

# Lake Fenton rescinds mask mandate

■ PreK still under Nov. 15, 2021 mandate from GCHD

By Sharon Stone

On Monday, Feb. 14, the Lake Fenton Board of Education voted to rescind the mask mandate that the board had put in place during its January meeting. During the January meeting, board

members agreed they'd revisit the topic in February.

Superintendent Julie Williams said, "Our positive cases and quarantines are significantly lower than they were when they put the mandate in place."

Williams said PreK is still under a Nov. 15, 2021 mask mandate from the Genesee County Health Department

(GCHD).

The vote was 4-1 to rescind the mask mandate. Yes votes were President Chris Fletcher, Secretary Heidi Howieson, Treasurer Bob Hutchins and Trustee Michael Peraino. Trustee Michelle Curtin voted no. Trustee Katherine Carswell was absent.

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Julie Williams

Lake Fenton Community Schools  
superintendent



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### 224-unit senior living sub one step closer to fruition

■ Commission recommends approval on rezoning for age-restricted development

By Hannah Ball

On Thursday, Feb. 10, the Fenton Township Planning Commission recommended approval for a rezoning request for an age-restricted, 224-unit subdivision on Lahring Road called Brookwood Fenton.

The property, which is 73 acres, is located next to U.S. 23.

Applicant Chris Garner requested to rezone the land from Residential (R-3) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) in order to build a subdivision of condominiums for a senior community for ages 55 and over.

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### Cardboard box races in Holly entertain families



A child participates in the Holly Township Parks and Recreation Cardboard Box Races on Saturday, Feb. 12. Awards were given for fastest run, farthest run, most creative sled and a few other categories.

See story on page 11. Photo: Hannah Ball

### Fenton to sell bonds for road project

■ Part of \$24 million road improvement bond approved by voters last November

By Sharon Stone

On Monday, Feb. 14, Fenton City Council unanimously approved a resolution for the sale of bonds to begin the city's Local Street Improvement Program.

Since the city has approved a plan to move forward with the street improvement program, Jon Satkowiak Jr., city treasurer, indicated in a memo to City

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“Congrats Matt Stafford and the L.A. Rams on their Super Bowl victory. Stafford and his wife Kelly donated \$1 million to Detroit nonprofit before they departed for L.A. (and \$1 million in 2015). Class act.”

“There are three stop signs at Owen and Linden roads. Slowing down then proceeding through because someone else stops is not how that works. Neither is blowing through it because you got there first and others aren't quite there yet. We need a three-way blinking light.”

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# What's it like having a baby and raising three kids during a pandemic?

■ Fenton mother of three shares her family's story

By Hannah Ball

*This is part two in a series talking with local parents about the experience of having a baby during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

The COVID-19 pandemic brought on an unprecedented amount of uncertainty for everyone, especially for those preparing to have a baby. While a few studies have found that babies born during the pandemic may experience delays in the development of social and motor skills, one local mom says she hasn't noticed any delays with her youngest, who was born April 2021.

Fenton resident Tara Maksymowski had her third child, Molly, last spring. She and her husband have two other children, Evelyn, 6, and Quinn, 2.

"It was obviously quite a bit different" being pregnant and having a baby during a pandemic, she said. Her husband wasn't able to go to her appointments with her to hear the



The Maksymowskis of Fenton had their third child, Molly, in April 2021. They're raising a newborn, a toddler and a 6-year-old during the pandemic.

Submitted photo

heartbeat or see the ultrasound. They did the sex reveal over FaceTime for their friends and family.

She considers herself lucky that University of Michigan allowed at least one person in the room with her during the delivery, which was a scheduled C-section.

"I couldn't imagine giving birth by yourself," she said, adding that they had to wear a mask the whole time. "When you want to kiss your brand new baby and you have a mask on — it's just stuff like that. She won't ever



remember it, but I obviously will."

One of the biggest challenges was managing three kids and making sure they get socialization.

"I feel like with toddlers, raising them any day, pandemic or not, is just kind of a free for all," she said.

Quinn went to daycare twice a week, but it wasn't the amount of socialization that Evelyn got when she was her age. "I feel like she's probably missed out on things," Maksymowski said, but she probably won't remem-

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## Sharin' the spotlight

By Editor Sharon Stone

I am convinced that the tri-county area is full of generous, thoughtful and caring people. You just have to know how to look. I'm sure other areas are just as fortunate but I know first-hand what people are doing for others right here.

As an example of generosity, Joe and Carrol Gilbert, owners of The Fireplace Bar and Grille in Fenton Township, continue to host events that help others. They were one of the stops for the annual Fenton Onesie Pub Crawl, which was a fundraiser for the Fenton Center of Hope and the Brad Stone scholarship. They then let their parking lot be used for overflow parking for the Polar Plunge at the Fenton Moose Lodge.

The day after the Polar Plunge, they hosted a comedy night, which was a fundraiser for the Tri-City Lightning 12U baseball team. They were able to donate \$2,000 to the local team. This weekend, The Fireplace, thanks to Joe and Carrol, is hosting the Blue Balls Ice Golf Challenge. I'm not sure exactly what I signed up for, but my husband, Jeff, and I have signed

## Thankful for small-town generosity, thoughtfulness

up with friends to take part in the event. What makes the event even more special to us is Joe approached Jeff and said he wanted to donate the proceeds to our son Brad's memorial scholarship for Lake Fenton grads. To me, this is what small communities are all about. We not only signed up to play, we're also sponsoring the event since we know exactly where the money is going — to our young people.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Super Bowl. I'd like to thank our neighbors Jennifer and Danny



Sharon Stone

Nemer for hosting a Super Bowl party Sunday evening at their home. It was great seeing neighbors and cheering on the teams. I couldn't have cared less on who won the game. To me, it was all about the snacks and catching up with good friends.

I've written about my mom, Barbara, before. She's going to be 92 this May and she makes the world a better place just by being here. Sunday afternoon, I took her to our Fenton Applebee's for an early Valentine's Day lunch. She doesn't move as quickly as she used

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**THANKFUL THAT LAKE** Fenton got rid of the mask mandate at the schools. Should have been optional the entire time though.

