

# Man thanks fire department for help during heart attack

■ Fenton Township resident details experience during 'widowmaker' heart attack

By Hannah Ball

"I'll never hear the sound of that siren the same again," said Fenton Township resident Tim Dawes, referencing the fire truck sirens he heard when he had a heart attack

this past summer.

He attended the Tuesday, Jan. 18 Fenton Township Board of Trustees meeting to thank the Fenton Township Fire Department for helping to save his life.



Tim Dawes

On June 10, he had a "widowmaker" heart attack, which is usually fatal.

"It was a bad one, like a knife in my chest. As you lay there or sit there in the driveway, waiting for the cavalry to come, there's nothing sweeter than the sound of those sirens because you know the

cavalry is on the way. It seemed like everybody showed up to help me that day," Dawes said.

The 64-year-old was home alone doing maintenance on his lawnmower around 2:30 p.m. when the pain erupted in his chest. "It was severe pain right in See **HEART ATTACK** on 14



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## Historical society to hold online auction

■ Tyrone Township to maintain 1887 building while funds are raised to move to new location

By Sharon Stone

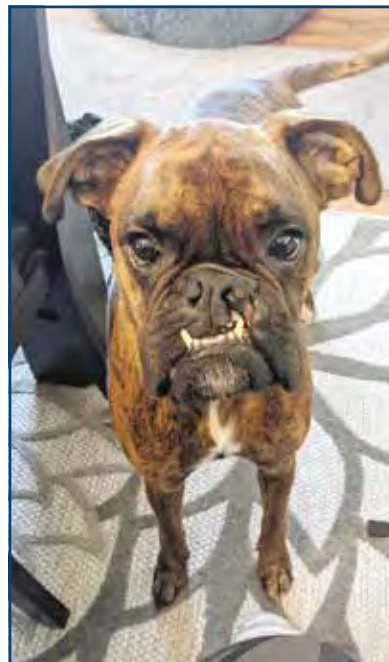
During its meeting Tuesday, Jan. 18, the Tyrone Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved a



resolution regarding the historic town house, which sits on the former township hall property.

Tyrone Township owns the structure, commonly called Historic Town House, which is at 10408 Center Rd. Through an agreement with the current owner of the property, The Send See **AUCTION** on 40

Efforts are underway to raise funds to move the Historic Town House from its former property on Center Road in Tyrone Township to the current Tyrone Township offices' property on Runyan Lake Road.



This rescue dog, Frankie, at the Devoted Barn is on Team Special Needs for the January Challenge that is fundraising for the animal shelter. Submitted photo

## Devoted Barn owner, supporters make plea

■ Proponents of animal rescue in Rose Township ask board to allow dog program to continue

By Sharon Stone

During the Rose Township meeting Thursday, Jan. 13, Melissa Borden, owner of the Devoted Barn rescue animal shelter at 1301 W. Rose Center Rd., in Rose Township, spoke during public comment and pleaded See **DOG** on 17

## Fenton's plans for downtown and North LeRoy

■ Master plan lays out goals for North LeRoy Street corridor

By Hannah Ball

How will downtown Fenton and the North LeRoy Street corridor look in five years? Ten years?

The newly adopted Fenton master plan contains a few clues.

Downtown Fenton is approximately 93 acres divided into five districts and one River Overlay District. The full plan can be viewed at [cityoffenton.org](http://cityoffenton.org).

### Downtown District

This district contains most buildings south of Silver Lake See **PLANS** on 9



“Thank you, Tri-County Times for your Hot lines. Giving the community a place to chat, to

give thanks or just vent their concerns. A huge value.”



“Love watching the hockey games while sipping on a beer at The Barn. The people using the curling area look like they are having a lot of fun too.”



“Really enjoying all of the construction-free roads around here. Roads are smooth. Thanks, road crew workers.”







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# Lobdell Lake Chili Cook Off is Feb. 5

■ Cooking begins at noon, eating and judging starts at 4 p.m.

By Hannah Ball

Eating chili on a frozen Lobdell Lake is tradition in Argentine Township.

Riparians, along with their friends, families, and anyone who enjoys the outdoors and chili, should mark their calendars for Saturday, Feb 5, the date of this year's annual Lobdell Lake Chili Cook. The cook off will be at 8386 Peninsular Dr.

Organizers expect it to be a big event.

"It's just about getting a bunch of people getting together to enjoy the outdoors. It's a good way to meet the new people who moved to the lake. It's more family oriented than it used to be," said organizer Chip Nowiki, adding that he knows of three families who have reunions during the event.

Proceeds go to buying fireworks for the Fourth of July. They also donate to Barnfest and other local charities. The youth band Maggots will perform from 4 to 8 p.m.

In 2020, the ice conditions were not favorable so the cook off was held on a nearby road. In 2021, they kept the event small because of the pandemic.



Thousands attend the 2019 Lobdell Lake Chili Cookoff. Times file photo

Nowiki is expecting at least 1,000 people this year.

"This year, I think people are just dying to get out, and the ice is cooperating. It looks like we're going to get snow so it won't be so slippery," he said. As of Jan. 15, ice on Lobdell Lake was about 8 inches thick where Nowicki had drilled holes.

The event is a competition to discover who can make the best chili. Some competitors register ahead of time, Nowiki said, but most people simply show up

the day of the event. Participants should sign up no later than noon on Saturday, which is when cooking starts. Eating and judging begins at 4 p.m.

You do not have to live on the lake to participate.

Competitors have to cook the chili on the ice, but the meat can be pre-cooked.

"A lot of people set up the night before so they can pick where they want to be," he said.

Awards are given for first, second and

See **CHILI COOK OFF** on 13

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# David's Dabblings

## A hodge-podge of subjects

Many of the columns I've always enjoyed over my lifetime have been the ones with a few what I like to call 'nuggets.'

The columns don't really pertain to any one particular issue but bring up one of many subjects for a brief review. That's what this column will be — one with many nuggets.

### Nickelodeon covering the 49ers vs. Cowboys game

While watching the playoff game between San Francisco and Dallas last weekend, I was getting extremely tired of listening to the pro-Dallas broadcast and just the crazy breakdowns of every play. Fortunately, I knew Nickelodeon was broadcasting the game for kids, so I decided to check it out for large chunks of the contest.

Guess what, it was mighty entertaining. The slime was great. I loved the added cartoon graphics. And for field goal attempts, we saw Sponge Bob in the field goal posts getting ready to tell us if it was good or bad based on his facial expression. The sideline reporter kid was awesome. You could tell he



David Troppens Sports Editor

loved doing the postgame interview with the 49er player (sorry, forgot who it was) he was interviewing, and the player got a kick out of it too.

The broadcast was a breath of fresh air, which took a game taken way too seriously at times and relaxed it. If Nickelodeon televises any other games, check out at least a little of the broadcast.

### Troy Aikman needs to go

This guy looks like something from the Walking Dead when they show him during broadcasts. Yeah, See **SUBJECTS** on 11

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**THE LADY IN** the white SUV who flies from one end of Oak Street to the other end needs to slow down before she kills someone. She goes so fast she can't even keep the car under control at times.

■■■

**SO THANKFUL FOR** our local county commissioner, Shaun Shumaker. Listened to what he said at the Genesee County Health Department meeting this week. He is clearly the voice of reason in a county filled with biased conduct.

# READERS WRITE

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**Kindness pays**

Dear Editor,

I was at MRI in Fenton today Jan. 19, when this older gentleman was having trouble at the counter. He had lost his wallet. He went to his car to try to find something with his credit card number on it. The lady came out from behind the counter and was trying to help him when this woman in the waiting room jumped up and asked 'how much does he owe?' She was told it was over \$100. She whipped out her credit card and handed it to the receptionist and said, 'here, pay it.' I never witnessed anything like that. It was awesome. God bless you, Tracy.

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

# Are you noticing supply issues or higher prices at grocery stores? | streettalk



"Higher prices everywhere, food, material, gas and eating out. The shelves are empty or bare minimum. And the work force is scarce. The deli at Kroger has been closing early, like 4 pm because they don't have employees to work it. The lines at Meijers are ridiculous because they don't have workers to open lanes and run cash registers. Lord help us!"

**Lori Campbell**, Swartz Creek



"I used to budget \$600/month for a family of seven. Now for the exact same food, I pay \$800-\$900/month if not more, if I can find what I need on the shelves."

**Michelle Meloche** Fenton



"I'm a phlebotomist in a lab and we have shortages on masks, and supplies we use to draw patient's blood. Of course we see it in our grocery stores, but it affects more than what people see every day."

**Davette Boring** Fenton



"Without a doubt. I had to go to three stores just to find a box of saltine crackers. We have been accustomed to go to the grocery store and find what we need without any issue. Previously the supply chain had been as consistent as flipping a light switch."

**Kevin Beste** Linden



# Parts of Whitaker Road likely to be paved this year

## Township discusses local road improvement projects for 2022

By Hannah Ball

Portions of Whitaker Road in Fenton Township are likely to be paved this year.

During the Tuesday, Jan. 18 Fenton Township Board of Trustees meeting, the municipality held a public hearing to get citizen input on local road improvement projects for 2022.

Six projects are proposed for asphalt paving/resurfacing, and one project is proposed for crack sealing. Township officials have discussed the worsening conditions of Whitaker Road for years. One portion of the road, from Linden Road to the Linden County Park entrance, has not seen any improvements since it was originally done in 1983.

"These are all the roads that the road commission, engineers or residents have brought to our attention

that are deemed an important local road project," said Thomas Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk of Fenton Township.

Some of these roads have not been redone in two decades.

### Asphalt Paving/Resurfacing

- Grove Park Road: Torrey Road to Swanee Beach Drive

This portion is 0.66 miles and the most recent improvement was an asphalt resurface in 2000.

- Swanee Beach Drive: Grove Park Road to Fenton City Limits

This portion of the road is 0.5 miles and the most recent improvement was an asphalt resurface in 2001.

- Bowles Street: North Long Lake Road to Sonora Drive

This area is 0.21 miles and the last improvement was an asphalt resurfacing in 2011.

- Whitaker Road: Lobdell Road north 0.25 miles

The last improvement was a 3-inch

gravel lay in 2018.

- Whitaker Road: Linden Road to County Park Entrance

This portion of the road is 0.05 miles and the last improvement was the original asphalt paving done in 1983.

- Whitaker Road: County Park Entrance to Harp Drive

This 0.15-mile stretch has not been improved since 2014 when the road commission did a 3-inch gravel lay.

### Crack sealing

- North Shore Drive

Fenton Township resident James Soltis attended the public hearing with another resident. They asked the township to consider paving Whitaker Road from Wyndham Place south to Lobdell Road. This area is included in the list.

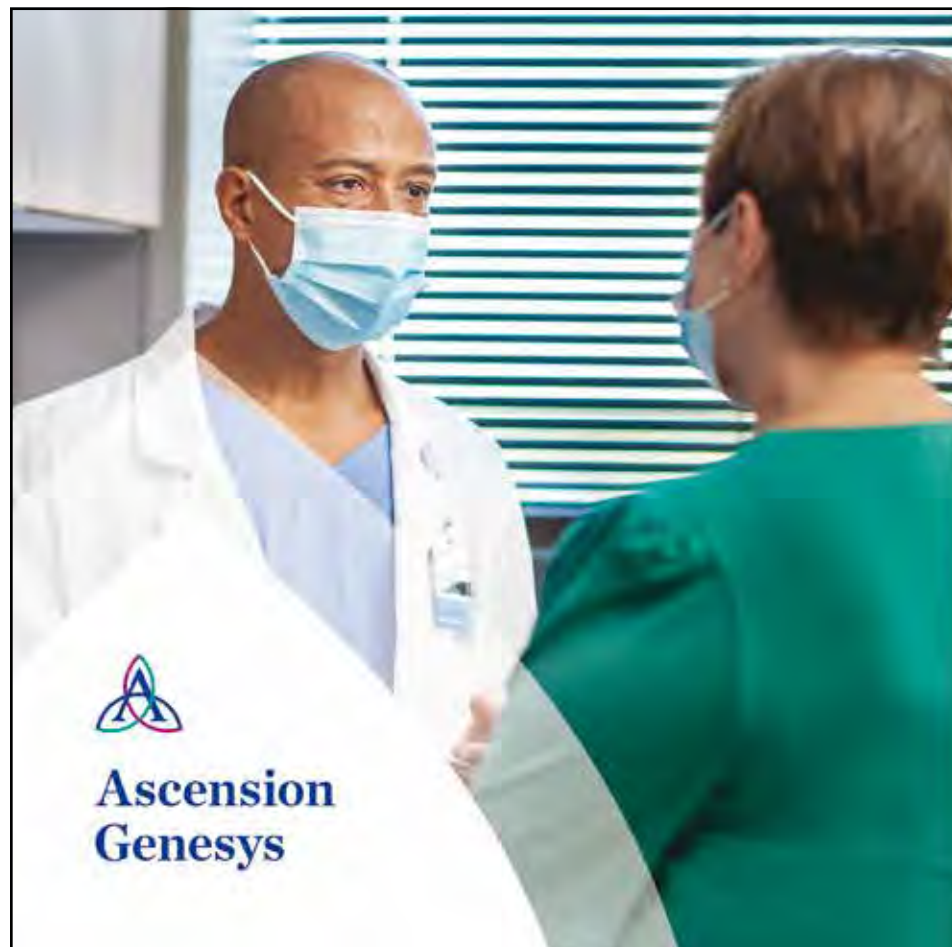
The board will further discuss these projects with the Genesee County Road Commission and bring the topic back to the board of trustee meetings.

## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### FENTON MAN CITED FOR OBSCENE BEHAVIOR

A 33-year-old Fenton man was cited for obscene/immoral behavior following an incident at a local animal rescue in Fenton Township. Sgt. Scott Pritchard of the Genesee County Sheriff's Office said the man walked into the animal rescue at 2:40 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 14. He asked about dogs and requested a tour. Employees became uncomfortable when the man unbuckled his belt on his pants and reached in his pants. He then hugged a worker, at which point employees called the sheriff's office. He was transported to the Genesee County Jail and later released on a court appearance ticket.



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Holly resident Danny Justice captured this photo of a coyote on his deck. Submitted photo

## Coyotes spotted around tri-county area

■ Michigan Department of Natural Resources says do not feed coyotes

By Hannah Ball

Coyote sightings are on the rise, and people are posting about the wild animals on social media.

Linden resident Anna Hurst posted on nextdoor.com that there was a “violent attack” in their driveway near Rolston Road the night of Tuesday, Jan. 18.

“Large pool of blood by garage door. Then blood trails down driveway, back on sidewalk, then by foundation of house around to the back. Then I lost the trail. Guessing a coyote got something. Maybe a rabbit, cat, or even a deer.”

This time of year, from January to March, is coyote mating season. According to the Department of Natural

Resources (DNR), coyotes are common throughout Michigan in rural and urban areas. They generally have grayish brown fur that’s dense and thick, and they have ears that point up, unlike most domesticated dogs.

Coyotes have a natural fear of humans.

“For your safety, never intentionally feed or try to tame coyotes. It is critical that they retain their natural fear of people,” according to the DNR.

Coyote hunting season is year round and trapping season is Oct. 15 to March 1.

If people have problems with coyotes outside of hunting or trapping seasons, they can be killed without a license on private land by the owner or a designee if the coyote is doing or about to do damage to private

See **COYOTES** on 11

## Retired Fenton police lieutenant dies

■ Will be ‘deeply missed’ by city, police department and community

By Sharon Stone

A longtime member of the Fenton Police Department who retired in 2008 died Dec. 28, 2021 at the age of 64.

Donald Merrill of Fenton joined the police department in 1979, after serving as a reserve patrolman. He was promoted to sergeant in 1993 and lieutenant in 2002. He served as interim police chief for eight months in 2003, after the retirement of former police chief, Gerald Cattaneo.

Merrill had been with the force for more than 29 years. As previously reported in the Times, he said he had been looking forward to retirement.

When he retired, he received numerous letters of thanks and recognitions from the community and was awarded a Department Citation for Meritorious Service in 1989 for his actions in the arrest of two felons involved in a theft from a night deposit box, according to former Police Chief Rick Aro.

Colleagues of Merrill remember him for his humorous outlook.

Fenton City Mayor Sue Osborn said, “Don always gave so much of himself.



Donald Merrill

He was a devoted employee to the city and was well liked by everyone.

He loved the city and would always try to help in any way he could. He also served as interim chief several times.

“Even after retiring he would return for special celebrations and to visit with everyone. He was a dear friend of mine and he will be deeply missed.”

Police Chief Jason Slater said, “I was surprised and saddened to learn of Lt. Merrill’s passing. He was a dedicated police officer who rose to the rank of lieutenant before his retirement.

“Lt. Merrill was hardworking and dedicated to serving the citizens of the city of Fenton.

“I was fortunate that I could work with Don for over 12 years. He was very intelligent and was always willing to offer his knowledge and wisdom to new recruits.

“When I began my career Don was always there to guide me as I learned the job of policing in a small community. Don meant a lot to the officers he worked with and the community he served. He will be missed.”

## Flint Institute of Art receives grant

■ Community Foundation of Greater Flint provides \$10,000 for exhibition

The Flint Institute of Arts (FIA) has received a \$10,000 grant from the McCombs Family Flint Non-Endowed Fund (advised by Rick McCombs) of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint in support of the upcoming exhibition, “Sons: Seeing the Modern African American Male.”

