

# Holly Area Schools' \$97-bond renewal up to voters

■ Election is this Tuesday, May 3

By Sharon Stone

Residents in the Holly Area Schools district will vote Tues-

day, May 3 on a \$97-million bond renewal.

During a special meeting Monday, Jan. 31, the Holly Board of Education voted 6-0 to place the bond renewal on the May 3 election ballot.

Trustee Teri Weisdorfer was absent from the meeting due to a scheduling conflict

The resolution states: "In the opinion of this Board, it is necessary and expedient to ask voters whether to approve a bond

project consisting of erecting, furnishing, and equipping a new middle school building, a new construction trades building, and a new athletic restroom/concession/storage building; remodeling, fur-

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## 2022 mosquito season predictions

■ What can residents do to prevent mosquitoes?

By Hannah Ball

Last year, a mosquito removal expert described the 2021 spraying season in southern Genesee County as "an explosion of mosquitoes."

Charles Mullins, general manager of APM Mosquito Control, said this in a report to Fenton Township in October 2021, which detailed how the company was over budget that year due to the number of mosquitoes and calls from residents for service.

Frequent rainfall, multiple thunderstorms and standing water contributed to the birth of several million mosquitoes and an unprecedented spraying season for APM. The company provides mosquito removal services for

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## Salmon in the Classroom in Linden



First grade students at Hyatt Elementary watch the Chinook salmon in Hillary Thorin's STEM class on Thursday, April 28. Thorin participates in the Michigan Department of Natural Resource's Salmon in the Classroom program. The DNR provides fish eggs to educators, who teach the students about tank cleaning, the life of a fish and how important they are to Michigan. See story on Page 10 Photo: Hannah Ball

## City sets public hearing

■ Seeks citizen input on proposed 2023 budget

By Sharon Stone

Fenton City Council is finalizing budget amendments for the current fiscal year and the proposed budget for fiscal year 2023, which begins July 1 at its meeting Monday, April 25.

The council scheduled a public hearing for citizen input, which is required by law, for Monday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. After a public hearing is held, the city could approve the proposed amendments and budget.

In a letter from City Manager Lynn Markland to Fenton City Council, Markland reviewed the economy and the impact it's had on the city.

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## SPRING HOME & GARDEN SPECIAL PAGES

Included with this edition



## “The Fenton Street

experience was a wonderful addition to the community. Kids spending time outside being social and active, families playing games and dancing in the street. So sad that it was taken away by some who complained it took longer to drive around the town rather than through it.”

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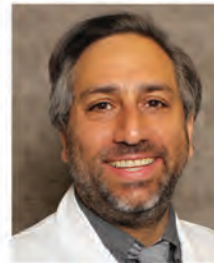
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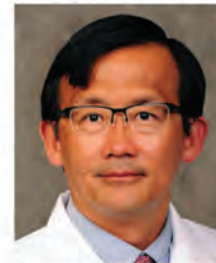
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# Fenton Freedom Festival 2022 plans approved

■ Grand marshal reception, water ski show, parade and foot race round out event

By Sharon Stone

Downtown Fenton will be back celebrating Independence Day 2022 in person with a variety of traditional events.

Fenton City Council approved requests of the Fenton Freedom Festival committee at its meeting Monday, April 25.

The council approved the annual Fenton Freedom Festival for Monday, July 4. Opening the event will be the Grand Marshal Reception on Wednesday, June 29 at 4:30 p.m. at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. This will be followed by the Silver Lake Ski Show on July 1 at 7 p.m. at Silver Lake Park.

The Fenton Freedom Festival parade begins at 10 a.m. and will start on Owen Road and Industrial Way. It will proceed east on Shiawassee Avenue to LeRoy Street, north to Caroline Street, west on West Street, where the parade will end. Floats will stage in the industrial complex on Industrial Way and



The community is invited to watch the Silver Lake Ski Club perform July 1 at 7 p.m. at Silver Lake Park in Fenton. The ski club is part of the Fenton Freedom Festival entertainment.

Copper Street.

The 5K and 2.5K Road Race starts at 9:45 a.m., on Adelaide Street at Mill Street. It will proceed north on Adelaide Street to Caroline Street, west to West Street, south to Shiawassee Avenue, east to LeRoy Street, north to Caroline Street, west to West Street, south to the finish line behind the former middle school. The

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“We all look forward to a great celebration.”

Pat Lockwood

Fenton mayor pro tem,  
Fenton Freedom Festival chair

## Freedom Festival grand marshal announced

By Hannah Ball

The grand marshal of this year's Fenton Freedom Festival Parade has been decided.

Linda Hathaway, owner of Brad Hoffman Insurance Agency in Fenton and active community member,

takes the honor for the 2022 Fenton Freedom Festival festivities. She will ride in one of the lead cars in the parade on Monday, July 4.



Linda Hathaway

“I am honored and humbled to have been chosen, I love our community and am excited to participate in the festivities with our family,” she said.

The decision was made by the See **GRAND MARSHAL** on 18

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## David's dabbblings

### Experiencing Cabrera's 3,000th hit was pretty awesome

**S**ome things just sneak up on you so fast, it's hard to believe it has.

It's hard to believe it's May already.

Wow, what happened to the first third of 2022? I'm still struggling to put 2022 instead of 2021 on my bank transactions.

Sometimes, I think sports make life go faster as well.