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**IF YOU'RE OKAY** with children being masked in school but 70,000-plus people crammed into the stadium for the Super Bowl unmasked, you're part of the problem. I don't care if they're vaccinated or not — they've already told us the vaccines don't prevent the transmission of COVID.

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

What did you think of the Super Bowl halftime show? | **streettalk**

"Legit the only one I've ever enjoyed watching. Those guys killed it. Funny how a group of gangsters could bring less drama than Janet and Justin."

**Amy Lehto, Fenton**



"I was all smiles the whole time. They still got it. They all sounded great."

**Greg Elston**  
Fenton



"Halftime was awesome. I'm 60 and I like all types of music. These artists are so good. Thank you."

**Judy Couch**  
Flint



"Did not care for the halftime show."

**Marcia Jewell**  
Linden



# Assisted living facility plans approved

■ Construction could begin this spring on new development on Silver Lake Road, near Price's Airport

By Hannah Ball

Developers hope to break ground this spring on the new assisted living facility on Silver Lake Road.

During the Thursday, Feb. 10 meeting, the Fenton Township Planning Commission approved the final site plan for an 83-bed senior living facility, called Silver Lake Road Assisted Living, to be built on Silver Lake Road, next to Price's Airport on the 8.26 acres of vacant land.

The site was rezoned from Horizon Park PUD to DMK Assisted Living PUD, Planned Unit Development.

The applicant is DMK Development Group.

"We just asked for consideration for this final site plan review to allow us to pursue the construction on our senior living facility," said David Hettinger,



Above is a rendering of the assisted living facility, which will be built on Silver Lake Road near Price's Airport. Developers hope to start construction this spring.

senior vice president of preconstruction with DMK.

Zoning Administrator Michael Deem said everything has been addressed and the involved parties have signed off on it. In July 2021, Linden, Fenton Township and DMK reached a franchise agreement that will allow DMK to tap into Linden's municipal water for the

development. The Fenton Township Fire Chief signed off on the plans for fire suppression. Deem said the last thing is to address the landscape plans and make sure they fit the township requirements.

"They did provide the pathway connection along their frontage on Silver Lake Road which is part of that larger pathway project," Deem said.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**MY BODY MY** choice. Never will anyone tell me how to live. I'm fully vaxed and boosted. My choice and I still wear masks while in public and again my choice. You be you and we'll roll with it. Your choice. God bless.

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## TO INFLATION HOT-LINER.

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# Teen driver injured



A teen sustains injuries when the vehicle he was driving was struck by another vehicle that ran a red light at the intersection of Adelaide Street and Silver Lake Road on Monday morning.

Photo: Hannah Ball

■ His vehicle was struck by another that ran a red light

By Hannah Ball

A crash at the intersection of Silver Lake Road and Adelaide Street in Fenton diverted traffic Monday morning.

At approximately 10:30 a.m., Monday, Feb. 14, first responders received the call for a two-vehicle crash. One vehicle, a white SUV, was on its side at the intersection and another vehicle, a black Suburban, sustained front-end damage.

Fenton police, fire and EMS responders were on scene.

Lt. Jeff Cross of the Fenton Police Department said the driver of the white SUV was traveling southbound on Adelaide Street when they ran a red light. As the vehicle passed through the intersection, it collided with the Suburban that was traveling eastbound on Silver Lake Road. The driver of the Suburban was driving to take his driver's training test. The teen was injured and possibly sustained a fractured arm. His father was a passenger in the Suburban.

A nearby business surveillance video is being reviewed by police.



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the

## judge

### The Fourth Amendment and the privacy rights of jail and prison inmates

Whenever a person is incarcerated in a jail or prison, some of their constitutional rights are either curtailed or eliminated.

Recently, the Michigan Court of Appeals in the consolidated cases of *People v Bembeneck* and *People v Rosinski* examined one example of this involving a claim by the defendants that their rights to privacy under the Fourth Amendment had been violated when they were jail inmates.

The facts of the case are fairly simple.

The defendants were charged with various felonies and lodged in the Leelanau County Jail in separate cells in close proximity to each other.

Thereafter they had several incriminating conversations, which were heard by the jail guards. The defendants knew that the guards were possibly listening.

These conversations were recorded and then used against them to obtain convictions.

The question presented was whether the guards violated the defendants' Fourth Amendment rights by listening to and recording what was said.

In its opinion, the court summarized the applicable case law, which holds

that the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution, and its counterpart in the Michigan Constitution, guarantee the right of persons to be secure against unreasonable searches and seizures.

The basic purpose of the Fourth Amendment is to safeguard the privacy and security of individuals against arbitrary invasions by governmental officials.

A search, for purposes of the Fourth Amendment, occurs when the government intrudes on an individual's reasonable, or justifiable, expectation of privacy.

Whether an expectation of privacy is reasonable depends on if the individual exhibited an actual, subjective expectation of privacy and if the actual expectation was one that society recognizes as reasonable.

Under the facts of the case, the court held that the defendants could not have had an expectation of privacy as they were housed in a jail and they believed the guards were listening. Therefore, the Fourth Amendment didn't apply and the convictions were upheld.

Previously in the 1984 case of *Hudson v Palmer*, the United States Supreme Court held that individuals in jail cells do not have a reasonable expectation of privacy.

Being incarcerated has many consequences including the loss of some significant rights.

For arrested defendants these cases show the wisdom of the old Swiss proverb "speech is silver, silence is golden."

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# Four suspects charged

■ Believed to be involved with armed home invasion in Holly Township

By Sharon Stone

The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office has charged four suspects in connection with an armed home invasion in Holly Township on Wednesday, Feb. 2.

Kimber Deeanne Sattler, 33, of Flint, was arraigned Feb. 10 in Oakland County 52-2 District Court with armed robbery, home invasion first-degree, unlawfully driving away of an automobile and larceny of a firearm. Christina Marie Parker, 33, of Flint, was charged with home invasion first-degree, unlawfully driving away of an automobile, larceny of a firearm. A cash surety bond was issued for both in the amount of \$150,000.

On Feb. 7, Parker also was arraigned in Genesee County 67th District Court on one count of unlawfully driving away in an automobile and one count of assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer on Feb. 4. Michigan State Police Flint Post handled this incident. A probable cause conference is scheduled for Feb. 17 at 11 a.m. She was released

on personal bond.