This exhibition features black-and-white and color photographs by Jerry Taliaferro of 49 men from the Flint community, and is much more than a photographic study, as it also aims to explore perceptions and biases. In

Taliaferro’s words, “Recent events point to the urgent need for conversations about the contemporary Black American male. Any effort, however humble, to foster an understanding of this largely misunderstood and often marginalized segment of the American population is of utmost importance.”

This exhibition marks both the return of Jerry Taliaferro to Flint and the fifth anniversary of Women of a New Tribe, a popular exhibition that featured 49 black-and-white photographs by Taliaferro of women from the Flint community.

“Sons: Seeing the Modern African American Male” will open Saturday, Jan. 22, and be on view through April 16.

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## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

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### EMPLOYEE UNDER INFLUENCE OF DRUGS AT PARTY STORE

On Tuesday, Jan. 18, Fenton police responded to a party store at Silver Lake Road and Adelaide Street to investigate a call at approximately 8:30 p.m. Sgt. Dan Forbush said a customer walked into the store and didn't see any customers or employees. He wanted to make a purchase. He walked to the back room and saw an unknown

man who appeared to be drinking and holding a bottle. The man in the back room appeared to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs and yelled at the customer. Forbush said he was in the vicinity and responded to the store quickly to investigate. He observed a man, approximately 50 years old, laying on the ground in the back room. STAT EMS responded. The man was in an altered state and two doses of Narcan revived him. The man declined any other medical care. Forbush said the man was an employee of the store and had just moved to the area from another state. Another employee responded to the store and secured it.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**MAYBE BIDEN WILL** follow Boris Johnson's lead and ease all COVID restrictions. No more mask or vaccine mandates. Britain finally realized nothing works to prevent a virus. It's time this country does the same thing.

**OK, JUST SO** I got this right — a politician is going to fire a medical professional for not taking a vaccine. Makes sense to me. Obviously, a politician knows way more about medicine and vaccines than a trained medical professional.

# Transfiguration Lutheran welcomes new pastor

■ Pastor Kate Zywicki invites local community to engage with TLC for outreach

For Pastor Kate Zywicki, church is more than a building with four walls; it's a starting point for community outreach and ministry.

As pastor of Transfiguration Lutheran Church (ELCA Synod) in Fenton since Oct. 1, 2021, Zywicki uses her former roles as a social worker, youth pastor and mission worker to address needs in the community, as well as among her own congregation.

"There are a lot of needs out there," Zywicki said. "Jesus was someone who taught, healed and walked with others, especially the disenfranchised, marginalized and the 'everyday Joe, Jane or Jules.' From that modeling and platform of hope, we at TLC feel called and blessed to work as the hands, feet and heart of Jesus today."

Zywicki earned her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and her Masters in Divinity

from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. Most recently, she served as youth and family ministry pastor at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in Clarkston.

With a passion for reaching out to others, Zywicki brings to TLC new plans for community outreach.

In addition to being a support church for Family Promise of Genesee County, a home for AA and other support groups, TLC is also well-known in the community for its annual rummage sale and Cookie Walk.

Zywicki hopes to expand TLC's community roles this year with a L.I.F.E. Ministry, focusing foremost on suicide awareness, prevention and support.

"It is something I feel led to expand and bring to TLC's work now," said Zywicki, who understands firsthand the pain of living with and managing anxiety. "I continually give it over to God and it is a part of who I am: a gift that makes me sensitive to others, while also at times a burden that overwhelms." Her own personal journey led her to start a mental health ministry at Calvary in Clarkston, one that she expects to expand to the Fenton area.

"We hope you stay tuned for upcoming events with this focus in 2022," Zywicki said. "Our prayer is that you know through knowledge before you know through experience. Talk saves lives."

She and her husband, Greg, are the parents of two grown children, William, 23, an upcoming graduate student in physics, and Eleanor, 20, who is training professionally with Raleigh, North Carolina's Carolina Ballet, in preparation to join a ballet company in the near future.

TLC offers Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. and a variety of programs for all ages. The church is at 14176 N. Fenton Rd. For more details, call (810) 629-7332 or visit fentontlc.org.

"TLC is truly a congregation that has a heart for both in-reach and outreach and that adapts based on where God leads, but always in love and inclusion," Zywicki said. "We are a small church with a big heart. Everyone is welcome; All means all people."



Pastor Kate Zywicki  
Transfiguration Lutheran Church  
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“There are a lot of needs out there.”

Kate Zywicki  
Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Fenton pastor



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## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**ROSE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS**, pay attention to your local government.

They are off the rails. I urge you to watch their past meetings and NOCFA past meetings. They represent you. Hold them accountable.



## PLANS

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Road to Mill Street, and east of Adelaide Street to East Street. The city's goal is to provide pedestrian friendly mixed-use businesses and a residential area while maintaining the district's culture and arts identity.

Other goals include: designing new development as a grid of streets and alleys; reconnecting the existing street grid in areas where streets have been cut off; restore original historic architectural features of the remaining original four commercial buildings that front along the west side of LeRoy in the southwest corner of Caroline and LeRoy.

The plan also mentions promoting 24-hour activity, providing more parking and making the area more pedestrian friendly.

### Dibbleville District

This district includes buildings east of Adelaide Street to S. Pine Street/S. East Street, and south of Mill Street to Elizabeth Street.

The city's goal for this area is to "preserve and emphasize the historical character and origin of Fenton," according to the master plan. Officials wish to add "sympathetic and appropriate" infill buildings to fill in gaps between existing buildings, provide well-lit and convenient parking, add more pedestrian amenities, and improve the quality and character of Freedom Park.

### River Overlay District

This district contains the streets and buildings closest to the Shiawassee River. City officials want to increase the visibility of the river throughout the area and make river infrastructure, such as the bridges and lighting, an integral part of the city.

The plan mentions building a continuous river walkway from East Street to Bush Park, a new pedestrian bridge crossing between Caroline and LeRoy Streets behind the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, and creating more commercial opportunities along the river.

### Government/Civic District

This district contains the Fenton Community and Cultural Center and government buildings, such as city hall and the police department. The plan states that the city wishes to create a unified identity for these buildings and link them together using pedestrian walkways along the Shiawassee River, the Mill Pond and the LeRoy Street bridge.

Another goal is to strengthen the design of the adjacent outdoor parks, better ac-



commodate recreational activities, improve capacity to better handle different size crowds and improve the overall quality of the area.

### Rail District

This district is the portion of downtown located along the train tracks, including a portion of Silver Lake Road and N. LeRoy, the Red Fox building, the Fenton Hotel, the plaza with Biggby Coffee and Jet's Pizza, Andiamo and a few other buildings.

The city's goal is to preserve the historic look of the area and "unify and link" the downtown area with the Rail District. Officials wish to "make the railroad tracks an attribute instead of a barrier," according to the plan, and they wish to bring in a farmers market and other complementary uses to support a festival atmosphere and related activities.

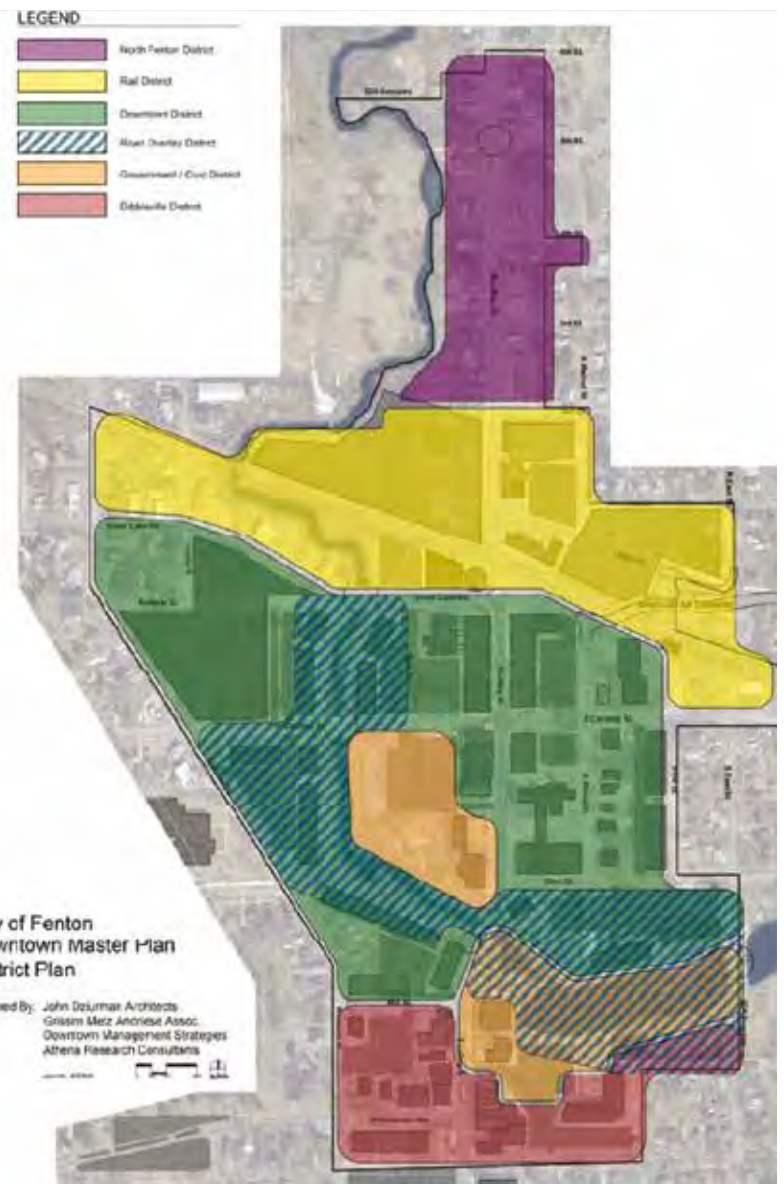
### North LeRoy District

This district contains the streets and buildings north of the railroad.

"Now that downtown has had significant public and private investment, the opportunity to capitalize on further redevelopment potential lies in the North Leroy Street corridor," the plan states.

Goals include continuing the streetscape improvements, promoting views of the river and incorporating pedestrian access, add more housing for urban living options, reduce the number of driveways, utilize more parking opportunities and integrate the open space and plazas for outdoor gatherings.

"The west side terrain change presents a challenge but also an opportunity for creative multi-story architecture," according to the plan.





## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### GOOD SAMARITAN TURNS IN WALLET TO HOLLY POLICE

On Thursday, Jan. 6, at 1:06 p.m., a Good Samaritan turned in a lost wallet to Holly police that had cash and financial cards inside. An officer was able to determine the identity and address of the owner. The officer drove the wallet to the man's home and returned his property intact.

### HOLLY POLICE DELIVER MISMARKED PACKAGE

On Friday, Jan. 7, at 2:39 a.m., a Holly resident found an Amazon package in the middle of a road and turned it over to Holly police. The package was addressed to an address on N. Holly Road that was not valid. In working with businesses in the area, officers were able to determine the correct owner and deliver the package.

# Slotkin co-leads bipartisan bill to boost funding for police departments

■ **Invest in Law Enforcement Act** would provide critical funding to municipal police forces for training, equipment, recruitment, and mental health support

U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin (MI-08) announced on Friday, Jan. 14 that she is leading a new bipartisan bill to provide \$50,000,000 in grants for small police departments, with many in Michigan's 8th District eligible for funding. The legislation is endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and the National Troopers Coalition (NTC).

The Invest in Law Enforcement Act, introduced by Reps. Josh Gottheimer (NJ-05) and John Rutherford (FL-04), would provide funds to help police departments with a force of 200 officers or less invest in:

- **Training** in officer safety, de-escalation, and domestic violence.

- **Equipment and technology** such as body cameras, secure data storage, and privacy and security guidelines
- **Personnel support** including officer recruitment, retention bonuses, and funding for officer enrollment in mental health, public health, and social work programs
- **Mental health** resources for officers

These resources will provide vital support for local Michigan police departments such as those in Oxford, Mason, Leslie, and Stockbridge.

"Now more than ever, we need to make sure police departments in smaller and rural towns have the resources they need to set our officers up for success and keep our communities safe," said Slotkin. "This bill does exactly that by funding specialized training for situations that require de-escalation or instances that may involve unique skill sets, including responding to domestic violence calls. After the tragedy we experienced in Oxford late last year, I've also seen firsthand the need to make sure our first responders have access to the mental health resources they need. That's why I'm pleased this bill includes funding to help cover those costs for our law enforcement officers, as well as allocating funds for essential accountability measures like body cameras."

Slotkin added, "Good community policing starts with making sure our local departments have the resources they need to get the job done, and this bill provides that funding while giving officers the training and tools they need for a range of different situations."

"This kind of funding is exactly the right way to ensure that smaller police departments like Oxford's have sufficient resources so our officers are prepared for all kinds of situations," said Oxford Village Police Chief Michael Solwold. "We've worked closely with Representative Slotkin's office, especially in recent weeks after the tragedy at Oxford High School,

to make sure our first responders have the resources and support they need. This bill would be an important investment to help us ensure our officers are set up for success as they work to keep our community safe, and we appreciate the Congresswoman's support and her dedication to getting it passed."

"Local police departments are critical to keeping Michigan families safe, and this bill represents a much-needed investment that will make an enormous difference for departments like ours," said Meridian Township Chief of Police Ken Plaga. "Whether by covering new recruitment efforts, specialized training, or mental health services, this funding would be a huge win for our individual officers and police departments across Michigan. We're grateful for Congresswoman Slotkin's leadership on this issue and urge other members of the Michigan delegation to support her bill."

"Over the last year, law enforcement officers have faced many challenges and threats to their well-being that has created a dangerous environment for those sworn to protect the public," said Patrick Yoes, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police. "These challenges have ranged from violence against officers, an increase of violent rhetoric against them, lagging technology, recruitment and retention issues, and mental health concerns. Particularly, smaller municipalities have seen an increased strain on the men and women in blue as they attempt to uphold the rule of law."

"The 'Invest in Law Enforcement Act' would be a step in the right direction to combat these issues that plague law enforcement officers in smaller municipalities. On behalf of the more than 364,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I am proud to offer our support for this incredibly necessary legislation."

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# SUBJECTS

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he was a great quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys during his playing days, but today the guy looks like the poster child for what 100 concussions during a career will do to someone. His voice bores me and he adds nothing to the games he covers.

Well, this week he did add something. Did anyone else notice when he started whining because he didn't get to cover the playoff contest he wanted to last weekend? He was given duties to cover the Philadelphia-Tampa Bay game, and when the San Francisco-Dallas game was brought up, he went on a small rant how he wanted to cover that game. Deal with

it Troy. We don't need to hear you gripe about wanting to be at every Cowboys' game possible.

## Here's something you won't hear at many sporting events

I was covering an event and one of the coaches commented to another coach that she wished one of her athletes didn't breathe because it possibly hurt his chances of winning or placing higher.

So what sport could you possibly hear such a comment? Athletes are always told how important it is to breath, right? It was at a three-team swim meet at Fenton. For shorter distance swim events, athletes try to finish events by either not breathing while swimming or by doing so as little

as possible. By breathing, you actually slow down your time.

The comment made sense, but when I heard it, I had to kind of laugh. It was just a foreign comment you'd never expect to hear at a sporting event.

**Everything is getting so expensive except... bananas!** When I reached adulthood and had to start buying my own food more frequently, bananas were always one of the best healthy foods I could find that cost basically nothing. We bought some the other day and they were still just 45 cents a pound. Honestly, if bananas were triple that price, they'd still be a bargain.

## A quick sports trivia question

What head-to-head team sport

involving just two squads does the team bench actually change as the contest is played? The answer is volleyball. I've tried to think of any other sport that may change their benches or dugouts. Changes do happen in other sports. Sometimes a wrestling team changes benches, but only because they are now facing another team in a completely different match.

The same happens during tournaments for baseball and softball teams, but it happens between games and not during the same contest. I can't think of another sport where during one actual sporting event between two teams that the squads actually change benches like that. If you can think of another, call the office.

# COYOTES

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property, pets, livestock, or humans, according to the DNR.

The DNR can be reached at (517) 284-4720 or (800) 292-7800 after business hours.

The Times asked on Facebook where its readers have seen coyotes. One common answer was off Lobdell and Linden roads, as well as Hogan Road.

Christine Lucius, who lives off Lobdell Road, said they hear and see coyotes near Hogan Road frequently. "One got hit by a car a couple houses over. We can hear packs of them at night yelping," she said.

Holly resident Danny Justice said they often see coyotes on their deck, and they ate both of their outdoor cats within three days of each other. The cats were 10 and 18 years old and had never

had an issue being outside until this.

"We've had pictures of coyotes in our Millpointe sub during broad daylight," he said.

Another resident said she saw one run across Fenton Road in between Baldwin and Hill roads, and she also hears them off Eddy Lake Road.

One Fenton resident said he's seen them off Grant Street and almost hit one at 2 a.m.

## Other coyote sightings

- Fenton/Denton Hill Road, south of Center Road
- Lovejoy and Bird Road in Argentine Township
- Bennett Lake Road
- Old U.S./Bennett Lake Road
- Rose Center Road
- Appletree Lane
- McCully Lake
- Hickory Ridge/Fenton Road
- E. Caroline Street/S. Lemen Street
- Shiawassee Avenue/Colfax Street

## Tips from the DNR for dealing with coyotes

- Eliminate outside food sources. Garbage or pet food left out may draw their attention. Coyotes also may take advantage of the small mammals and birds that bird feeders and gardens often attract.
- Clear out brush piles that provide hiding places for small mammals and birds.

