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'Everything worked like clockwork'

■ Fire chief says firefighters trained on gas line explosions just two days prior

By Sharon Stone

A natural gas leak was reported at 9:27 a.m., on Wednesday, March 16 near U.S. 23, just north of Center Road in Tyrone Township. An explosion occurred minutes

later. Numerous people reported hearing and feeling the explosion.

The actual explosion occurred west of this location, on the west side of U.S. 23 near Old U.S. 23.

Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz said the Fenton Township Fire Department responded to this emergency since the explosion happened See **EXPLOSIONS** on 34

Debris from a natural gas line explosion fell onto U.S. 23, Old U.S. 23 and Runyan Lake Road in Fenton on Wednesday, March 16. Consumers Energy crews quickly secured the broken pipe. No injuries were reported from the explosion, however, traffic in the area was snarled for hours.



Local man donates nearly 40 acres for community park



Ed Koledo, executive director of Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation, holds a public hearing on Tuesday, March 15 to gain community input on a potential park off Silver Lake Road made possible by a donation from Phil Hagerman. Photo: Hannah Ball

■ SLPR working on application for state grant for development of parks

By Hannah Ball

One of the area's leading philanthropists is making moves to bring more recreation and parks to the tri-county area.

Phil Hagerman of Fenton Township donated nearly 40 acres of land off Silver Lake Road near Price's Airport to Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation (SLPR) to be developed into a community park with a gazebo, recreation center, pathways and more.

Ed Koledo, executive director of SLPR, said they will have the land appraised. They are in the first developmental phases of the

See **40 ACRES** on 16

Applicant revises landscaping yard design plans

■ Picasso Landscaping owner removes section of plans involving concrete mixer

By Hannah Ball

The Picasso Landscaping owner has removed the part of his design plans that include a concrete mixer.

Brian Dennis is seeking site plan approval and a special land use permit from the Fenton Planning Commission to develop a

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“Shout out to the Times for covering the important updates of NOCFA

for Holly and Rose townships. Thank you.”



“Good job by local emergency responders to Wednesday's gas line blast; It's spring at last.”





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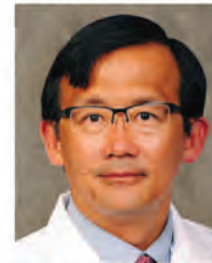
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Breakfast bags for troops

■ Students write cards for active duty military members

By Hannah Ball

Thanks to the Linden community, 500 active duty military members will receive breakfast care packages.

Linden Community Schools, Linden Pay It Forward and Linden Child Development Center partnered to have students fill bags with breakfast items and a handwritten note that will be delivered to the 156th Expeditionary Signal Battalion in Howell before they deploy.

Linden’s three elementary schools participated, along with Byron Elementary and Wee Care Child Development Center. Pay It Forward dropped off supplies to schools March 15, and students filled the bags and decorated cards this past week. Volunteers bought supplies for the teachers’ classrooms so they wouldn’t have to use their own.

Aimee Bush’s classroom at Hyatt Elementary packed the bags Thursday, March 17.

“My students have all loved creating something for someone else and are so proud to be a part of it. We talk a lot



about helping others and to be a Linden S.O.A.R. student (Stay Safe, Offer Kindness, Act Responsibly, Remember Respect) and contributing our time and creativity fits into all of these,” she said.

Bush has been involved with Pay It Forward for years. One of the last projects she did was having her students make cards for veterans in March 2020 before the schools shut down.

“I think it’s important that my students see the value in helping our community and making it a better place. A lot of learning happens in our classrooms and it’s not just book learning,” she said.

Tanya Arquette, owner of the Linden Child Development Center, donated approximately \$300 to buy supplies for the bags. Bags include food, such as




granola bars, the troops can eat before they leave. She’s constantly looking for ways to support troops and stays on top of Linden Pay it Forward activities.

Her daughter is a U.S. marine. “Anything military, I always try to be a part of it if I can. It means a lot to me. My daughter is stateside right now in Texas, but she was in Germany before that. If somebody were to support her — I know how much it means when you can’t be there for people,” she said, adding that the troops that will receive these bags aren’t near their family right now. “It’s just really close to my heart. Our troops to me are everything. They’re why we have everything we have. Even before my daughter was a marine, I felt that way.”

Denise Marks, president of Linden Pay It Forward, said she received multiple positive remarks about the project.

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David's dabbings

Wow, spring has hit us out of nowhere in recent days.

The weather has gotten so good that we have started taking our routine spring to fall walk around Fenton, even as late as 9:30 p.m. Even with the temperatures down quite a bit by 10 p.m., the weather is still pretty good walking weather.

Of course, winter isn't completely over. We're still going to get hit with some cold crap before spring officially hits, and we'll probably have at least one more 4-inch snow drop sometime in March or April, but it's nice knowing that, for the most part, Heat Miser is starting to defeat the Snow Miser.

But while that's awesome news, there are some downers about it. **How the heck do I carry all this stuff into work?** It seems that on a daily basis I have about four more things I have to routinely take to work that I didn't 20 years ago. During the winter, I have a million pockets to put that stuff in while walking around. Gosh, I'm a walking kitchen junk drawer when I have my winter jacket on. Do you need a pen or pencil, I have four of them. Do you need a tape



David Troppens
Sports Editor

Not everything about spring is a positive

recorder? Here's one of two. Some day they'll probably make an expandable ice scraper I can carry in my coat inside pocket. Without my coat, I have to juggle this stuff into work while trying to unlock our electronic front door. Life can be challenging at times.

I love my sweatshirts: One of my favorite things about winter is wearing sweatshirts. I have a ton of them and love them. Luckily, we still have a little more time to wear these items, but the end is nearing. **Curling season is ending:** I'm sure people are tired about hearing about curling in these columns. I know our

news editor Sharon Stone is. Well, this topic should end now that our league has only one more session before the season ends. It's been a pretty lousy season for our squad. We've won three matches and tied two others. As bad as that sounds, that's good enough for seventh place in a nine-team league. What that also tells you is basically the only teams we have probably beat are the two lowly squads placed below us in the standings. That's true minus one. We did beat a squad made up of three past teammates. Those wins are always fun. **It's super dark outside again:** I kind of forget how much snow lights up the outside at night during the winter. With snow in our backyard, you can

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SHARON STONE IS right when she said keep \$10s and \$20s on hand when traveling with seniors. I had a young lady push me in a wheelchair close to three miles at O'Hare Airport and was more than happy to give her \$20. I am 82 and it was worth every cent.

■■■

AS I SIT in Bush Park on our first beautiful day, I saw the little ones on the playscape yelling, 'Mommy, look at me, look at me.' I see Mommy with her head buried into her cell phone. Please take time for your little ones. You never know what tomorrow will bring.

■■■

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■■■

TAKING THE WORLD picture at face value, I'm absolutely certain that the Russian invasion of Ukraine is only due to the incompetence of Biden. Democrats should definitely have buyers' remorse.

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

How far do you think Michigan and Michigan State will make it in the NCAA Tournament?



"Michigan State will make it to the final 4 tournament. Michigan, if lucky, will make it to the sweet 16, then out! Go Izzo GO MSU!"

Ann Rogulsky
Fenton



"I think both teams will win just one game this tournament. Both teams are too inconsistent."

Jeff Stone
Fenton Township



"If either team makes it to the Sweet 16, I'd consider it a success tournament run for either team."

David Troppens
Fenton



"One win each. Each team has been too inconsistent all season to hope for or expect much more."

Tim Stone
Fenton Township

street talk

NOCFA citizen-at-large resigns

■ Development arises after firefighters association and Holly Township gives vote of no confidence

By Sharon Stone

During its meeting Tuesday, March 15, the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) Board unanimously accepted the resignation letter submitted by Peter Stouffer on March 15. Stouffer of Rose Township is the citizen-at-large who was appointed to serve on the board.

Stouffer had been serving on the board since February 2021.

This resignation development came after the March 14, Holly Township Board of Trustees meeting and at the March 9, Rose Township meeting, P.J. Kravetz,

vice president of the NOCFA Firefighters Association (not the union) was allowed to make presentations. Heread a resolution that has unanimous support of the firefighters association to indicate a vote of no-confidence of the citizen-at-large Peter Stouffer.

During its special meeting on Monday, March 14, the Holly Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to join the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) Firefighters Association and their letter indicating a unanimous vote of no confidence of Stouffer. In addition to the vote of no confidence in Stouffer, the firefighters association and Holly Township called for his resignation.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

REGARDING THE SKELETON on Adelaide. I have to disagree with last week's comment. My son died last year from COVID and is buried in St. John's cemetery. When I drive past that skeleton to visit my son, laughing at it is the last thing on my mind.

TO HOT-LINER HOPING politicians 'look out 10 to 20 years to help relieve dependence on foreign oil.' How about looking back two years to when America was already energy independent. Didn't need an electric vehicle then, don't need it now. We just need rational, patriotic, presidential leadership; not politicians.

YES, THE UNITED States is a democracy, we the people hold the ultimate political power. We're not a direct democracy but we are a representative democracy. Delve into the work of J. Meechem or H. Cox Richardson to see the urgency in America.



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Sardelli's nomination form reads:

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Sardelli specializes in orthopedic surgery and sports medicine. He sees patients at his office, located at 4466



Pictured are (from left) Chris Candela, president and CEO of McLaren Flint; Matthew Sardelli, MD, Physician Recognition Award recipient; and Michael Mueller, MD, McLaren Flint chief of staff.

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LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

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House Bill 5188: Prohibit bans on gun sales during state of emergency

To amend provisions in the state health code that delegate to the state health department the authority to assume extraordinary powers during an emergency, including the statewide “lockdowns” ordered under the 2020 coronavirus epidemic. The bill would prohibit officials from using this law to ban the sale or use of lawfully possessed firearms, ammunition, or other weapons during a declared emergency or disaster.

Passed 62 to 39

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47)

YES

Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)

YES

Senate Bill 871: Delay state toll road study deadline

To push-back the deadline for one year, to Jan. 31, 2023, in a 2020 law requiring the Department of Transportation “to contract for a study on the feasibility of charging tolls on some interstate free-ways in Michigan, including revenue projections, optimal tolling rates, vehicle counts, traffic diversion and more.”

Passed 35 to 3 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14)

NO

Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)

YES

Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)

NO

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)

YES

Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)

YES

House Bill 5268: Ban officials sending out unsolicited absentee voter ballot applications

To prohibit the Secretary of State or local election officials from delivering unsolicited absentee voter ballot applications to registered voters.

Passed 56 to 45 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47)

YES

Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)

YES

House Bill 5253: Ban election officials taking money or gifts for election equipment

To prohibit state or local election officials and bureaus from accepting gifts from individuals or nongovernmental entities for election-related activities, equipment, or staff.

Passed 57 to 44 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47)

YES

Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)

YES

House Bill 5703: Require public schools to prominently post key parents rights laws

To require public schools to prominently post two state law provisions in specified rooms, including the one where the school board meets. The first provision is the text from section 1 of the Michigan Constitution's Article 8, which reads, “Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.”

The bill also would require schools to post the section of the state School Code that reads: “It is the natural, fundamental right of parents and legal guardians to determine and direct the care, teaching, and education of their children. The public schools of this state serve the needs of the pupils by cooperating with the pupil's parents and legal guardians to develop the pupil's intellectual capabilities and vocational skills in a safe and positive environment.”

Passed 85 to 16 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47)

YES

Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)

YES

House Bill 5570: Authorize state gas tax holiday until October 2022

To suspend collecting the state gasoline and diesel tax between April 1 and September 30, 2022. The current tax rate is 27.2 cents per gallon on both fuels, and revenue from it pays for state and local road repairs. The House Fiscal Agency projects this would save motorists around \$725 million in 2022, with the foregone revenue to “back-filled” from a \$4 billion state budget surplus.