On Feb. 11, Dajour Jackson, 31, was arraigned in Oakland County 52-2 District Court on charges of armed robbery, burglary/forced entry, larceny and auto theft. Cody Sanders, 31, was arraigned on charges of robbery, burglary/forced entry, larceny and auto theft. They are lodged in the Oakland County Jail on \$150,000 cash bond.

All four suspects have probable cause conferences Feb. 17 at 10:30 a.m., in Oakland County.

## Case background

On Wednesday, Feb. 2, at approximately 2 a.m., three suspects entered an unlocked door of a home located on Fish Lake Road in Holly Township. They confronted the homeowner at gunpoint. The victim was held at gunpoint by one suspect while the others stole a firearm from the home.

The suspects were wearing ski masks and gloves and were armed with an AK style pistol. The suspects fled the scene in the victim's vehicle.

On Feb. 4, troopers from the Michigan State Police Flint Post stopped the stolen truck in Flint. The driver of the stolen truck was interviewed and it was determined that the home invasion was not a random event but was over a monetary dispute.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received preliminary plans showing the improvements and an estimate of the costs of such construction in the approximate amount of \$600,000, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the special assessment district. The Township Board has also tentatively found the petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of cost, proposed special assessment district and petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this Notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such petitions, plans, district and estimate of costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, commencing at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday March 1, 2022.

At the hearing, the board will also consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters filed with the board at or before the hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments or changes to said plans, estimates, costs or special assessment district.

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# City approves bid for water valve maintenance

■ Just two companies in Midwest provide specialized service

By Sharon Stone

Fenton City Council unanimously approved contracted services with Wachs Water Services for a cost not to exceed \$33,600 during its meeting

Monday, Feb. 14. The company will perform water valve maintenance and, if needed, a leak detection services program.

Dan Brisson, Department of Public Works (DPW) director, indicated that with approval of the local street Road Bond, his staff is working to get ahead of the repaving program by ensuring underground utilities

that are not going to be replaced are in good working order.

He said at the current time, the water distribution division does not have a water valve program in place to exercise and operate water valves. Regular operations of water valves are a best management practice that is recommended to be included in the distribution operation and maintenance program.

The DPW staff researched purchasing valve exercise equipment, approximately \$50,000, and assigning staff to exercising approximately 25% of the city's 918 water valves per year. In comparison, contracted services for valve exercising, fire hydrant testing and maintenance, and leak detection services was explored. Brisson said they learned there are just two companies in the Midwest that offer such services — Wachs Water Services in Columbia, Massachusetts and M.E. Simpson Co.

in Valparaiso, Indiana.

Proposals for water valve exercising were obtained from the two companies. Requested services are 25% of the water valves exercised and GIS updated. Wachs Water Services' bid came in at \$24,150 and M.E. Simpson Co.'s bid came in at \$35,400. Brisson noted that Wachs' bid equaled \$105 per valve and M.E. Simpson's bid equaled \$115.69 per valve.

Wachs Water Services also submitted a bid of \$9,400 for leak detection services.

The DPW staff recommended that Fenton City Council approve starting a water valve exercising program for 230 valves. In addition, the approval of leak detection services for 20 miles of watermain if such services are needed. The two services provided by Wachs Water Services come with a price not to exceed \$33,600.

## CITY OF FENTON NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF FENTON OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS

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Jennifer Kienast  
City Clerk, City of Fenton

## NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### Fenton to upgrade city's water supply system

The city of Fenton intends to issue and sell its general obligation capital improvement bonds in one or more series, in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$9 million. This money will be used to pay for the costs of acquiring and constructing improvements to the city's water supply system, including replacing water mains, constructing a new pump station, and making improvements to the water treatment plant. City administration determined that the best course of action to make substantial upgrades to the city's water system is to issue capital improvement bonds. The city is publishing a notice of intent in the Times, with a 45-day referendum period.

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# Preliminary site plan approved for Cider Creek

■ Applicants now seeking 95 units, staying within current zoning

By Hannah Ball

The second time could be the charm.

Applicants wishing to build a development behind Mueller's Orchard have returned to the Fenton Township Planning Commission with a new request, which received preliminary site plan approval Thursday, Feb. 10.

Lombardo Homes submitted a plan to build a 95-unit single family housing development behind the orchard with access to Linden and Lobdell roads. Thursday's planning commission meeting marks the second time the applicants have come to the township with a plan to build in this area, which is approximately 67 acres.

The first request was for a 142-unit neighborhood, which was reduced to 122. Last year, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted down the rezoning request due to ordinance restrictions.

Lyle Winn, development compliance manager for Lombardo Homes, said they met with the township to go through the zoning ordinances in more detail and gained a better understanding. They redesigned the plans and decided to stay with the current zoning.

This new plan proposes 95 lots ranging in size from 12,000 square feet to approximately 15,500 square feet. The minimum unit width is 75 square feet. The land, which is approximately 67 acres, is zoned residential-3 (R-3).

Zoning Administrator Michael Deem said the plans also meet the set back requirements.

Applicants plan to build a pathway through the complex. Plans show 45.1% open space area with two retention ponds.

He said there's no buffer between properties required for R-3, and they require two trees per lot and three per corner lot. The ordinance also requires trees along the access roads, which would be built off of Linden and Lobdell roads.

"Going through these ordinance requirements, they're not asking for any deviations. They are meeting the minimum standards to the requirements of the zoning ordinance," Deem said.

Multiple residents sent in letters against the development. One resident has concerns about traffic and wells. Other residents are concerned about the smell of the sewer, the potential impact of nearby wells and drainage runoff.

Developers will now work on engineering plans and return to the planning commission at a later date for final site plan approval.

## THANKFUL

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to and anyone using a cane knows what just a hint of snow or ice can mean for your walking. A very nice man wearing a Spartan jacket and I assume his two sons pulled into a nearby parking space right after we did. As I helped my mom out of my car and helped her slowly make her way to the front door, I heard the man tell his one son to run up and get the door for us. The teen ran up and opened the door and waited for us. We were almost in when the bottom of my mom's cane hit a small piece of ice, which caused her to lose her balance. While I was holding her one arm, that nice man caught my mom from behind

and braced her until she was steady again. I didn't catch their names but I do thank them for being at the right place at the right time. Lunch, by the way, was delicious and the service was top notch.