- Keep small pets indoors or accompany them outside and keep them on a leash.
- If you see a coyote in your area, try to scare it off by yelling, clapping or making other loud noises. Most coyotes are naturally afraid of people and will leave if you frighten them.
- Coyotes, like any wild animal, can act unpredictably and should be treated with respect and enjoyed from a distance.

## VILLAGE OF HOLLY PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Holly is proposing the following ordinance on:

DATE:	February 8, 2022
PLACE:	Holly Schools Board of Education Room 920 E. Baird Street, Holly, MI 48442
EFFECTIVE DATE:	Immediately upon publication

The proposed ordinance number 468 amends Title XV of the Code of Ordinances. It adds a new chapter 158, entitled "Recreational Marihuana Establishments".

The full text of the proposed Ordinance is available for review in the Office of the Village Clerk/Treasurer, 300 East Street, Holly, Michigan, 48442 during regular business hours. Comments concerning the ordinance should be directed to the Village Clerk/Treasurer at the above address or by telephone to (248) 634-9571.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

‘TRUST ME I’M a lawyer,’ claimed the commercial. I had four out of five witnesses, however, he refused,

reasoning that without all five, it wasn’t worth the possible \$20K recovery. Thank God for simple country attorneys.

PUBLIC DISCOURSE IS burdened, hindered and ultimately destructive

because of the myopic, selective reality, confirmation bias approach of so many. Truth is truth. Facts are facts. Question your assumptions. You don’t simply redefine reality, be it God, government or other, to suit your preferences.

GOOD FOR STARBUCKS. I will now go back and give them my business since they eliminated all mandates for their employees. Bring on the coffee.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
TOWNSHIP OF ARGENTINE  
(Genesee County, Michigan)

Peninsular and Belfast Drives Special Assessment District

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Township of Argentine, Genesee County, Michigan, has received petitions from property owners to make certain public improvements (the "Public Improvements") consisting of:

The Milling and resurfacing of Peninsular Drive and Belfast Drive in the Township.

The petitions have been received from record owners of land constituting more than fifty percent of the total frontage of the public and private roads in the proposed special assessment district described below.

The Township Board has resolved its intention to proceed on the petitions and pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, to make the Public Improvements in the Township. The Township Board has tentatively determined that some or all of the cost of the Public Improvements shall be specially assessed against each of the following described lots and parcels of land, which together comprise the proposed Special Assessment District:

Property located in the Township of Argentine, Genesee County, Michigan, and described by the following parcel numbers:

01-35-553-014	VACANT	01-35-553-015	8432 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-016	8424 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-017	8420 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-020	8390 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-021	8386 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-022	8380 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-023	8372 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-024	8366 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-025	8356 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-026	8352 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-027	8342 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-028	8336 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-030	8324 PENINSULAR
01-35-553-031	8308 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-032	VACANT
01-35-553-041	8240 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-042	8236 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-043	8232 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-046	8220 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-047	8216 PENINSULAR DR-STAGES	01-35-553-048	VACANT
01-35-553-053	OVID BLUE GILL ISLAND	01-35-553-054	8168 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-056	VACANT	01-35-553-057	8337 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-058	VACANT	01-35-553-060	VACANT
01-35-553-062	VACANT	01-35-553-065	8171 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-069	8198 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-073	8200 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-074	8292 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-075	8288 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-076	8226 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-553-078	VACANT
01-35-553-079	VACANT	01-35-553-086	8398 PENINSULAR DR

01-35-553-087	VACANT	01-35-553-093	8326 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-094	VACANT	01-35-533-095	8298 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-553-096	8284 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-400-015	8194 PENINSULR DR
01-35-553-013	16425 BELFAST DR	01-35-553-012	16429 BELFAST DR
01-35-553-011	16445 BELFAST DR	01-35-553-010	16453 BELFAST DR
01-35-553-009	16457 BELFAST DR	01-35-553-008	16461 BELFAST DR
01-35-553-007	16465 BELFAST DR	01-35-553-006	16469 BELFAST DR
01-35-553-005	16479 BELFAST DR	01-35-553-004	16487 BELFAST DR
01-35-553-085	16499 BELFAST DR	01-35-553-083	16509 BELFAST DR
01-35-553-084	VACANT	01-35-551-013	16411 BELFAST DR
01-35-551-012	8421 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-551-015	8427 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-551-014	8437 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-551-009	8447 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-551-008	8453 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-551-007	8457 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-551-006	8463 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-551-005	8470 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-551-004	8460 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-551-003	8454 PENINSULAR DR
01-35-551-002	8448 PENINSULAR DR	01-35-551-001	8438 PENINSULAR DR

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Township of Argentine will hold a public hearing on January 31, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Argentine Township Hall located at 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, Michigan, to hear and consider any objections to the petition, the proposed Public Improvements, the proposed Special Assessment District, and all other matters relating to the Public Improvements.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans and current cost estimate of \$398,000.00 for Peninsular and \$55,000.00 for Belfast for a total estimate is \$453,000.00 not including administrative costs or interest, for the improvements are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

PROPERTY SHALL NOT BE ADDED TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING AND THE ORIGINAL COST WILL NOT BE INCREASED BY MORE THAN 10% WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal

TAKE NOTICE that a property owner of record or a party having an interest in the property must appear and protest at the hearing, or in writing before the hearing (clerkgraves@argentinetownship.com) in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Township Supervisor  
Township of Argentine  
9048 Silver Lake Road  
Linden, Michigan 49058  
Telephone: (810) 735-5050



## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### APARTMENT LAUNDRY ROOM MACHINES DAMAGED

On Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 9:39 a.m. Holly police were dispatched to an apartment complex to investigate a complaint. The manager reported that some time on Jan. 3, someone entered the laundry area and damaged the lock mechanism on four laundry machines. It was unknown if they were attempting to steal money of access them to use the machines without paying. There are no witnesses or suspects at this time.

### HOLLY POLICE OFFICER ASSISTS DEPRESSED WOMAN

On Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 4:41 p.m., a Holly police officer was dispatched to a residence from an occupant who called 911 asking for help. The person was depressed and admitted to taking prescription medication. An officer spoke with the caller and was able to assist her to receive counseling and called emergency medical responders to transport to a medical facility.

## CHILI COOK OFF

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third places, as well as the people's choice award. Attendees and chili tasters can buy chili cook off dollars to vote.

In past years when they had approximately 10 cookers, each would make about four or five gallons of chili. However, the food never lasts long. Nowiki said it's usually gone by 5 p.m.

Cancun Mexican Restaurant on Silver Lake Road will run a few specials on Saturday.

This year, they're selling Lobdell Lake Chili Cook Off hoodies and mugs. A can koozie is \$25, a 20-ounce mug is \$30, a 30 ounce mug is \$40, a closable jug is \$40 and engraving a name on the mug costs \$5.

To order one, send a message to the Lobdell Lake Chili Cook Off page on Facebook or email chipnrhonda2021@aol.com. Check the Facebook page for updates on the hoodies.

Many people walk to the event. Parking will be available at the Department of Natural Resources launch, Snappers, the Old Hickory Bar and on Claremont Street. Shuttles will be traveling to and from the event to the parking areas.

"I just really want to thank the sponsors," Nowiki said.

Sponsors include Icon Mortgage, The

Old Hickory, Snappers, Fountain of Youth, NorthShore, Action Water Sports, Heaths Harbor, Needham Plumbing, CJ Docks, Blackwater Market, Richardson Meats, Prime Real Estate and Associates,

Rokan Corp., Great Lakes Concrete, Zuddles Print Shop, Attentive Industries, Mikes Marine Service, Soja's Auto Body, Armour Seal, H2O Restorations, Universal Credit Services, and CER Group NA.

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FENTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FENTON HIGH SCHOOL TURF REPLACEMENT

Fenton Area Public Schools will receive firm prime contractor bids for the labor materials, equipment, and all other services to complete the following Fenton High School Turf Replacement located at 3200 W. Shiawassee Ave., Fenton, MI 48430.

The bidding documents consist of plans & specs prepared by Foresite Design, Inc., 3269 Coolidge Highway, Berkley, MI 48072. Documents may be downloaded from Pipeline Suites. Contact Rich Gorski or Shawn Debo at the Auch Construction Company 248-334-2000 if you need assistance viewing or obtaining documents from Pipeline Suites. A copy of the documents will also be available for review at the offices of the George W. Auch Co., 65 University Drive, Pontiac, MI., 48342, 248-334-2000, on or after **January 18th, 2022**.

A Pre-Bid meeting will be held at Fenton Community Schools Administration Offices, 3100 Owen Rd., Fenton, MI 48430 on **Monday, January 24th, 2022 at 2:30PM**.

The envelope bearing your proposal must identify your company, the proposal being bid and addressed to the attention of Dr. Doug Busch, Executive Director of Finance & Personnel, Fenton Area Public Schools, 3100 Owen Road, Fenton, MI 48430. Each proposal shall be sealed in an opaque envelope and marked with the name of the bidder. Bids must be delivered no later than **12:00 noon, Thursday, February 3, 2022** to Fenton Area Public School District at the address noted above or the AUCH Construction Company. Late bids will not be considered or accepted. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the construction manager and must be completed in full; including the Familial Disclosure Statement and the Affidavit of Compliance to the Iran Economic Sanctions Act and notarized. A bid bond executed by a **U.S. Treasury listed surety company** acceptable to the owner, or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Fenton Area Public Schools shall be submitted with each proposal in excess of **\$26,046.00**. All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at a meeting convening at the Fenton Community Schools Administration Offices, 3100 Owen Rd., Fenton, MI 48430 starting at **3:00PM on Thursday, February 3, 2022**. The bids will also be publicly read via. online Zoom meeting. To access the Zoom meeting, go online to zoom.us or open the Zoom app and select the option to join meeting. Enter the meeting ID 7732255512 when prompted. Please contact Rich Gorski at rgorski@auchconstruction.com or 248-334-2000 with any questions regarding this meeting.

Successful bidders whose proposals are \$50,000 or more will be required to furnish a Satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of their bid. The cost of the Bond shall be included in each proposal. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids in whole or in part and to waive any informalities therein. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept that bid which in its opinion, is in the best interest of the Owner.

Dana Jones  
Secretary Board of Education  
Fenton Area Public Schools

## VILLAGE OF HOLLY PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Village of Holly is proposing the following ordinance on:

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>February 8, 2022</b>
<b>PLACE:</b>	<b>Holly Schools Board of Education Room 920 E. Baird Street, Holly, MI 48442</b>
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b>	<b>Immediately upon publication</b>

The proposed ordinance number 469 amends Chapter 157 of the Code of Ordinances. It amends the zoning to include marihuana establishments.

The full text of the proposed Ordinance is available for review in the Office of the Village Clerk/Treasurer, 300 East Street, Holly, Michigan, 48442 during regular business hours. Comments concerning the ordinance should be directed to the Village Clerk/Treasurer at the above address or by telephone to (248) 634-9571.

Deborah J. Bigger  
Clerk/Treasurer  
Village of Holly



## VILLAGE OF HOLLY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### HOLLY MILL POND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the Village Council of the Village of Holly will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Karl Richter Center Board of Education Meeting Room located at 920 E. Baird Street, Holly, MI.

**THE PURPOSE OF THE HEARING** is to confirm the special assessment roll and provide an opportunity for property owners and interested parties to comment on and/or protest the Holly Mill Pond Special Assessment District. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal.

**AN OWNER OR PARTY IN INTEREST**, or his or her agent may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. Comments and/or protest by mail should be mailed to the Village of Holly Clerk/Treasurer, 300 East Street, Karl Richter Center, Holly, MI 48442-1694. The property owner or any person having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the state tax tribunal within thirty (30) days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll if the special assessment was protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll. The special assessment roll and related materials are available for review at the Village Offices located at 300 East Street, Karl Richter Center, Holly, MI during regular business hours.

**QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**, by telephone should be directed to the Village Offices at (248) 634-9571. Handicapped or other persons needing assistance to attend or participate in the hearing are asked to contact the Village Office 48 hours prior to the hearing.

Deborah J. Bigger  
Clerk/Treasurer  
Village of Holly

## HEART ATTACK

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the middle of my chest. There was no question what it is, no subtlety whatsoever," he said. "It's a weird pain. It's just deep in your chest and it comes out your back."

The first thing he did was pray.

"I said, 'I'll leave it up to you Lord, and I don't know if you want my input, but I'd like to stick around for a little bit,'" he said.

Dawes managed to call 911 and then sat in a lawn chair to wait. Hearing the sirens was a "sweet sound," he said. "I thought, the good guys are coming, it's gonna' be okay."

Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz said the call came in at 2:39 p.m. and they were on scene in four to five minutes. They checked his breathing, blood pressure and got him on oxygen so he could breathe better.

"It was hot out. We tried to keep him as cool as possible," Volz said. Dawes was aware and answering questions, which gave them the feeling that he would be okay. Firefighters asked about his heart and family history, and if he's had heart attacks before. They share this information with ambulance crews to help speed the process.

"Usually when you have the wid-owmakers, you don't have a chance to get to the hospital," Volz said. "He was very very very lucky."

Dawes said the firefighters on scene reassured him and he knew he was going to be okay. Deputies from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office also were on scene. Dawes called them the "best sheriff's department on the planet."

"All these people suddenly dropped everything and came to my aid. You feel invisible in life, but then there's

two firemen, a couple of sheriff's deputies and cars all over my street, just to save my life," he said.

The ambulance took him to Genesys Heart Institute. The EMS team hooked him up to a monitor and shared the information with doctors and nurses waiting at the hospital. Once they got to Genesys, it was a flurry of activity to get him into the operating room.

"It's like an Indy 500 team working on saving your life," Dawes said. "It's quite a feeling." The doctors put the stent in his heart, and he felt immediate relief.

"Almost at the top of my lungs, I said, 'I love you guys.' The whole operating room just erupted, they just laughed so hard," Dawes said. "They were so great. I called around 2:30. By 4:30, they had me fixed up. Is that miraculous or what?"

He said he went home the next day "feeling great." Six months later, he feels fine physically, but he barely goes an hour without thinking about how he almost died. He's a little more melancholy now. Small things don't bother him as much.

Dawes tells his friends to call 911 when in doubt if they think they're having a heart attack. At the Jan. 18 meeting, he said, "It's a big day in your life. Nothing's ever the same after. So thank you, Chief, and tell Lt. Theresa Hajec thank you again."

He also thanked the ambulance drivers and GCSO deputies. "You kind of realize how important their job is and how difficult it is," he said.

Volz said it's great to hear information about the people they help afterward.

"You never expect people to come and tell you the good stuff. It was very appreciative," he said.

Capt. Steve Haiser also responded.

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# Holly Chamber announces winners

■Honorees will be celebrated at annual awards dinner Jan. 29

By Sharon Stone

The Holly Area Chamber of Commerce has announced the honorees for the Holly Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards.

## Awards go to:

- Business of the Year – **Battle Alley Coffee**
- Organization of the Year – **Holly Area Community Coalition**
- Family of the Year – **Randy Redmond Family**
- Person of the Year – **Heather Melton**

To help celebrate their accomplishments and contributions to Holly, join them at the annual awards dinner Saturday, Jan. 29 at Venue One Eleven, at 111 College St., Holly.

The event begins with appetizers and networking beginning at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Alexa Kramer, who serves as the director of government operations at the Small Business Association of Michigan (SBAM) and oversees all legislative and political operations, will be the special guest speaker.

Linda Stouffer, owner of **Battle Alley Coffee**, said, “I am honored. It is nice to be recognized for all of the work that we have done over the past three years and for the environment that we have created. I love being part of downtown Holly and we couldn’t ask for a better Chamber of Commerce and DDA.”

There is another movie filming in Holly at the end of January, and they will be filming at this annual dinner. The theme of the scene is a community gala raising money for the Holly Depot. Appropriate attire for the evening would be suits and dinner dresses.

Susan Papple, director of **Holly Area Community Coalition**, said, “We are honored to be named the Organization of the Year by the Holly Chamber of Commerce. We are proud to have been serving the Holly community for 21 years and have seen so many youth grow in our time in Holly. We look forward to serving future youth through our continued programs in this community.”

**Randy Redmond** said he and his wife, **Michelle**, will be attending the awards dinner. He also invited his daughter Rachel Redmond, her boyfriend Pavel and their new grandbaby Luka.

The Redmonds have lived in Holly for 20 years and own a small financial services business in the downtown across from the Holly Hotel. They own the RHL Group Financial and own the building with the train mural on it.

The entire family has been involved in things in the community for the last 20 years including working and sponsoring the Holly Dickens festival, Christmas in Action golf outing and workday. They also sponsor Holly Library scholarships, Holly Train Depot restoration project, Ladies’ Night, fireworks, Taste Fest, the old Carrie National festival, the new Ice Festival, Holly Halloween every year, and past Dickens runs.

The Redmonds’ three grown daughters, Kali, Erica and Rachel, went to Holly schools and have lived in Holly for the past 20 years. The entire family helps with fundraisers and working in the community.

Michelle has been the coordinator for the Holly Christmas in Action golf outing and does all the raffles and donations every year.

