26-13 half-time lead.

Lake Fenton continued to look pretty impressive in the third quarter. Linden scored the first two points of the third quarter on a putback bucket by Jase Becher, but Senter, Gavin Teffner and Ashton Hunter followed with layups and the Blue Devils led 32-15 with 5:41 left in the third quarter. The Lake



Lake Fenton’s Francis Senter (right) and Dylan Hammis (left) battle with Linden’s Reichen Lund for the ball. Photo: Christopher Summers

Fenton lead grew to more than 20 for the first time at 45-24 after another Helms’s trey, and Lake Fenton would take a 46-27 lead into the fourth quarter. Linden scored the first four points of the fourth quarter on a bucket by Reichen Lund and two converted free throws by Meckstroth to cut the gap to 46-31, but that’s as close as Linden ever got in the final period.

Senter led Lake Fenton’s attack with 17 points and plenty of assists. He also defended Lund and held him to two points in the first half.

“I think I let the game come to me,” Senter said. “In the first half, I was a little off with my shooting and then I started trusting my teammates more and I found the open man. When I started finding the open man, then the shots

came to me.” Teffner and Brandon Bossert had nine points each for Lake Fenton while Carter Smith and Helms finished with eight points. The Blue Devils (4-1) are on a four-game winning streak, earning those wins by an average margin of 14.5 points. Lake Fenton’s margin of victory has steadily increased in each of those wins.

“I like how we practice,” Senter said. “This year we just want it more. We are practicing harder. We know we have to give it 100 percent, and that’s what I think is going to make us get to the top.”

Lund had a strong second half and finished with a team-high 15 points. Meckstroth had nine and Becher netted eight.

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Griffins crush Swartz Creek/Clio/Flushing co-op, 12-0

By David Troppens

Apparently the Fenton/Linden co-op varsity hockey team was excited to get back to work.

Playing their first game since a 4-1 victory against the Bay Area Thunder on Dec. 17, the Griffins competed against the Swartz Creek/Clio/Flushing co-op on Wednesday and dominated the squad 12-0.

The contest only lasted two periods due to the mercy rule. The Griffins (7-3) scored six goals in each of the two periods. They actually had more goals (12) than their opponents had shots (7).

Seven players scored goals, with Keegan McNamara leading the way. He had a three-goal hat trick and also chipped in an assist. Meanwhile, Jace Dumeah also had four points. He scored two goals with one being a shorthanded goal. He also had two assists. Also scoring two goals each were Maximus Wright and Nick Temple.

Scoring a goal each were Parker Harrison, Evan Moffatt and Jacob Florida. Grayson McKenzie had two assists while Moffatt, Wright, Dylan Holloway, Barron Smiecinski and goalie Nick Wilson had an assist each.

In net, Porter Lobocki and Wilson each played a period. Wilson made four saves while Lobocki made three.

TIGERS

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the Martians started heating up offensively as well. Seven Goodrich players scored in the second quarter, sparking a 20-point stanza. Shaker hit two treys. The first were Fenton’s first three points of the quarter and the second were the last three points of the half. Fenton trailed just 30-26 at the half.

Goodrich’s Kayla Williams helped the Martians take over in the third quarter. She scored eight third-quarter points, leading the squad to a 19-point stanza. Adrie Staib netted five points in the quarter to lead Fenton, but the Tigers still trailed 49-35 entering the final quarter.

Shaker led the Tigers offensively, netting a team-high 11 points.

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FENTON

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(160), Kyle Dunfield (171), Ben Triola (189), Carson Krzeszak (285) and Owen Freeman (119). Garrett Clark (125) also won by forfeit.

The Brandon match had three Tigers

earn pinfall wins. They were Beverly, Krzeszak and Freeman (125). Lamka, Dunfield, Triola, Jamal Horne and Clark (130) also earned forfeit wins.

Fenton returns to Metro action Wednesday when they host Holly and Owosso.


Weekend Sudoku

FUN BY THE NUMBERS

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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DEVILS

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just like everyone else, and we respect them.”