Gosh, it seems like yesterday that the Tigers acquired Miguel Cabrera from the Florida Marlins for Dallas Trahern, Burke Badenhop, Frankie De La Cruz, Cameron Maybin, Andrew Miller and Mike Rabelo. The Tigers also received Dontrelle Willis as part of the trade, but who wants to remember that?

Every single one of those players are retired. Yet, the 39-year-old Cabrera remains with the Tigers. In this era of rent-a-player, who thought Cabrera would be with the Tigers 15 years later, becoming truly one of the legendary players in franchise history?

What a thrill it was to see him collect his 500th career home run at the tail end of last season. And I think it was even more exciting to experience him getting his 3,000th hit during



**David Troppens**  
Sports Editor

the opening game of a doubleheader with Colorado on April 23 in front of a festive crowd at Comerica Park.

Some were mad when the Yankees pitched around Cabrera during his final plate appearance on April 21, but I wasn't one of them. He was at 2,999 hits and I had no clue what was going on because I was working. I'm glad the celebration of No. 3,000

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## READERS WRITE

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### Fenton Community Orchestra

Dear Editor,  
Watched another performance of the Fenton Community Orchestra! We are truly blessed to have these musicians in our area. Some of them drive an hour for practice; that shows how dedicated they are. Mr. Perkins injects his humor throughout the show and is very knowledgeable about all of the pieces of the music they play. Looking forward to their next performance.

— *Ronald Morey, Fenton*

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■■■

**TO THE HOT-LINER** concerned about no guardrails on Jennings Road between the two lakes because you couldn't swerve a foot without ending up in the water. Well, don't swerve. That road and those lakes have been there for quite some time with no problem. Pay attention and learn to drive.

■■■

**MY HEART BREAKS** for the family of the Texas National Guard member, Bishop Evans, who drowned trying to rescue two migrants illegally crossing the river from Mexico near Eagle Pass. This should never have happened. He was just 22 years old and had his whole life ahead of him.

■■■

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## Who was your favorite teacher and why?



"Mr. Horning at North Road. I had him for fourth and fifth grade. He was always so sweet and engaging. The best personality! I never heard him raise his voice. My brother and sister had him as well, we all loved him!"

**Lauren Foley, Linden**



"I would have to say Mrs. Beckley. She was my kindergarten teacher at Eastern Elementary (now Tomek). She was very patient and kind and I was shy and scared of starting school. She made every day so much better."

**Vicki Hadfield, Fenton**



"Mr. Karr at FHS. He made math enjoyable, was relatable and pushed us to be our best."

**Jennifer Lucius**  
Holly



"Mrs. Courtney was Rose Pioneer! She is the absolute best! Very kind and patient. I'm so very lucky to still have a relationship with her, she's family."

**Elizabeth Armstead**  
Linden

## | streettalk



# Linden Masonic Lodge awards scholarships

■ Will host benefit spaghetti dinner, bake sale to support Linden youth

By Sharon Stone

For the first time since 2019, the Linden Masonic Lodge 132 hosted an in-person Awards Program to hand out scholarships to area students.

Scott Wogen, a scholarship co-coordinator, said the lodge hosted the annual spring awards program and dinner Friday, April 22. The Linden lodge participated in the scholarship programs in 2020 and 2021, however, those events were not done in person because of the pandemic.

Liberty Eaton and Dominic Bonasse are this year's recipients of the Mary Huyck Scholarship. They received a \$1,000 check.

All graduating students of Linden High School are eligible for the \$1,000 scholarship by first applying and writing a one-page essay about themselves and why they should receive the scholarship. A committee reviews the essays and an interview with the student and their parents are done annually.

Caroline Huyck, a Genesee Christian School 2021 graduate, received the Linden Lodge Scholarship Award.

"Continued success to all three scholarship awardees," Wogen said.

The Linden Masonic Lodge's scholarship program has been in place in its current form since 2004, and Linden Lodge awards two \$1,000 scholarships for the Mary Huyck



Shown here are Linden Lodge Scholarship co-coordinators Scott Nyman (left) and Scott Wogen, and the Mary Huyck Scholarship recipient, Liberty Eaton, who received a \$1,000 check.

Program for Linden High School, and one \$1,000 scholarship for the Linden Lodge Scholarship, which is for a child or grandchild of a Linden lodge member.

## SPAGHETTI DINNER - BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

The Linden Masonic Lodge in partnership with Linden Community Schools is hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser Friday, May 13, at the lodge. It is for Helping Hands, and all of the proceeds are donated to Linden youth. There also will be a bake sale that day that will be held by Order of the Eastern Star, 175. Donations are \$5 for all you can eat. The doors will be open from 4-8 p.m., May 13 at the lodge, 119 N. Bridge St., Linden.