Redmond said, “We never expected to win the award and are so grateful and blessed to be this year’s recipients. We have always supported and worked hard for our community. Giving back is something we have always done, and we are a happy to be a part of Holly’s growth over the years.

“We fell in love with Holly when we first saw the Dickens festival and realized it was very much like the place where I grew up. My hometown of Saline was very much like Holly, and it just felt right.

“We have really enjoyed our time in Holly and could not have had a better place to raise the girls.

“The recent growth of Holly has been amazing and all the new changes and business in town has been exciting. We can hardly wait for the next 20 years.”

**Heather Melton**, 52, has lived in Holly

her entire life, except for a short while. She’s married to Andy and they have two daughters, a son and a granddaughter.

Melton says she loves Holly for its small town feel and how everyone isn’t in such a hurry all the time. She likes how business owners and employees get to know their customers and greet them by name and that neighbors know each other and watch out for one another.

She stays involved because of the people. “We look out for one another. If someone has a need we will come together to help.

My mother always taught me it’s not what you know but who you know,” she said.

When asked why she thought she was selected, Melton said, “Truthfully, I was totally surprised by the award.”

Melton works on multiple projects throughout the year for a lot of different causes. “I am not shy about asking for help, so I guess people got to know me and all the projects I do. We volunteer at the Community Pantry at the Holly PD organizing donations, restocking the

shelves and refrigerator and also shopping for additional food items and hygiene products that are needed. We collect donations for the Michigan State Police Purses with a Purpose project for domestic violence victims. We help with the back-to-school backpack program through the Holly school district. We help with meals during the holidays and we also help with an established program to make sure local Holly children have presents Christmas morning that otherwise may not.”

Melton said they want to do a gardening program with kids and their parents.

“I don’t do any of this by myself. I have the pleasure of leading a team of angels I have become good friends with. Because without their support, dedication, donations and ideas it wouldn’t be possible for me to do all the multiple projects throughout the year. I am truly blessed to be able to work with them on these projects and more to come.”

Tickets are \$60 with preregistration required by Thursday, Jan. 20. Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber office or online at <http://hollyareachamber.com/annualdinner.html>.

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Heather Melton

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## DOG

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that the township work with her to let her keep her animal shelter's dog program going.

Borden bought the 53-acre property on a land contract May 29, 2019. The property is zoned agricultural/rural preserve district (AG/RP) and had been used as a horse riding academy. The Devoted Barn is a program of Devoted Friends Animal Society, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

The township filed a lawsuit in late 2019 against Borden claiming she did not apply for a special use permit for a dog kennel and was running an unlawful and unpermitted dog kennel. Rose Township became aware of the animals because of complaints made by a neighbor.

Devoted Barn takes in any abused and neglected animals. Law enforcement places seized animals they encounter through animal cruelty cases, cases of neglect or animal abuse of any kind with Devoted Friends.

The Rose Township attorney invoices for the Devoted Barn care were \$41,023 through December 2021, according to the Rose Township clerk's office.

The case is being handled in Oakland County Circuit Court. The latest court records of Jan. 11 indicate a show cause hearing is scheduled for March 1 at 9:30 a.m., all defendants will be sanctioned \$500 and the Devoted Barn will be given an additional 45 days to remove the dogs from the property.

Borden presented a letter from her attorney, Michael Gildner, to township attorney John Mulvihill stating that Borden and the Devoted Barn are offering to relocate the dog sanctuary structure to the interior of the property in a location and on terms agreeable to all. In addition, the letter stated that Borden is willing to pay the attorney fees that the township has incurred to date. The letter states that the Devoted Barn gives township representatives unfettered access to the property.

During the Jan. 13 meeting, Borden

said, "I want to make an offer. I know this battle has cost all parties a lot of money in legal fees. I'm a firm believer in compromise and coming up with solutions that work for everyone. We have done so many improvements to our dog room to greatly reduce the noise but we have even better plans with designs for a new building in the middle of our property and with materials used by NASA that are completely soundproof."

Borden said they have not brought in any new dogs to the program, and in the process they have been successful in reducing their numbers during a pandemic where there is a national problem with overcrowded shelters including their own here in Oakland County.

"I know the legal fees you have paid are a big issue," she said. "If we could come to an agreement to keep our dogs here with the above agreed to, we would pay back all the legal fees. I know that would make the

taxpayers happy."

The Devoted Barn has won several national awards for its dog program. It won Shelter of The Year by the Westminster Kennel Club, which included a red-carpet event at Gotham hall in NYC. It won Every Hero from United Way among several others.

Borden said the award she is most proud of is the award they received from Goodwill Services for their work with their special needs program.

Borden explained that the dogs at Devoted Barn have survived things they can't even begin to understand. Several have been tortured alive in the torture camps in the dog meat trade. In



Nyla came to the Devoted Barn in 2019 after spending the first several months of her life in a cage. Submitted photo

the past seven years they have taken in 11 dogs that were sexually assaulted by men.

The dogs have only seen the absolute worst in people.

"We believe they deserve a chance to see the best," Borden said. "Most of our dogs end up finding forever homes but it does take them longer and that is why our program has been so successful. We give them the time they need

to learn how to trust."

Borden said, "I personally would like to invite each of you out to not only meet our dogs but to meet the volunteers who give so much time to them. They include many Rose Township residents."

Several Devoted Barn volunteers also spoke during public comment time.

Emily Tippen, who lives near the Devoted Barn, said the facility is "amazing." She added that the dog program is a rehabilitation program unlike any other. "Please show some mercy to these dogs," she said.

Another resident said the Devoted Barn is "a wonderful thing." She said it is what attracted her to Rose Township.

Resident Nicole Mack works at the Devoted Barn. "I love volunteering there. It gives animals a second chance. We are not a kennel. We love them," she said.

Three other residents also spoke in favor of the Devoted Barn and for it to keep its dog rehabilitation program going.

Since the comments were made during public comment time, board

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— 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, Dec. 17.

### Senate Bill 85: Authorize spending \$1 billion on new corporate subsidy program

To appropriate \$1 billion for a new corporate subsidy scheme. The money would pay for a "Critical Industry Fund" to give grants and loans to certain companies to create jobs or job training, and a "Strategic Site Readiness Fund" to give others money to create "investment-ready sites" for new plants and facilities. The bill also appropriates \$409 million for relief to businesses "afflicted" by the coronavirus epidemic and responses, and \$75 million to reduce personal property taxes levied on business tools and equipment.

#### Passed 25 to 11 in the Senate

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

#### Passed 78 to 25 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47)	YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)	YES

### House Bill 5351: Cut small business tools-and-equipment tax

To double a small business exemption on the value of business tools and equipment subject to property taxes (called the "personal property tax"), from \$80,000 to \$160,000, and also index this to inflation going forward.

#### Passed 21 to 15 in the Senate

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

### House Bill 4294: Let current school employees work as subs without degree or credentials

To allow a school district to hire a current employee as a substitute teacher even if the individual does not have a college degree or other-

wise meet the legal requirements to be a substitute teacher. The person would get a raise if their current pay was less than a substitutes' pay but would not get a cut if it was more. This would expire with the 2021-22 school year.

#### Passed 34 to 3 in the Senate

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

### House Bill 4970: Require all school employees take seizure classes

To mandate that "all (public) school personnel" complete seizure recognition and seizure first-aid response training every other year.

#### Passed 85 to 17 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47)	YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)	YES

### Senate Bill 764: Authorize income tax deduction for gambling losses

To authorize state income tax deductions for gambling losses claimed on an individual's federal tax returns.

#### Passed 72 to 30 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47)	YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)	YES

### Senate Bill 728: Extend open meetings act to "independent citizens redistricting commissions"

To extend an Open Meetings Act requirement that public bodies hold their meetings in public to the "independent citizens redistricting commission" authorized by a 2018 ballot initiative. The bill was introduced after this controversial commission met behind closed doors to discuss secret legal memos related to its potential federal Voting Rights Act violations.

#### Passed 100 to 2 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47)	YES
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By Sharon Stone

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The SLPR Aquatics programs are pending due to staffing  
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together. Senior Fridays run every Friday,  
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Lunches are provided January 28,  
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## AUTO INSIGHTS

# Driving Tips for Seniors

As you get older and wiser, you might come to the realization that you just can't do some things quite like you used to—including driving. That's why it's important to take some extra precautions to ensure the safety of yourself and those around you on the road. Consider these safe driving tips next time you get behind the wheel.

- Avoid driving during rush hour, if possible. The traffic is usually heavy, and other drivers can be impatient.
- Avoid driving at night or in bad weather, especially if your vision is limited.
- Consider taking a driver safety refresher course. These classes will help you to brush up on your skills and meet some new people.
- Plan your route before you start driving. Know exactly where you want to travel and how to get there. If you are unsure about your route, get exact directions.
- Keep yourself in good health by doing the following:
  - Exercise your upper body to keep it flexible. This will help you look over your shoulder at your blind spot.
  - Get regular vision checkups. If you wear glasses, have your lenses routinely updated and get a prescription change.
- Remember that certain medications or a combination of medications can cause drowsiness or fatigue. Talk with your doctor about potential side effects to medications you are taking—even those that are over-the-counter.



## Have a Plan

Be sure to plan ahead for when you can no longer drive yourself around. Talk with family and friends to learn more about alternative ways to travel, such as public transportation and ride service programs. Or, establish a plan with your loved ones regarding how they can help you travel once you can no longer drive safely on your own. For additional driving safety tips and auto insurance solutions, contact us today.



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# Keeping our brains sharp

**Puzzles, board games, music, socializing and exercising all play a role**

**By Sharon Stone**

Maintaining a sharp and active mind is imperative as we age, and one of the best ways to do this is to challenge our brain by making us think. Activities and games can make this fun.

According to ParentGiving.com, every time seniors play a card, board game or even a computer game, they're staying sharp — stimulating their brains and staving off the onset of dementia or even Alzheimer's disease. Recent studies suggest that seniors who engage in mentally demanding leisure activities lowered their risk of developing Alzheimer's disease and other dementia by as much as 75%.

Either you or the senior in your life should set aside one hour each day for this type of activity—or brain gain. According to the article, seniors who engaged in cognitive exercises by playing board games or doing Sudoku puzzles were much less likely to develop dementia than those who did not.

Be sure to check out the word searches, crossword puzzles and Sudoku puzzles in every edition of the Times.

## A note from Parentgiving.com

Many new video and board games have flooded the marketplace recently, aimed at improving the mental skills of middle-aged and senior adults. An interesting addition is Brainpower Game Plan, subtitled "Foods, Moves and Games to Clear Brain Fog, Boost Memory, and Age-Proof Your Mind in 4 Weeks." Written by memory expert Cynthia R. Green with editors of Prevention magazine, the engaging activity book incorporates the findings of a lot of independent research. By improving your diet, increasing the type and quality of your physical exercise and working on the books mind-game exercises, readers of all ages can work to reduce "senior moments" and stay sharp.

According to webmed.com, there are other ways to keep our minds sharp as we age.



• **Listen to music.** Not only can listening to music help you feel more alert, it also can boost your memory and mood. One reason is that there's a math to music and how one note relates to the other. Your brain has to work to make sense of this structure.

• **Make time to make friends.** Getting to know new people boosts your brain's "executive function" as much as doing a crossword puzzle. This set of mental skills includes your short-term memory, power to tune out distractions, and ability to stay focused. How does a friendly 10-minute chat help? Listening to someone else's point of view and trying to put yourself in their shoes pushes your brain to think in new ways.

• **Laugh it off.** Stress can make your brain release a hormone called cortisol, which makes it hard to think clearly. Over time, high levels of stress can cause trouble with your learning and memory. A fun way to protect your brain is to have a good laugh. It can lower cortisol levels and help keep your brain healthy.

• **Get outside.** Nature has a calming effect and can ease stress — even if you're just looking out a window. When you spend time outdoors, you give your brain a rest from the constant flow of data and stimulus it gets throughout the day. This lets it reboot its ability to focus, so you may feel more creative and

better able to solve problems.

• **Ditch your routine.** It's good for your brain to try to mix things up. Even once a week can help. A change in routine boosts your brain's ability to learn new info and hold onto it.

• **Become a student again.** When you learn a new skill or subject, your brain makes new pathways between its many cells. You might try your hand at creative writing or a new hobby that interests you, like quilting or playing the guitar. If it seems hard at first, don't give up. The tougher it is for you to get the hang of it, the better for your brain.

• **Meditate.** Whether you say a mantra or just focus on breathing, meditation can help with high blood pressure or high cholesterol. (Both can raise your chances of Alzheimer's.) Studies show it also can boost your focus, memory, and ability to choose words, and it can make it easier to switch from one

thought to another. The reasons for this aren't clear, but one theory is that meditation gives your brain a break from concrete words and thoughts.

• **Break a sweat.** Working out is as good for your brain as it is for your body. Exercise keeps your reasoning and thinking skills sharp because it ramps up the blood flow to your brain, along with certain chemicals that help protect it. Try to get moving every other day for at least 30 minutes.

• **Give it a rest.** If you don't get enough sleep, even a simple task can take more mental effort than it would otherwise. You'll also find it much harder to focus, and you may notice gaps in your short-term memory. To stay fresh, aim for 7 to 9 hours of sleep each night.

• **Watch what you eat.** The more calories you take in, the higher your

See **BRAINS SHARP** on 23

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# Check out these markets

## Tri-County area offers unique vendors

By Sharon Stone

There's nothing better than browsing aisles of tasty treats, homemade jewelry, crafts, art pieces, soaps and meeting the people who made these items to sell at local farmers markets. While farmers markets in this area tend to be in the summer, Holly does have an indoor winter farmers market

## Farmers Markets

### Holly

The Winter Holly Farmers Market is today, Sunday, Jan. 23, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at The Gather Station, 313 S. Broad St., Holly. It is the old fire station by the water tower.

Future indoor farmers markets are scheduled for Feb. 6, Feb. 13, Feb. 27, March 13, March 27, April 10 and April 24.

The Gather Station is an indoor event space and food truck park. The following food trucks will service The Gather Station: Monkey Business, The Krepe Kart, Mini Monkey (dessert), and a Mexican-themed truck.

The traditional outdoor Holly Farmers Markets will take place Sundays, from May 1 to Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Crapo Park, Holly. Applications for vendors are now available. Email [hollyfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:hollyfarmersmarket@gmail.com) for an application and more information. You also can find them on their Facebook page.

All types of vendors and artisans will be considered but the Holly Farmers Market organizers are looking for unique food and craft items. Organizers would like to find a pasta or pierogi vendor, kettle corn, micro greens, artisan yeast breads, cinnamon rolls, granola, salsa or hummus, healthy living, smoothies, juices or teas.

They would also like to feature artisans including pottery, crocheted items, and children's items. Plus this season they will let direct sale items that complement

food and cooking. The Holly farmers market grew tremendously last year and organizers plan even more this season. Email Diana Regan, Holly farmers market manager at [dianaregan@hollyfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:dianaregan@hollyfarmersmarket@gmail.com).

The winter market has crystal rocks and trees, alpaca socks, dog bones, English toffee, flavored pretzels, grass fed beef, the cheese people, homemade jam, baked goods, Italian baked goods, French macarons, elderberry syrup, loose leaf medicinal tea, chocolate truffles, freeze dried fruit, vegetables and candy, up-cycled home décor, wooden decor and spoons, handmade soaps, jewelry, tumblers and more. The food truck will not be there this week but will return in February. They also have the Krepe Kart food truck and Monkey Business food truck.

Regan said a few exciting vendors are Middleton farms, specializing in grass feed beef and pork; Nona Italian — homemade focaccia, seven layer cookies and sicilian componata; homemade French macarons; Hippie Love Elderberry — homemade elderberry syrup and teas; Tea Blessings loose leaf medicinal tea and much more.

Once the weather warms, they plan to add more vendors who can be outside. They will transition to the outdoor Holly farmers market at Crapo Park on May 1.

### Fenton

The Fenton Farmers Market tentatively will run, rain or shine, Thursdays, May 19 to Sept. 15, from 5 to 8 p.m. The market is held on the front of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center on S. LeRoy Street in downtown Fenton.

Ed Koledo, executive director of Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation and the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, said they have a meeting this week with Fenton City to discuss its Fenton Street Experience plans. More information on the farmers markets and Street Experience will be available soon.



# How to create structure after retirement

## Finding ways to make the transition to retirement go smoothly

Professionals typically look forward to retirement and the freedom that comes with it. The notion that commuting and deadlines will one day be a distant memory is enough to make anyone excited for retirement. But when the day to leave the daily grind behind arrives, many retirees admit to feeling a little anxiety about how they're going to find structure.

Retirement is a big transition, and Robert Delamontagne, PhD, author of the 2011 book "The Retiring Mind: How to Make the Psychological Transition to Retirement," notes that some retirees experience anxiety, depression and even a sense of loss upon calling it a career. Some of those feelings can undoubtedly be traced to the perceived lack of purpose some individuals feel after retiring. Without a job to do each day, people can begin to feel useless. Overcoming such feelings can be difficult, but finding ways to build daily structure can make the transition to retirement go smoothly.