“We knew Linden was going to be tough,” Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian VanBuren said. “There is the rivalry, a lot of these girls know each other. Our second half was better than our first half.”

The Eagles tried to stick with Lake Fenton as long as they could. They were within 8-6 after a bucket by Megan Widner, but Lake Fenton rattled off the final six points of the first quarter. They came on layups by Fellenbaum, Cola Sisk and Ella Prevost. The Blue Devils (7-0) led 14-6 after one quarter and it felt like Linden was playing a pretty solid game despite the deficit.

The Eagles (4-3) tried to keep up with Lake Fenton in the second quarter, but the lead eventually grew. A driving layup by Amaya Smith gave Lake Fenton an 18-7 lead with 6:00 left in the half, and Linden would never cut the gap

back to single-digits again. A three-pointer by Linden’s Paige Leedle had Lake Fenton’s lead only at 21-10 with 4:10 left in the half, but Fellenbaum responded with a three-pointer of her own about a minute later. A driving layup by Ella Prevost gave Lake Fenton a 28-12 halftime lead.

In the second half, it was apparent the Eagles were tiring from the Blue Devils’ uptempo and pressing defensive style of play, starting the third quarter with a 10-0 run. It started with a conventional three-point play by Sisk and ended with a layup by Sisk. The Blue Devils led 38-14 and weren’t really able to muster any sort of charge from there.

The Blue Devils’ offense was paced by Sisk’s 17 points, but all seven Lake Fenton players scored. Prevost netted 11 while Fellenbaum had 10. Smith had six and Emerson Baker chipped in five. Kerrigan Howdeshell had four points but directed the offense with plenty of assists. Lilly Wright had two.

“I like what we’ve done as a team,”



Lake Fenton’s Cola Sisk (11) and Linden’s Shaye Barkholz (12) are two of a bunch of players battling for the ball during the Blue Devils’ 55-19 victory against Linden. Photo: Christopher Summers

Word Search

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WELLNESS

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Fellenbaum said. “It hasn’t been an individual thing. We’ve always done it as a team. We push through practices together. We’ve done wind sprints, cheers — we’ve done everything together, and it’s all coming together.”

Leedle and Kelsey McLennan led the Eagles with six points while Olivia Wawhinney had four points. Widner had three points and Kayla Widner chipped in a point.

“Lake Fenton could definitely be the best team in the overall Flint Metro League regardless of division,” Linden varsity girls basketball coach Zack Darling said. “I give tons of credit to them. They took it to us pretty good. They are a team full of girls that clearly put in the

work, take the game seriously and play the entire game hard, not just turning it on in spurts. ... As the old cliché goes, to be the best you have to beat the best and we aspire to play like Lake Fenton and thus be the best, but clearly we are not there yet.

“Once again, I think the group of girls we have definitely have the potential, but we all need to buy in, put in the work, trust one another, not point fingers and have one overall goal which has to be winning. When we do all those things in a game everyone watching can see (we can be a good team), but we don’t do them for the full game. We have a lot to work on and hopefully our girls take this as a good learning experience and

scored five points each.

“I think we are getting better,” Varner said. “We got our shots off. We are not making many but we only played six kids and they fought their butts off. I was as proud as hell of them when the game ended.”

HOLLY

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that girl is a handful,” Varner said. “We had no answer for her.”

The Bronchos were led by Make-na McGee and Audrey Combs who

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Local fire chiefs react to Virginia snowstorm, I-95 traffic

■ Tips on winter driving, what to keep in our car in case of emergencies

By Hannah Ball

National news was on Virginia on Tuesday, Jan. 4 as hundreds of drivers were stuck on a portion of I-95 in a snowstorm. Traffic was stopped for nearly 24 hours while crews worked to clear the icy and snowy roads. The weather conditions contributed to multiple accidents.

Similar situations have occurred in the tri-county area, though the timeline of the traffic jam has not spanned an entire day.