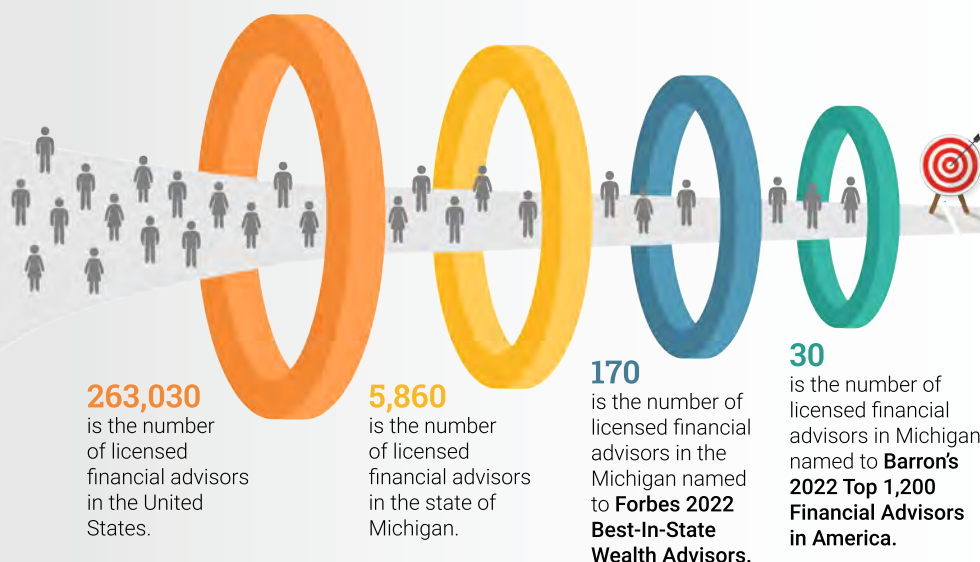


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## City celebrates local store, manager

■Presents proclamations for donations of pandemic supplies

At Fenton City Council's meeting Monday, April 25, Mayor Sue Osborn presented proclamations celebrating The Home Depot in Fenton and store manager Jeff Hartsaw for donations to the city during the early months of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

The Home Depot Store No. 2741 was presented with a plaque, which read, "In recognition of your assistance and generous donations of personal protective equipment to the City of Fenton during the COVID-19 pandemic."

Osborn proclaimed April 26 to be Jeff Hartsaw Day, saying that he stepped up in a big way to make the frenetic search for masks and other supplies a little less stressful. "The masks Jeff donated kept us in good supply for the first two to three months," she said. "Those early days were tough, and these donations kept city of Fenton public safety employees safe and on the job."

Hartsaw, a retail veteran who came to The Home Depot in Fenton four years ago, said that The Home Depot encourages its stores to be an active part of their communities.

"I'm happy to work for a company that allows me to do the right thing," he



Jeff Hartsaw, The Home Depot of Fenton store manager, poses with his "Jeff Hartsaw Day" plaque with Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn.

said. "I appreciate the honor very much."

The store's pandemic donations didn't just help the city, which in turn donated some of The Home Depot N95 masks to local hospitals and ambulance services. The Home Depot also helped other organizations with donations of masks, gloves, sanitation supplies and more.

"Anytime we got stuff in, we'd put it on a truck and go knock on doors," Hartsaw said. "Everything happens for a reason, and I was just happy we could help."

## Ribbon-cutting for Brand Real Estate in Fenton



**The Brand Real Estate – Scot Brothers** and the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce celebrated the grand opening of the Fenton branch on Friday, April 22. Their trained and licensed agents specialize in the Southeast Michigan area real estate market. Shown here are Scot Brothers, Jocelyn Tucker, Sebastian Cowgill, Kathy Raby-Walker, Maribel Santino, Sarah Bruno, Kent Riley, Jimmy Santino, Marianne Tucker, Shaylan Tucker, Brandon Hawks, Rochelle Russell, Matt Bennett, Gavin Cloutier, Aleksander Velbabovic and Scott Clay. The office is at 3309 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Phone is (810) 356-9400.

## Clerk must refrain from election activities

■To 'ensure public trust and confidence' of county elections

On Thursday, April 28, the Michigan Bureau of Elections directed Genesee County Clerk John Gleason to refrain from participating in election activities to ensure public trust in the county's elections.

Gleason was charged April 8 with bribing, intimidating and/or interfering with a witness and willful neglect of duty in Genesee County 67<sup>th</sup> District Court.

In a letter informing Gleason of the bureau's decision, and instructing him to refrain from participating in any and all official election duties while charges are pending, Bureau of Elections Director Jonathan Brater stated:

"...the criminal charges you currently face could eventually be

resolved in your favor; however, allegations that you have intimidated a witness to interfere with an official proceeding and willfully failed to perform a legal duty threaten to fundamentally undermine voter confidence in the integrity of elections in Genesee County. Therefore, in order to ensure public trust and confidence in the integrity and security of elections, I am instructing you to refrain from administering any elections held in Genesee County while these charges are pending against you."

Brater said that Gleason's official election duties should be performed by the county's chief deputy clerk until further notice. Genesee County Elections Supervisor Kathy Funk is currently on leave due to unrelated criminal charges pending against her.

Read the entire letter to Gleason with this story online at tctimes.com.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**IN THE DOCUMENTARY** 'The Fog of War,' when asked about U.S. actions in Japan during World War II, former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara responded, '(General Curtis) LeMay said if we'd lost the war, we'd all have been prosecuted as war criminals.'

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## Simply Rescued celebrates first anniversary with ribbon-cutting



Simply Rescued, an antique and vintage marketplace, held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday, April 22 to celebrate its one-year anniversary of the store opening. Owners Tina Sheets and Todd Beck were joined by family, friends, and Holly Area Chamber of Commerce at their store location, 634 Broadway, Davisburg. Along with selling vintage and antique items, they also sell products from multiple local vendors, such as jams, goat milk, coffee, mochas, Chai, honey, maple syrup, candles, wall hanging signs, and Dixie Belle Paint, which is a mineral chalk paint for antiques. **Photo: Coreena Storms**

## 'There when you need it'

### ■ Fenton joins in celebration of Drinking Water Week 2022

The city of Fenton Water Department and colleagues throughout North America will celebrate Drinking Water Week May 1-7 by focusing on the different ways tap water is "There When You Need It."