Passed 63 to 39 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47)

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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER INTOXICATED IN HOLLY

On Monday, March 7, at 8:26 p.m., Holly police were dispatched to a call on Airport Road. As they were clearing the call, one of the officers observed a white truck with no tailgate, dragging a chain and with heavy front-end damage pass his location. He cleared the previous call and caught up with the truck. The truck was traveling at a high rate of speed, but was stopped. The driver was identified as a 43-year-old Holly man. As the officer was speaking with the driver, dispatch reported that a three-vehicle hit-and-run crash had just occurred with the same vehicle description. The other officer responded to the crash scene. Crash victims and witnesses identified the stopped vehicle as the responsible. The driver was determined to be intoxicated at nearly three times the legal limit. The driver was arrested and charged with OWI and leaving the scene of a crash.

PRESCRIPTION NARCOTICS FOUND IN VEHICLE AT TRAFFIC STOP

On Tuesday, March 8, at 11:06 p.m., a Holly police officer on patrol stopped a vehicle on Cogshall Street for displaying an improper license plate. The driver was also determined to have a suspended driver's license. The driver was identified as a 34-year-old Fenton man. The officer discovered prescription narcotics inside the vehicle that did not belong to the driver. He was arrested and charged with driving on a suspended license and possession of narcotics.

HOLLY MAN ARRESTED FOR FELONY DRUNK DRIVING

On Friday, March 11, at 8:46 p.m., a Holly police officer on patrol stopped a vehicle for traffic violations and defective equipment on N. Saginaw Street. As the officer spoke to the driver, he detected an extremely strong odor of intoxicants and several indicators of intoxication. The 58-year-old Holly man was determined to be twice the legal limit to drive. In addition, he has two prior convictions for drunk driving and a suspended drivers license. He was arrested and charged with felony drunk driving third offense and driving with a suspended license.

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Tar spot tops Corn Marketing Program of Michigan research project funding for 2022

LANSING — The Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) approved allocation of \$225,026 in checkoff funding for research projects in 2022.

Tar spot continues to be a priority of the program, with three projects receiving a combined total of \$89,265 to study the disease in corn, including:

- Dr. Marty Chilvers, Michigan State University: "Optimizing management of tar spot" will build upon his previous fungicide application and timing research and will also explore disease resistance on various corn hybrids and inbreds.

- Dr. Maninder Singh and Emily Merewitz-Holm, Michigan State University: "Quantifying physiological consequences of tar spot in corn to inform management decisions" will look at how photosynthesis and metabolic defense responses (plant health and function) are affected by tar spot and how this might impact yield.

- Jerry Wilhm, AgroLiquid North Central Research Station: "Evaluation of fungicide application methods and timing for effects on tar spot and yield" is another look at management using fungicides.

"Tar spot in corn has spread across the state of Michigan and is now affecting growers in all of the major corn-producing areas of the state," said CMPM Research Manager Kristin Poley.

"Finding better ways to manage and respond to tar spot is a critical area of research for our program because it directly impacts the profitability and productivity of corn farming."

CMPM also approved the allocation of \$48,500 for a new project aimed at developing innovative uses for corn to Låkril Technologies.

The project seeks to engineer a process enabling transformation technology of lactic-to-acrylics and separation of mixtures to convert corn-derived lactic acid and ethanol to sustainably-produced, and economically-competitive, bio-acrylics instead of traditional petrochemical-based acrylics.

The remaining \$87,261 was allocated to projects including:

- Herbicide resistance management (Dr. Eric Patterson, MSU)
- Cover crops and weed management (Dr. Erin Burns, MSU)
- Controlled drainage (Dr. Ehsan Ghane, MSU)
- Using genetics to predict plant performance (Dr. Addie Thompson, MSU).

Headquartered in Lansing, CMPM is a farmer-funded statewide program that invests in research, education and market development to enhance the economic position of Michigan corn farmers.

For more information, visit the Michigan Corn website at www.micor.org.

Source: Farm News Media, Michigan Farm News

New producers experience the benefits of MAEAP

LANSING — Driving down the roads in rural Michigan, you will see many different things: farm animals, open fields, and Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) signs.

"Seeing all those (MAEAP) signs driving around the state piqued my interest," said Melina Anderson of Shining Light Farm. "Last year, we went to a farm with one of those MAEAP signs, and I asked what it meant. Once the producer explained how the program helped their farm, I knew we needed to get involved."

MAEAP is a voluntary environmental program that works individually with farmers to identify and reduce environmental risks on farms resulting in groundwater or surface water contamination.

Conservation district technicians visit producers and conduct technical assessments which look at a farm's practices. After the review, technicians advise the landowners of changes they need to make to meet program standards. Last year, MAEAP technicians conducted more than 700 technical assessments.

MAEAP also assists producers in implementing conservation practices. In 2021 MAEAP-verified producers implemented more than 2,000 conservation practices, such as manure management, grazing practices, and more. This led to more than 250,000 tons of sediment or soil particles kept on farmland, which could fill more than 22,000 dump trucks (that's 10 yards!).

"The conservation district technician gave us a lot of helpful information about our nutrients," Anderson said. "We were already doing no-till, and we are starting to get into regenerative farming in our pasture. We will be implementing a lot more pasture rotation next year to protect our soil."

After a producer makes changes to their farm, if they need to, a verifier visits to confirm the producer is meeting program standards. In 2021, there were 189 farms verified in the program.

"The (MAEAP) process was a lot easier than I thought it would be," said Annie Rodgers of Red Leg Farms.

"Initially, we were nervous about MAEAP because we thought someone was going to tell us we're doing something wrong because we didn't have the knowledge," Rodgers added. "They reaffirmed we were doing the right thing."

"We learned we were already doing a lot of the right things. We only had a few things to put in place like an emergency plan, testing our water, and storing our fuel cans correctly."

Both Anderson and Rodgers are first-generation farmers. They credit MAEAP for helping them make sure they were following best practices for their farm operations.

"We were pleasantly surprised to know we were already doing the right thing," Anderson said. "It was positive to see we were going in the right direction, which helps us to continue to do it."

"We ended up working with the program because we wanted to give back and protect our soil," Rodgers said. "MAEAP is an extra level to know we are protecting the environment."

For more information about MAEAP, visit www.MAEAP.org.

Source: Farm News Media, Michigan Farm News

Lawmakers push bill to let farmers request waiver for fertilizer duties

BY JON ADAMY • Farm News Media

WASHINGTON — Two Kansas congressmen are introducing bills that would establish a petition process for farmers to waive anti-dumping duties on fertilizers and fertilizer ingredients — under certain emergency situations.

The companion bills were introduced in the House and Senate last week.

In February 2021, the U.S. Dept. of Commerce recommended that the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) implement tariffs over 19% on imported fertilizers from Morocco after the Mosaic Company — which manufactures fertilizers used in the U.S. and abroad — filed a petition with the department seeking the levies.

The ITC voted in March to impose the tariffs while adding similar levies on Russian imports. As a result, critical sources of imported supply have effectively been shut out of the U.S. market and the costs for fertilizers have skyrocketed for farmers — reaching record-high prices.

"Fertilizers and other inputs have been at an all-time high, and the war in Ukraine promises to drive up the price of products even more," Iowa farmer and NCGA President Chris Edgington said in a statement. "Fertilizers have become increasingly hard to secure and pay for because of tariffs or the threat of tariffs on imports. That's why passage of this legislation would come as a welcome relief to farmers across the country."

In the measure proposed by Sen. Roger Marshall (R-KS), farmers would be able to petition the USITC to waive countervailing duties or anti-dumping duties assessed for covered merchandise under title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930.

For a request for a waiver to be submitted, certain emergency situations would have to arise that limits the impact of fertilizer production in the U.S. or "would result in a supply and demand disruption that substantially increases the price" of fertilizer, including:

- Acts of God, such as severe acts of nature or weather events including floods, fires, earthquakes, hurricanes, and explosions;
- War, acts of terrorism, and epidemics;
- Acts of governmental authorities such as expropriation, condemnation, and changes in laws and regulations;
- Strikes and labor disputes;
- Major accidents.

The legislation calls for the USITC to hold a public comment period for no less than 30 days, after which it would have 30 days to issue a final decision.

Along with individuals, coalitions or trade associations representing agriculture producers or growers that use fertilizer would be able to submit waiver petitions.

If granted, the waiver would apply for one year.



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ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

March 09, 2022

Supervisor Scheib-Snider called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Gambka, Miller, Noble, Walls, Scheib-Snider
Board Members Absent/Excused: None

Approved: Agenda for the February 09, 2022 meeting, adding F. Rose Township Board of Review member; G. Attorney bills; removing presentation by Joseph Mishler; adding presentation by the North Oakland County Firefighter's Association.

Approved: Consent Agenda pulling NOCFA Report and attorney bills.

Presentation: P.J. Kravetz, Vice-President of NOCFA

Approved: Authorization to receive bids for cemetery lawn maintenance.

Approved: Authorization to receive bids for parks, hall and office lawn maintenance.

Approved: Clean-up day set for May 14, 2022 from 8:00am – 4:00pm.

Approved: Code of Ordinance Chapter 12, Environment (Oak Wilt) Amendment.

Approved: RCOC 2022, applications of chloride for dust control in the amount of \$82, 551.28.

Approved: Resolution to appoint an alternate member to the Board of Review, Dior Rushton.

Adjourned: 8:53 p.m.

Debbie Miller, MMC, MiPMC II
Rose Township Clerk

Dianne Scheib-Snider
Rose Township Supervisor

NORTH OAKLAND COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING DATES FOR FY ENDING 2022

The State of Michigan has enacted PA 267 of 1976, the "Open Meetings Act," which requires a public body to give prior public notice of all regular meetings and that said notice shall provide the dates, time, and places of such meetings. It is the desire of the North Oakland County Fire Authority Board of Directors, a public body, to conduct all of its business in an open forum, in compliance with said act.

The NOCFA Board of Directors hereby amends the FY 2022 meeting schedule and will hold regular meetings for the remainder of its Fiscal Year ending 2022 beginning April 19, 2022 on the following dates at **7:00 P.M.** at either the Rose Township Offices located at 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan 48442 or NOCFA Station #1, located at 5051 Grange Hall Road, Holly, Michigan 48442.

April 18, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Rose Township Offices

May 17, 2022 at 7:00 PM
NOCFA Station #1

June 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Rose Township Offices

Approved by NOCFA Board of Directors on: 3/15/2022

LOOKING BACK *at this week in* **HISTORY**

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

MARCH 20

1965: President Lyndon B. Johnson notifies Alabama's Governor George Wallace that he will use federal authority to call up the Alabama National Guard in order to supervise a planned civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery. Intimidation and discrimination had earlier prevented Selma's Black population — over half the city — from registering and voting. On Sunday, March 7, 1965, a group of 600 demonstrators marched on the capital city of Montgomery to protest this disenfranchisement and the earlier killing of a Black man, Jimmie Lee Jackson, by a state trooper.

MARCH 21

1965: In the name of African American voting rights, 3,200 civil rights demonstrators in Alabama, led by Martin Luther King Jr., begin a historic march from Selma to Montgomery, the state's capital. Federalized Alabama National Guardsmen and FBI agents were on hand to provide safe passage for the march, which twice had been turned back by Alabama state police at Selma's Edmund Pettus Bridge.

MARCH 22

1934: The first Masters golf championships tees off in Augusta, Georgia. The Augusta National Golf Club course presents difficulties for many of the golfers, but Emmet French, Jimmy Hines and Horton Smith finish under par and share the lead after shooting 70, two under par, in the first of four rounds. Smith would go on to win the tournament, finishing four under par with scores of 70-72-70-72. Craig Wood (-3), Paul Runyan (-2) and Billy Burke (-2) were the only other golfers to finish under par. Smith was a big fan of the course, telling the press: "There is nothing monotonous about that course, and it is one of the most beautiful I ever played. Each one of the holes presents something new." Smith would go on to win the 1936 Masters as well, cementing his Hall of Fame golf career.