I'd also like to give a little recognition to my mom's neighbors in The Landings subdivision. So many of them living there really look out for each other. Bringing her mail up to her door or rolling the big garbage bins back to the garage may seem like nothing, but it's huge for some who have a difficult time walking, especially when it's so cold and snowy. To Joyce and Stan, Valerie, Sandy and others who never miss an opportunity to do something nice for my mom, thank you.

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Luke Bonner, CEO of Bonner Advisory Group, said they plan to make it an active community with a number of amenities for recreation and social programs. They plan to build trails. They're in the process of conducting a traffic study.

"We do have U.S. 23 to deal with to the east, but we do believe between the elevation change, landscaping and a protected vegetation

area there that will provide enough buffer for our residents," he said.

Plans call for the following: eight two-plex buildings, which hold 16 1,000-square foot units, 22 four-plex buildings, which hold 88 1,000-square-foot units; and 20 six-plex buildings, which hold 120 1,000-square-foot units.

In total, there would be 224 units.

The unit density is projected at 3.07 units per acre. Plans also call for a 2,500-square-foot clubhouse.

"Obviously, Fenton Township is a very desirable place to live," Bonner said.

A few residents spoke about environmental concerns. One man asked

what would happen to the wildlife that currently lives there.

Another resident said he had concerns about traffic and the available utilities. A woman asked about the watershed and if the sanitary sewer

system could handle an increase in population in this area.

Planning Commissioner John Tucker said it's likely that municipal water will be available when this development is built contingent upon approval.

This is the rezoning stage of the project. They have not fully considered a site plan.

“Obviously, Fenton Township is a very desirable place to live.”

Luke Bonner  
Bonner Advisory Group CEO

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## BABY

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ber it or know any difference.

Quinn's 1st birthday was April 2020, and they weren't able to have a big celebration. They had some people over and everyone stayed outside. "It kind of bummed me out. That's usually a huge milestone," she said.

She and her husband own an insurance business in Fenton and he kept working during the lockdown. Maksymowski said her mother-in-law is a "Godsend" who would ask every day if she needed help with the kids.

"She would come take the oldest two. With a newborn, you're not getting any sleep," she said.

They struggled when Evelyn had to do virtual learning, and they all quarantined once when she tested

positive. It was hard with three kids home, but Maksymowski said she tries to stay positive.

"We got to spend time as a family when we were usually rushing to school or to dance or to cheerleading or gymnastics," she said.

They went to their cabin up north for Thanksgiving. However, Maksymowski's mother died before and they didn't get to spend the holiday with her.

She has not noticed any developmental delays with Molly. Her Facebook memories show her previous posts from years past of Quinn growing, and Molly is on track with her.

"Molly is doing everything that my other two kids were doing," she said, adding that she's already trying to walk at 10 months.

They bought a Peloton during

**“We got to spend time as a family when we were usually rushing to school or to dance or to cheerleading or gymnastics.”**

**Tara Maksymowski**  
Fenton resident



Bobby and Tara Maksymowski stand with their three daughters, Evelyn, 6, Quinn, 2, and Molly, who was born April 2021. They've focused on having positive attitudes these last two years during the pandemic.

Submitted photo

quarantine, and Maksymowski keeps in mind something her instructor said.

"If you look at the whole branch

scheme of your entire life, what we're going through now is a small, minuscule part of it. I always try to find positives," she said.

## Randy Wise Automotive Team announces partnership

**Teams with Valiant Management and quarterback JJ McCarthy**



The Randy Wise Automotive Team is proud to announce its partnership with JJ McCarthy, affiliated with Valiant Management Group, owned by Jared Wangler.

Randy Wise has provided McCarthy with a New 2022 RAM 1500 Hemi eTourque. The automotive group, based primarily in Genesee County, will partner with McCarthy on various marketing and charitable ventures over the course of the next two years.

"We are extremely excited to partner with JJ McCarthy," said Chris Wise, vice president of the Randy Wise Automotive Team. "JJ has already shown tremendous leadership through his foundation, JJ For The Kids, and we look forward to working together as a team."

"Our team enjoys the opportunity to work with great people," said Jared Wangler, owner of Valiant Management Group. "We are happy

to have played a role in structuring this partnership, as we believe that JJ will be an outstanding representative of the Randy Wise Automotive Team. The new era of collegiate athletics has enabled long overdue opportunities for U of M student athletes to capitalize on their name, image and likeness (NIL). As a sports marketing agency founded in Ann Arbor, we hope to elevate and promote the hard working, family owned businesses based in the state of Michigan through the scope of the NIL."

Randy Wise Automotive recently purchased a new BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Toyota dealership last fall, adding eight locations and 13 brands to the growing Automotive Team founded in 1989. The Automotive Team is the largest automotive group donor to a United Way in the state of Michigan.

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# Cardboard box races in Holly entertain families



■ Winter fun can be had with cardboard, snow and a hill

By Hannah Ball

**Holly** — Cardboard box races aren't only for the summer in the Shiawassee River.

On Saturday, Feb. 12, nearly two dozen contestants participated in the Cardboard Sled Races put on by Holly Township Parks and Recreation at So-rens-en Park.

"It went really well. Decent weather.

Everybody had fun, everybody laughed and cheered. The kids seemed to really enjoy themselves. When it was done, they were still racing their sleds down the hill," said Toni Brinker, director of Parks and Recreation for Holly Township. A few more people participated this year compared to previous events.

It encourages kids and parents to work together in sled building.

"There were a lot of really creative sleds out there," Brinker said. "We all need to find ways to get out and enjoy ourselves and this is a great way to do that for everyone."

Participants brought their sleds, which had to be primarily made out of cardboard. They were not allowed to use hard materials. At least one person had to be able to ride in the sled.

Prizes were awarded for most creative sled, most patriotic, which sled traveled the farthest, best design, the funniest sled, best in show and the fastest sled.

Rose Township resident Isaiah Chung, 4, had the fastest sled at 19 seconds. Isaiah's siblings, Evangeline, 6, and Alexis, 2, also went down the hill in their sleds.

This is the first time they heard about the event.