The Fenton City Council on Monday, April 25 endorsed Drinking Water Week and recognized the vital role tap water plays in daily life, the infrastructure that required to carry it to and from homes and businesses, and the critical work that water professionals perform around the clock to ensure the delivery of quality tap water.

"Tap water plays an integral role in meeting our daily health, hygiene and hydration needs," said American Water Works Association CEO David LaFrance. "Water sector professionals, the infrastructure they work to design, create and maintain and the treatment process all work in harmony to ensure safe tap water is 'There When You Need It.'"

Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland said the water department understands its commitment to citizens. "We appreciate the professionals who work at the water plant and in the water distribution system to ensure we provide safe, clean water to our community," he said.

To commemorate the week, water utilities, water organizations, government entities, environmental advocates, schools and others throughout North America and beyond are encouraging consumers to learn more about the importance of water services and water infrastructure, especially in times of crisis.

### About Drinking Water Week

For several decades, the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and its members have celebrated Drinking Water Week, a unique opportunity for both water professionals and the communities they serve to join together in recognizing the vital role water plays in daily lives. Free materials for download and additional information about Drinking Water Week are available at [awwa.org](http://awwa.org).

Spring 2022

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In this 2019 Times file photo, the last time there was a traditional Memorial Day parade in Fenton, Boy Scouts carry a large U.S. flag walk into Oakwood Cemetery, followed by parade participants. A solemn ceremony is held near the soldier statue at the entrance of the cemetery.

## Council approves Memorial Day Parade

■ Traditional parade, ceremony begins 10 a.m., on May 30 in Fenton

By Sharon Stone

At its meeting Monday, April 25, Fenton City Council approved the Memorial Day Parade, as requested by the Curtis-Wolverton Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3243 in Fenton.

Due to the COVID-10 pandemic, the VFW scaled back their Memorial Day event and held small socially distanced ceremonies at Oakwood Cemetery in 2020 and 2021.

The traditional event will be held Memorial Day, Monday, May 30 and

begin at 10 a.m. at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

The parade route will proceed south on LeRoy Street, with a brief stop at the Shiawassee River, adjacent to the gazebo, for a short service to honor those who served at sea. The parade will then turn west on W. Shiawassee Avenue, with a short stop at Freedom Park to place a wreath, turning south on Davis Street to Oakwood Cemetery, where a memorial ceremony will be conducted.

Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater told the council that as in the past, police would work with the VFW to ensure a safe and successful event for the citizens of Fenton.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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**IN THE APRIL** 20 edition, there was an article about Lake Fenton schools to ask to renew the sinking fund. Exactly what will the monies from the renewal be used

for? I'd like to see a list along with cost before I entertain voting for the renewal. *[Editor's note: The article states that sinking fund dollars can be used for roofs, boilers, parking lots, smaller construction projects, wells, etc. These funds cannot be used for salaries, benefits or anything related to staffing. A more precise list of what is needed at Lake Fenton will be published in an upcoming edition of the Times.]*

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**CITIZENS, PLEASE DO** not vote for a candidate because they talk a good game. Find out what your candidate is really running for. We need our America back.

## Council approves 'River Roast'

■ Event will feature BBQ and live music

By Hannah Ball

**Linden** — A new kind of event is coming to Linden on Saturday, July 23.

River Roast will be a BBQ and music event featuring live music, a beer tent, multiple food vendors and fireworks. Happening in Linden is organizing the event.

Linden City Council approved the event Monday, April 25.

"Happening in Linden is looking forward to bringing another fun event to the city of Linden. 'River Roast' will be held on July 23 in the Mill/Gazebo area of Linden. This will be a family friendly event with a kid's zone, pig roast, our favorite food

trucks, open corn hole and tournament," said Chris Kinyon, president of Happening.