MARCH 23

1839: The initials "O.K." are first published in The Boston Morning Post. Meant as an abbreviation for "oll korrekt," a popular slang misspelling of "all correct" at the time, OK steadily made its way into the everyday speech of Americans. During the late 1830s, it was a favorite practice among younger, educated circles to misspell words intentionally, then abbreviate

them and use them as slang when talking to one another. Just as teenagers today have their own slang based on distortions of common words, such as "kewl" for "cool" or "DZ" for "these," the "in crowd" of the 1830s had a whole host of slang terms they abbreviated. Popular abbreviations included "KY" for "No use" ("know yuse"), "KG" for "No go" ("Know go"), and "OW" for all right ("oll wright").

MARCH 24

1989: One of the worst oil spills in U.S. territory begins when the supertanker Exxon Valdez, owned and operated by the Exxon Corporation, runs aground on a reef in Prince William Sound in southern Alaska. An estimated 11 million gallons of oil eventually spilled into the water. Attempts to contain the massive spill were unsuccessful, and wind and currents spread the oil more than 100 miles from its source, eventually polluting more than 700 miles of coastline. Hundreds of thousands of birds and animals were adversely affected by the environmental disaster. It was later revealed that Joseph Hazelwood, the captain of the Valdez, was drinking at the time of the accident and allowed an uncertified officer to steer the massive vessel.

MARCH 25

1967: Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., leads a march of 5,000 antiwar demonstrators in Chicago. In an address to the demonstrators, King declared that the Vietnam War was "a blasphemy against all that America stands for." King first began speaking out against American involvement in Vietnam in the summer of 1965. In addition to his moral objections to the war, he argued that the war diverted money and attention from domestic programs to aid the Black poor. He was criticized by some prominent civil rights leaders for attempting to link civil rights and the antiwar movement.

MARCH 26

1953: American medical researcher Dr. Jonas Salk announces on a national radio show that he has successfully tested a vaccine against poliomyelitis, the virus that causes the crippling disease of polio. In 1952, an epidemic year for polio, there were 58,000 new cases reported in the United States, and more than 3,000 died from the disease. In 1954, clinical trials using the Salk vaccine and a placebo began on 1.3 million American schoolchildren. In April 1955, it was announced that the vaccine was effective and safe, and a nationwide inoculation campaign began. Shortly thereafter, tragedy struck in the Western and mid-Western U.S., when more than 200,000 people were injected with a defective vaccine manufactured at Cutter Laboratories of Berkeley, California. Thousands of polio cases were reported, 200 children were left paralyzed and 10 died.

#IntoxicatedInstagrammers

■Fenton ranked 20th in Michigan for alcohol-related social media posts

Almost exactly two years ago, Michiganders in towns and cities across the state hunkered down, unaware that a global pandemic would render them largely homebound for such a long period of time. Like so many other Americans, Michiganders were affected by anxiety — worry about the coronavirus itself, the economic repercussions and what the future may look like in a post-pandemic world.

As is the case in more normal times, when people feel stressed or depressed, they sometimes reach for the bottle in what they perceive to be a short-term solution.

As the pandemic well and truly set in, two things happened: people began to consume more alcohol, and they spent more time on social media — their primary channel with the outside world.

In July 2020, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed legislation allowing for to-go cocktails and the creation of “social districts” where people could drink from open containers, and people also began to experiment making their own craft cocktails. As the months progressed, the term ‘Quarantini’ entered our mainstream lexicon, becoming a catch-all term for any cocktail made during lockdown, and soon social media was flooded with alcohol-related content.

In one study, Michiganders’ favorite homemade cocktail during the pandemic was found to be a 7 and 7.

National rehab directory, Rehabs.com, commissioned a study in which the 100 largest towns and cities in The Great Lakes State were ranked for their number of alcohol-related Instagram posts over the course of the pandemic. The researchers analyzed 5,000 Instagram posts starting from March 2020 — the unofficial start of lockdowns for most states — to identify how many were related to alcohol or being drunk. The results revealed which town/cities posted about it the most, which could possibly indicate a problematic relationship with alcohol.

Rehabs.com made some interesting discoveries: the first being that Portage, which has a population of just 48,774, came in the number one spot with 381 alcohol-related Instagram posts (per 5,000 posts) during the pandemic. This represents 7.62% of all Instagram posts in that town during that period. This might not be all that surprising when you consider that Portage is in Kalamazoo County, which has the highest amount of excessive drinkers in the state at 23%, according to County Health Rankings. This places it in the top 10th percentile of the whole country and is higher than the average excessive drinking rate in Michigan of 21 percent.

In 20th place came Fenton, in which there were 312 Instagram posts related to alcohol or being drunk. This represents 6.24% of all posts of its 11,375 residents.

Coming mid-table was Romulus with 175 alcohol/drunken-related posts representing 3.5% of all posts during that time. And, positively saintly in last place, was the community of Holt, which has a population of 26,065. It clocked up just 5 alcohol/drunken-related posts equaling a minimal figure of just 0.1%.

Rehabs.com has included below some signs to be aware of that are indicative of problematic relationship with alcohol:

- Difficulty controlling one's level of alcohol consumption
- Wanting to decrease or stop drinking alcohol but being unable to do so
- Developing a higher tolerance for alcohol and needing more over time to reach the desired effects
- Experiencing alcohol cravings when not drinking as well as withdrawal symptoms such as sweating, shaking and nausea
- Facing personal problems at home, work, or school due to alcohol use

VILLAGE OF HOLLY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF VARIANCE REQUEST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with Chapter 157 of the Village of Holly Zoning Ordinance, the Village of Holly Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on a request for a variance of Ordinance 157.198(B)2c on April 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM (or as soon thereafter as possible) in the Village Council Chambers located at 920 E. Baird Street, Holly, Michigan.

An application for a variance was filed by Robert Montgomery. The property is located at 610 N. Saginaw Street, IH 01-34-101-007. The applicant is requesting a variance of Ordinances 157.198(B)2c which requires the front facade of a nonresidential building to include at least 30% windows.

Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk/Treasurer, 300 East Street, Karl Richter Center, Holly, Michigan 48442 prior to the hearing. All documents pertinent to the application are available for inspection in the Village Offices, located at 300 East Street, Holly, Michigan.

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

Deborah J. Bigger
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Holly

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An application for a variance was filed by Rex and Joan Thompson. The property is located at 4312 Grange Hall Road, IH 01-27-251-010. The applicant is requesting a variance of Ordinances 157.035(C)(1)(a) which prohibits an accessory building in the front yard.

Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk/Treasurer, 300 East Street, Karl Richter Center, Holly, Michigan 48442 prior to the hearing. All documents pertinent to the application are available for inspection in the Village Offices, located at 300 East Street, Holly, Michigan.

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NOCFA Board changes meeting time

By Sharon Stone

The North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) Board voted 4-0 to change the time of its meetings. Currently, meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 3 p.m. The citizen-at-large seat was vacant after Peter Stouffer submitted his resignation letter prior to the meeting.

NOCFA Fire Chief Jeremy Lintz proposed that they move the meetings to 7 p.m. so that more residents would be able to attend. Meetings have been

held at 3 or 7 p.m. in the past.

George Kullis, who represents Holly Township on the NOCFA Board said that one-and-a-half years ago, meetings were at 7 p.m. and very few or no residents attended. Meetings were then held at 3 p.m., during regular business hours. Kullis said he was in favor of changing the time to 7 p.m. adding that the more people who come the better.

The Board voted to change the time of the meetings to 7 p.m., moving forward.

The dates will remain unchanged – the third Tuesday of each month.

Lintz told the Board he always schedules his family vacations around meetings, however, he inadvertently scheduled time off for April 19, which would be the day of the next regularly scheduled NOCFA meeting.

After some discussion, the Board voted to move April's meeting only from Tuesday, April 19 to Monday, April 18 so that Lintz would be able to attend.

SPRING

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see everything pretty easily. Without it, it's hard to see 10 feet in front of you in some spots.

Our wooded paths are large swamp bogs: This one is mostly my fault. I hate wearing hiking boots, so whenever I go for a walk in the woods this time of year, chances are I'm going to come home with trench foot no American has seen since a soldier living in the trenches during the Great War (that's World War I for those who don't know). But one fun aspect of that is when you run into a spot that a path suddenly became a river overnight, you get a chance to test out your bridge building skills with loose branches. I had that experience just yesterday, and succeeded with my task. I came home with dry socks. I also took a video and sent it to some people showing them that my new name should be Woodsman Stud. I didn't get any responses from those texts.

Mosquitoes are right around the corner: No one is going to believe this when they read it, but we actually went on a walk down one of our favorite paths and saw a bunch of mosquitoes about three weeks ago. It was still cold, still a ton of snow out, but there was some nice sun. Our guess is their nest was hit by that sun and the nest hatched early. And it must've happened to a few nests because over the next half-mile we saw more. Chances are, mosquitoes are going to be bad again this summer.

But let's face it, even with those horrible issues that spring creates, the benefits of spring greatly outweigh the negatives. Job-wise, as much as I may complain about the windy 40-degree drizzle days covering sports, I'm so tired of sitting in gyms, it's a welcome change. Plus, while I'm certainly not in shape, I certainly am hyper, as anyone that's seen me walk in our office can confirm. There are so many spring sports, what I find myself doing more than anything is jumping from one event to the other, trying to get photos of every event I can. Doing this gets me outside way more than I would otherwise.

One last note: I paid \$3.99 for gas this morning and was excited. I can't remember the last time I was actually happy to pay \$3.99 for gas.

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landscaping yard at 400 Meadowridge Dr. east of Fenway Drive. Originally, he planned to have a small-scale concrete mixer to be used periodically. He said there's been confusion in the community because the city required him to apply for a concrete recycling use permit due to the technicalities of the local zoning ordinance. Dennis said he's never planned to develop a recycling facility.

The commission tabled the topic Thursday, Feb. 24 after it requested that a noise study be completed. Approximately one dozen residents spoke about environmental concerns.

Dennis submitted an updated site plan March 11 after removing the crushing and grinding components.

If Dennis had kept his original designs, a person serving as environmental counsel to the Michigan Concrete Association said his plans for a proposed concrete recycling facility in Fenton would have been in compliance with state environmental regulations.

This information, along with a site plan, site plan review and more, was obtained through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the city of Fenton. Documents show that CIB Planning, Fenton's planning consultant, recommended approval for Picasso Services site plan with conditions relating to receiving a special land use, setbacks, and a few other requirements.

"I am very pleased with CIB Planning's repeated recommendations to approve my site plan, and I believe that their recommended approval reflects the collaborative approach I've taken throughout this process to make sure I am addressing the city's and community's concerns," Dennis said.

According to the special land use application, Dennis had planned to use the smallest machine manufactured in the industry for ready mix concrete recycling operations. It also states that this manufacturing use is similar to neighboring parcels.

Picasso Landscaping's main pur-

pose would be a landscaping yard, wood recycling yard and mulch production. Seven acres of trees to the east and south would act as a buffer for neighbors.

Environmental Concerns

Dennis retains Kuhn Rogers as counsel. Joseph Quandt, with Kuhn Rogers, who has served as environmental counsel to the Michigan Concrete Association for 25 years, told Dennis in a Dec. 8, 2021 letter that his plan for a ready mix concrete facility would have been in compliance with state environmental regulations.

"Based upon the plans and information you have provided me, it would appear that all of the above referenced programs will be properly managed or permitted at your Fenton, Michigan operation," he wrote.

There are five categories of environmental regulation that pertain to these operations: the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan and Permitting Requirements pursuant to Part 31 (Water Resources Protection) of NREPA; Michigan Air Pollution Control Act; the management of Respirable Crystalline Silica regulated under Part 55 and Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("MIOSHA") Regulations; Control of groundwater discharges pursuant to the Part 22 Rules of Part 31 of NREPA; and storage in compliance with NREPA.

"I have been diligent throughout this entire process to make sure that my project follows all applicable environmental regulations. Mr. Quandt is a recognized expert in the field of environmental compliance and I trust his recommendations and conclusions," Dennis said.