"It was fun. They really liked it. We were looking forward to it," said Isaiah's mother, Misty Chung. "I told my 6-year-old about it a couple weeks ago and she has just been so excited. Of course, she has a million ideas. This morning, she woke up and she's like, 'Mom, it's Saturday and it's race day.'"

They finished making the sleds that morning.

"We had a lot of fun. I wasn't sure what to expect when we got here. I think they were happy to see all the people and inspired to see all the different sleds," she said.

## BONDS

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Manager Lynn Markland that the first series of bonds should be sold for an amount not to exceed \$10 million.

As previously reported in the Times, over the next decade, the city will be working on its most significant investment in infrastructure that has been made in many years. The city will invest \$30 million in infrastructure.

The Draft Local Street Plan (DLSP) starts in the numbered streets. The second year is more robust and will include work on water main replacements and upgrades.

In November 2021, Fenton City voters approved the Fenton road improvement bond. The bond proposal vote was 1,041 yes votes (60%) to 694 no votes (40%). Fenton has 10,116 registered voters. With 1,735 ballots issued, there was a 17.33% voter turnout on this bond proposal.

The plan calls for the city to borrow an amount not to exceed \$24 million via bonds sold in three series. Each series would be paid back over no more than 10 years and three months. The estimated millage to be levied in 2022 would be 3.50 mills (\$3.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value). Over the life of the program, the average annual millage rate would be 3.03. The average homeowner with a taxable value of about \$76,000 would pay \$266 more in the first year.

Michael Hart, Fenton assistant city manager and DDA executive director, said the city looks forward to fixing the local streets and infrastructure at the same time. He said feedback from residents on addressing these roads has been positive.

Hart added that the city and contractors will strive to have open communication with the residents on what roads will be impacted and the timeline. Residents will be encouraged to call the city with any questions they have regarding their local street.



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# Blue Devils remain undefeated in division play

By David Troppens

It's become a pattern that Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball fans have gotten mighty used to.

The Blue Devils overwhelmed their opponent in the first half and cruised to a Flint Metro League Stars Division victory Friday, defeating Owosso, 69-25.

Lake Fenton flirted with a 50-point first

half against Owosso. The Blue Devils had six players score in the opening quarter, resulting in a 24-point stanza. Emerson Baker hit two treys and scored eight first-quarter points, while Cola Sisk, Kerrigan Howdeshell and Savannah Fellenbaum had four points each. Lake Fenton's defense held Owosso to a mere four points, and just one field goal in the first eight

minutes. Lake Fenton led 24-4.

The Blue Devils (14-1) continued to dominate in the second quarter. Baker scored another eight points, while Cola Sisk and Amaya Smith netted six point each, leading the squad to a 25-point second period. Both of Smith's field goals were three-pointers during the stanza.

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Lake Fenton's Emerson Baker

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## Sports Times



Linden's Megan Widner defends against a pass in a recent game. Photo: David Troppens

## Eagles earn 13th victory, defeat Creek

By David Troppens

For those who haven't been paying attention, the Linden varsity girls basketball team has put together a pretty impressive season this year.

Holders of an 8-5 record a year ago, the Eagles improved to 13-4 overall and to 6-2 in the Flint Metro League Stripes Division with a convincing 59-37 victory against the Swartz Creek Dragons Friday night.

"We were able to give all of our players good minutes and I was able to play around with different lineups," Linden varsity girls basketball coach Zack Darling said. "We were a little sloppy, but it was a solid win."

The score was also a solid improvement compared to the team's first contest with the Dragons. Linden defeated

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By David Troppens

**Fenton** — Being a family can mean everything to a team.

Being family helped the Fenton varsity competitive cheer team earn its second straight Flint Metro League title within a very balanced and competitive field, Friday night at Fenton High School.

The Tigers, winners of the second Metro Jamboree, entered the meet tied in first place with neighbor rivals Lake Fenton. In the event, Swartz Creek won the third and final meet, but the Tigers edged out the Blue Devils for second place, earning Fenton its second consecutive Flint Metro League championship, and they did it by just .22 points.

"We call ourselves the 'Fenton Cheer Fam' and we embrace it wholeheartedly," varsity competitive cheer coach Morgan Martinez said. "The team dynamic is great, and there's a level of trust that has been reached between them as teammates and with our coaching staff that has really elevated us to where we can communicate openly. We're doing a sport that involves looking at a lot of little details, and that means providing a lot of feedback and really



The Fenton varsity competitive cheer team finished second at the final Metro League event, earning the Tigers their second straight league title. Here is the team competing during Friday's meet at Fenton High School.

Photos: Christopher Summers

pushing if you want to go from good to great. Without trust and good relationships, feedback or constructive criticism can have a negative feeling associated with it. This team has learned quickly that feedback is a good thing, and they welcome it from anyone and everyone that is willing to provide it."

The squad has made a massive upswing since Martinez

became head coach four years ago. The Tigers had never won a Metro title until last season, and now have two under their belts.

"(Our success is due) to us all being able to work together as a team and not as individuals," senior captain Brookleyn Bond said. "Winning the Metro was a dream come true for all of us again. It was so surreal to bring it home again."

"Four years ago our goal was to simply advance to regionals by scoring in the top four at districts. Last year we won the league title for the first time and were district runner-ups. Our motto this year was 'Back four more' (playing off of this being Martinez's fourth season as coach) because team four was ready to prove that last year

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# Blue Devils finish in second in Metro; Eagles place fourth

By David Troppens

**Fenton** — The Flint Metro League's competitive cheer season was crazily competitive (as the sports name suggests) as three different teams won one of the three league events.

Lake Fenton won the first meet and Fenton won the second. Meanwhile, Linden and Swartz Creek had taken seconds at the first two events as well, making for what was promising to be an entertaining and tight league race Friday at Fenton during the final Flint Metro League event.

Fenton took second at the meet and finished as league champions, but the two other area squads finished pretty high in the standings and had their moments at the event. Lake Fenton placed third (711.74) and finished in a tie for second with Swartz Creek in the final standings. The Dragons won the meet (730.94). Meanwhile,

the Linden Eagles placed sixth (697.86) at the meet and fourth overall. The Holly Bronchos were unable to compete in the first league event, keeping them from contending for the title. The Bronchos placed ninth (639.96) at this event, finishing 10th overall in the standings.