- Find something to truly engage in. Professionals who truly enjoy their work tend to be fully engaged, so it's no surprise if such individuals have a hard time adjusting to retirement. Some may suggest volunteering can help fill the void created by retirement,



Structure and retirement may seem like strange bedfellows. But many retirees seek structure after calling it a career, and there are many fun ways for seniors to create more organization in their lives.

but researchers with the Sloan Center on Aging and Work at Boston College have found that only those individuals who are truly engaged in their post-retirement volunteering enjoy the psychological benefits of such pursuits. So before retirees dive right in to volunteering as a means to creating structure, they should first exercise due diligence and find an opportunity they'll find genuinely engaging.

- Embrace the idea of "bridge employment." "Bridge employment" is the name given to the trend that has seen retired individuals take on part-time or temporary employment after they

have retired from full-time working. COVID-19 has no doubt skewed post-retirement working statistics since the World Health Organization first declared a pandemic in March 2020,

but a 2019 survey from the LIMRA Secure Retirement Institute found that 27 percent of pre-retirees with at least \$100,000 in assets planned to work part-time in retirement. Even part-time work can provide enough daily structure to help retirees feel as though each day is not just a free-for-all.

- Make a concerted effort to be more social. Volunteering and working are not the only ways to create structure in retirement. A concerted effort to be more social can help retirees fill their days with interactions with like-minded individuals who may be experiencing the same feelings. Join a book club, a local nature group that goes on daily or semi-daily morning hikes or another local community organization. These are great ways to build structure and meet new people. Retirees can create social media accounts to find local community groups that cater to their interests. Even if it seems hard to believe, plenty of retirees are seeking to create structure in retirement life, and social media can make it easier to find such individuals in your community.

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chances of memory loss may be. The reason isn't clear-cut, but a greater BMI (body mass index) at middle age is linked to poor brain health later in life. Small changes, like switching from whole milk to skim, will help you cut down on calories. Your doctor or a dietitian can help you with a plan that's right for you.

- **Feed your brain.** Certain foods work hard to protect your brain. These include fruits, veggies, legumes, fish, and "good" fats like the ones in canola and olive oils. A

daily cup of tea or coffee also can help your brain wake up. But watch the processed foods--which can wreak havoc on your blood sugar.

- **Get help with your mental help.** If you're depressed, you may be more likely to have a mental decline. In addition to feelings of helplessness and losing interest in things you love, depression also can put you in a "brain fog." Thinking, staying focused, and making decisions can be much harder. If you have some of these signs, talk to your doctor about what you can do to treat them.

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# Hurley Bariatric Center

## Weight Loss Program helps man lose weight, improve health of his liver

In late 2020, Victor Verazain, 46, was facing a lot of life challenges and stressors. His weight had climbed higher than it ever had before, and he felt exhausted. A visit to his primary care physician revealed there was something more going on than weight gain. Routine blood work showed his ALT liver enzymes were well over 300, when the normal range is 7 to 56.

A liver biopsy confirmed non-alcoholic fatty liver, the danger of liver disease, and eventual liver failure. After getting those results and discussing what they meant with his physician, Verazain knew he needed to make changes. He also knew he needed a medically sound plan to see the long lasting results in his blood work that he needed in order to correct his health problems. It was more than the numbers on the scale, Verazain explained, "What I needed was something more comprehensive, medically, that had the leverage of a true hospital."

After researching various options, Verazain decided on Hurley's Celebrate Path to Success Medical Weight Loss program at the Hurley Bariatric Center. He decided this program, with a non-surgical approach, was the right choice for him personally. It allowed him to work with a multidisciplinary team that could help address his concerns related to his liver health, diabetes, and cholesterol levels while educating him about the lifestyle and nutritional changes he would need to make to achieve and sustain long-term health. Another benefit of the Hurley Bariatric Center was their seamless communication and collaboration with his primary and internal medicine physicians.

"Hurley was able to work with my physicians, even though they were outside of the Hurley hospital network," Verazain said. This communication allowed for his monthly lab results to be shared as they were completed, so his doctors were updated in real time and could make informed decisions

about how to coordinate and optimize the various aspects of his treatment plan, such as diabetic medication and nutrition, as he made progress.

The Medical Weight Loss program at the Hurley Bariatric Center is designed to be a 12-week plan, customized to the medical needs of the individual, but it's also meant to educate the individual so they can maintain their success beyond

**"Hurley was able to work with my physicians, even though they were outside of the Hurley hospital network."**

**Victor Verazain**

the completion of the program. This approach extends to all of the various services offered at the center, which include different surgical and non-surgical options. Before surgery, the bariatric professionals help

patients choose the right type of surgery for their situation. Following surgery, the staff continues to monitor progress while offering support, such as nutrition and exercise counseling, to help patients have a sustainable weight loss outcome.

This ongoing approach is something that Verazain values, even after finding rapid success. He began Hurley's Medical Weight Loss Program in March 2021, and by June 2021 his lab results showed tremendous improvement in his liver enzyme levels and A1C, the measurement for diabetes. By September, he had healthy liver enzymes of 52 and a pre-diabetic A1C level. He had lost a significant amount of weight too, but for him these lab results were the numbers that meant success and better health. Since June 2021, he's received continued support from the team at Hurley Bariatric Center and his personal physicians continue to monitor his labs and progress. Verazain has seen even more changes beyond the numbers in his lab results, as he no longer feels exhausted all the time and is able to use his renewed energy while playing with his children.

The Hurley Bariatric Center is at 6140 Rashelle Dr., Flint, and can be reached at (810) 262-2330 or by going to [hurleymc.com](http://hurleymc.com). The team also offers seminars that cover bariatric surgery and medical weight loss options. Sign up to attend a seminar, either online or in person, at: <https://www.hurleymc.com/services/bariatric-center/attend-a-seminar/>



# Low Back and/or Sciatic Nerve Pain?

By Erica Rainer

**P**ain is the bodies natural, God given alarm system and as odd as it may sound, we are extremely lucky to have this sense. Even though it can (quite literally) be a REAL PAIN IN THE BUTT at times. Sciatica is pain that begins in the nerve roots, located on either side of the lower spine, moving through the sciatic nerve which runs the length of each leg from the buttocks, down to the foot. The leg agony, called radiculopathy, "it can be worse then back pain, and can come and go at times but if left untreated can lead to much worse problems in the future" Dr. James Ide, clinic director at Painless Chiropractic & Neuropathy Treatment Center of Fenton "It's very common for patients to come in describing an agonizing, sharp, shooting, burning pain that starts in the buttocks and

neck, resulting in headaches or pain, numbness, tingling and/or muscle weakness in the arms and hands or down in the low back and buttocks, resulting in Sciatic Pain. Once the patient goes to their MD, takes their prescriptions and then goes back, still in pain, they are usually referred to physical therapy, pain management or a surgeon. Most patients respond to physical therapy however, once the program has finished many report the pain returns. When they visit pain management, they may be prescribed the same types of drugs their MD gave them or they may jump straight to the steroid based epidural shots, injected directly into your spinal column (which may not be FDA approved so please be advised to do plenty of research if you ever find yourself in this situation). As for having surgery...

## That is until now...

Recent advances in the treatment of sciatica and lower back pain have led to the development and huge success of Non-Surgical Reconstructive Spinal Care. The excellent results of this treatment have been published in major medical journals. With success rates as high as 90% many back surgeons are now recommending their patients try this treatment first before having surgery. Now, right here in Fenton Michigan, at Painless Chiropractic & Neuropathy Treatment Center you can try their highly successful treatment option to avoid surgery.

**Sciatic Nerve**  
**Possible Areas of Pain (Red)**

If you are ready to get to the bottom of your your debilitating, shooting, stabbing and burning pain that is streaming from your low back, buttocks & possibly sciatic nerve, Painless Chiropractic & Neuropathy Treatment Center is ready to deliver the same positive results to you as they have to so many others. That is why the team here at the View Group have teamed up with this clinic once again to spread the good news and showcase the offer they have put together for our readers. Call them now to get a full, thorough consultation & examination to pinpoint the cause of your problem for just \$49 (limit 30 spaces). **The normal cost of such an exam is \$160 so you will save \$111!** Don't suffer with pain and immobility any longer. **The clinic is Now Accepting New Patients and is conveniently located just one mile off of US-23** in a beautiful 10,000 sq foot building! Home of **3 fantastic doctors** (Dr. James Ide D.C., Dr. Amie Larison D.C., & Dr. Scott Anderson D.C.) and a welcoming care team. Discover the natural treatments offered right here locally that can eliminate the cause of your problem and give you the safe, lasting relief you deserve. Call and set up your appointment now. **Mention the code PAIN2021 and Call Today. 810-202-2608**

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## New Treatment Options for Nerve Pain

flows down to the leg and at times into the foot with numbness, tingling and cramps in the leg." The sensation "can be intolerable," says Dr. Ide. "Some people describe it to be similar to the nerve pain you experience when you have a toothache," he explained.

After reviewing many different treatment options we have found that typically the average person who suffers from Sciatic pain usually experiences the same frustration when seeking help. They tend to start off going to their doctor who prescribes them one or more of the following; Muscle Relaxers, Pain Pills or Steroid Based Anti-Inflammatory Drugs. The Muscle Relaxers tend to make patients tired but do relax the muscles. The Pain Pills mask the pain while on them, but tend to make many people tense, nauseous, constipated and unable to focus. The Steroid Based Anti-Inflammatory Drugs give some people weakness, moon face, weight gain, insomnia and mood swings. All in all, the pain usually comes back once the drugs are gone because nothing was ever corrected just masked. These drugs all focus on the symptoms and not the problem. This is often the case with most pain related to the spine and nerves, regardless if your issue is in your

well we all know that surgery is risky and should always be the last resort. Once you make the decision to have surgery, there is no going back and undoing it and many other options are off the table after surgery. Regardless of how the symptoms are treated, the number one problem with finding relief through these treatments is that they only focus on treating the symptoms and not the underlying issue.

*"I am so thankful I gave it a chance. I feel ten years younger and am pain free"*  
~Richard C. of Holly MI

**This condition will eventually lead to muscle wasting, nerve damage, numbness, constant tingling down to the toes and eventually sexual dysfunction, even loss of bladder/ bowel control. Left untreated, the intense pain can rapidly wear you down and drain the joy out of life.** People lose hope and have no idea where to turn.

Non-Surgical Reconstructive Spinal Care under the direct supervision of low back and sciatica specialist Dr. James Ide D.C. The fully trained spinal care team have helped countless patients find relief from their agonizing back and sciatica problems. "We use a combination of ultra-advanced technology not utilized elsewhere in the area for precisely diagnosing the cause of your pain; and a unique program for reconstructing the damaged area causing the pain; this means superior long-term results for most people" said Dr. Ide. Because the treatment is non-surgical, safe and easy, most patients report an almost immediate relief from their pain. However, as Dr. Ide says "we are happy patients experience less pain but the pain is just a symptom, our goal is to correct the underlying structural problem which will result in the symptoms going away as well. The pain is usually the last thing to show itself and usually the first thing to disappear but if not properly treated and maintained, will show up again and again in the future."



# Appreciating history, the arts

## Museums, art galleries, planetariums and more

By Sharon Stone

The arts can stimulate the imagination, make us more observant, enhance our problem solving skills, boost our self-esteem, and reduce our stress level. People in the tri-county area are fortunate to be surrounded by quality art experiences. Check out the following venues where you can let your imagination soar.

### Museums

Although the A.J. Phillips Museum at 310 S. LeRoy St., in downtown Fenton, remains closed to the public, Fenton Historical Society volunteers are now able to access the building.

Do you have questions about family history? A building in town? The history of your home? Send them a message at [fhmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:fhmuseum@gmail.com), call (810) 629-2570 or visit their website at [fentonhistsoc.tripod.com](http://fentonhistsoc.tripod.com). They'd like

to help you with your research.

The A.J. Phillips Fenton Museum is a Queen Anne style house, built in 1900. The museum has numerous records and artifacts that are used to recreate glimpses into the people and daily life of early Fenton.

It is also home to the Fenton Historical Society & Genealogical Library, which was established in 1936, and houses an extensive genealogical collection for Fenton and the surrounding areas.

### Cause & Affect Gallery, Fenton

The gallery, at 126 N. LeRoy St., Fenton, is accessible to all and their classroom space is adaptable for people of differing needs. Inclusion of all is important to them. The gallery name speaks to what they do. They take various causes and want to affect the greater community. This is done by donating a portion of all of their sales to non-profits.

More than 50 Michigan artists' work is represented at the gallery.

### Linden Mills Historical Society & Museum, Linden

Step back in time at the Linden Mills Historical Museum. A Beach Buggy carriage, which was made in Linden at the Joe Beach Buggy Factory, will greet you as you enter the museum. View their new and improved vintage clothing section. Listen to the sounds of an old phonograph in the parlor and re-live memories in our old-fashioned kitchen. Upstairs, you will see many more historical treasures. Their special theater section, devoted to long-gone cinemas, has a row of seats from the Fenton Rowena Theater, which was demolished in the 1970s. Marvel at the vintage items in our General Store. Old toys will delight the youngsters and a revered military display is of special interest to our Veterans. Beautiful replicas of various Linden buildings are also on display.

The museum, located in the Linden Mills Building, is open the second and fourth Sunday, June through October from 1 to 4 p.m. It is occasionally open during special Linden events. Group tours can be arranged by contacting our interim curator, Pete Maas, at (810) 265-2821.

### Holly Historical Society, Holly

The Hadley House Museum, at 306 S. Saginaw St., Holly, built in 1873, is a Victorian Italianate style home with original woodwork and four bedrooms. The first occupant was Dr. Daniel D. Bartholomew, who lived and practiced there until the early 1900s. Afterward, the residence was continually occupied by the Hadley family, from one generation to another. Tom and Arlene Hadley were the last private owners, and in 1986, Arlene Hadley sold her home to the Holly Historical Society. The society had outgrown their first museum, the Patterson House, on E. Maple Street.

For details, visit [hollyhistorical.org](http://hollyhistorical.org) or the Holly Historical Society Facebook page.

### Detroit Model Railroad Club, Holly

The club was established in 1935 and is currently located in the old theater in historic downtown Holly.



The club's O scale layout depicts the fictitious Detroit Union Railroad, a freelance double-track line running from Detroit to Dorrance, Michigan, with continuing single track and branch line service to Keatington, Millersburg, and beyond. Narrow-gauge tracks interchange at Millersburg and serve customers in the mountain region.

The 2022 Open House dates are: January 22-23; February 19-20; March 5-6; March 19-20

The Detroit Model Railroad Club, Inc. has obtained 501c3 tax-exempt status. Donations made to and accepted by the club may be deducted from the donor's taxable income per current IRS rules.

### Other museums and venues of interest

#### Longway Planetarium, Flint

Longway Planetarium seating is temporarily limited to 50 people per show to allow for social distancing, effective Jan. 14. Purchase tickets in advance to be guaranteed a seat. They highly recommend all visitors ages 2+ to wear masks while indoors at Sloan Museum and Longway Planetarium.

#### Skies Over Michigan – Tuesdays through Sundays at 3 p.m.

Longway Planetarium's astronomy experts take you on a tour of the night sky over Michigan in this live planetarium lecture. Stargazers can come back to this show again and again to find out about recent astronomical events and for seasonal updates on what's visible in the night sky over Michigan.

Go to [sloanlongway.org](http://sloanlongway.org) for tickets. All Longway Planetarium show tickets are 50% off for Genesee County See **ARTS** on 29



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One of the perks of getting older is the chance to save money on travel-related services.

## Travel perks and discounts for seniors

### Get the most bang for your vacation bucks

Having made it to their golden years, seniors enjoy not only the privilege of earned wisdom, but also a few perks that come with aging. Many adults who have reached a certain age are entitled to an array of discounts, which take into consideration seniors' fixed retirement incomes. Discounts are available on various services, including many travel options.

Seniors have a lot of time to devote to recreational pursuits. This list of available travel discounts can help seniors get the most bang for their vacation bucks.

### Airline tickets

Before booking a flight, it is worth investigating if a particular airline carrier offers senior discounts. The global pandemic has changed how some airlines do business, and many have faced significant adversity since early 2020. Airlines may offer more affordable flights to drum up business. In the past, American Airlines, Southwest Airlines, British Airlines, and United Airlines have offered various discounts for people ages 65 and older.

### Ground travel

Flying isn't the only mode of travel available. AARP partners with various car rental companies to offer senior discounts. Seniors also may

be entitled to discounts of 5 percent or more on tickets from Greyhound, Amtrak, and Trailways. Seniors who live in metropolitan areas also may get reduced fares on public buses and trains through providers like New York City's Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

### Accommodations

Getting there is one thing, but seniors also can receive discounts on hotel stays or cruise cabins. AARP reports that many major hotel and motel chains offer senior discounts between 5 and 15 percent. Royal Caribbean has offered senior discounts on select sailings and stateroom categories. Smarter Travel notes that most chains require travelers to book directly rather than through an online booking agency/deal site to be eligible for discounts.

### Dining out

Many restaurants, and national chains in particular, offer senior discounts with or without AARP membership. Applebee's offers 10 to 15 percent off to those age 60 or older. Brick House Tap & Tavern, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Denny's, IHOP, Outback Steakhouse, and many others provide discounts or special senior pricing.

### Tours and more

Seniors also can speak with travel agents or booking services about discounts on sightseeing tours and other vacation excursions.

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February 25, and March 25.

Visit for the day or just for your favorite part of the day. The facility is wheelchair accessible. If this is your first time visiting, call (810) 714-2011. In the event of inclement weather or school closures Senior Fridays will be canceled.