Legal challenges

The firm Delzer Legal was hired by unnamed client(s) to look into Picasso Landscaping plans. Delzer Legal argues that the parcel just west of 400 Meadowridge Dr, parcel number 53-35-501-029, which Dennis bought to serve as a buffer, is zoned medium density resident (MDR), not industrial. If it is zoned MDR, then Dennis would have had to move concrete recycling operations at least 500 feet away.

During a 2000 planning commission meeting, Carmine Avantini, president of CIB Planning, recommended that this land be zoned MDR during discussions over a potential development in the area. Plans were approved in 2001 with the condition that the MDR zoning remain. In 2009, when Shoemaker Services planned to expand operations on Fenway Drive immediately west of Meadowridge, LSL Planning recommended approval with the condition that this area remain MDR zoning.

Kuhn Rogers sent a letter to the city saying the zoning classification was never updated, the parcel is zoned industrial and the city administrators have treated it as such.

"I purchased that parcel to serve as a natural buffer between my project and the surrounding community. It will remain untouched under my site plan," he said.

Kuhn Rogers also sent Scott Grossmeyer, Fenton councilman and planning commissioner, a letter alleging that he engaged in behavior that demonstrates a lack of impartiality regarding Dennis's special land use permit. The letter states Dennis has heard from several credible witnesses that Grossmeyer networked with city employees, including a city police dispatcher, against this project. It also alleges he went door to door and

encouraged people to attend meetings opposing the project, and that he said that this project was not "what the city had in mind for this piece of property."

The letter said Grossmeyer has bias and a conflict of interest and they requested he recuse himself from this application process. It mentioned that Grossmeyer could be subject to potential personal liability pursuant to Title 42 of the United States Code, Section 1983, which pertains to public officials when they exceed their authority and act in a way that deprives citizens of constitutional rights.

Grossmeyer wrote a letter in response saying the accusations are "not based in fact," he has no idea who Dennis spoke with, and that he does not have any bias against Dennis or pre-formed judgment.

"I believe that I have always been fair and impartial while deliberating on anything that has been before me over the years, and I will continue to act with ethics and integrity," Grossmeyer wrote.

Dennis said, "I trust that the city will review the matter and will ensure that my project receives a fair and unbiased review."

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inflation adjustment to claim gas must reach \$5.43 to be an 'all-time high.' Biden also owns the current high rate of inflation. Using one Biden failure to justify another is pure deception. Either way you look at it, pump price or inflation adjusted price, Biden's at fault.

DREAMED U.S., NATO engaged Russia in Ukraine, avoided nuclear war, drove Russians out of Ukraine, took back Crimea. U.S., NATO didn't stop, captured Moscow. Hunted down Putin, military leaders, turned over The Hague for war crime trials. New Russian Republic joined NATO, China shocked. Then I woke up.

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project and are working on garnering public input.

During a public hearing on Tuesday, March 15, Koledo said it's an "unbelievable donation." Hagerman would have naming rights.

SLPR is considering applying for a Michigan Department of Natural Resource Trust Fund Land Acquisition Grant to purchase the 37 acres of land. The DNR would give 75% of the value of the property to the land owner who's going to donate it to a municipality to be developed into a park. Hagerman would be referred to as the "willing seller." SLPR would provide a 25% match. Koledo said he plans to give all that money back for the development of a public park.

"This is a legacy project for the Hagerman family, and they are willing to donate all proceeds from the land acquisition process back into the project to fund development. The vision was established to address needs within the community and region and is a first step in the design

development process. It is expected that future grant initiatives and fundraising efforts will continue to define the development of this property as a park," according to the SLPR presentation. They are required to hold a public hearing and receive public input on if this park is something the community wants.

All lands purchased or developed with MDNR grants must be maintained as public land according to the MDNR Project Agreement. SLPR has to add to the charter that in the event of the dissolution of SLPR, lands acquired through MDNR grants will become the responsibility of the municipality in which it is located who will assume all title and control of said land.

Koledo described the project as "exciting."

SLPR commissioned Land Design Studios to work with Hagerman on potential designs.

Proposed plans include connecting to the non-motorized pathway, called The State Bank Trail, expected to be built along Silver Lake Road in 2023, and developing pathways through the park.

"Being centered in Fenton Township, it connects Fenton, it connects Linden. It's really a perfect location for this type of thing," he said.

Preliminary design plans show a recreation center, community garden lots, event patio, an entrance plaza, roller/ice rink, a skatepark, a BMX course, an RC car course, a community center, greenhouses, softball diamonds and more.

Koledo said they want to utilize the land as an educational opportunity for the younger generations to learn about wetlands, agriculture, manufacturing equipment and more. Creating an education space for children is important to Hagerman, he said.

The park would most likely be

handicap accessible, which would help them secure the grant.

SLPR cannot use the grant money to build a recreation center, Koledo said, but they can use it to build some facilities such as a restroom, storage space and a concession stand. Hagerman plans to separately donate approximately 3 acres to SLPR to build a recreation center.

The initial funding through Hagerman is expected to provide the basic level of amenities and allow the park to open soon after acquisition. SLPR

expects to build out the park over time through fundraising efforts and grants.

"It's a phased thing that we have to plan and we'd get it going, probably similar to what we're doing with the pathway right now. You do

what you can with what you've got and you just keep moving on," he said. One of the first steps is assessing the topography of the land.

The property, located just east of Price's Airport, is also next to where DMK Group is going to build Silver Lake Road Assisted Living, which is planned to be developed this spring.

One person said it's great that these outdoor amenities could be right next to an airpark and a senior living facility.

SLPR was originally going to apply in April 2022. However, there is an issue with SLPR's charter. It does not contain a stipulation that says if SLPR acquires land, then that land would go to the municipality that owns the space in the event that SLPR ceases to exist. The earliest they can put this item on the ballot for residents in Fenton Township, Fenton and Linden to vote on is November 2022. If this passes, they can apply for the grant in April 2023.

Koledo said they won't let this delay stop them.

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The Michigan Press Association (MPA) on Thursday announced winners in their 2021 Better Newspaper Contest with two sister publications of *The County Press* winning the top "Newspaper of the Year" honors in their respective circulation classes.

The Daily News published in Greenville took the overall top spot in the Daily D class and the *Huron County View* won the top award in the Weekly A class.

More than 2,900 entries covering four dozen categories were submitted by 96 Michigan newspapers and individual members for the annual contest. Judging by the members of the Arkansas Press Association awarded points for first, second and third place in each category and class with the paper achieving the highest point total in each class winning the Newspaper of the Year title.

View Newspaper Group publications netted 32 first place awards,

25 second place finishes and 19 third place spots as well as 15 honorable mentions.

In addition to being named Newspaper of the Year, *The Daily News* was awarded the MPA Public Service Award in their class recognizing "meritorious public service by a newspaper or newspaper individual that has made a significant contribution to the betterment of their community," for reporter Elisabeth Waldon's story titled "Wind Energy."

Another View Newspaper, Fenton-based *Tri-County Times*, was a close runner-up in Newspaper of the Year scoring in their class, being edged by their sister paper, *Huron County View*. *The Times* won first place in their class for both Best Newspaper Design and Best Page Design.

"We are very proud of our group's overall showing in the annual MPA contest. Especially our

teams in Greenville and Bad Axe, both of which took top honors in their classes for the second year in a row," said Group Publisher Wes Smith. "We have an incredibly talented and dedicated team of journalists, editors, designers, sales professionals and support staff working at our 15 community newspapers across Michigan. It is truly an honor that our team members are recognized by our peers in the newspaper business for their efforts and achievements."

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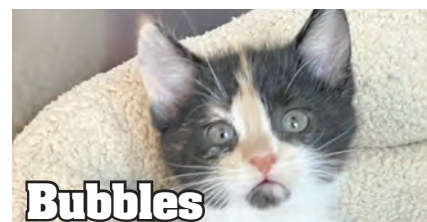
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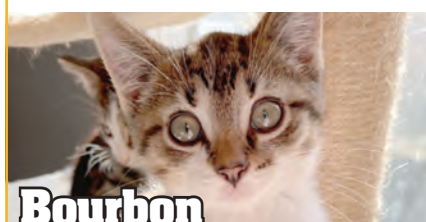
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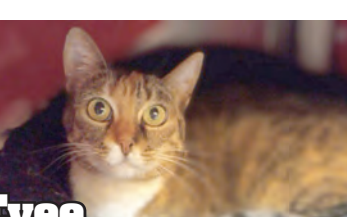
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By Erica Rainer

Pain 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...

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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.

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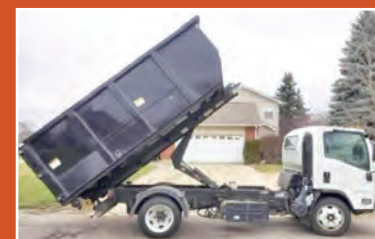


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The average life span of a roof depends on when the roof was installed and the materials it is made from. According to roofing experts, three-tab shingles may last between 10 and 15 years, architectural shingles can endure for 15 to 20 years, and tile may last between 35 and 50 years. A metal roof may last as long as 70 years. However, climate and color of the roof also will affect its longevity.

Homeowners would be wise to consider these factors when determining if a roof is in need of repairs or replacement.

• **Roof age:** The age of the roof is a major factor in determining if it will need to be replaced or if repairs can be made to isolated damage. Individuals who live in neighborhoods where neighbors are now replacing roofs will likely find it is time to consult a roofing company. Homeowners also can check to see if they have any receipts that indicate the roof's installation date so they have an idea about its age.

• **Grain in gutters:** Roofing shingles are designed to overlap, and sealant keeps them steady. Friction, weather and atmospheric changes can impact sealant and cause degradation. Gutters with grainy material in them could indicate worn out sealant and shingles.

• **Ridge damage:** Ridges are spots where two separate areas meet and often are important to the structural integrity of the roof. If the roof ridge is showing signs of wear, it could be time to repair or replace it.



ROOFS CAN LAST MANY YEARS, BUT THE PRESENCE OF CERTAIN SIGNS INDICATES REPLACEMENT OR REPAIRS WILL BE NECESSARY.

• **Curled shingle edges:** If shingle tabs are curled or cupped, the shingles may need to be replaced. But if curling is extensive, a whole new roof may need to be installed.

• **Bald spots or lost portions of the roof:** Missing granules and missing shingles are reasons to consult a pro for a roof evaluation.

• **Leaks indoors:** Homeowners who find dark streaks or moisture in the attic may discover that water is penetrating the roof underlay. Water often comes in around chimney flashing. Other water signs are blistering and bubbling in walls.

• **Incoming light:** Look up through the attic and see if any light is coming through the roof, which may indicate there are cracks or holes in the roof.

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KEY FACTORS OF INTERIOR STYLES



POPULAR STYLES — TRADITIONAL, MODERN, FARMHOUSE AND COASTAL — HAVE CERTAIN KEY COMPONENTS

Considerable thought goes into designing a home's interior. From which color to paint the walls to the size of the living room couch, homeowners must make a variety of decisions when planning their home interiors.

One way to simplify interior design decisions is to choose a style. Interior design



TRADITIONAL, MODERN AND FARMHOUSE ARE FOUR POPULAR HOME INTERIOR STYLES. EACH HAS ITS OWN UNIQUE COMPONENTS, AND HOMEOWNERS CAN SUPPLEMENT THEIR FAVORED STYLE AS THEY SEE FIT.

styles run the gamut from traditional to modern, and each style has its own unique look and feel. Though homeowners need not feel beholden to any particular item associated with a given style, three of the more popular styles, traditional, modern and farmhouse, each have certain key components that can ensure a home ends up with a look homeowners are aiming for.

1. TRADITIONAL

Homes with a traditional interior style give a formal yet welcoming feel. Many individuals associate crown molding and wainscoting with traditional interiors, so that's something homeowners aiming for this style should keep in mind. Minimal or modern furniture pieces don't fit with the traditional style, which tends to utilize period pieces made from real wood.