FENTONTWP. FIRE CHIEF

Ryan Volz, Fenton Township fire chief, said a few years ago during whiteout conditions, there was an accident on southbound U.S. 23 after a semi

truck was involved in an accident and caught on fire. On the northbound side at the same time, there were approximately 20-25 vehicles that had slid into each other.

It took around four to five hours to clear the accident and traffic. Volz said thankfully, there were no injuries during this incident. He said the Fenton area has been fortunate and they often assist other municipalities during snowstorms.

"I think one of the biggest problems is people are in a hurry and a lot of people are on their phones and not paying attention," Volz said.

When involved in a multi-vehicle accident

See **CHIEFS** on 24



The Fenton Fire and Police departments handle a fatal, multi-vehicle crash on Friday, Feb. 9, 2018 on northbound U.S. 23, near South Long Lake Road. A 33-year-old Clio woman died as a result of the crash.



A multi-car crash on northbound U.S. 23 south of Lahring Road slowed traffic for motorists the morning of Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017. Multiple vehicles were towed from the area.



Times file photos

On Nov. 11, 2019, the tri-county area received between 4-6 inches of snow. The Fenton Police Department said they responded to 21 crashes from midnight on Monday, Nov. 11 to 7 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019.



This crash was one of several that occurred on January 23, 2014 on U.S. 23.

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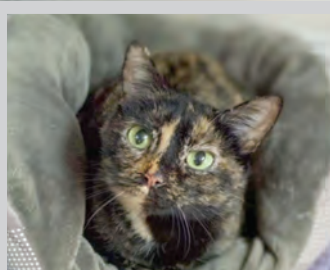


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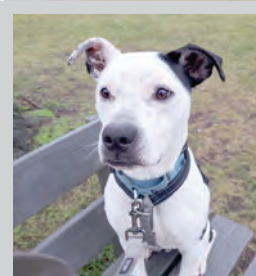
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TIPS FROM LOCAL FIRE CHIEFS

- Hand warmers
- Bottled water
- Snacks
- Blanket
- Hats and gloves
- Small snow shovel
- Melting salt
- Ice scraper
- Flashlight
- Charged cell phone
and extra battery
and/or charger
- Jumper cables

CHIEFS

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like this, Volz said he’s not sure if it’s safer to get out of the vehicle or to stay inside. If it’s freezing outside and you don’t have adequate protection, it might be better to remain in the vehicle. It’s better if the vehicle is off the side of the road and out of the way of traffic.

“There’s a bunch of different variables you don’t know about until it happens,” he said.

He encourages drivers to keep a safe distance between them and the vehicle in front of them.

“The biggest problem is people tailgate. Everyone’s in a hurry. This is the time of year to not be in a hurry,” he said.

Multiple crashes occur in the area on U.S. 23 south of White Lake Road to Thompson Road every year. One of the worst areas in the winter is across from Fenton Farms Golf Course on U.S. 23. Black ice often accumulates here.

“That’s one of our worst spots on the expressway to watch out for,” he said. “We hope the road commission can keep up and keep salt on the road and keep everything clear.”

FENTON FIRE CHIEF

Bob Cairnduff, Fenton fire chief, said he doesn’t remember anything as bad as the I-95 situation happening around here, but there have been situations where wait times have been three to four hours on the expressway.

“Sometimes depending on where an accident happens, the amount of vehicles involved, the extent of injuries, and the location can affect if a person can get stuck in the back up. Sometimes it just takes us a while to be able to clear the roadway before we can move vehicles through. I was once stuck on southbound U.S. 23 before M-59 in a back up from a fatal accident for three hours,” Cairnduff said.

They work hand in hand with police agencies to open lanes of traffic as soon as they can when it’s safe.

“If it were a situation like what happened in Virginia, I’m sure we would be sending units out to try and make access to people to either help remove or provide assistance. We have 4WD vehicles and an off-road vehicle that we could utilize to get access to people,” he said.

Cairnduff also recommends leaving space between vehicles when driving. “Most accidents in the winter can be avoided if people would simply slow down and give each other room,” he said. Local fire chiefs also encourage people to keep their gas tank half full or full.