### Fenton's Open Book Club

Fenton's Open Book will offer a book club that will meet on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, call Fenton's Open Book at (810) 629-8000. The cost is free and the participants will receive a 20% discount on their book club purchase. Ages 16 & up. Fenton's Open Book, 105 W. Shiawassee Ave., Fenton.

### Adult Tai Chi

In their Tai Chi class you will learn an ancient self-improvement method that is totally different from other sports or exercise classes. Tai Chi is a very popular Oriental Holistic fitness program that has the added dimension of healing the mind and body from within.

The class focuses on proper breathing, increasing circulation, and developing internal energy (Ki Power) for improved overall health. You will learn graceful basic actions, which are actually "Low Impact" exercises in disguise. Unlike other programs, the class is so fascinating that you will never be bored.

When you are able to perform all of the basic actions as one continuous flowing motion, that is considered a Tai Chi FORM. The goal is to be able to move smoothly through the FORM without the intervention of conscious thought. This is very relaxing for both the mind and body; and it is very beneficial in relieving mental and physical stress.

Students typically experience increased flexibility, less body and joint stiffness, increased range of motion, and less pain. Body balance, coordination, and a more positive outlook on life are also reported by students as a result of Tai Chi practice.

Cost is \$48 - discounted for residents, \$58 Regular fee for non-residents. Adults only.

## Activities at Loose Center in Linden

Visit [loosecenter.org](http://loosecenter.org)

- **Lunch at Loose.** Loose Center dishes up tasty home-cooked meals in their kitchen for their members. Come inside, see the changes they have made to the center and enjoy lunch with the company of new and old friends. Lunch is \$5 and punch cards are available.
- **Happy Stampers.** If you like to use rubber stamps to make greeting cards, this group meets the third Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. the class is free. Bring your supplies and ideas and spend time with those who share your interest.
- **Yoga.** Gentle Flow Yoga meets Monday at 2 p.m., Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. Fee is \$5.
- **Chair Yoga.** The class meets Tuesday at 2 p.m. and Thursday at 10 a.m.
- **Fit4Ever.** The class meets Thursday at 11 a.m. Fee is \$5. This is a fitness program of gentle exercise and movement that improves strength and balance, while increasing energy and stamina.
- **Line dancing.** The class meets Thursday at 12:30 p.m. Fee is \$5.
- **Zumba Gold.** This 45-minute class includes low impact, stretching, toning and more. Fee is \$5.
- **Literary Studies - Book Club.** This group meets the second Monday from 12-1 p.m. The group explores and discusses a variety of literature.
- **Anyone can paint.** This class meets the second Thursday from 1-3 p.m. Fee is \$25. Award-winning artist Steve Wood combines painting tips and techniques with humor and encouragement. Call the center to register.
- **Painting.** This class is for painters of all levels. Attendees must bring and use own materials.
- **Wood carvers.** This class meets Wednesdays from 12-1:30 p.m.
- **Knitting/Crocheting.** This class meets Fridays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. This group makes items to donate to local charities. Please bring own supplies.
- **Quilting.** This class meets Fridays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.



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residents – ID required. Longway Planetarium shows are funded in part by the Genesee County Arts Education and Cultural Enrichment Millage. All Longway Planetarium and Sloan Museum tickets are free for members.

### Sloan Museum, Flint and Burton

Sloan Museum at Courtland Center in Burton is the temporary exhibit space for Sloan Museum while the new Sloan Museum of Discovery is being built

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Sloan Museum at Courtland Center is closed on Mondays and is temporarily closed from Jan. 10 to Feb. 4. They will reopen Saturday, Feb. 5, for their new interactive exhibit, Hot Wheels: Race to Win!, running through May 15.

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## What's so great about dental implants?

Submitted by Dr. Justin Schultz

As we age many of our teeth go through what is called the "restorative cycle." This means a tooth might start with a filling, then need a crown and eventually end up needing to be extracted. This leaves us with few options to continue our ability to chew and smile.

For years, none of these options offered a similar look or feel to that of a natural tooth. Over the last 30 years, dental implants have continued to improve and gain popularity. They are now almost always the best option to replace a missing tooth. In most regards, they function and look exactly like your old tooth, they can even last a lifetime if cared for properly.

What is the process of getting a dental implant? Although it may vary from dentist to dentist and patient to patient, the basic process is as follows. First, an unhealthy tooth is removed and to maintain bone quality in the area, a bone graft is often placed. The patient must then wait to allow healing, which typically takes about three months. The patient then returns to the dentist or surgeon for a titanium implant to be placed where the old tooth root was. Another three months is usually needed for the patient's bone to form a strong attachment to the implant. At this point, a crown can be made to fit onto the implant, allowing the patient to begin smiling and chewing for years to come.

Dr. Justin Schultz is owner of Schultz Family Dentistry in Linden. If you have any questions regarding dental implants or other dental health questions, contact Schultz Family Dentistry at (810) 735-9426 or visit [jhschultzdentistry.com](http://jhschultzdentistry.com).

## RV buyers' guide

Buying an RV is a long-term investment — know what to look for

A recreational vehicle, also known as an RV or a camper, can be a worthwhile investment for people who want to travel at their leisure. RVs offer the benefit of traversing the open road without having to sacrifice the comforts of home.

The RV market has been hot over the last couple of years as people have looked to RVing as a safe way to travel. According to the RV Industry Association, shipments of travel trailers and motorhomes were expected to hit their highest level on record in 2021, with more than 533,000 units sold by year-end.

Sizable purchases are seldom easy, and purchasing an RV is no exception. In addition to choosing the right vehicle, RV owners must learn maintenance, how to drive a large vehicle, towing, and campsite etiquette. Buying an RV is a long-term investment. These pointers can help the purchase go smoothly.

### New or used?

Purchasing a used RV can help people save money. However, upgrades and repairs may be costly. New RVs have the latest technology and no risk of prior wear and tear. Insurance premiums will be higher for a new vehicle, and a new purchase can be expensive depending on the features chosen.

### Figure out features and size

Take a hard look at what you are seeking in a camper. Do you want something that is just an alternative to tent camping? Are you interested in an RV that can sleep a crowd? Do you have a tow hitch and a vehicle capable of towing an RV? These questions and more will determine the style and size of the RV that's right for you. Class A RVs are large, bus-shaped rigs between 20 and 45 feet in length. Class B are sleeper vans and are smaller than Class A. Class C rigs offer size but driveability and are built into a regular



Buying an RV is a long-term investment. These pointers can help the purchase go smoothly.

truck chassis. For trailer-style RVs, the options are foldable trailers, travel trailers, toy haulers, and fifth wheel trailers. They vary in size and features; but you'll need a truck to tow them.

### Usage frequency

When considering an RV, think about how often it will be used and where it will be stored when not in use. Garage storage may be challenging on a larger rig, and some housing communities frown upon parking RVs in driveways. This may affect the size you choose as well as the features you need, according

to KOA, the RV camp site leader.

### Secure financing

As with other vehicles, shop around for the best rates on financing; you don't necessarily need to go with the dealer. Also, when buying a trade-in or used rig, hire a third-party inspector to go over systems to ensure they're in working order.

These are just a few things to consider when looking to purchase an RV. Buyers should do their homework to get a vacation vehicle that fits their needs and budgets.

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# Taking a good look at cataract surgery

## Procedure is relatively easy and successful for most

Cataracts are a clouding of the lens of the eye that can cause blurry vision and increase glare from lights. The Mayo Clinic indicates that cataracts can make it difficult for people to carry out their normal activities or interfere with treatment of other eye problems. In such instances, doctors may recommend cataract surgery.

The American Academy of Ophthalmology says cataract surgery involves removing the lens of the eye when it's cloudy. A cloudy lens can make people feel like they are looking through a foggy or dusty car windshield. That's because a cataract-plagued lens cannot refract light rays effectively. Many images appear hazy and blurry, or less colorful. Surgery is the only way to effectively treat cataracts. The cloudy lens is replaced with an artificial clear lens called an intraocular lens, or IOL,



says the AAO.

Cataract surgeries have become routine and most operations are successful. The National Institutes of Health says as many as 95 percent of people who undergo cataract procedures experience an improvement in the sharpness of their vision.

Replacement of the damaged lens is the goal, but there are different types of cataract surgery that vary based on the size of the incision and the technology used to remove the cataract. Phacoemulsification is one popular procedure during which a surgeon will make a two- to three-millimeter-long incision in the front of the eye for an ultrasonic probe. The probe utilizes vibration to break up the cataract and removes the fragments with suction. A foldable lens is then inserted through the incision. Here are some things to expect from cataract surgery.

- **A week or more** before the surgery an ultrasound test will measure the size and shape of the eye. This helps to determine which type of IOL will later be inserted and become a permanent part of the eye.
- **IOLs can come** with different features, such as blocking ultraviolet light or being monofocal or bifocal in nature. Others correct astigmatism. An eye doctor will discuss which type of lens is best.
- **Medicated eye drops** may be prescribed before surgery to reduce the risk for eye infections.

• **Patients may need** to stop taking certain medications prior to surgery, particularly if they can increase bleeding risk. Also, doctors may advise patients to avoid solid food several hours before surgery and avoid drinking alcohol for a day prior.

• **You will be** awake for the procedure, but your eye will be numbed and you won't be able to see what the surgeon is doing. Some doctors provide a sedative to help with relaxation.

• **Typically the surgery** is an out-patient procedure, meaning you'll be able to return home the same day. However, you will not be able to drive, so arrange for transportation.

• **Medicated eye drops** may be prescribed, and recovery may include limiting activities for a few days. Any eye discomfort should disappear after a couple of days. Eye patches and protective sunglasses also may be recommended.

Cataract surgery can give people a new lease on life through improved visual clarity. The procedure is relatively easy and successful for the majority of people who undergo it.

## How to make a bucket list a reality

The idiom "kick the bucket" is a euphemism for passing away that does not paint such a rosy picture if you consider its origins. However, the phrase "bucket list," though undeniably related to "kick the bucket," definitely sheds a brighter light on the topic of mortality.

A bucket list is a plan for living life to its fullest and prioritizing opportunities to engage in all sorts of activities. A bucket list can be made at any point in life and is not exclusive to individuals facing their own mortality. Here are some tips for putting bucket list plans into action.

- **Stop and think about** what you really want to experience in your lifetime. Leave factors like money or proximity out of it. No ideas are off-limits. This is your opportunity to brainstorm, and nothing is too crazy or silly.
- **Write the bucket list** in a comfortable or inspiring place, which may help ideas flow more freely. The place might be a cozy nook at a bookstore or a quiet spot on the beach.
- **Choose things that are** meaningful to you as well as ideas that are frivolous and fun. Make your list a mix of each,

and don't take yourself too seriously.

• **Divide the bucket list** by time. Are there items you can check off in a particular season, such as skiing the Alps? If your bucket list involves moving to a bustling city, determine if you'd like to do that after your children have reached adulthood or if you want to expose them to city life as youngsters. Categorizing the list by periods of your life can make it easier to prioritize certain activities over others.

• **Determine if each bucket list activity** will be a solitary or joint pursuit. Various activities are more enjoyable when shared with others, but some you might be more inclined to do alone.

• **Set aside a budget** for funding bucket list activities. Bucket lists may include some costly activities, so start saving now so money does not stand in your way. Open a savings account specifically for funding bucket list excursions and set up automatic deposits.

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# Fenton/Linden hockey defeats FNV, tied for first place

By David Troppens

The Fenton/Linden varsity hockey team is in a tie for first place in the Mid-Michigan Hockey Conference.

And to get there, the Griffins earned some much needed revenge.

The area co-op hockey program defeated the FNV Griffins at Hartland

Sports Center by a 6-1 score Wednesday night.

The win avenged a previous 8-5 loss to FNV and at the same time tied the two teams atop the conference standings at 4-1-0.

The hometown Griffins were the dominant squad in this contest, never trailing and for most of the game, enjoying a multiple-goal lead.

Early on, it looked like it was going to be a

tight game, as the teams battled to just a one-goal first period. That goal was provided by Caden Crandall on an assist by Keegan McNamara. The hometown Griffins led 1-0 entering the first intermission.

Fenton/Linden (11-5-0) began to dominate the scoresheet in the second period, scoring

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## Sports Times

### Blue Devils sneak by Linden, 39-36

By David Troppens

**Lake Fenton** — Last season, they were supposed to be on a collision course, expecting to battle for a team district title.

But then the dreaded COVID-19 pandemic struck the Linden varsity wrestling team and forced the Eagles to sit on the sidelines as the Lake Fenton Blue Devils captured the team district title.

Linden had won the first dual between the teams during the regular season adding fuel to the neighborhood rivalry.

This season, both are contending teams to win their Flint Metro League division, adding a little more intensity to Wednesday's battle at Lake Fenton High School on Wednesday night. And if that wasn't enough, it was a match competed under the spotlight with a full gym of fans cheering on the action.

The match ended up being a great one with not much separating the two rivals, but when it was over, the Blue Devils won a couple of critical matches

to earn the tight 39-36 Flint Metro League crossover victory. Both teams also defeated Owosso handily.

"(The win) shows everybody what we're about and how we roll," Lake Fenton senior captain Zack Hall said. "It was closer than we hoped, but we were trying to prove a point and get our name out there."

"It came down to the flip (of the coin)," Linden wrestling coach Derek Peterson said. "It was an outstanding match. Their coaching staff

is incredible. We respect them and they respect us. It came down to a three-point match. We just have to keep wrestling, and get ready for the next match."

"Absolutely, that was fun," Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said. "To us, we are in the same division. It's Linden. They have a really good program, and they beat us up pretty good last year so this was huge for us. I know this was huge for them because

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Three of the matches that took place during Lake Fenton's 36-33 victory against Linden were (top photo) Lake Fenton's Jacob Haugh vs. Wyatt Gocha, (left photo) Lake Fenton's Jack Conley vs. Linden's Michael Brown, and (right photo) Lake Fenton's Linden's Zack Hall against Linden's Luke Haney. Photos: David Troppens



Sam Dillard II scored 15 points in the Tigers' victory against Mason. Photo: Christopher Summers

### Hot shooting leads Tigers past Mason

By David Troppens

There are good shooting nights, and then there are crazy good shooting nights.

The Fenton varsity boys basketball team may have had one even better than crazy good Tuesday night.

The Tigers (6-3) nailed 13-of-23 three-point shots and had six players hit at least one trey in a 62-48 non-league home victory against Mason.

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## GRIFFINS

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three more goals. McNamara had two of the goals while Carson Garder provided the first, helping the Grif-fins jump to a 4-1 lead. FNV trailed by three twice in the period. The first time was a 3-0 after McNamara's first goal. FNL responded with a power-play goal, cutting the gap to 3-1. However, McNamara made sure Fenton/Linden remained on top with his

second goal near the end of the period.

Any thoughts of a FNV (6-8-0) comeback were dashed when Parker Harrison scored a power-play goal in the third period, raising the host Grif-fins' lead to 5-1. Finally, McNamara completed his three-goal hat trick on assists by Nick Temple and Crandall, giving Fenton/Linden its 6-1 victory.

Fenton/Linden goalie Nick Wilson made 32 saves in net.

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(Above) Fenton's Max Haney competes in the 100 butterfly, one of the many individual events he's already posted a state-qualifying time for this season. (Left) Luke DeFina competes in the 500 freestyle during Tuesday's dual with Pinckney and Grand Blanc.

Photos: David Troppens

## Fenton's Haney hoping to finally compete in a state meet this year

By David Troppens

**Fenton** — The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted many student-athletes' lives over the last two school years.

Fenton's Max Haney has been among the most impacted.

The junior qualified for the state meet in both of his first two seasons with the Tigers' varsity boys swim program, and yet he's never competed in the event due to the pandemic. Yet, oddly, it's never had anything to do with him actually having COVID.

Of course, his freshman season, the state meet was canceled due to the pandemic, so no one competed. However, during his sophomore season he qualified again and had high expectations to do well at the meet. Just weeks prior to the state meet he had competed in a national meet and posted a time of 4:34.61 in the 500 freestyle. That time would've placed him third at last seasons D2 state swim meet. However, just a few days before the meet, he received bad news.

"I didn't get COVID. I just got contact tracing," Haney said. "It was

very frustrating. I can't even describe it. It was awful.

"I think it was only two days before the state meet and the school called and said I was contact traced. I didn't have COVID and that made it worse. I qualified both years and in some way COVID has taken it from me and both times I didn't have it."

As Haney says, he hopes the third time is the charm as he expects to be competing at the D2 state meet this season at Oakland University. He's already posted state-qualifying times in the 200 individual medley, the 50 freestyle, the 100 butterfly, the 100 freestyle and the 100 backstroke and will be expected to do well once there.

At the county meet, he set the county meet record in the 200 freestyle (1:44.12) while also earning it in the 100 butterfly. He also holds the Fenton varsity record in the 100 butterfly and 200 individual medley. So, when the state meet comes, he'll have his choice of events.

"I just want to go as fast as I can," Haney said when asked about his individual season goals. "That's it.

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# Bronchos play complete game, defeat Oxford

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity boys basketball team has had its share of struggles recently, dropping four straight games. However, that run of tough contests is over.

The Bronchos played one of their best games of the season, defeating Oxford by a 57-45 margin at Holly High School Tuesday night.

“We’ve played well in two games this year,” Holly varsity boys basketball coach Steve DeHart said.