2. MODERN

Modern interiors may differ depending on which style of modern homeowners are aiming for. Midcentury modern typically features unique furnishings that some might see as retro. However, many companies now offer updated takes on midcentury modern that call to mind a bygone era but don't make individuals feel as though they're living in a museum. Urban modern is another popular modern style, and home interiors fashioned in this style tend to be light, airy and not crowded with furnishings. Calm, soft tones are a go-to with urban modern interiors, helping to create the serene settings many homeowners are hoping to create with this style.

3. FARMHOUSE

Farmhouse has become very popular in

recent years. In fact, a recent survey from the interior design service Modsy found that farmhouse was the most popular design style in 26 states. Farmhouse is beloved for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is its association with a simpler lifestyle. The rustic charm of the countryside is never far from the mind when in a home with a farmhouse-inspired interior. Traditional farmhouse and modern farmhouse are different styles, but natural materials and bright colors, particularly white walls, are elements shared by both.

4. COASTAL

With so many lakes in the tri-county area, decorating with a coastal, beachfront, lake or outdoorsy theme is popular.

According to hgtv.com, the comfortable, relaxed and ready for lounging, coastal style invites you to unwind, kick back and put your feet up so furnishings that wear well. For upholstery, consider performance fabrics, like Sunbrella or Crypton, or slipcovers, which can be easily washed, and durable, woven rattan which can stand up to kids, pets ... and sandy feet. High-gloss navy paneling and a bamboo mirror plus woven accents and pops of coral equals a high-style and colorful coastal look for a dining room.

Watery hues of green and blue pair perfectly with the bleached and natural oak finishes. Pale wood tones, like driftwood, sun-faded teak or even white-washed wood, are a perfect fit for coastal style's weathered look.

Nautical accents like brass ship's bells, captain's wheels, colorful signal flags or boat oars are a common (and fun) feature of coastal style and when hung on the wall, they're a great stand-in for standard art.

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The decision to replace windows often comes down to aesthetics and necessity. Drafty windows can reduce energy efficiency in a home, requiring HVAC systems to work harder to keep interiors comfortable. The harder the HVAC must work, the more homeowners will pay in energy costs.

Old windows also may be points of



entry for water and insects. Despite the importance of windows, Money magazine advises that new windows make up only a fraction of the home's total exterior "envelope," resulting in only about 5 to 15% of total energy savings.

But there are still plenty of reasons to invest in new windows.

1. VINYL OR ALUMINUM

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century ago. To avoid rot, vinyl windows often are an affordable and durable choice. Homeowners also have the option of wood windows with aluminum cladding, which are long-lasting.

2. MOISTURE PROBLEMS INDICATE WINDOWS NEED TO BE REPLACED.

Condensation that shows up as fogging between double-pane windows or

on the inside of windows indicates that the windows are starting to fail. If installing a vapor barrier in the basement or crawl space, ventilating properly when showering or cooking, or using a dehumidifier indoors does not remedy the situation, it might be time to replace windows.

3. WINDOWS ADD CURB APPEAL.

Beyond functionality, replacement windows immediately update the look of the home and can improve curb appeal since they are one of the most prominent features on the exterior of

a home. If a house needs an update, replacing windows can be a quick and affordable update.

4. CONSIDER OTHER ENERGY-EFFICIENT UPGRADES.

Sometimes older windows can be salvaged, especially if they are not damaged and only moderately drafty. Replacing panes, sash cords, weather stripping, and even glazing may be less expensive than replacing a window. Plus, older homes with attractive windows complement one another. To keep energy bills down, think about adding

insulation to the attic and basement, which is a good idea even if you are replacing windows.

5. THE WRONG WINDOWS CAN ADVERSELY AFFECT HOME VALUE.

The National Association of Realtors says homeowners get about 73% of their replacement window investment back when they resell a home. But choosing the wrong windows might lower the value of the home. It's important to match the look of the original windows, including window material and the divided light pattern (the number of panes in each window) with the original windows.

6. THINK ABOUT SOUNDPROOFING, TOO.

When upgrading windows, also think about how certain windows can cancel out noises and make homes more soundproof. Some windows can help reduce outdoor distractions like leaf blowers or lawn mowers.

7. PROPER INSTALLATION IS KEY TO LONGEVITY.

Replacement windows are only as good as their installation in many cases. Poor installation and orders of standard rather than custom sized windows could result in poor fitting and seals. Homeowners should carefully vet and review window replacement contractors to find the best professionals for the job.

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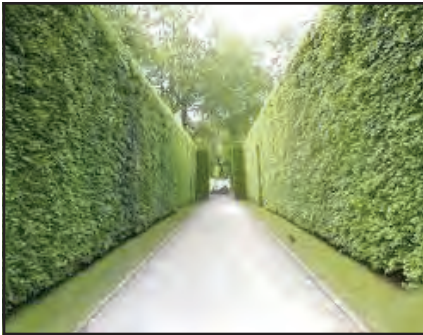
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WHAT TO PLANT WHEN PRIVACY IS A PRIORITY

HOMEOWNERS CAN CONSIDER THESE VARIETIES FOR FUNCTION AND AESTHETICS

A backyard oasis can feel like an even more welcoming retreat when the area is private. Homeowners and their families often find that a backyard is most relaxing when they cannot hear or see their neighbors, and creating such an environment can be as simple as planting some privacy trees.

Fencing is an option when homeowners are looking to make their backyards more private. But HomeAdvisor reports that the average cost to install a privacy fence is just under \$3,000, and those costs can be considerably higher depending on where homeowners live and how big a fence they need. Privacy trees can be considerably less expensive, and homeowners can spread out those costs by planting over time, an option that's not possible when installing fencing.

When planting privacy trees, homeowners can consider these varieties that can do the job while also

providing some aesthetic appeal.

- **Emerald arborvitae:** According to the Arbor Day Foundation (ADF), the emerald arborvitae is unique among arborvitaes because it maintains its green color even in the coldest months of the year. The emerald arborvitae can grow to between 10- and 15-foot-tall and spread as wide as 4 feet at maturity. The tree features a pyramid shape and is considered slow-growing at less than 12 inches of growth per year. The ADF reports that full sun and partial shade are best for this tree.
- **Carolina cherry laurel:** Carolina cherry laurels are popular choices for privacy seekers. The trees can grow very tall and boast a pyramidal shape. The Carolina cherry laurel require sun and thrive in moist, well-drained soils. Parents with young children should know that the leaves of this family of plant contain hydrocyanic acid and should never be eaten.
- **Boxwood:** The ADF notes that boxwoods are renowned for their use in formal gardens. That can make them an ideal option for homeowners seeking a traditional garden aesthetic in their backyards. Boxwood trees can

grow up to 20 feet tall, but they can vary greatly in height. Homeowners purchasing them as privacy trees should speak with their local gardening center to ensure they're getting boxwoods that will provide ample privacy. Though they still have aesthetic appeal, smaller boxwoods may only reach a foot tall. Boxwoods vary considerably in terms of their growth rate, so homeowners should inquire about this as well before purchasing and planting any trees.

- **Privet:** Privets are dense privacy

hedges that grow very quickly, with the ADF reporting they can grow up to 3 feet per year. Privets may reach 12 feet in height and spread as wide as 6 feet at maturity. Privets tolerate shearing well, which can make them ideal privacy options for those looking for a formal appearance. Privets require full sun for uniform growth.

Privets are considered invasive in many areas of North America, so homeowners should consult their local garden center prior to planting.



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FOLLOW THESE IMPORTANT TIPS ON YOUR NEXT PROJECT — BIG OR SMALL

Do you still have an avocado green kitchen? Is your living room dank and dark? Perhaps there is only one bathroom for a family of six? Answering yes to any of these questions could serve as the catalyst for a home renovation project.

Home improvement projects come in all shapes and sizes — some with huge budgets and others that are more cost-conscious. Regardless of what homeowners hope to achieve with their renovations, a common goal across any price point is a desire to save as much money as possible. Home renovations



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can be expensive, but there are ways to cut costs.

- **Assess the merit of the project.** Remodeling magazine annually publishes a “Cost vs. Value Report” that lists the average cost and return on investment homeowners can expect of various types of projects. If you’re planning to sell your home soon, it may be best to focus on repairs and renovations that will generate the most substantial ROI.

- **Hire a contractor.** Even avid do-it-yourselfers can sometimes benefit from a contractor’s expertise, particularly for complex tasks. Don’t waste money by trying tough jobs yourself; rely on an experienced contractor who can get supplies for less money and will do the job right the first time. Compare bids from several different contractors and

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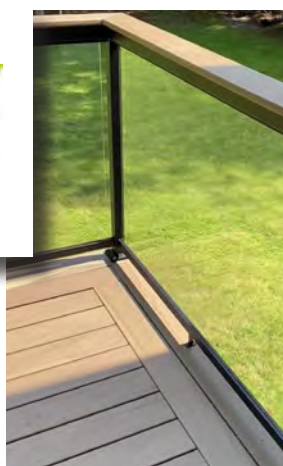
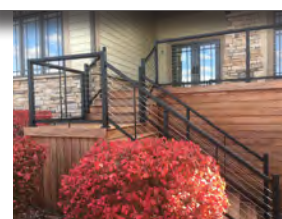
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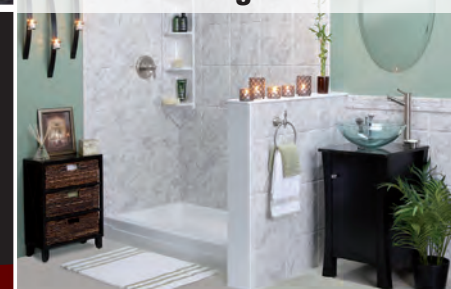
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Countertops are the most common feature upgraded during kitchen renovations, according to a 2022 Houzz study, which found that nine in 10 remodelers performed this update. The same survey found that 35% of homeowners are splurging to make it happen. If you've looked into granite countertops, you probably learned that it can cost thousands of dollars and take months to have them custom-made and installed.

Adding this touch of luxury to your kitchen doesn't have to bust your budget, involve contractors or mean supply chain hassles. It can actually be an easy, one-weekend DIY project. Using a LuxROCK Solid Surface Granite Countertop Kit from Daich Coatings, you can transform your countertops and island surfaces at just a fraction of the price of a professional granite countertop installation. For about \$300, a kit covers 40 square feet of space. This functional and decorative blend of real stone with stunning mineral highlights can be used to give a smooth appearance to countertops, tables or any other surface. And because the authentic stone surface resists stains, heat and impact and is food safe, it's a great

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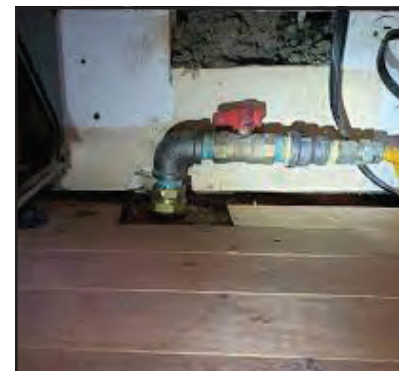
Pantries are often tucked away, but you can still give them an eye-catching makeover. For fresh pops of color, paint the pantry door and wallpaper the interior. Group items by height, then use customizable shelving to stretch storage real estate. You may also wish to transfer kitchen staples to uniform containers. This will offer a tidier, more visually appealing look, while helping you make better use of limited space. Whether you opt for mason jars, ceramic canisters, or BPA-free plastic cubes, label containers carefully.

It's the heart of the home, but that doesn't mean you need to break the bank to create your dream kitchen. With ingenuity, you can improve its look and functionality at an affordable price point and in just a weekend.

Source: StatePoint

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PROJECTS THAT INVOLVE WORKING WITH GAS LINES ARE AMONG THE MOST COMPLICATED AND RISKY UNDERTAKINGS



Certain home improvement projects are more complex than others. Projects that involve working with gas lines are among the most complicated and risky undertakings, and even seasoned do-it-yourselfers are urged to leave such tasks to certified professionals.