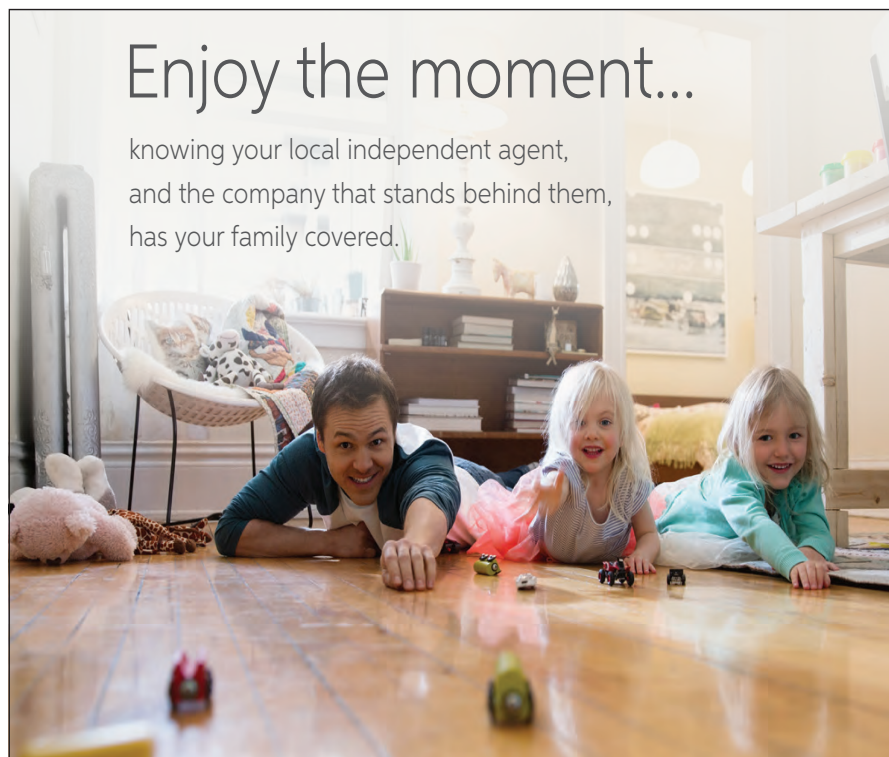
From noon to 11 p.m., the public can come to downtown Linden and find live entertainment at the Kimble Sharp Park and Gazebo area, food vendors along the streets, a beer tent in the VFW parking lot, a pig roast outside of the VFW Hall and fireworks to close out the day around 9:45 p.m. Organizers also are planning putt putt, a kids zone and cornhole.

### Bands scheduled to play:

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# Salmon in the Classroom in Linden

■Elementary students help take care of fish tank, learn about the lives of salmon

By Hannah Ball

**Linden** — First grade students at Hyatt Elementary huddled around the Chinook salmon fish tank after they completed their artwork on Thursday, April 28 in Hillary Thorin's STEM class.

Thorin, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) teacher at Linden Community Schools, is providing her students with a unique educational experience — they've been raising and observing the life cycle of Chinook salmon as part of the Michigan Department of Natural Resource's Salmon in the Classroom program.

"They love it. Every time they come to my class, the first thing they check is the fish tank to see how they have grown. I have all students at Hyatt Elementary so it is a great chance to stretch the opportunity across all grade levels. Students help with water changes, daily tank cleaning, and feeding the fish," Thorin said.

The DNR gave them eggs, which



Linden Community Schools STEM teacher Hillary Thorin explains the activity that students will do Thursday, April 28 at Hyatt Elementary. Teacher Appreciation Week begins May 2. Photo: Hannah Ball

came from Lake St. Clair Fishery, before Thanksgiving in 2021 and students have the opportunity to watch them hatch and develop. They set up the tank in early November and the eggs hatched just before winter break. The program also gives them firsthand experience with

tank management and care.

"Anytime kids get to actually have the chance to not only see but take care and truly be immersed in their learning, it makes anything stick more. It has been fun to see each grade level react differently to the changing salmon," she said.

Thorin sees all grade levels at Hyatt. She's teaching them about gills, how fish swim and why salmon and other fish are important to the state of Michigan.

Chinook salmon hatch in freshwater streams and rivers and then migrate out to the saltwater environment of the ocean, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. They are present in all Great Lakes.

Chinook salmon, nicknamed "king salmon," can grow as long as 4.9 feet and up to 129 pounds, but the typical length of a mature fish is 3 feet and weighs 30 pounds.

Students watch the salmon hatch from eggs and go through the smolt stage. The salmon will be released into the Shiawassee River in early May.

This isn't the first time Thorin has participated in the Salmon in the Classroom program, which helps hundreds of third through 12th grade students learn about Chinook salmon. She facilitated the program in 2019-2020, but it ended early due to COVID.

She said the DNR is "great" to work

with. They provide support for classroom activities, tank trouble shooting, where to find supplies and more.

"Their goal is to expose kids to one of our state's natural resources through a hands-on experience," Thorin said. "We raise the salmon from egg to their smolt stage and in the process talk about the changes they go through and how salmon survive in the wild. Once the salmon are in their smolting stage, we release them into an approved watershed, in hopes they will find their way to a Great Lake and become part of the ecosystem. Students also learn about why salmon are important to our state, both ecologically and financially."

She hopes to have another tank at the other schools she teaches at. Thorin thanked administrators who have been supportive and the students for helping her care and feed the fish.

The DNR Salmon in the Classroom program started informally in 1997 and grew "greatly" over the years, said Tracy Page, aquatic education coordinator with the DNR. This fall, they will have nearly 300 teachers from across the state participating and they've distributed almost 600,000 eggs since 1997.

"The Salmon in the Classroom program is an immersive education program where classes raise a charismatic fish to build a strong connection with the Great Lakes, ecology, and all our natural resources — creating stewards for the future," Page said.

Teacher Appreciation Week begins May 2. Page said they couldn't ask for a better group of people to

work with.

"Teachers are amazing partners and we love helping them to educate their students and make great connections. Supporting teachers with professional development, activities, and kits allows us to provide an avenue for teachers to grow in their skills of teaching place-based science," she said. "As the dynamics of our environment change, so does the need for critical thinkers that are stewards of the environment. A great foundation of science in childhood helps to build a lifelong desire to connect with nature and make decisions that protect our natural resources."