“One was against Fenton and the other was against Oxford. If we can play like we did last night, we will be formidable against anyone we play.

“It comes down two words — consistent effort. We give good effort. We have good kids that want to play hard and do the right thing, and three out of four quarters they give it, but they have to play the full four quarters. We played four full quarters.”

The Bronchos struggled offensively in the first quarter, trailed at one time 6-0 and still trailed by six by an 8-2 score after a baby hook shot by Oxford’s Bryce Esman. However, the Bronchos started to heat up after that. Michael Stevens II assisted a three-pointer by Mason Clark. That hoop was followed by a layup by Bryce Goings. Holly trailed just 8-7 and trailed just 10-7 entering the second quarter.

Holly (3-5) trailed 12-9 until Goings hit a three-pointer with 6:38 left in the first half, tying the contest at 12-all. The team’s first lead came on two converted free throws by Andrew Lewis.

The last time Holly would trail in the contest was at 18-17, but then the Bronchos ended the first half on a 7-0 run. It started with a three-pointer by Mason Clark, continued on a layup by Bowen Moore and ended with a

steal and breaking layup by Stevens II. Holly led 24-18 at halftime.

Oxford cut the gap to 24-23 on an Esman layup, but then Holly went on a 9-0 run. It started with two converted free throws by Goings and ended with putback layin by Goings as well, earning Holly a 33-23 lead with 4:06 left in the third quarter.

Oxford did make one more run. Mitchell Viviano hit a jump shot to open the fourth quarter, closing Holly’s lead to 40-35. However, Holly went on another 9-0 run to take control of the contest. It started with a Clark dish to Antonio Simmons for a layin and Simmons continued it with a putback shot. Goings hit two free throws, and Stevens capped the run with a three-pointer. Holly led 49-35 with 3:48 left and always led by double-digits down the stretch.

Holly was impressive from the See **BRONCHOS** on 36



Bryce Goings led the Holly Bronchos with 14 points in the squad’s 57-45 victory against Oxford. Photo: Christopher Summers

# Holly wrestlers lose two tight Metro League duals

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity wrestling team were competitive in two Flint Metro League duals Wednesday night.

However, the Bronchos lost both by tight decisions. Holly lost a crossover bout with Clio 41-36, and then lost a Flint Metro League Stripes Division match against Flushing by an even tighter 34-31 decision.

In the loss against Clio, Holly won one more match via a pinfall or forfeit than Clio, but the Mustangs won all of the matches that weren’t pinfall or forfeit victories, earning them the win.

Holly had pinfall wins by Jayden Higgins (215), Jacob Gonzales (171), Kendall Drake (160) and Sean Murray (125). The Bronchos also had forfeit wins by Gabe Soja (112) and Hunter Hummel (152).

Against Flushing, the Bronchos



Holly’s Christian Preston earned a decision victory against Flushing on Wednesday. He is pictured here during a recent match. Photo: David Troppens

lost just one more match throughout the dual and it cost Holly the match. Drake and Gonzales earned pinfall wins while Higgins (189) and

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13-2 major decision victory. The final Holly victory was posted by Christian Preston who recorded a 10-5 decision win.

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**SUP22-001 Danielle Keeter:** Requesting a Special Use Permit to allow a Day Care Group Home (7-12 children) at 16200 Apple Lane, parcel # 06-32-601-086.  
**R22-001 Chris Garner, Brookwood Fenton LLC.:** Requesting a rezoning from R-3, Single Family, to PUD to allow a 224-unit age-restricted community at the corner of Lahring Road and US-23, parcel #06-10-30-012.

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 Planning Commission will be held on Thursday February 10., 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at 12060 Mantawauka Dr. and by ZOOM video meeting. The public may participate in the meeting via the following web link:  
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Members of the public will only be able to speak during the public comment portion(s) of the meeting and such comment will be limited to three minutes per person. To provide for orderly public participation, when the Chairperson or meeting moderator calls for public comment, a person wishing to speak must state their name and wait to be recognized before speaking. The Chairperson or moderator will recognize all persons wishing to speak during public comment. Prior to the meeting, if members of the public have certain questions or wish to provide input on any business that will be addressed at the meeting, such persons may contact the Planning Commission members through Michael Deem, Zoning Administrator, by email at [mdeem@fentontownship.org](mailto:mdeem@fentontownship.org), or by mail at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. Comments received prior to 3:00 p.m. on February, 2022 are guaranteed to be received by the Planning Commission. A copy of the meeting material may be found on the Township website homepage at [www.fentontownship.org](http://www.fentontownship.org).

The Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 72 hour advance notice by contacting Robert Krug, Township Clerk, by email, phone, or mail at the below.

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# Holly girls showing progress in loss to Avondale

**By David Troppens**

The Holly varsity girls are getting closer to getting its first victory.

The Bronchos had just two bugaboos in their road loss to Auburn Hills Avondale though.

First, they played solid defense except for in the third quarter when they allowed 18 points. Second, they scored just two first-quarter points. The end result was a 46-26 loss against Avondale.

“No doubt, we are getting closer,” Holly varsity girls basketball coach Ben Varner said. “The third quarter hurt us again though. I have to figure out something to do better to start the third quarter. We got off to a bad start in the third and then played well in the fourth quarter. It’s happening every game.

“And if we can score a couple of baskets in the first quarter that would help. It’s not like we are not getting shots.”

The Bronchos’ defense continues to get stronger. They allowed just 11 or fewer points in the three other quarters. The 46 points ranks as the second fewest the team has allowed.

Offensively, the contest ranks as one of the best of the season. The 26 points was tied for the highest total of the season. Holly also scored 26 points in a 56-26 road loss to Clio on Dec. 14, 2021.

The defense was strong in the opening quarter, but Holly was able to score two points, resulting in a 7-2 deficit entering the second quarter. In the second quarter, the Bronchos (0-8) battled with Avondale to a pretty entertaining eight minutes. Holly was outscored just by a 10-8 margin, allowing the Bronchos to remain within 17-10 at halftime.

But then came Avondale’s 18-point third quarter. Holly scored eight of its

fort with 14 points while Simmons had 13 points. Clark finished with 11 while Stevens II and Moore had six points each.

Defensively, the Bronchos drew four charges. Ashton DeHart drew three of them while Simmons had one as well. Viviano led Oxford with 12 points while Jake Champagne and Esman had 11 points each.



Morgan Fluckey scored two points and grabbed five rebounds in the Bronchos’ contest against Avondale. Photo: Christopher Summers

## BRONCHOS

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free-throw line, nailing 17-of-19 free throws. The Bronchos hit 15-of-17 in the second half.

“We concentrated on getting the ball inside. I told them our goal was to shoot 24 free throws and we came close shooting 19,” DeHart said.

Goings led a pretty balanced ef-



## DEVILS

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they didn't get a chance to wrestle districts last year which was unfortunate. They were tough so we had something to prove ourselves this year. They beat us in the regular season last year, so we earned a good one today."

The match was tight and there were probably two matches that could've been looked upon as the "coin-flip" matches. At 119, Lake Fenton's Robbie Moore earned a crazy back-and-forth battle with Linden's Ben Wingblad 11-8. Then, at 171, Lake Fenton's Jack Conley (171) went up a weight class and defeated Lidnen's Michael Bush by a 5-1 decision.

"Robbie Moore's match won

it. It could've gone either way," Hall said. "But he came out on top, won by three and got it done. That's how much we won by."

"It came down to the 171 match. Both kids wrestled good," Peterson said. "Their kid went up a weight class, wrestled like an animal and did well. If 171 went our way, we would've won, but it didn't."

Linden won five matches by pinfall while the Blue Devils won four pinfall matches. Overall, the Blue Devils won eight of the 14 matches and never trailed during the match.

Lake Fenton's Jorge Marvin (103) opened the match with a pinfall victory against Lorena Thompson and the Blue Devils went on to win the first three

bouts. Clay Cook (112) earned a 19-4 technical fall victory against Adelia Carr and Moore followed with his tight win against Wingblad. Lake Fenton led 14-0.

Linden responded with two pinfall wins. Brenden Shingleton (125) and Bryce Shingleton (130) earned pinfall wins against Jackson Ketchum and Kaleb Dijiacomo, respectively, cutting the gap to 14-6.

Lake Fenton followed with four straight wins. Ty Johnson (135) pinned Tyler McCabe, Hall (140) earned a 12-4 major decision win against Luke Haney, Drew Corcoran (145) pinned Brady Makela and Noah Hall (152) pinned Aiden Haney, raising the Blue Devils' lead to 39-18.



Lake Fenton's Drew Corcoran works on trying to pin Linden's Brady Makela in the Blue Devils' victory against the Eagles.

Photo: David Troppens

Lucas Carr (160) gave Linden a pinfall win against Karson Crist, putting the Eagles back in the battle, but then came Conley's decision win against Bush, locking up the Lake Fenton victory.

Linden won the last three

matches. Jase Gundry (189) pinned Jaxon Penrod and Wyatt Gocha (215) pinned Jacob Haugh in the first two bouts of the run. Itiel Delgado (285) earned a forfeit win to end the match.

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### TYRONE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS HELD JANUARY 18, 2022

The following actions were taken:

1. Supervisor Cunningham called the Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the township hall.
2. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Treasurer Jennifer Eden, Clerk Marcie Husted, Trustees Herman Ferguson, Kurt Schulze, David Walker, and Zach Tucker (arrived at 7:35 p.m.).
3. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
4. Received and placed on file Communications #1-4 as presented.
5. The motion to approve the Lake Urban Crossings PUD Preliminary Site Plan failed.
6. Larry Gawthrop, CFAO of Mott Community College explained why township residents pay taxes to the college and some of the programs the college offers.
7. Approved the Niemi Shared Private Driveway request as recommended by the Planning Commission.
8. Adopted the Historic Town House resolution stating the township will own, maintain, insure, and manage the relocation of the building.
9. Adopted the Grant Management Policies and Procedures resolution as required to make use of ARPA Covid relief funds.
10. Approved the budget amendment as presented.
11. Adopted the Meeting Dates 2022-2023 resolution as presented.
12. Approved road right-of-way tree cutting not to exceed the cost of \$7,000.
13. Adjourned at 8:37 pm.

After they are approved, the minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office, 8420 Runyan Lake Rd., Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and are also posted online at [www.tyronetownship.us](http://www.tyronetownship.us).

### PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS JANUARY 18, 2022

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday January 18, 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. The Township Board led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Appointed Trustee Goupil as temporary chairperson.
4. Approved the agenda as amended.
5. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$442,807.42.
6. Conducted a public hearing on potential local road improvement projects for 2022.
7. Received the 4th quarter and annual Fire Department report from Chief Ryan Volz.
8. Received the 4th quarter report from Ordinance Enforcement Officer Pat Shaw.
9. Adopted Resolution No. 2022-03, honoring retired Deputy Treasurer Kelly Borg for her 24 years of service.
10. Adjourned at 6:52 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](http://www.fentontownship.org).

ROBERT E. KRUG  
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK



HANEY

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“Training has gone really well. We’ve been pushing it really hard. Coach has been making us do two-a-days four days a week.”

The Tigers aren’t as large a team as they’ve been in recent seasons, and that has impacted the squad when they face off against strong opponents like Grand Blanc and Pinckney as they did Tuesday night. Fenton lost to Grand Blanc 107-74 and lost to Pinckney 105-73, but that doesn’t mean the Tigers aren’t doing well in those competitions.

“We just want to be as fast as we can go, and we’ve been pretty fast this year,” Haney said.

“We are down numbers this year, but the guys are really fast. We just don’t have many numbers.”

Against Pinckney and Grand Blanc, the Tiger had three overall firsts and 10

individual top-four performances.

The 200 freestyle relay team of Jack Fries, Evan Koch, Haney and Kaz Sieja earned the Tigers a relay first with a time of 1:33.06, just .03 seconds under the D2 state qualifying time.

The other two were in individual events. Diver Owen Cox won his event with a score of 204.00, while Fries won the 100 breaststroke (1:03.58).

The team had three individual overall seconds and one relay finish in second. The relay was the 400 freestyle relay team of Braden Falvo, Jacob Shanahan, Koch and Luke DeFina, posting a time of 3:44.20. Haney had two of the individual runner-up finishes. He was second in the 100 butterfly (51.27) and in the 100 backstroke (54.19), earning state-qualifying times in both events. Sieja earned the final one in the



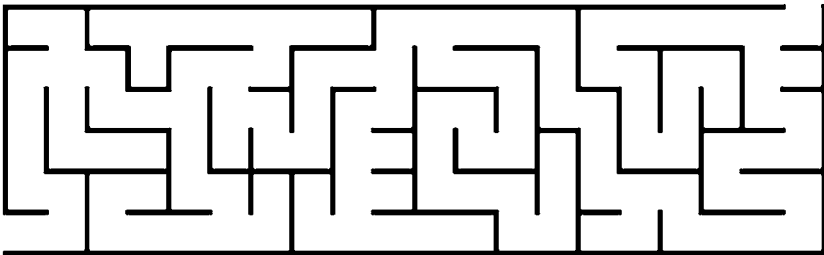
100 freestyle (53.26). Earning individual thirds were Koch in the 100 freestyle (53.76) and Fries in the 200 individual medley 92:06.75) Earning fourths were Sieja in the 200 individual medley (2:13.73), Falvo in the 500 freestyle (5:40.14) and Koch in the 200 freestyle (2:01.26).



(Above) Fenton’s Jack Fries (center right) dives in the pool during the 200 freestyle relay. Fenton won the event against Grand Blanc and Pinckney. (Left) Owen Cox earned a first-place finish in diving.

Photos: David Troppens

Kids' Maze



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TIGERS

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“Against Linden we were out of it and it’s a tough gym to play in,” Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Chad Logan said about the team’s shooting struggles the previous contest in a loss against Linden. “Against Mason, we were composed and played within ourselves. Maybe last week we were sped up or sped ourselves up. Whatever the reason we took better shots tonight and made our shots. They really didn’t have an answer concerning our offense. We were 22-for-47 from the floor which is a great high school field goal shooting percentage.”

Logan also thinks the 13 three-pointers made in a game could be a school record. Making 57 percent from behind the arc isn’t too bad either.

Fenton took over pretty much from the start, leading 39-25 at halftime. The Tigers had already converted nine treys and were enjoying 13-of-23 shooting from the field for the half.

Justin Banura led the Tigers with 16 points. He hit two treys with one being a buzzer-beater to end the first half. Sam Dillard II and Seth Logan each chipped in 15 points with Logan making all of his points from behind the three-point arc. Dillard II’s 15 points was a varsity career high. He made three treys. Lance Barkholz netted 11 points with one being a three-pointer. Connor Luck hit a trey and had five points.

Banura also had five rebounds and two blocks.

“Five guys make threes and suddenly we have a great offense,” Chad Logan said. “We shoot threes and in a couple of our losses we didn’t make many of them. I thought the other night (against Linden) we took them too fast, too far out and too much out of our rhythm. Tonight we took smart shots. It was good for the kids to make them.”

Fenton hosted Flushing for a Flint Metro League Stripes Division battle on Friday.

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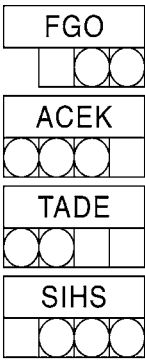
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## AUCTION

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The Light Family Church, the township is permitted to keep and maintain the historic building, built in 1887, until it is moved to another location.

Property owners in Tyrone Township were surveyed to see what they wanted to do with the old township hall.

The survey provided potential options for the future of the historical building. Residents could also add general comments. The building was originally located on Hartland Road and was moved to 10408 Center Rd., in 1976 as part of the U.S. Bicentennial celebrations. The township sold the Center Road property where the historical building remains and moved its offices to 8420 Runyan Lake Rd.

Tyrone Township Supervisor Mike Cunningham said the survey indicated that there was overwhelming support to save the historic building but the majority did not want to see township money used. The survey indicated that residents were in favor



Efforts are underway to raise funds to move the Historic Town House from its former property on Center Road in Tyrone Township to the current Tyrone Township offices' property on Runyan Lake Road. Shown here is an old undated photo of the building.

fully integrate our registered Historic Town House. The Town House was built in 1887 as a place for townsfolk to vote, celebrate, and come together as a community. The building needs to be moved to property owned by the Township so that it can continue its legacy as the symbolic center of our community for generations to come. It is one of only a few registered historic landmarks in Tyrone Township."

Following the meeting, Sara Dollman-Jersey of the Residents for Community Preservation Facebook group, McFarland, and Tom Runyan, treasurer of the Tyrone Township Historical Society released a joint statement, which follows.

"The Town House project has made great strides in recent weeks. We are working hard in conjunction with Tyrone Township to flesh out plans and raise the funds necessary to preserve our historic building. We have planned a yearlong calendar of exciting events for the community that will serve to do two things - connect people across generations to our community and its history, and help us raise the funds we need to make this project successful.

"Our first big community event will be the Online Auction, 'Love Our History,' hosted by the Tyrone Township Historical Society. We've been truly inspired at the number of local businesses and residents who have contributed such a variety of wonderful items up for bid. Some of the most exciting include a Hot Air Balloon ride and a \$200 gift certificate to Andiamo sponsored by The State Bank. We have items ranging from restaurant gift certificates, to themed baskets, to oil changes, to deluxe accommodations at a Bed & Breakfast.