“It’s always good to travel with a full tank of gas when you’re traveling anywhere,” Volz said.

Cairnduff said most safety organizations recommend at least half a tank.

“Rule of thumb average is most vehicles use about 1/5 to 1/7 of a gallon of gas per hour when idling, so if you had half of a tank or more of gas in your car, you could run for a pretty long time while just idling. The best bet is to run the vehicle for 20 minutes at a time to warm up then shut it off,” he said.

LINDEN FIRE CHIEF

Linden Fire Chief Brian Will said these situations are a group effort with police, fire, EMS and road crews. They would use radio communication and evaluate everyone involved to assess injuries and hazard conditions.

“I don’t know all the details of that event in Virginia, but I would have thought they could have started to move traffic by sending any vehicle that could move towards exits and entrance ramps to reduce cars being stranded there for so long,” he said.

If you get in an accident, Will says to stay in the car, use your flashers, and call 911 and do your best to tell them where you are.

North Oakland County Fire Authority

Jeremy Lintz, NOCFA fire chief, said in December 2016, they had a 37-vehicle pile up on I-75 between East Holly Road and Grange Hall Road due to a whiteout and ice covering the highway.

“Besides the vehicles involved in the crash, the traffic behind it was at a standstill and backed up for 10 miles. That stretch of I-75 was shut down for about eight hours that day,” he said, adding that traffic was rerouted to East Holly Road.

Though the Michigan State Police has jurisdiction over highways, fire departments often help in any way they can.

“The most important piece of advice I can give for driving tips is drive the speed of the road condition. That is the cause of almost all winter driving accidents on ice and snow covered roads. The faster you drive, the less traction your tires have,” he said. “No matter what kind of vehicle you have, all the same physics apply.”

Even emergency responders will drive slower in poor conditions.

“Although it takes us longer to get there, the fact is that we get there. If by chance you do get into an accident at slower speeds, the impact is much less severe than it would be at higher speeds,” he said.

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH – UNUSUAL HAMBURGER TOPPINGS

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **What do snowmen put on their burgers?**

AVOCADO
BACON
CHIPS
CORN
EGGPLANT
HAM
KALE
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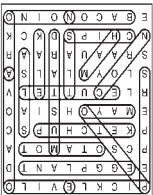
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Answer

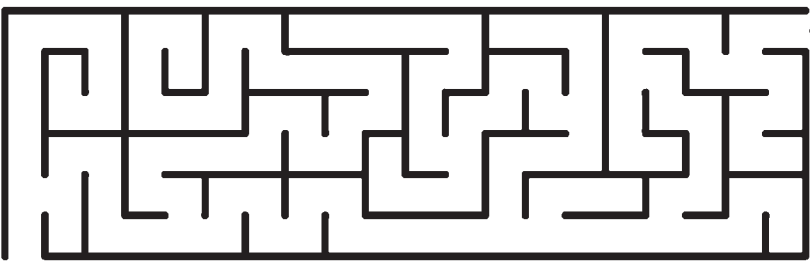
Chilly sauce.

Riddle Answer:



Riddle answer: _____

Kids' Maze



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ACROSS

1 Pillager

7 Branch of Buddhism

10 Mosque minister

14 Stallone role

19 Large lizard

20 Shirt-pocket audio player

22 Wine coolers

23 Gasohol, e.g.

25 Italy's largest port

26 Apartment, e.g.: Abbr.

27 Sculling need

28 That, in Spanish

29 America's Cup sport

31 Passed-on value system, say

36 Ever and —

38 "The Fresh Prince of — -Air"

39 Volkswagen hatchback

40 Ellipsis bit

41 Serious moral offense

45 Big Apple airport code

48 Superbright colors

52 "Relax, GI!"