**“Their goal is to expose kids to one of our state’s natural resources through a hands-on experience.”**

**Hillary Thorin**  
Linden Community  
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## INPUT

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Over the last couple of years, the economic forecast has been dominated by the impact of the COVID-19. However, Markland wrote in his memo that there are now several factors influencing stress on the economy, including inflation, a labor shortage, the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and the subsequent war. Prices for building materials have continued to increase, as have groceries and vehicles. The restaurant segment of the economy has been hard hit and appears to be recovering. For restaurants and other businesses, the major issue now is the labor shortage and inflation. The impact on other parts of the economy vary.

The Fenton real estate market has continued to be a “seller’s market,” said Markland. Developers and real estate professionals report a very strong housing market. In the last 10 months, the city issued 17 building permits for residential units. Markland said if they had more lots available, he is confident more new homes would be built.

The downtown area is thriving. The new 111 Leroy Street building is completely leased. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has been sponsoring popular events in the DDA district, including the Art Walk, Concerts at the Gazebo and Farmers Market. These activities and events were modified during the pandemic but this year the activities will resume as they were prior to the pandemic.

The residential and commercial real estate market has improved and the overall taxable values have increased by about 5.5%, according to Markland. The increase in the taxable value will bring in more revenue to the general fund. However, because of the Headlee Rollback required millage reduction, the increase in property tax revenue will be \$314,004. In addition, the city is anticipating an increase of about \$30,000 in state revenue sharing.

In November 2021, the city electors approved a \$24-million bond proposal for the improvement of local streets. These bonds will be sold in three series sometime during the next 10 years. The bonds will pay for the street improvements. The city is also in the process of selling \$4.5 million of bonds for improvements to the city water distribution system.

## The 2023 Fiscal Year Budget

Following Board of Review meetings, the city’s taxable value for the general fund improved, resulting in an increase in property tax revenue to the general fund of \$314,004. Statutory revenue sharing is projected to increase by \$5,000.

Constitutional revenue sharing is projected to increase by \$25,000 over last fiscal year. The general fund revenue this year is projected to increase by \$295,847. The general fund is budgeted with a contingency in the amount of \$110,776.

The budget is presented to the city council balanced. The contribution from other funds total \$420,000 in service payments from the DDA and the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA). The payments are for the incremental increase in demand for public services in the districts that have been created as a result of the economic success of the districts.

The general fund for FY 2023 is budgeted with a contingency or a surplus of \$110,776. As of this writing, Markland said Genesee County Equalization has not informed the city of its millage cap, therefore the budget is being prepared using an expected millage rate of 9.8023 mils. The city’s total of 9.8023 mils continues to represent the lowest millage rate levied by the city since at least 1976.

The DDA has made some major investments downtown and it has assumed debt for the infrastructure improvements for the streetscape project and the Caroline Street project. As the tax base continues to grow from the new development and the DDA continues to pay off debt, the DDA will be able to assist in more improvements in the district.

The LDFA is again contributing \$50,000 to the fire ladder truck fund. Several years ago, the general fund purchased a new ladder truck to assist fighting fires in large buildings like those in the DDA and LDFA. The city

is preparing a replacement fund for the truck and the contribution will assist in purchasing the new truck when the current one is placed out of service. The current truck has several years of service left; however, money needs to be set aside for future replacement of the vehicle.

Markland recommended that the city council maintain the current millage and collect the maximum millage limit (projected to be 9.8023 mils) for FY2023.

Markland acknowledged City Treasurer Jon Satkowiak and Deputy Treasurer Cassandra Coulter for the outstanding job they did on this budget and for working many hours in addition to their regular responsibilities to make this document possible.

To review the entire 196-page proposed budget amendments and budget, go to [cityoffenton.org](http://cityoffenton.org), click on the “GOVERNMENT” tab at the top of the home page, then click on “COUNCIL PACKETS” and then “CITY COUNCIL PROPOSED 2022-2023 BUDGET.”

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**INSTEAD OF ASKING** why the inmates aren’t picking up the trash on the side of the road, maybe you should ask why people litter? Also maybe volunteer to pick it up yourself? I see that quite frequently and admire the ambition.

**WHY WOULD THEY** give super drunk drivers plea deals? I thought the point of the new law was to be able to get these people off the road, not give them another chance to kill someone.

**THERE ARE 33.6** kW hours per gallon of gasoline. The cost of electricity from Consumers is \$0.1653 kW hour. When gasoline gets above \$5.56 per gallon, it becomes cheaper to drive an electric vehicle.

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## RENEWAL

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school facilities; and remodeling, preparing, developing, improving, and equipping playgrounds, athletic fields, athletic facilities and sites.

“The Board estimates the necessary cost of the project to be \$97,058,995. It will be necessary for the school district to borrow \$97 million and issue the bonds of the district therefor, the remaining funds to be derived from the investment of the bond proceeds.”

If approved by voters, this bond would provide \$97 million for district-wide improvements, with no tax rate increase to property owners, according to Holly Area Schools. This

bond proposal was developed and prioritized as Phase 2 of the Master Plan for district facilities. Buildings, sites, and educational programs were assessed to determine and prioritize a list of facility needs throughout the district.

According to the Holly Area Schools bond proposal fact sheet, available at [hask12.org](http://hask12.org), the bond proposal addresses the highest priority projects and focuses on three key areas — a new middle school, learning environments and building and site improvements.