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homeowners' budgets. Angi notes that the average cost to move a gas line is between \$250 and \$750 for the whole project. However, if a buried line must be excavated, that cost could run into the thousands of dollars.

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modern perspective. The home design pros at HGTV recommend pairing Very Peri with neutrals like taupes and creams or deeper shades like navy or brown.

• **Evergreen Fog:** The paint experts at Sherwin-Williams note that this shade of green is symbolic of nature and a color associated with revitalization and growth. Those characteristics make it great for homeowners who are looking to create a new beginning with their home interiors, particularly in relaxing spaces like living rooms and bedrooms.

• **Breezeway:** Breezeway from Behr is another popular color that provides a soft look. Breezeway is the Behr Color of the Year for 2022 and is described as a silvery green shade with cool undertones. Behr touts the versatility of Breezeway, which the company indicates inspires awe in bedrooms, living rooms or hallways. Breezeway pairs well with creamy white, taupe, softened black, and nuanced pink.

• **Gilded Linen:** Gilded Linen from Valspar is ideal for homeowners who want a color to organize and connect spaces throughout their homes. Gilded Linen is a minimalist white that mixes well with natural elements like wood and greenery. The soft tone of Gilded Linen makes it suitable in a variety of rooms, which is one reason why it's so popular in homes with open floor plans.



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figure out the best value.

• **Refurbish existing features.** Rather than a complete gut and rebuild, figure out where you can revitalize existing fixtures and more. For example, refinishing existing cabinets can save you up to 50 percent compared with the cost of new cabinetry, according to Angi (formerly Angie's List), a cost comparison and business review resource.

• **Choose midgrade materials.**

Certain materials may be all the rage but they come with a higher price tag. Angi reports that granite counters could be \$60 to \$100 per square foot. However, a composite or laminate that looks like granite and wears well may be \$10 to 40 per square foot. Figure out where you can choose middle-of-the-road materials for maximum value.

• **Avoid peak seasons.** You'll pay more to install a deck or a pool right before the outdoor entertaining season. There also may be a premium to get work done right before a major holiday. Therefore, consult the calendar to find

an off time for a renovation and book it then to save.

• **Do some prep work.** You might be able to save by doing some of the demolition and preparatory work yourself. For example, you can tear up old carpeting before the installation of new tile floors. Perhaps you can mend and patch up walls before a paint job.

• **Buy a display item.** Former showroom kitchens and baths often are sourced at a fraction of their recommended retail prices. Retailers often update their displays and you may score existing showroom items at a discount.



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A large piece of a gas line pipe landed more than 100 feet away after the pipe line burst during routine maintenance being conducted by Consumers Energy crews Wednesday morning.

EXPLOSIONS

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on the west side of U.S. 23. He said the city was originally dispatched because it was believed that the explosion occurred on the east side of the highway, which is serviced by the city of Fenton Fire Department.

Consumers Energy requested that U.S. 23 and Old U.S. 23 be shut down in both directions between White Lake Road and Center Road. Runyan Lake Road also was shut down. At 12:10 p.m., the northbound lanes of U.S. 23 were reopened. Southbound lanes were opened later after cleanup was complete.

Volz said Consumers Energy crews were conducting routine cleaning of transmission lines when a pipe burst. He said the explosion caused a 20-foot crater. The 18-22-inch gas pipe and ground debris scattered 200 to 300 feet and across the highway.

The fire department secured the area and ensured that residents were safe with the shelter in place order. Consumers Energy workers secured the pipe at both ends and gas was turned off.

Volz said he spoke with a Consumers Energy worker shortly after the explosion who was working at the site at the time of the explosion. He said the worker was “pretty shook up” but was not injured.

The Livingston County Road Commission and Michigan Department of Transportation responded to the scene and assisted with cleanup and traffic control.

Volz said his department had just trained on this type of emergency Monday night. “Everything worked like clockwork,” he said. The mild temperatures also were helpful. “We were very lucky.”

Consumers Energy representative RoNeisha Mullen said at 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, “Consumers Energy crews are on site in Tyrone after a natural gas transmission line ruptured this morning. We are working with local public safety officials to continue ensuring the safety of the situation and shut off the flow of natural gas. There have been no injuries, and service has not been affected thus far to any of our customers.

“We appreciate the patience of neighbors and drivers as we continue to investigate the incident’s cause. We encourage any customers who smell natural gas to contact us at 800-477-5050.”

There also were reports of a natural gas leak smell near Fish Lake Road and Rose Center Road in Rose Township. The North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) is responding to that report in Rose Township. This reported smell was likely related to the gas leak in Tyrone Township.

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Do you have springtime allergies?

■Some benefit from staying inside on windy days, over-the counter meds, going outdoors after rainfall

By Sharon Stone

Today, Sunday, March 20 is the official start to spring. For many in the tri-county area, this means that the grass is starting to turn green, the crocus are starting to pop up in the flowerbeds and windows can be opened a bit to let the fresh air in.

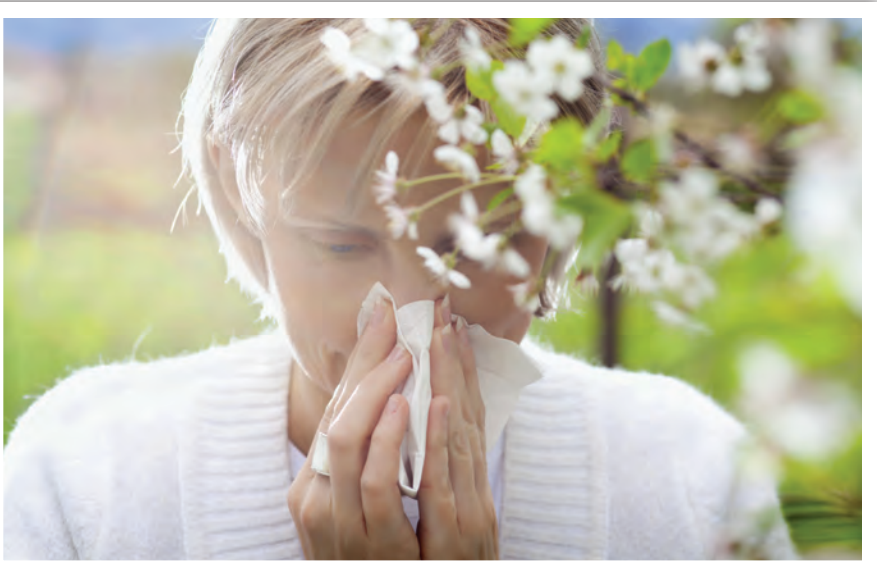
Spring also marks the return of a familiar foe — allergies.

Seasonal allergies can put a damper on even the most welcoming spring day. After all, a day soaking up the sun isn't

so relaxing when it's also spent sneezing and confronting allergy symptoms like congestion, runny nose and watery eyes. Thankfully, it's possible for seasonal allergy sufferers to have their spring and enjoy it, too.

Pay attention to seasonal allergy trackers.

Seasonal allergies are now easier to track than ever. For example, Pollen.com is an easily accessible and free site that allows visitors to type in their ZIP codes and access daily allergy reports for their towns and cities. Visitors also can see five-day forecasts that can help them plan trips and other outdoor excursions. Weather.com also offers free allergy reports and forecasts. Individuals



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with seasonal allergies can make use of these sites and plan their activities based on the information they provide.

Stay indoors when allergen levels are especially high.

The Mayo Clinic notes that there are several things individuals can do to reduce their exposure to seasonal allergy triggers. That includes staying indoors on dry, windy days. This doesn't mean individu-

als need to lock themselves indoors all spring. But it's important that seasonal allergy sufferers recognize that some days might be too much to handle. Rain helps clear pollen from the air, so individuals who are avoiding the outdoors on days when pollen counts are high should be able to get outside after a good rain without triggering an attack.

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89 Like an attention-grabbing actor

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114 What the starts of seven answers in this puzzle might do?

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1 Grafton's "— for Ricochet"

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3 Singer Sarah

4 Bad way for a ship to run

5 "Livin' La Vida —" (1999 #1 hit)

6 Swing to and —

7 Some jabs in the ring

8 "Ciaol," in Chihuahua

9 Gets bronze

10 Special attention, for short

11 Conceit

12 Singer Cooke

13 Start a golf hole

14 Longtime Russian dynasty members

15 Large gametes

16 "Carmen" composer Georges

17 D-Max pickup truck maker

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24 Halley of Halley's comet

29 — Schwarz (toy store)

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68 ND-to-LA dir.

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101 Opera songs

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103 "Kukla, Fran and —"

104 Carpentry peg

105 — nous

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115 Southern Sioux

116 Thai tongue

117 Lucy of TV's "Elementary"

118 1940s prez

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MIDWEEK SUDOKU ANSWERS

6	2	9	4	5	3	8	1	7
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MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:

PIVOT, PLUME, DRENCH, PIGLET

Answer: After Ginger gave the kangaroo a coffee, he was —

HOPPED UP

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

7	2	8	5	4	6	9	3	1
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WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:

ABRUPT, KINDLE, SINGLE, BROAD

Answer: **BROKEN**

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 24 min.

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ASH	STAR	
BENHUR	HAREM	
ONTO	INFINITY	
PYRE	CAR	UFOS
SLAYS	KEY	SENT

WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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OAHU	MASS	SURFANDTURF
ABANDON	FISHFOOD	
FUNDING	AGENCY	VETOED
EDERLE	TWAS	ERLE
ENACT	LOU	ABHOR
LOLL	CONTROL	MECHANISM
ABBESS	IRA	EMILIO
PLEASING	TOTHEEYE	ELON
SERVE	BIOTA	RTE
ESTER	PALS	STERNO
STARVE	SCENE	STEALING
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FAVORITE	SON	DEED
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LEAN		
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WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

HOLLY POLICE ASSIST DEPRESSED RESIDENT

On Tuesday, March 8, at 5:37 p.m., Holly police officers were dispatched to a residence for a report of a depressed person who took a large dose of medication. Upon arrival, an officer calmly spoke with the person and convinced them to be transported to a medical facility for care. Emergency medical services responded to make the transport without incident.

DRIVER NEARLY THREE TIMES THE LEGAL LIMIT, ARRESTED FOR OWI

On Sunday, March 13, at 11:27 p.m., a Holly police officer on patrol on Grange Hall Road near N. Holly Road observed a vehicle swerving in their lane. The vehicle stopped at a red traffic light, but remained stopped after the light turned green. The officer activated the emergency equipment and approached the car. The driver was identified as 34-year-old Holly man, and was determined to be intoxicated nearly three times the legal limit to drive. The driver was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

ALLERGIES

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Maintain clean air indoors.

The great outdoors is not the only place where allergens percolate. The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America notes that improving air quality in a home can reduce allergy triggers. Air conditioners can prevent outdoor allergens from entering a home, so utilize units on warm spring days when you might otherwise open the windows. Open windows and screen doors provide easy entry points for allergens like pollen, so turning on the AC when outdoor allergen counts are

high can make seasonal allergies more manageable.

Consider treatments.

Over-the-counter treatments like antihistamines, nasal sprays and decongestants provide most individuals with sufficient relief from their seasonal allergies. If OTC remedies are ineffective, treatments such as allergen immunotherapy and a consultation with an allergen may be necessary.

Seasonal allergies can spoil an otherwise welcoming spring day. But there are many ways for individuals to corral their seasonal allergies and still enjoy spring sun.

TYRONE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REFERENDUM ON BECOMING A CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Official certification has been received from the Michigan Secretary of State that the township of Tyrone has a population of 2,000 or more according to the most recent United States census and is therefore eligible to be incorporated as a charter township under the provisions of section 3a of the Charter Township Act, 1947 PA 359 (MCL 42.3a). The township board has to right to exercise one of three options concerning status as a charter township, as follows:

1. Adopt by majority vote a resolution opposed to incorporation as a charter township;
2. Adopt by majority vote a resolution of intent to approve incorporation as a charter township;
3. Adopt by majority vote a resolution to place before the electorate at the next regular or special township election the question of incorporation as a charter township.