53 — Kippur

54 Song of thanksgiving

56 Drink sample

57 Tattoos and piercings

59 Journalistic profession

63 Childbirth assistant

66 Two-spinoff CBS series

67 Quit sleeping

68 Very manly

72 Like gross profits ... or how the ends of eight answers in this puzzle might appear

75 Digital greeting

76 Illicit love affairs

78 Helen's city

79 4-point Scrabble piece

81 Events to move merchandise for charity

84 Redgrave of film

89 Ending for Canton

90 Leg bone

91 Pro hoops gp.

94 Tested the weight of by lifting

95 Take hold

98 Flanders on "The Simpsons"

99 Bucolic byway

101 Here-there linkup

103 Madam's partner

105 Plains tribe

106 Shady giants

107 Earnings not allocated for necessary items

115 Very brave

116 Adam's partner

117 Suffix with northwest

118 Provided with a meal

121 Razor-honing band

122 It may be trespassed on

127 Move around like a baby

128 Bristlecone, for one

129 "Tru" subject

130 Made of turf

131 River through Flanders

132 37-Down part: Abbr.

133 Neighbor on "Seinfeld"

DOWN

1 Perjurer, e.g.

2 Leer at

3 Earned more points than

4 — Bo (fitness system)

5 Register, to a Brit

6 Rushed toward

7 Pimple

8 Start for dermis

9 Many a fiction book

10 Newborn

11 Egyptian — (certain cat)

12 In the blink of —

13 Grinding tooth

14 "You said it!"

15 Transparency film

16 "MIB" part

17 Ride to bust

18 Plains tribe

21 Fashion

24 Caribbean isle

30 "El —" (1961 epic film)

32 Oct. 24 observance

33 Count (on)

34 Besides that

35 Boisterous merriment

36 Hail — (yell "Taxi!")

37 Western mil. alliance

42 Dancer Duncan

43 Roman despot

44 Global financial gp.

46 Reaches

47 Jacuzzi sigh

49 Honshu port

50 Saltpeter

51 Fork out

54 Purple-brown

55 School lobby gp.

58 Soaking spot

60 One way to serve ham or pastrami

61 "It's Pat" star

62 Tic-toe linkup

64 Leaves alone

65 "Yes, sorry to say"

68 Former fillies

69 Entertain

70 Tailed orbiter

71 Engine noise

73 Dancing girl in "Return of the Jedi"

74 VII times II

77 Boss of a cpl.

80 Actor Bert of "The Wizard of Oz"

82 A, to Wilhelm

83 — -cone (frozen treat)

85 Actor — Zimbalist Jr.

86 Robbed

87 Stitched line

88 Counts up

92 Wave-tossed bobber

93 Voting "no"

96 Exclusive group of people

97 Lack of a response

99 Fancy tie

100 Copier ink

102 Agent, for short

104 "The nerve!"

107 Wafers, e.g.

108 Prelim

109 Fine fiddle

110 Prone to tilt

111 "The Wire" actor Elba

112 Trendy again

113 Earthen pot

114 Comparable (with)

119 Feminizing suffix

120 Batik artisan

123 Feminizing suffix

124 Ending for cannon

125 Cribbage pin

126 Green-minded gp.

PUZZLE CLUE:
OFF DUTY

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Puzzle Answers

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

MIDWEEK SUDOKU ANSWERS

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MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:

SKIER, HELLO, LIVING, GLOBAL

Answer: The goats that grazed on the slope were — "HILL-BILLIES"

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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

WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:

GUARD, AMBLE, POWER, GROAN

Answer: BORROW

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 21 min.

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WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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Judith Spangler
Judith Spangler - age 78,
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Kathleen Buchalski
Kathleen Buchalski - age
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Lorelei Graham
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Louise Gilmer
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Mark Vieau
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Patricia Elliott
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Richard Shock
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Roy Pearson
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Samuel Dickinson
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Sandra "Mia" Prieur
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Sondra Horwath
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Velma Berger
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Obituaries

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Wilma Dean Tipton

1935 - 2022

Wilma Dean Tipton - age 86, of Fenton, died Monday, January 3, 2022. Private services will be held with interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.



and spending time with her family. Surviving are her four children, Debra (Jim) Lanson of Fenton, Alan (Terry) Tipton of Hartland, Kevin (Lori) Tipton of Chesterfield,