Click on this link for the Bond Fact Sheet, Frequently Asked Questions and more. <https://www.hask12.org/has-bond/may-2022-bond-proposal/>

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## ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

April 13, 2022

Supervisor Scheib-Snyder called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Gambka, Miller, Walls, Scheib-Snyder  
Board Members Absent/Excused: Noble

Approved: Amended agenda.

Approved: Amended Consent Agenda.

Approved: Award TPC the cemetery lawn mowing contract.

Approved: Award All-in-One the Parks/Hall/Office lawn mowing contract.

Approved: To adopt the resolution of intent opposing incorporation as a Charter Township.

Approved: To enter into agreement with Western Oakland Transportation Authority.

Approved: Proclamation declaring May 2022 Mental Health Month.

Approved: Ballot proposal language for fire millage.

Postponed: Discussion on Fire Authority budget.

Approved: Resignation letter from Peter Stouffer.

Approved: New Rose Center Cemetery flagpole.

Approved: To give NOCFA \$200,000 of ARPA funds.

Adjourned: 9:23 p.m.

Debbie Miller, MMC, MiPMC II  
Dianne Scheib-Snyder  
Rose Township Clerk  
Rose Township Supervisor

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF FENTON LAKE FENTON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. for the special assessment district for Lake Fenton aquatic nuisance and eradication weed control.

Anyone wishing to ask questions or provide comment may attend the hearing or submit written comments. Written comments will be received at the City Hall during business hours up to and including the day of the public hearing, as well as may be sent to the City Clerk at [jkienast@cityoffenton.org](mailto:jkienast@cityoffenton.org).

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services who are planning to attend the hearing should contact the City Clerk's Office at (810) 629-2261 or [jkienast@cityoffenton.org](mailto:jkienast@cityoffenton.org) at least 3 days in advance of the date of the hearing.

Jennifer Kienast  
City Clerk  
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## MOSQUITO

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multiple local municipalities, including Fenton Township and Linden.

In 2021, from May 24 to Sept. 15, southwest Michigan had almost 22 inches of rain. Due to the wet conditions, there were seven additional broods of mosquitoes that came off from one of the original hatches in the season.

"We were killing millions of mosquitoes but there were millions more coming. It was a cycle that, I'll be flat honest with you, we couldn't keep up with," Mullins told the Fenton Township Board of Trustees in October 2021.

This year, Benjamin Seago, regional manager of APM north, said they are off to a "great start."

"The spring has been cold which has delayed larval development from years past. We're hoping to experience less rainfall than last summer but we are fully staffed and prepared for whatever Mother Nature throws our way," he said.

They've been conducting standing water treatments for the last few weeks, and they completed aerial treatments earlier this week. These treatments target mosquito larvae mainly in woodland pool sites. APM will begin truck fogging and backpack spraying the week before Memorial Day.

"Rainfall so far this spring hasn't been a big concern. Spring aedes species develop in woodland pools that exist from snowmelt from the winter. As summer progresses, thunderstorms

can certainly produce excess water in ditches and flooded yards. Aedes Vexans mosquitoes arise from these sites," Seago said. "This was the primary problem we experienced last summer. If we experience an abundance of rainfall, we plan to 'get ahead' of the hatch by treating ditches and yards."

They're constantly in contact with municipalities, golf courses, homeowner associations and private homeowners to prepare for the season. APM also mails information brochures to

residents and the information is posted in township and city halls, as well as their websites, Seago said.

"We are in talks with township and city officials long before residents see any mosquitoes flying," he said.

Residents can call APM for service, but it's not the only ac-

tion they can take in preventing broods of mosquitoes. Seago encourages the public to store any artificial containers, such as buckets, upside down to prevent standing water.

"Technicians often find buckets, old wheel barrels, boats, etc. that fill with water and contain mosquito larvae. Standing water means mosquitoes. If any residents have wetlands or woodland pools they would like us to check out, please call the office. When the weather gets warmer, adult activity will increase," he said.

Residents in municipalities that contract with APM can call (810) 766-9423 for backpack or truck fogging services at no additional cost.

**“We’re hoping to experience less rainfall than last summer but we are fully staffed and prepared for whatever Mother Nature throws our way.”**

**Benjamin Seago**

*APM Mosquito general manager*

## FESTIVAL

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5K is two laps and the 2.5K is one lap.

Last year, due to the pandemic, the city of Fenton celebrated the Fourth of July during the Street Experience on Friday, July 2. The city streets and sidewalks were packed with attendees who brought their dogs and kids to enjoy the nice weather. Fenton City officials crowned the 2021 Freedom Festival Queen and they presented that year's Freedom Festival scholarships.

Pat Lockwood, Fenton mayor pro tem and chair of the Fenton Freedom Festival committee, said, "The entire Freedom Festival committee, which includes all our non-profit organizations, volunteers, the city of Fenton Police Department, fire department, Department of Public Works, and the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce are so happy to be bringing back this festival for our communities to celebrate our country's independence."

"We all look forward to a great celebration."