For more details about Fenton, read another story featured elsewhere in this edition. The Blue Devils and Eagles had their moments at the final meet. The Eagles posted a 219.80 in round one, but then posted a 203.26 in round two, moving them to second place overall entering round three. However, the Eagles had a 282.80 round three score and also suffered an eight-point penalty, dropping their team score to sixth at the meet, but still strong enough for fourth in the final standings.

Lake Fenton came into the event as one of the two co-lead-



(Above) The Linden competitive cheer team placed fourth overall in the Metro standings, while the Blue Devils (left) finished in a tie for second.

Photo: Christopher Summers

ers with Fenton. The Blue Devils finished fifth during round one (216.60), but then posted a 213.24 during round two which was the highest score among

the 12 varsity teams. However, Lake Fenton had a 10-point penalty deducted dropping them from potentially being in first entering round three to

fourth. In round three, they had a 291.90 score, and finished third at the meet, just .22 points out of a tie for second.

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## FLLF ski squads capture Divisional title; Holly/Oxford boys take second

By David Troppens

Call it a clean sweep for the Fenton/Linden/Lake Fenton (FLLF) co-op ski program.

Both teams won their varsity Divisional season titles at Mt. Holly.

Both wrapped up their titles by winning the Divisional Meet among all league squads. The FLLF boys took first place in both the slalom and giant slalom portions of the meet, earning them a season of perfection against their foes at Mt. Holly. Meanwhile, the Holly/Oxford boys team finished in second among the six squads.

For the girls, the FLLF squad took first in both disciplines as well and earned their divisional crown. Meanwhile, Flint Powers was second and Holly/Oxford was third.

"This year has been a culmination of many years of junior development, that has ultimately provided us with very



FLLF's  
Anna Heimberger

good depth on both our varsity and JV squads," FLLF ski coach Tim Hiscock said. "And it's depth that we currently have on our varsity teams backed up by JV racers who could fill in at any time should we need them, and have throughout the season. We have a very special group of racers on this team this year, who are

more focused on team results than they are individual results. This has brought us good consistency throughout the season, and the record speaks for itself."

Brooks Funke led the FLLF boys, taking championships in both events. He won the slalom (57.97 seconds) and the giant slalom (46.94). In the slalom, the team had five of the top 10 placers overall. Nate Hiscock was third (59.54), Jack Antonishek was fourth (1:00.22), Spencer Dicks was seventh (1:01.44) and

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## EAGLES

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Swartz Creek 44-26 in the first matchup of the two teams on Jan. 7. The 59 points also represents the most points the Eagles have scored since their 66-40 road victory against the Brandon Blackhaws. The Eagles came one point away from recording their sixth 60-point effort of the season.

Paige Leedle and Megan Widner had 14 points each. Leedle also had five assists and three steals while Widner had five rebounds and four steals.

Allison Maienbrook collected 10 points and three steals while Olivia Mawhinney had eight points, six rebounds, two assists and two steals. Kelsey McLennan chipped in a team-high nine rebounds and four blocks to go with her seven points.

The Eagles return to action Friday with a road contest against area rival Fenton at 5:30 p.m. Linden won the first game between the two area foes, 63-45 on Jan. 14 at Linden.

# Tri-county area advances 21 wrestlers to regionals

By David Troppens

Twenty-one tri-county wrestlers qualified for the individual regional round at the Fenton individual wrestling district held on Saturday.

The Lake Fenton Blue Devils led the way with eight qualifiers while Linden had six and Fenton had five. Holly qualified two.

The area had five district champions, including Holly's two-time individual state champion Jacob Gonzales (160). He joins Linden's Bryce Shingleton (125) and Jase Gundry (189) and Lake Fenton's Ty Johnson (130) and Noah Hall (145) as individual district champions.

Gonzales remained perfect for the season earning his title with a pinfall victory of Goodrich's Easton Phipps in 1:12 in his championship match. Gonzales is the only tri-county competitor advancing with an undefeated varsity record for the season.

Lake Fenton's Johnson isn't too far behind. He improved to 34-2 with a 6-1 decision victory against Goodrich's Luke Francis in his championship match. Hall was Lake Fenton's other champion. He improved to 44-5 with his 5-3 finals decision victory against St. Clair's Donny Bacon.

Linden's Grundy earned his championship with a pinfall in his final match. He defeated Lake Fenton's Jacob Haugh in 1:57, creating the only area final match in the district.

Shingleton earned his title by defeating Goodrich's Ryan Angelo by a 9-1 major decision score. Shingleton holds a strong 39-2 record.

Lake Fenton had a lock on the tri-county second-place finishers, earning five of the six. Along with Haugh, Jack Conley (152), Zack Hall (135), Clay Cook (112) and Jorge Marvin (103) earned runner-up ef-



Lake Fenton's Noah Hall works on a pin in a recent match. Hall was one of five district champions from the tri-county area at the Fenton district. Photo: David Troppens

forts in Lake Fenton uniforms.

Marvin had a tight 6-4 decision against Goodrich's Jaden Davis in his title match for one close bout, but Hall's match was even closer. He lost to St. Johns's Cole Riedel by sudden victory in his match, losing 5-3 during the OT session. Conley also had a two-point loss to Pontiac's Julius Polk in the title match while Cook lost a 7-0 decision to Pontiac's Adam Polk in his final's match.

Fenton's Ben Triola was the

tri-county area's only other runner-up. Triola faced Goodrich's Cameron Macklem in his final, losing by pinfall in 1:22.

Fenton and Linden had two third-place finishers, while Lake Fenton had one. Carson Kresczak (285) and Garrett Clark (130) were Fenton's third-place finishers while Luke Haney (130) and Philip Lamka (152) were Linden's. Drew Corcoran (140) finished third for Lake Fenton.

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## LF getting hot again, crush Owosso

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball season has had basically three different stages.

There was the early portion of the season, that saw the Blue Devils put their potent offense on display, resulting in a 6-1 start. Then there was the COVID break that seemed to halt the team's progress as the Blue Devils lost four of five games.

Now, it seems the Blue Devils have started a new winning stage. Lake Fenton won its third straight contest, earning a 67-29 victory against the Owosso Trojans. The contest also marked the

second straight Flint Metro League Stars Division game the Blue Devils' defense has limited their opponent to less than 30 points.