"It's truly been a labor of love with residents, local officials, and businesses coming together to support a good cause, preserving our local history. We hope surrounding communities will join us and participate in the auction Feb. 12-26."

The auction will run Feb. 12-26 at <https://www.32auctions.com/saveourtownhouse2022>. Approximately two dozen local businesses have contributed to the online auction and those interested can participate from the comfort of their home.

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of the Historical Society leading the move. Cunningham estimates that a conservative estimate is \$100,000 to move the building to the new township offices property.

The Tyrone Township Historical Society is now tasked to raise funds to move the structure to its new home. Cunningham said the township would assist but the historical society would oversee the move and fundraising. Once the building is moved, he said the township would collaborate to take care of it.

To raise funds the Tyrone Township Historical Society is holding a, "Love Our History, Save Our Town House" Online Auction.

In a letter to promote the fundraiser, Linda McFarland, president of the historical society, wrote, "We are inviting you to join us in our effort to preserve our local history and carry it forward for future generations. Our mission is to preserve, advance, and disseminate knowledge of Tyrone Township history. We rely on supporters like you to make this mission possible.

"Our biggest project to date is securing funds to move, resettle, and



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## BETTY WHITE CHALLENGE

### BENEFITS LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTERS

#### Local shelters receive thousands of dollars in honor of Betty White

By Hannah Ball

The nation came together to mourn the death of beloved actress and comedian Betty White, who died Dec. 31, 2021, only weeks before her 100th birthday.

The nation came together again on Monday, Jan 17 to donate to local animal rescue shelters in her name on her birthday. It's called the Betty White Challenge.

Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton received more than \$14,000 in White's name, and The Devoted Barn in Rose Township raised more than \$10,000.

"WOW!! So thankful for the amazing Betty White. Her legacy helped Adopt-A-Pet raise over \$14,000 for the animals!! Thank you to all of you who donated in her honor," the shelter posted on Facebook. The statement was



Betty White will always be remembered for her acting and comedy career in TV and film, and now her memory will also live on in donations to animal shelters made in her name.

Photo: TownNews syndication feature

accompanied by photos of a puppy and cat in need of help.

"Elmo and his siblings are fighting the horrible Parvovirus. It takes a village along with lots of medical supplies to care for them and continue to give them a will to live. Marvin was dropped off, and we weren't sure we could survive. He's had emergency vet visits, multiple procedures and still isn't out of the woods yet.

"Betty White's legacy and your donations are a huge help for all the animals. Thank you and rest in peace, Betty White."

The Devoted Barn said the donations were an "amazing tribute" to Betty White, who was a well-known animal lover.

"It was incredible to watch the outpouring for support across the country," said owner and director, Melissa Borden.

"This was completely unexpected and is going right toward paying

bills for the rescue. What an incredible legacy this woman has left. Rescues all over the country had an outpouring of donations yesterday. She touched more lives than she would have ever guessed.

"Our donations are going to bills and continued care of our animals," according to their statement.

The Michigan Humane Society has received more than \$42,000 since Monday, which is over a 7,000% increase from this time last year, said Anna Chrisman, media manager.

"We are incredibly grateful to everyone who chose to donate to Michigan Humane, whether in honor of Betty White or a special animal in their life," she said.

Genesee County Animal Control received monetary donations totaling \$440, along with bags of food, treats and toys, said employee Robin Pleasant.



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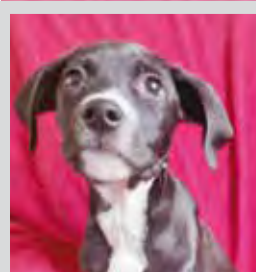
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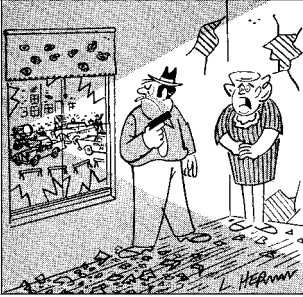
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### Times

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ACROSS

1 Cries noisily

5 Stuff in steel

9 Horse cousin

12 Often-smoked food

15 U.K. neighbor

18 "As above," in citations

19 Extremely deep sleep

20 Pavarotti of opera

22 U.S. neighbor

23 Make every effort to be obliging

26 Vivacity

27 Mosaic work

28 — -TURN (road sign)

29 — Mason (asset management firm)

30 BLT offerer

31 To any extent

32 Revolution of Triton with respect to Neptune

36 Author Anaïs

37 Twosome

39 Not tidy

40 Two-pip card

41 Pressing it moves a cursor to the previous character

46 Shorelines

47 Off the shore

48 Justice Sotomayor

49 Program using ".doc" files, for short

52 Mu — pork

54 Horace Greeley's advice for American expansion

60 Huge aid

64 In base eight

65 She's a star aria singer

66 Palme — (Cannes film award)

67 Bus driver's order

73 Ship like Capt. Nemo's

74 To — (exactly)

76 Marisa with an Oscar

77 Cadences

79 Irritate

85 Suffix with hell

86 More pasty

87 Horse opera

89 Arthur of tennis

93 Singers Idol and Ocean

96 Sticker message on a rented VCR tape

99 At full speed, old-style

100 A deadly sin

103 "Patience — virtue"

104 Pro vote

105 Do a 180, say

110 Rapper with the album "Press Play"

112 Old Italian stage actress Eleonora

113 1953 Leslie Caron film

114 "— always say ..."

115 Jeopardy (award)

116 "— my fault"

117 Parent's mind game (or what you have to use to solve this puzzle?)

122 Even score

123 Guys rowing

124 Smartphone downloads

125 Suffix with well

126 States, informally

127 Singular of "Mmes."

128 Beltway VIP

129 Watery castle protector

130 Once, in olden days

DOWN

1 Bro's kin

2 Strange things

3 Former Fed head Ben

4 Little

5 "Ugh"-worthy

6 Bird of myth

7 Muscat resident

8 Honcho

9 Lager cousin

10 Nissan

11 Bawls out

12 Irritable from being ravenous, slangily

13 Lay — (really fail)

14 Wild crowd

15 Stimulus

16 Vote in for a another term

17 Lapses

21 Notions

24 Ralph — Emerson

25 1921 Karel Capek play

30 Feared a lot

31 Author Seton

32 Bull in a ring

33 Cockney's residence

34 Often-smoked food

35 Stenches

38 Actress Andress

42 Do laundry

43 Jillian of TV

44 Spanish aunt

45 Relatives, informally

46 Light bed

49 Mixed breed

50 Zest or Ivory

51 "Ben-Hur" director William

53 The woman

55 "Understood"

56 S.Sgt., e.g.

57 Yearn (for)

58 Female cell

59 Talks idly

60 Yrly. gift-giving time

61 Greek "I"

62 Heightened

63 — dish (bio lab item)

68 T. — Price

69 The "E" of EMT: Abbr.

70 Snide snicker

71 Sixths doubled

72 Method: Abbr.

75 "Liberté, —, fraternité" (France's motto)

78 Bangkok citizen

80 "Bye Bye" band

81 Exclamations of surprise

82 "Sk8er —" (2002 hit)

83 Assembly line labor org.

84 Tpk., e.g.

88 Actor Idle

90 Parachute user

91 Unmindful

92 Online bidding site

93 Roving robbers

94 "Gotta go"

95 — faire

96 '50s prez

97 Not pos.

98 "Raider" Ralph

100 Previous convictions

101 Little brooks

102 Tough-to-translate phrases

106 Composer Edward

107 Opposite of 104-Across

108 Tea-growing Indian state

109 River giant, for short

111 Dunne of film

115 Covert "Hey!"

117 — Kippur War

118 Half of a bray

119 Wolf Blitzer's channel

120 Clean air gp.

121 Q-U linkup

PUZZLE CLUE:  
TURNABOUT

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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

6	8	9	7	4	1	3	5	2
5	1	2	8	3	6	4	9	7
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WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

4	2	8	5	3	6	7	1	9
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MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 22 min.

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WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

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# Obituaries

Times

## Rebecca (Becky) Young 1969 - 2022

Rebecca (Becky) Young – age 52. Forever remembering our sweet Rebecca (Becky) Young, who passed peacefully on Thursday, January 6, 2022. Becky was born in Flint, on December 22, 1969, a sweet ray of sunshine on a cold winter's day. Becky was extraordinary from the minute she entered this world. She started as a Flint Central Flintstone and then made her way to Michigan State University where she earned her BSW (Bachelor Social Work). Helping others was one of her many gifts and she was a social worker for many years. Becky then earned a degree in nursing and became a Registered Nurse. She worked in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Hurley Medical Center in Flint, for several years and touched the lives of many children and their families, she was a healer of the body, the

mind and the soul. Becky's most precious gifts were her two children, Jackson and Peyton, they were her everything. They both have inherited their mom's sweet, kind and loving soul. Among the memories to be cherished will be the many long in-depth conversations that she had with her Jack. These conversations can only be chronicled as a well treasured book of life lessons. The comfy cozy times she spent with her Peyton spoke volumes to their adoring relationship they had with one another, so endearing and true. They have all of their mother's most amazing qualities through and through, what a legacy she has left behind. Becky was a seeker of knowledge and experience. Her inner spirituality and eagerness to learn the ways of other religions only reinforced her well rounded personality. Becky's love of music,



especially the Grateful Dead, and dancing took her on many adventures. She always took extra love and kindness with her to share with everyone she met along the way. Whether you knew Becky for five minutes or a lifetime, she still made you feel the same, loved and accepted. Her essence was pure and vibrant, magnetic and infectious, you simply couldn't get enough of her. Becky's emotional and physical strength was awe inspiring. The analogy to "just keep swimming," inspired by her years on the Flint Central swim team, and her sweet

babies is what kept her fighting so fiercely over her decades long battle with Lupus. Becky's life will be forever cherished by many; her beloved children, Jackson Wilt and Peyton Wilt; parents, Dr. Anton and Michele Strocel, and Dennis and Dawn Young; brothers, Brian Young, Ryan Strocel, Chris (Kelly) Young, and Jeff Naducci (Heidi Liu); sister, Shannon (Dr. Christopher) Ash; nephew, Addison Young; and nieces, Antonia and Domicella Ash; and aunts and uncles, Tim Willoughby, Andrea Willoughby, Mark & Rae Ford, Charles & Effie Hutchison, and Ernie & Chris Strocel; many cousins; and friends, especially "her girls" Cindy, Sarah, Amy, and Rachel. She was preceded in death by her grandparents Arden and Corena Willoughby, and Dale and Ivy Young. A memorial service will be held 3 PM Sunday, January 23, 2022 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel,

1000 W Silver Lake Rd, Fenton. The family will receive friends from 1 - 3 PM Sunday at the funeral home. In addition to the service, there will be a celebration of her life this summer when her loved ones can come together to share stories and play all of her favorite tunes, more details will follow. "I wanna say to my sisters and my brothers; keep the faith. When the storm flies and the wind blows, go on at a steady pace. When the battle is fought and the victory's won, we can all shout together, 'We have overcome!' We'll talk to the Father and the Son when we make it to the Promised Land." - Jerry Garcia Band. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Lupus Foundation. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Naomi Jones

Naomi Jones - age 103, died January 15, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Rodney Goodyear

Rodney Goodyear - age 50, died January 17, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Susanna "Sue" Hoss

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### Terry Roth

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### Tracy Hetcel-Springer

Tracy Hetcel-Springer - age 56, died January 11, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Opal "Sue" Astbury

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### Sherri Fallis

Sherri Fallis - age 57, died January 14, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Suzana Amaya

Suzana Amaya - age 91, died January 16, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Theodore Cutcher

Theodore Cutcher - age 80, died January 15, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Evelyn Flowers

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**Dianne Hazard**  
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**Timothy Hanley**  
Timothy Hanley - age 69, died January 20, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Andy Osentoski**  
Andy Osentoski - age 46, died January 16, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Catherine Johnson**  
Catherine Johnson - age 67, died January 16, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

### CRISSCROSS – IT’S WINTER!

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

4 Letters

GALE

GUST

LOGS

LUGE

SKIS

VEST

5 Letters

CHILL

COCOA

FROST

PARKA

6 Letters

ARCTIC

EGGNOG

FLAKES

FREEZE

ICE CAP

JACKET

STORMS

7 Letters

EARMUFF

ICICLES

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## Puzzles4Kids

Answer

**Anthony “Tony” Palladeno Jr.**  
Anthony “Tony” Palladeno Jr. - age 60, died January 10, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Barbara Greenway**  
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**Benjamin Kowalczyk**  
Benjamin Kowalczyk - age 101, died January 16, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Betty Goss**  
Betty Goss - age 88, died January 12, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Jacqueline “Jackie” Cook**  
Jacqueline “Jackie” Cook - age 85, died January 12, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Donald Estes**  
Donald Estes - age 85, died January 16, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Donald Weston Jr.**  
Donald Weston Jr. - age 72, died January 14, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Edward Kiley III**  
Edward Kiley III - age 73, died January 10, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Richard “Rick” Chipman**  
Richard “Rick” Chipman - age 66, died January 11, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Frederick Ahrns II**  
Frederick Ahrns II - age 43, died January 18, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Gladys Watson**  
Gladys Watson - age 100, died January 18, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Donald Torline**  
Donald Torline - age 75, died January 18, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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Obituaries

Times

Carol Easton Gatza

1941 - 2021

Carol Easton Gatza - age 80, of Clearwater, FL, formerly Fenton, died November 24, 2021. A memorial Mass is being held at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton, at 1 PM January 29, 2022, with visitation at 12 Noon, prior to the Mass. Mass will be celebrated by lifetime friend and advisor, Father David Harvey. (A live stream of the service will be available on Carol's obituary page at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com)). Contributions may be made to St. Cecilia Society, Flint <http://www.stceciliaflint.org> Carol was born March 6, 1941 in Fort Sheridan, IL, the daughter of Colonel William G. and Giovanna (Gambacorta) Easton. She was a 1958 graduate of Falls Church High School in Falls Church, VA. She went on to attend Catholic University, in Washington DC, as a music major. She married James H. Gatza on September 23, 1961; he preceded her in death on October 17, 1998. As a child, Carol was trained as a classical pianist and throughout her life performed on stages across the US and internationally. She was a lifelong opera enthusiast



and aficionado, and was an active and beloved member of numerous musical organizations both professionally and as a member of the community. Some of her favorites included the St. Cecilia Society (Flint Institute of Music), The New Vic Supper Theater Company, Carman Youth Chorale (CYC), Flint Arts Chorale and Flint Festival Chorus under the direction of C. Bruce Stevenson. With the Flint Festival Chorus, Carol performed in concerts at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, NYC. Carol was also an enthusiastic and valued choral member and accompanist with the music programs of St John's, where she and the Gatza family were parishioners, and St Jude's Episcopal Church

in Fenton. Carol enjoyed a decades-long career working with the Genesee County Prosecutor's Office and later the Genesee County Corporation Council in Flint. When she wasn't bringing joy through her music, winning radio quiz shows with her encyclopedic knowledge or being rescued by her family from her inimitable and hilarious escapades; Carol enjoyed spending time with her adult children and grandchildren and her myriad brothers, sisters, brothers and sisters-in-law and many friends. Surviving are children, Katherine Gatza Davis, James (Julie) Gatza, Michael Gatza, and Margaret Gatza; grandchildren, Andrew, Brittany, William and Sally. She was preceded in death by her husband, James; parents, Col William G and Giovanna Gambacorta Easton; brothers, John and Michael Easton; and grandson, Henry Davis. Flowers can be sent to St. John's Church between 8:30 - Noon on the day of the Mass. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



Ramiro Villarreal

1934 - 2022

Ramiro Villarreal - age 87, of Holly, was reunited with the love of his life, his wife Peggy, on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Monday, January 24, at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly with Pastor Chris Swanson officiating. Burial will be in Davisburg Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 PM Sunday, January 23. He was born in Bastrop, Texas on September 21, 1934 to Martin and Lucille (Juarez) Villarreal. He met the love of his life Peggy Leib on July 4, 1954 and they were married 11 months later. They enjoyed being with each other and doing everything with together, especially cars shows and dancing. He was a former Grand Trunk Railroad employee and was retired from GM after 30 years of service. He was a hard worker and a good provider. He was preceded in death by his



beloved wife of 65 years, Margaret Mary "Peggy" Villarreal on July 30, 2020. Surviving are six children, Roy Villarreal, Ramiro (Pam) Villarreal, Consuelo (Otis) Craig, Kathleen (Mark) Charboneau, Rosita (Matt) Van Camp, and Rita (Jeff) Coryell; 16 grandchildren, Yalla, Robert, Sheila, Margaret, Raymond, Sarah, Peggy, Heather, Steven, Elizabeth, Leila, Eva, Jack, Gabrielle, Andrew, and Kira; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters, Pearl Hubble, Aurora Ellison, and Susan Villarreal; brother, Robert Villarreal. He is also preceded in death by his parents; three siblings, Florence Morse, Ruby Diaz, and Ernest Villarreal; and daughter-in-law, Teresa Villarreal. Memorial donations may be made to Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com).

Ernestine Doughty

Ernestine Doughty - age 85, died January 13, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



John Wieloch

John Wieloch - age 83, died January 9, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



Kathleen Bucher

Kathleen Bucher - age 69, died January 15, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



Kayla Aubry

Kayla Aubry - age 19, died January 13, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



Margie Bicknell

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