Arrangements are being handled by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Wilma was born June 30, 1935 in Glasgow, Kentucky the daughter of Edgar Moore and Azzie (Emmert) Moore. She was a graduate of Park City (Kentucky) High School. She married Neubert Tipton on May 21, 1955 in Park City, KY. He preceded her in death on May 6, 2013. Wilma enjoyed traveling

Wade (Karen) Tipton of Roseville; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brothers, Eugene and Bob; sister, Reva; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; four brothers; and four sisters. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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John Comer

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Christine Jackson

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Clara Brodie

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Dale "Willie" Williams

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Donald White

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Doris Hudnut

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Elaine Passalacqua

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Elizabeth Davis

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Grace Husocki

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Obituaries

Times

Dolores E. Murray 1926 – 2021

Dolores E. Murray - age 95, of Fenton, died Monday, December 27, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated 11 AM Friday, January 7, 2022 at St. John the



float. Dolores was also an amazing artist, she made ceramics and posters announcing the latest happenings at church, decorated for showers and weddings, and made

Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide Street, Fenton. Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Her Funeral Mass was live streamed and may be viewed by clicking the tab at the bottom of her obituary page. Visitation was held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton Thursday, January 6 from 5 - 8 PM and at church Friday from 10 AM until the time of the Mass. A Rosary was prayed at 7 PM Thursday at the funeral home. Burial in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be given to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Dolores's name. Dolores was born September 29, 1926 in New Kensington, PA, the daughter of William and Helen (Kaluzny) Ucinski. She married Charles M. Murray on October 6, 1951 in Detroit and they were married for 65 years. Dolores was a multi-talented individual playing the Snare Drums in Marching Band, Piano, and Violin. As an adult she sang soprano in the St. Robert Bellarmine Choir and the Plymouth Community Choral, along with designing and building their fourth of July

all the scenery used in dance productions for Miss Harriet's Dance Studio throughout the many years her children danced. Dolores was devoted to her family and friends, and always saw the best in each. She was known for her happy go lucky attitude and warm smile. Dolores was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and devoted to the Blessed Mother of Jesus. Surviving are her three children, Gail (Christian) Hubert, Gregory Murray, and Gwen (Murray) Kowalski; four grandchildren, Tiffany Johnson, Jamie Hubert, Brynn Kowalski, and Morgan Hubert. She is also survived by multiple generations of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd cousins; nieces; and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles; her parents, William & Helen (Kaluzny) Ucinski; her infant daughter, Mary "Grace" Murray; and brothers, William (Bill) Ucinski and Leonard Ucinski. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Donald Richard Merrill 1957 - 2021

Donald Richard Merrill - age 64, of Fenton, died Tuesday, December 28, 2021. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Friday, January 14, 2022



Flint, the son of Francis and Joanne (Friedl) Merrill. He was a retired Lieutenant with the City of Fenton Police Department and had served as interim Police Chief.

at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton, with Rev. Fr. Robert Copeland celebrant. The family will receive friends from 5 - 7 PM Thursday, January 13, 2022 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, and from 10 AM - 11 AM Friday at the church. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Genesee County Humane Society. Donald was born May 24, 1957 in

Surviving are siblings, Pamela (Paul) Peabody of Fenton, Jeff (Jenny) Merrill of Lewiston, and Lisa (Doug) Schultz of Fenton; nieces and nephews, Joe Myers, Jenni (Matt) Shaw, Kaitlyn (Carlos) Sims, and Shawn (Natalie) Hall; many great-nieces, great-nephews and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Ann Rowe
Ann Rowe - age 65, died December 30, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Anthony "Tony" Geyer
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Catherina "Cathy" Salvati-Rinaldi
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Obituaries

Times

Earl Roy "The Earl of Linden" Green 1936 - 2022

Earl Roy "The Earl of Linden" Green - age 85, of Linden, passed away Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Funeral service will be held 11 Monday,



Trades; he had also worked for Genesee Tool and Die. Earl was a member of the Fenton Fraternal Order of Eagles #2460 and Fenton Moose Lodge #430.