In fact, the Blue Devils almost scored enough points to win the contest in the first quarter alone. Lake Fenton scored 25 points, four fewer than the Trojans had the entire game. Francis Senter had a strong first quarter, netting nine points. Max Muenzer and Jake Helms also chipped in five points each. Lake Fenton led 25-7 after one quarter.

Lake Fenton had five players scoring during the second quarter.

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## TIGERS

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wasn't just a one-time thing and that Fenton plans on staying on top."

The Tigers led after round one, posting a score of 220.90, helping establish them as the team to beat at not only the meet but also for the overall Flint Metro League crown. Just as long as Fenton finished no

worse than second at the meet the Tigers could do no worse than a co-league title.

Fenton scored a 298.06 in round two, but also suffered an eight-point penalty, placing them third place (420.96 score after round two) behind first-place Swartz Creek (428.14) and second-place Linden (423.06) at the time.

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Maddie Slezinski scored 14 points in the Tigers' victory against the Kearsley Hornets.

Photo: David Troppens

## Fenton Tigers sting the Kearsley Hornets, 54-26

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls basketball team has been on a nice run of games lately.

The Tigers have won six of their last seven games to improve their overall record to 10-7. Their sixth win in that seven-game stretch came in a dominating 54-26 road victory against the Kearsley Hornets.

The Tigers' defense was the star of the first quarter, holding Kearsley to just one point. Meanwhile, Maddie Slezinski netted four points for Fenton and Kaleigh Shaker hit a three-pointer, helping the Tigers to a 10-1 lead after one quarter.

In the second quarter, the Tigers scored 14 points with Slezinski netting six of those points. Tammy Craven added five and Shaker hit another trey during the

stanza. Kearsley managed just seven points and trailed 24-8 at the half.

The Tigers had one of their best offensive periods of the season in the third quarter. Six girls scored in what was a 21-point stanza.

Adrie Staib led the Tigers with six points while Abby Logan had five points. Allie Brown added a three-pointer while Lauren Gangwer also put together a three-point play, the old fashioned way with a hoop, foul and converted free throw. Fenton led 45-13 entering the fourth quarter.

Slezinski led the Tigers with 13 points and 10 rebounds while Shaker, Staib and Craven had seven points each. Staib had a team-high 15 rebounds to go with her points. Brown netted six points while Logan and Gangwer had five points each.

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Ryland Fairbanks was eighth (1:01.90). Gavin Thomas finished 14th (1:04.87).

In GS, the squad had four in the top 10. After Funke, Hiscock was third (48.38), Jack Antonishek was sixth (49.02) and Gavin Thomas was ninth (49.61).

The girls were almost as dominant, earning four skiers among the top 11 in each event. Anna Heimberger was the runner-up in both events to Powers's Ella Wentworth. Wentworth had a 50.28 in the GS and a 1:00.71 in the slalom compared to Heimberger's 50.51 in GA and a 1:04.58 in the slalom. Following Heimberger in GS was Averi Fairbanks in fourth (52.71), Emersyn Sprague in ninth (54.91) and Daisey Horne in 11th (55.64). Sonia Arnst (13th in 56.40) and Jamie Kemp (15th in 57.08) also finished in the top 15. In the slalom, Horne was third (1:06.39) while Fairbanks placed seventh (1:08.84) and Arnst was 11th (1:10.07). Kemp finished 15th (1:15.28).

The Holly/Oxford boys were led by Jacob Denman in both events. He placed second in GS (47.45) and ninth in slalom (1:01.96).

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## Tigers lose road contest at Kearsley

By David Troppens

It's been a tough week for the Fenton varsity boys basketball team.

After winning five straight before this week, the Tigers lost a tough 78-74 overtime verdict at home against the Lake Fenton Blue Devils. And, now, on Friday, the Tigers lost their second straight game

dropping a 72-50 road contest against the Kearsley Hornets.

"We started slow, fought back and then they blitzed us with a 15-0 scoring run. They led at one time 63-33 in the fourth quarter. It all happened in about 10 minutes between the third and fourth quarters.

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## Bronchos fall behind early, lose to Flushing

The Holly varsity boys basketball team has made a habit of falling behind early in games this season.

It happened again Friday night. But when you fall behind on the road to the first-place team in the Flint Metro League Stripes Division, coming back is going to be near impossible. That task was for Holly as the Bronchos lost to Flushing 73-43.

Flushing scored the game's first 13 points. Holly stopped the bleeding with a Bryce Goings assist on an Ashton DeHart layup. The Bronchos trailed 13-2 with 3:01 left in the opening quarter. The team's second bucket came on a steal and breaking layup by Mason Clark. However, the Bronchos (7-8) still trailed 20-4 after the first quarter.

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## Linden boys basketball loses tight contest to Creek

Scoring points hasn't come easy for the Linden varsity boys basketball team in recent weeks.

And finding more than one scoring option hasn't been easy either.

The Eagles solved some of those offensive issues Tuesday night, earning a 52-40 victory at home against the Clio Mustangs.

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# MICHIGAN VOTES

## LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Jan. 21

The House held no votes this week due to COVID absences, and the Senate voted on just one bill of general interest, which is described below.

**House Bill 4290: Give \$50,000 tax exemptions to some individual home buyers**

To grant \$5,000 state income tax ex-

emptions, and \$10,000 on joint returns, if the money is deposited in a specialty savings account for individuals who have not bought or owned a Michigan home in the past three years (labeled by related bills as "first time home buyers"). The exemptions could be claimed for up to five years, meaning \$50,000 could be exempted from state income tax liability over time by individuals who can afford to do so. Legislative fiscal agency analysts estimate the bill will provide up to \$19.8 million in benefits for these individuals, with an equivalent amount of revenue foregone by the state. A version of this proposal was vetoed by Republican Gov. Rick Snyder in 2018.

### Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) **YES**

Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) **YES**

Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) **YES**

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) **YES**

Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) **YES**

# Genisys Credit Union receives recognition

## Named Top Workplace USA by Energage

Genisys Credit Union has been named a Top Workplace USA by Energage. This national distinction celebrates companies that make their states a better place to work by prioritizing a people-centered culture.