In the event option 2 is adopted by the township board, the citizens of the township have the right to file a "Right to Referendum Petition." This petition must be filed within the 60 days which must lapse between passage of a resolution of the intent to incorporate and final passage of the resolution to incorporate as a charter township.

The petition must follow, in general form, the nominating petition form as prescribed in the Michigan Election Law (MCL 168.488), and the heading must indicate "Disagreement of Intent to Incorporate as a Charter Township." The petition must be signed by not less than 10% of the of the registered voters of the township based on the vote cast for all candidates for supervisor at the last election at which a supervisor was elected.

If the petition is successful, the question of incorporation will be placed on the ballot at the next general or special township election.

Pam Moughler
Tyrone Township Clerk

NOTICE ROSE TOWNSHIP 2022 ANNUAL SPRING ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP DAY

Rose Township will hold its annual Roadside Clean-Up for residents and property owners on the following date:

**Saturday May 14, 2022
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

Residents and township organizations are encouraged to participate in the clean-up of the roadsides.

Dumpsters will be located in the Rose Township Park located on the northwest corner of Milford Road and West Rose Center Road. Refuse to be disposed of must be transported to the dumpsters. **THERE IS NO ROADSIDE PICK UP.** No commercial dumping will be allowed. Loose roofing must be bagged up or will NOT be accepted.

Clerk Debbie Miller will be on duty to verify residence and/or property ownership. Fire department personnel will be there to assist with loading materials into the dumpsters. Propane tanks will **NOT** be accepted. No barrels, gas or fuel oil tanks, stumps, brush or concrete will be accepted. Paint cans must be empty or filled with sand or cat litter. Each household will be permitted four (4) car tires; additional tires will be accepted at a price of \$4.00 per tire and \$25.00 per tire for tractor or large truck tires.

Burn permits to allow the burning of leaves and brush are available by obtaining a burn permit through www.nocfa.org.

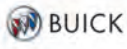
Bags for cleaning roadsides will be available at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan beginning March 22, 2022 until May 12, 2022 and also at the clean-up day location on clean-up day.

Residents may call 248-634-8701 with any questions.

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Area Powers' athletes lead squad to 11th-place state finish

By David Troppens

It was the tiny sized varsity boys swim team that packed a pretty good punch.

The Flint Powers Catholic boys swimming and diving team competed at the Division 3 state championships last weekend and came home with an 11th-place finish with a roster of five athletes at the meet

held at Calvin University.

"This was truly a special team we had this year," Powers varsity boys swimming and diving coach Chase Harvey said. "For a small group of guys, they accomplished

more than I ever imagined. I could not be more proud."

Included in that small roster were three tri-county athletes — seniors Chris Jones
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Powers Catholic athlete and Linden resident Chris Jones earned All-State honors in diving at the D3 state swimming and diving meet.

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Ella Prevost (right) was one of five Lake Fenton athletes that played a significant role during the Blue Devils' Metro League Stars Division championship this winter.

Photo: David Troppens

Blue Devils' best seasons may be in the near future

By David Troppens

Ortonville — It was a tough way to end the season.

The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team had high goals. The Blue Devils thought this may be the season the squad could break through, win a regional championship and maybe even venture to the final four in Division 2.

But what may have been the team's worst game may have come at the worst time. The Blue Devils trailed immediately out of the gate against Marysville in the regional championship contest, fell behind by double-digits and never had a chance to take the lead with the ball ever again in a 61-51 loss.

It was a tough way to see the
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Sports Times

Temrowski concludes career as a state runner-up

■ LFLF gymnastics senior captures second on balance beam at state meet

By David Troppens

Maty Temrowski had just one thought on her mind when she competed at the state individual gymnastics meet.

"My goal for the state meet wasn't to win or even place," Temrowski said. "I just wanted to go out there, have fun and soak in my last gymnastics meet ever."

The senior won't soon forget that final meet.

The LFLF gymnast almost finished her career with an event individual state championship, finishing runner-up on the beam with a 9.425, just .025 points out of the first-place state championship position held by Rockford's Anna Tracey.

Temrowski wasn't the only senior at the event from the LFLF gymnastics team. Avery Miller also competed on the beam, but Temrowski's performance was the highlight. She was the only area gymnast competing in the all-around competition, posting a seventh-place 35.55 score. Of course, her performance on the beam was the highlight. She earned a score of anywhere from a 9.350 to a 9.500 from the four judges scoring the event. She finished comfortably ahead of Farmington United's Kamini Playle's third-place score of 9.350.

"During the routine, I tried to stay calm and confident," Temrowski said.

"As soon as I landed the dismount, I knew that was the best routine I had done all season."

Temrowski's other scores for the other three events was an 8.95 on the floor, an 8.925 on the vault and an 8.25 on the bars. Her vault performance placed her in a tie for 18th while her floor and bars performance placed her 20th overall.

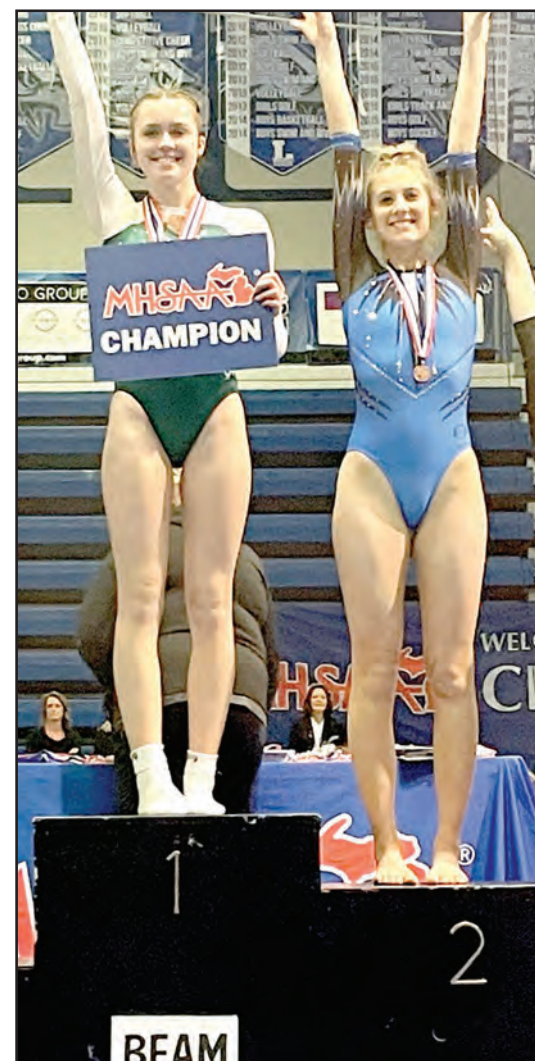
Her all-around score of 35.550 placed her comfortably in seventh. She trailed sixth-place Audrey Kan from Howell by .125 points and led eighth-place performers Joey Gair and Grace Spencer by .075 in her spot. Temrowski finished .450 points out of third place overall.

"I'm so proud of Maty and how hard she has worked to accomplish her goal," LFLF gymnastics coach Nancy Holden said. "Maty is a steady and focused competitor that doesn't give up. She knew what it would take to make All-State and put in the effort. As I watched her practice hard, not only last week but all season, I can't think of a more deserved gymnast."

"It was my last meet ever. I was just having fun and embracing everything," Temrowski said. "So while it would've been cool to get first, I am perfectly okay with my second-place medal."

Miller qualified for the state meet in the beam, posting a score of 8.625. That placed her in a tie for 20th place.

"Avery did a great job," Holden said. "She had a no-fall beam routine."



LFLF's Maty Temrowski (right) stands proudly on the second-place spot on the podium at the state gymnastics meet.

Strong senior class helped make Blue Devils' season possible

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — It's a senior class that had to deal with three different coaches in four years.

They had to deal with COVID and finally had a coaching staff for two straight seasons their final two years.

And through it all, the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team found a way to be successful this season. They contended for a Flint Metro League Stars Division title, split two regular season games with rival Goodrich, defeated other area rivals Linden and Fenton on the road and finished with a 15-7 record. However, the season came to an end against the Goodrich Martians after Goodrich defeated the Blue Devils 50-39 in a D2 district final at Lake Fenton High School, recently.

When the season came to an end, it was a hard moment, but it also was a moment for reflection on what the senior class had to endure and what they had accomplished for the Blue Devils' basketball program.

"I'm just grateful I had the opportunity to play all four years, and I'm really excited to see what's next at our school," senior Max Muenzer said. "This group of seniors we have were special enough to buy into what our coaches were saying, and we had an opportunity to win some trophies."

"It was very hard," fellow senior Francis Senter said. "I had a new coach almost every single year I was here, at least until the last two years, and then we became a real team. We all wanted

the same end goal. That's what made this team so special every day, going into practice every day — practicing our hardest every day and stuff like that."

The rest of Lake Fenton's senior class included Reid Shumaker, Cevyn Stewart, Jake Helms, Deven Colter, Dylan Hammis and Carter Smith. Of course, these were some of the same faces that made the Flint Metro League championship football season possible as well last fall.

The season prior to this year's senior class entering Lake Fenton High School, the program finished the season with a 7-15 overall mark. The squad was one year beyond its D2 State quarterfinalist team and that group that had made that previous era memorable were all graduated.

Their first season in Lake Fenton High School, the varsity program finished with a 5-14 mark and it only improved slightly to 6-15 the next season. Prior to the start of the 2020-21 season, current head coach Tyler Szczepanski was hired in and ended up being the group's varsity coach in three seasons. However, after a slow 0-3 start, the Blue Devils slowly started improving during the COVID-shortened season. After a 2-5 start, the Blue Devils rattled off three wins in four contests to end the regular season to improve to 5-6. The Blue Devils then played in the district tourney and advanced to the championship game before losing to Corunna 64-46, ending the season with a very respectable 7-7 mark, the first non-losing season since



Two of Lake Fenton's seniors were Francis Senter (left photo) and Jake Helms (right photo). They helped the Blue Devils to a 15-7 record overall. **Photos: Christopher Summers**

the state quarterfinal squad of 2016-17.

"We had a real special group of seniors this year," Szczepanski said. "They have meant everything to the trajectory of our program. You talk about wins and losses and winning seasons, and it's been awhile since we had one — the state quarterfinal team. Then going back before that this is probably one of the better seasons in program history."

"The seniors that went through COVID a couple of years ago, went through a couple of coaching changes — they came to work at practice every day. There is no question how hard we worked and they gave us everything they had. I couldn't be more proud of them for that all year long. They are going to mean a lot to our future success that we have as a program. They get to share in that."

The team began the season with an impressive 5-1 mark this year, but then a COVID pause hit the squad, and it seemed to stifle progress as the Blue Devils lost three straight games. However, the Blue Devils then finished the regular season with an 8-1 run down the

stretch. During it, they defeated Fenton 78-74 in overtime at Fenton, defeated Goodrich for the first time since the state quarterfinal season by a 58-52 score, and had victories against non-league foes with winning records like Frankenmuth and Burton Bendle.

The district began with a 57-52 victory against Powers Catholic in front of a full house, and then ended in front of another full house crowd against Goodrich. The excitement for basketball had returned.

"We had a coaching staff that wanted to win as bad as us, and I think we really formed a brotherhood," Muenzer said. "We were just so close, even with the coaches."

"Before not everyone was bought in, but I thought this year and last year everyone bought in and we were a real team," Senter said. "I will remember the players, the coaches and the team dinners. Team dinner was the best, just hanging out with the guys. Carter Smith's family had the best team dinner. His parents made some pulled pork. That was great."

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Painful ending to 1967, helped set up Tigers' 1968 title season

By David Troppens

Editor's note: One of the sports staff's most popular items over the last couple of springs and summers have been our Detroit Tiger season-long features. Two years ago, we featured the 1984 Tigers as the season progressed through our publications. Last season we detailed old radio broadcasts the sports staff owns of games close to the date of the publication. This year, the sports staff will feature the 1968 Tigers. But because the spring portion conflicts with our spring sports season, the feature will only roughly follow the actual dates of the paper. We'll probably feature the early months whenever we have a lull in action, and get to a more consistent fashion when spring sports season ends. We'll start by remembering the end of 1967, and how it sparked the Tigers to greatness in 1968.