January 10, 2022 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St, Linden (A live stream of the service will be available on Earl's obituary page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com). Burial in Fairview Cemetery, Linden. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Sunday, January 9 from 1 - 4 and 6 - 8 PM and Monday from 10 AM until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Earl was born October 19, 1936 in Flint, the son of Leroy Earl and Noldra Eudora (Detroyer) Green. He was a 1955 graduate of Gaines High School. He had resided in Linden for most of his life. He retired from GM Fisher Body Grand Blanc in Skilled

He enjoyed restoring classic cars, hunting, and mowing his lawn. Surviving are his children, Elaine Green of Mundy Township, Dennis Green (Tammy Schafer) of Flushing, Judy Green (Don Cocke) of Gaines, and Scott Green (Amy) of Eden, NY; grandchildren, Nichole, Stephan, Christopher, Andrew (Eleesha), Lauren (Andrew), Tawnie, Jamie, and Jayden; and several nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Earl Lawrence "Larry" Green and Leslie Green; grandson, Matthew Green; and sister, Suzanne Lobdell. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Noreen Sylvia Peters 1922 - 2022

Noreen Sylvia Peters - age 99, of Fenton, died Saturday, January 1, 2022. Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life/100 birthday party will be held at a later date. Those desiring may make contributions to Adopt-A-Pet, 13575 Fenton Road, Fenton, MI 48430. Surviving are her son, Larry Robbins of Fenton; grandchildren, Krista Robbins of Fenton, Jon Robbins of Longmont, CO, Kelly Robbins of Phoenix, AZ, and Jarrod (Thressa) Robbins of Swartz Creek; great-grandchildren, Jordan, Taylor (Joshua), Katelyn, Benjamin, Max, Braylin, Griffin, and Dalton; nephew, Tommy Weidenhammer; and niece, Jilane Fenner. Dear friend Vickie Saint Amand. Current cat, Jackson. She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter-in-law, Suzanne Robbins; one sister, Rubena (Thomas) Weidenhammer; nephew, Terry Weidenhammer. To view her full obituary or to share an online condolence please visit www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Robert Michael Sefcik 1967 - 2021

Robert Michael Sefcik - age 54, of Lansing, passed away Thursday, December 30, 2021. A memorial service was held at 3 PM Friday, January 7, 2022 at South Church of the Nazarene, 401 W. Holmes St., Lansing. Those desiring may make contributions to the family. Bob was born January 26, 1967 in Leesburg, VA, the son of Michael C. and Miriam T. (Sherman) Sefcik. He was a proud graduate of Ferris State University. Bob had a heart for church and serving others. He was a loving son, husband and father. He is survived by his wife, Melanie; daughter, Abby; step-son, Aric Michael Gan; parents, Mike and Miriam; brother, Michael Douglas Sefcik; sister, Lesley Sefcik. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Adelaide Sefcik. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Jerrod J. Nutt 1975 - 2021

Jerrod J. Nutt - age 46, of Stanton, formerly of Fenton, passed away Monday, December 27, 2021. Funeral services were held 11 AM Friday, December 31, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery. Visitation was held from 5 - 7 PM Thursday, December 30. Those desiring may make contributions in Jerrod's memory to Carriage Town Ministries, 605 Garland St., Flint, MI 48503. Jerrod was born June 18, 1975 in Flint and was a graduate of Lake Fenton High School. Jerrod loved playing acoustic guitar. He is survived by his mother, Judy and husband Roger Sharp; sister, Jillian and husband Jeremy Wood; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Jeremiah Nutt and his grandparents. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Vicki Mitchell

Vicki Mitchell - age 72, died December 31, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Zachary Sahouri

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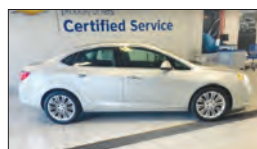
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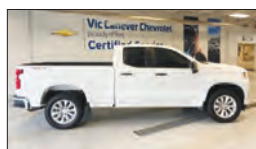


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