"We are incredibly proud and honored to receive this recognition because it embodies our purpose, Where You Come First, which is central to everything we do," said Jackie Buchanan, president and CEO of Genisys Credit Union. "We strive to create a culture and environment where employees can grow and succeed. When you create that space, it gives your employees a voice and creates intentionality in partnering for a positive impact to improve the well-being of our members and communities. These relationships with each other are at the heart of our culture and make Genisys

a great place to work."

Energage is an employee research and consulting firm that identifies the honorees based on employee surveys. The survey asks employees to judge their workplace on four culture topics: alignment, connection, coaching, and performance. It also looks at employee engagement, leadership, and benefits. Final rankings are based solely on employee survey feedback and employers are ranked among groups of similar size to most accurately compare results.

The credit union offers support to their employees through flexible work hour arrangements, a generous 401(k) program featuring a 5% company profit-sharing contribution on top of the standard 3% match, tuition reimbursement, comprehensive health insurance plans, and more. They've also received recognition as a Top Workplace from The Detroit Free Press for 14 years in a row.

# Hurley Foundation receives \$50,000

## Grant comes from the Greater Flint Urgent Relief Fund

The Hurley Foundation received a grant of \$50,000 from the Greater Flint Urgent Relief Fund, a partnership of United Way of Genesee County and the Community Foundation for Greater Flint. Funds will be used to help the hospital with increased COVID-related expenses.

Hurley's service to COVID-19 patients has increased the need for machines to supply high flow oxygen and increased

demand for a gas, nitric oxide, which is used in treatment. The demand for these two needs has caused the hospital's expenses to skyrocket over the previous year.

"Funding support such as this allows Hurley Medical Center to remain hyper-focused on the changing nature of the COVID virus and what implications this has for the care and effective treatment of our community," said Michael Burnett, president of the Hurley Foundation.



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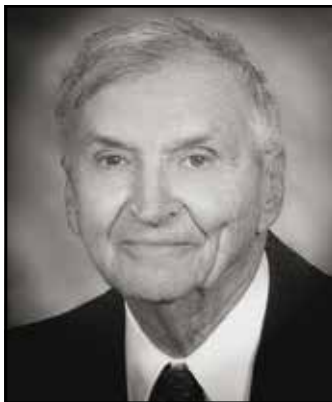
# Obituaries

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## Edward John Jr. Zabloutny

1933 – 2022

Edward John Jr. Zabloutny - age 88, Fenton, died Wednesday, February 9, 2022. Funeral services will be held 12 PM Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, with Fr. David Harvey officiating. Interment will follow at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation was held 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 PM Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at the funeral home where a VFW Memorial Service was held at 7 PM under the auspices of Fenton VFW Curtis Wolverton Post 3243. Ed was born September 27, 1933 in Buffalo, NY, the son of Edward and Mary (Fronckowiak) Zabloutny, Sr. He attended Canisius High School and graduated from Indiana State University. Ed served in the U.S. Army from 1954 - 1956. He married Lucille Pucko on June 20, 1956 and she preceded him in death



on March 4, 2018. Edward worked in the chemical industry for Stauffer Chemical, Ruminant Nitrogen, Drug Research and Great Lakes Chemical

where he was Plant Manager, Director of Safety, Responsible Care and Waste Minimization. He retired to Cleveland, TN and was active in the Knights of Columbus, where he was the Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator, and the American Legion and VFW. Later he moved to Fenton to be closer to family. Surviving are four children, Cathy (Roderick) Shovan, Dr. James (Jennifer) Zabloutny, Carol (Robert) Zabloutny and Patricia (Edward) Beckmann; one granddaughter, Megan Filhart; brother, Dr. Floyd Zabloutny. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Maureen Emily Staples

1935 – 2022

Maureen Emily Staples - age 86, of Linden, died Saturday, February 12, 2022. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Thursday, February 17, 2022 at Sharp



retired from Argentine Care Center as a registered nurse after 36 years of service. She had resided in Linden since 1968 coming from Imlay City. Surviving are her

husband of 61 years, Dr. James Staples; children, Marion Staples of Lansing, James J. (Laura) Staples of New Hudson, and William J. (Patricia) Staples of Houghton; grandchildren, James J. Staples II (Ashley) of Northfield and William Travis Staples of New Hudson; seven great-grandchildren; brother, James Metcalf (Evelyn) of MA; special nephew, Richard J. Staples (Vickie) of DeWitt; and several other nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and sister, Marion Hasenfus. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com). James Staples June 4, 1960 in Tea Ticket, MA. Maureen



## FUNERAL ETIQUETTE

### WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP LATER?

In the days and months to come, the family will continue to need your support. Try to write or call on a regular basis. Continue to include them in your social plans, they will let you know when they are ready to participate. It is also nice to remember the family on special occasions during the first year following the death. Don't worry about bringing up the pain and emotion of the loss, they are well aware of that. By remembering such occasions as wedding anniversaries and birthdays, you are not remembering the death, but reaffirming that a life was lived.

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

Horoscopes

For the week of  
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ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you keep looking inward to realize your goals and you're making very good progress in that regard. Communication is a key to success, so keep dialogues open.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Lately you seem to radiate success in all you do, Taurus. Others naturally want to flock to where you are and spend more time with you. Enjoy the spotlight while it lasts.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

If communication with family members has been difficult lately, you may find that things change in the next few days, Gemini. This is a welcome change.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Disagreements are not necessarily a bad thing, Cancer. They can open people up to discussions that can be enlightening. Disagree, but don't let it get heated.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Romance may be on your mind a lot more than usual, Leo. This can be a good thing. Use your free time to foster nuances in your relationship.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you may have to take a different route than you initially expected in order to reach a destination. The journey could be very eye-opening and inspirational.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

In order to be the brightest and the best you can be, you may find that you rub certain people the wrong way, Libra. Find ways to make amends.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, a challenging week ahead will require some focus and a willingness to accept support. Surround yourself with people who have your back.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

An especially busy social schedule may leave you feeling a little tired for some time. Schedule some time for rest and relaxation to recharge your batteries.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

A great deal of unexpected information is coming your way, Capricorn. You may have to sort through it to figure out what is useful and what is not essential.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Don't neglect the help that people are willing to offer you, Aquarius. Teamwork makes the dream work, and working with others is beneficial to all involved.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Use creativity in any way you can to solve issues that come your way, Pisces. You may be surprised at what you come up with.



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