The 1967 American League season represented one of the best pennant races in Major League Baseball history, and the Detroit Tigers were right in the middle of it. In fact, their fate wasn't determined until the final pitch of the regular season. For a large chunk of the American League season, Boston, Detroit, Chicago, Minnesota and California were in a five-team battle for the American League championship. The Tigers were never more than 5 1/2 games out of first place, and as late as Sept. 18, were tied for first place. The Tigers pretty much had control of their own destiny entering the final weekend series of the season — a four-game home-stand against the Angels. Bad weather pushed all four games of the series into two doubleheaders at Tiger Stadium on the final two days of the season. So, when the Saturday twinbill began, the Tigers and Red Sox trailed the Minnesota Twins by a game with the White Sox two out. The Tigers split their Saturday double-header with the Angels while Chicago lost, and the Red Sox defeated the Twins. That meant entering the final day of the

season, Boston and Minnesota were tied 91-70 with a game between each other, and the Tigers were 90-70, one game behind the two leaders. One squad was certainly going to win the other contest, so the Tigers were in a position where they had to sweep the Angels on the final day to earn a share of the AL title and force a one-game playoff.

The first game went as planned. While Boston defeated Minnesota in their one contest, the Tigers defeated the Angels 6-4 in the opening game of the twinbill. Willie Horton hit a two-run home run in the first inning, and the Tigers never trailed en route to the opening game win. Joe Sparma was effective enough for seven innings to get the win, while Fred Gladding earned the save with two shut-out innings in relief.

Now, the Tigers had to win the last game to force a tie atop the AL standings, and force a playoff game to decide the league champion. California scored an early second-inning home run off a solo homer un by Rich Reichardt off of Detroit starter Denny McLain, but Detroit answered back with three runs in the bottom of the second. Eddie Mathews doubled and Jim Northrup hit a two-run home run. Later, Don Wert singled and eventually scored on Dick McAuliffe's triple. However, McLain was ineffective and the Tigers' bullpen (Detroit used seven pitchers in the pen which was extremely rare in that era) struggled, as California scored three runs in the third, three in the fourth and one in the fifth. The Tigers trailed 8-3.

Detroit got back into the contest when McAuliffe hit a two-run single in the seventh, cutting the gap to 8-5. And then in the ninth, Bill Freehan doubled and Wert walked putting the game-tying run at the plate with no out. However, Jim Price flew out for the first out and then McAuliffe, grounded into his only double play ground out of the season to end the game and the Tigers' season.

the middle of the year when we had a bit of a turning point and the guys really bought in. When we had that moment and that togetherness, we were able to experience the last month and a half and it has been really special. ... These guys are going to be in our hearts forever."



Detroit Tigers' starting pitcher Denny McLain struggled on the mound during his final start of the 1967 season, as Detroit lost that contest and lost the American League pennant. Of course, he had an outstanding 1968 season, winning 31 games.

The Tigers had thought they were the best team in the AL and had lost their chance at going to the World Series for the first time since the team's World Championship season of 1945.

"I was so upset that we didn't win,"

McAuliffe said years later. "I was frustrated and angry. We had the best team, but we didn't win."

That loss may have been the catalyst for an always talented Tigers team dur-

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"It's something special. We could look at the improvement statistically. Our shooting percentage was going up and a lot of our stats were improving, and so was our record as well," Szczepanski said. "We came to a point in

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season end, but, wow, what a season it was. The Blue Devils won their first nine games, usually by 30 or more points. The closest anyone got to Lake Fenton during that run was Imlay City losing a 52-35 verdict right before the Christmas break.

The Blue Devils then cruised right through the Flint Metro League Stars Division, defending their title from a year ago. The only team in division play to come within double-digits of Lake Fenton was Goodrich when the Martians lost a 52-46 verdict on their home court to the Blue Devils.

When the state tourney series began, the Blue Devils defeated Powers, Goodrich and Imlay City — by double-digits, giving them another chance at their first D2 title of school history. Until then, the Blue Devils never fell short.

But what made the season all the more incredible was their roster make-up. Sometimes it's hard to remember there was only one senior on the squad. Why? All but one of the players were underclassmen. Four were juniors and

five were sophomores.

Kerrigan Howdeshell, who somehow only managed second-team All-FML Stars Division postseason honors, graduates this spring but there's a possibility the rest of the same players that made this season so exciting will be back next season for an encore.

"I think they are capable of winning (a regional), what we didn't get tonight," Howdeshell said minutes after the regional championship loss when talking about the team's future. "I think they are capable of getting to states. They are capable of a lot. They are a very talented group and I have faith in them."

These are established legitimate ready-for-primetime players. Cola Sisk had an outstanding season in the post and helping finishing drives to the bucket on the break. Her season earned her first-team All-FML Stars Division honors, remarkably the only player on the squad to earn that distinction. Meanwhile, sophomore post player Savannah Fellenbaum would've been the Stars Division's second half MVP if there was such thing as an award.

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The Flint Powers Catholic 200 medley relay team that took ninth place was (from left) Liam Seifert, Amadou Saul, Nicholas Wujciak and Will Gross.

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and Nicholas Wujciak and freshman Liam Seifert.

Siefert, a Holly resident, did the most damage. He advanced to the individual finals in two events and to the consolation finals with a relay team.

Siefert placed fifth in the 500 freestyle with a time of 1:47.81. He placed sixth during Friday's preliminary event (1:46.90). He also earned a seventh-place finish in the 200 freestyle (1:47.81). He was seeded sixth in the prelim, earning a time of 1:46.90 during it.

Siefert also was a member of the Chargers' ninth-place 200 medley relay. He teamed with Amadou Saul, Wujciak and Will Gross to win the consolation final event and place ninth overall with a time of 1:40.12. They were seeded 10th in the preliminary event (1:40.67).

Jones, a Linden resident, earned the other All-State individual performance. The senior diver placed sixth with a score of 399.55. Jones started in ninth place after the preliminaries (276.70), and remained in ninth place after the

semifinal round (276.70). He jumped three spots between the semifinal and final rounds, just narrowly missing out on a 400 score.

"Although we went into the meet as one of the smallest teams, we left our mark and we were able to have all of our swimmers and divers return for the (second day)," Jones said. "This sport has allowed me to make my strongest friendships, and I wouldn't trade my time with this team for anything."

Wujciak, a senior from Fenton, completed his career with two individual swims in the preliminary round. He finished in a tie for 21st place in the 100 backstroke (58.67) and 23rd place in the 100 butterfly (56.50). He improved upon his seeded times in both events. Finally, the 400 freestyle relay team of Gross, Wujciak, Siefert and Sall placed 21st in the preliminaries with a 3:32.17.

"I'm really proud of this team," Wujciak said. "I have a lot of great memories from swimming with this team for the past four years. States was an awesome way to end it all, especially with many personal bests for everyone."

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ing the 1960s that needed to focus so they could have their moment. More than any other season before, the nucleus was determined to make 1968 a special season.

"I still can't see Boston with a better club than we had," Tigers' starting pitcher Earl Wilson was quoted in The Sporting News during the offseason. "I couldn't

see us losing out on the pennant, and I couldn't believe it was over."


"I'm looking forward to spring training," Al Kaline said in another article. "I always do after the holidays, but I guess a little more this time."

"We've had plenty of time to think about how close we came. When we get to spring training, we'll have to make up our minds to do a little better. Then there'll be no question about us winning."

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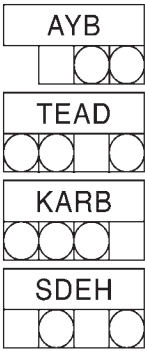
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FUNERAL ETIQUETTE WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP LATER?

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.

Source: Thefuneralsource.org

Puzzles4Kids

CODÉD RIDDLE

by Helene
Hovanec

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately
BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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B T I F F Q B O E B Q P S D V Q J O F ?

B O B O J N B M U I B U L O J U T

J U T P X O T X F B U F S T .

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Answer

What do you get if you cross a sheep and a porcupine?
An animal that knits its own sweaters.

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Dan Michael Barker

Dan Michael Barker - age 69 of Fenton, passed away on Sunday, March 13, 2022. Beloved husband of Ann for almost 50 years. Dear father of Lindsey and Kelly. Loving grandpa of Jax. Brother of Steve. He was predeceased by his parents, Dale and Lila; and sister, Jan. Dan also leaves many nieces, nephews and friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Thomas Bombach

Thomas Bombach - age 85, died March 14, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Norma Anderson

Norma Anderson - age 85, died March 15, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Leonard W. Polakowski

Leonard W. Polakowski - age 86, died Monday, March 14, 2022 at home in Fenton. He is the loving husband of Patricia Polakowski. Also surviving are his children, Tim (Meg) Polakowski, Greg (Jessica) Polakowski and Jeff (Bonnie) Polakowski; grandchildren, T.J., Jamie (Brian) Zantop, Jeffrey, Jacob, Abby, Alison, and Nichole; great-grandchildren, Zoey and Emersyn; sister, Florence Soens; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Visitation will be Monday, March 21 from 4 – 8PM at the Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main Street, Fenton. Mr. Polakowski will lie in state Tuesday, March 22 at 10 AM at St. John the Evangelist Church in Fenton until the time of his Funeral Mass at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers donations in Leonard's name may be made to the American Diabetes Association. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Sue Kearns

Sue Kearns - age 81, died March 8, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Therese Howard

Therese Howard - age 70, died March 11, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Tommy Colwell

Tommy Colwell - age 86, died March 15, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



William Kue

William Kue - age 58, died March 9, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Laura Lee (Carrigan) Rockman 1960 - 2022

Laura Lee (Carrigan) Rockman - age 61, of Fenton, died Friday, March 11, 2022. Per Laura's request cremation has taken place and a celebration service will be held at a later date. Those desiring may make contributions to the Laura Lee Rockman Memorial Fund c/o Sharp Funeral Homes. Laura was born May 29, 1960 in Pontiac, the daughter of Keith C. and Mary Elizabeth (Steadman) Carrigan. She was a 1978 graduate of Fenton High School. She had resided in Fenton her entire life. She had been employed by Carrigan Homes, Harrahs Casino in South Lake Tahoe, Citizens Insurance in Howell, and Tri County Times/Allied Mailing and Printing in Fenton.



Laura enjoyed fishing, swimming, traveling, horseback riding, snow skiing, and most of all spending time with her grandchildren. Surviving are her

children, Amy Rockman of Flushing and Raymond Rockman of Fenton; mother, Mary (George) Regan; siblings, Steven Carrigan, Jean (Fernando) Moreno, Walter (Ann) Carrigan, Mary Ann Stadler, Russell (Angie) Regan, Renee (Ken) Schramm, Robin (Joe) Fry, and Ron (Annette) Regan; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Keith Carrigan. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Melvin "Mel" Dart
Melvin "Mel" Dart - age 66, died March 14, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Romana Wenn
Romana Wenn - age 84, died March 12, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Shirley Pruett
Shirley Pruett - age 86, died March 12, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Michael "Mike" Rutledge
Michael "Mike" Rutledge - age 64, died March 13, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Sidney Baker
Sidney Baker - age 83, died March 13, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Jessie Warren
Jessie Warren - age 99, died March 9, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



John Murdock, Jr.
John Murdock, Jr. - age 93, died March 10, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Katie Primel
Katie Primel - age 36, died March 7, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Kenneth Schwensberg
Kenneth Schwensberg - age 88, died March 13, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Maria Garza
Maria Garza - age 73, died March 8, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Amber Donajkowski
Amber Donajkowski - age 38, died March 13, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Benjamin Gates
Benjamin Gates - age 48, died March 12, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Carol Host
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Beulah Feldman-Melzer-Cash
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Dinah King
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