TRI-COUNTY TIMES

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Wednesday Evening.....6:30 pm

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Sunday.....8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am

Daily Mass: ..... Monday-Friday: 8:20 am

Holy Days .....See Parish Bulletin or website

Confession ..... Saturdays: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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Wednesday Evening..... 7:00 pm

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Wednesday Morning

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Sunday Worship Service..... 10:30 am

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*New email: milindenumc@gmail.com*

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Coffee Hour ..... 10:30 am

Sunday School.....9:30 am

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Sunday Morning Worship..... 11:00 am  
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Sunday Evening Worship .....6:00 pm

Wed. Children & Teens..... 7:00 pm

Wed. Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 pm

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Sunday AM Service ..... 11am

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Womens Ministry.....7pm

Addiction and Recovery .....7pm

**Wednesdays:**

Rock Youth ..... 6:30pm

**Thursdays:**

55+ (Elderly Ministry) .....10am

Young Adult Ministry .....6:30pm

Marriage Ministry ..... 6:30pm

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*Pastor Robbie Carnes*

Sunday Worship ..... 10:00 am

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Sunday In-Sanctuary Worship.....9:00 & 10:30 am

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Sunday Worship Schedule

Celebratory Worship..... 10:00 am

Children's Sunday School..... 10:30 am

Fellowship..... 11:30 am

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# LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

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## MAY 1

**1931:** President Herbert Hoover officially dedicates New York City's Empire State Building, pressing a symbolic button from the White House that turns on the building's lights. The idea for the Empire State Building is said to have been born of a competition between Walter Chrysler of the Chrysler Corporation and John Jakob Raskob of General Motors, to see who could erect the taller building. Chrysler had already begun work on the famous Chrysler Building, the gleaming 1,046-foot skyscraper in midtown Manhattan. The Art-Deco plans, said to have been based in large part on the look of a pencil, were builder-friendly: The entire building went up in just over a year, under budget (at \$40 million) and well ahead of schedule.

## MAY 2

**1933:** On this day, the modern legend of the Loch Ness Monster is born when a sighting makes local news. The newspaper Inverness Courier relates an account of a local couple who claim to have seen "an enormous animal rolling and plunging on the surface." The story of the "monster" (a moniker chosen by the Courier editor) becomes a media phenomenon, with London newspapers sending correspondents to Scotland and a circus offering a 20,000 pound sterling reward for capture of the beast. Revelations in 1994 that the famous 1934 photo was a complete hoax has only slightly dampened the enthusiasm of tourists and investigators for the legendary beast of Loch Ness.

## MAY 3

**2007:** Less than two weeks before her 4th birthday, Madeleine McCann of Rothley, England, vanishes during a family vacation at a resort in southern Portugal. Her disappearance prompted an international search; however, she

has never been found. In May 2007, the McCann family was vacationing with a group of friends at the Ocean Club resort in Praia da Luz, a tourist village along Portugal's Algarve coast. On the evening of May 3, her parents went with friends to the Ocean Club's tapas bar, leaving a sleeping Madeleine and her brother and sister in the family's ground-floor apartment, located near the tapas bar. The McCanns and their friends agreed to check on the children every half hour. At around 10 p.m., Kate McCann went to the apartment and discovered Madeleine was missing. The McCanns hired private detectives to keep looking for their daughter and have made publicity tours throughout Europe and the U.S. to raise awareness about her plight.

## MAY 4

**1994:** In a groan-inducing moment on the floor of U.K. Parliament, a lawmaker uses a pun that will spawn its own holiday far, far away from the halls of government. "May the 4th is an appropriate date for a defense debate. My researcher, who is a bit of a wit, said that it should be called 'National Star Wars Day,'" said Harry Cohen, then a member of Parliament from Leyton, an area of East London. "He was talking about the film Star Wars rather than President Reagan's defense fantasy, and he added, 'May the fourth be with you.' That is a very bad joke; he deserves the sack for making it, but he is a good researcher." Cohen, of course, was referring to "May the Force be with you," the guiding principle of the heroes in the wildly popular Star Wars movies, a franchise which was then just three films.

## MAY 5

**1961:** Navy Commander Alan Bartlett Shepard Jr. is launched into space aboard the Freedom 7 space capsule, becoming the first American astronaut to travel into space. The suborbital flight, which lasted 15 minutes and reached a height of 116 miles into the

atmosphere, was a major triumph for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). NASA was established in 1958 to keep U.S. space efforts abreast of recent Soviet achievements. In the late 1950s and early 1960s, the two superpowers raced to become the first country to put a man in space and return him to Earth. On April 12, 1961, the Soviet space program won the race. One month later, Shepard's suborbital flight restored faith in the U.S. space program.

## MAY 6

**1994:** In a ceremony presided over by England's Queen Elizabeth II and French President Francois Mitterrand, a rail tunnel under the English Channel was officially opened, connecting Britain and the European mainland for the first time since the Ice Age. The Channel Tunnel, or "Chunnel," connects Folkestone, England, with Coquelles, France, 31 miles away. The Chunnel cut travel time between England and France to a swift 35 minutes and eventually between London and Paris to two-and-a-half hours. As the world's longest undersea tunnel, the Chunnel runs under water for 23 miles, with an average depth of 150 feet below the seabed. Each day, about 30,000 people, 6,000 cars and 3,500 trucks journey through the Chunnel on passenger, shuttle and freight trains.

## MAY 7

**1965:** In the early morning hours of May 7, 1965, a bleary-eyed Keith Richards awoke, grabbed a tape recorder and laid down one of the greatest pop hooks of all time: The opening riff of "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction." He then promptly fell back to sleep. "When I woke up in the morning, the tape had run out," Richards recalled many years later. "I put it back on, and there's this, maybe, 30 seconds of 'Satisfaction,' in a very drowsy sort of rendition. And then it suddenly, the guitar goes 'CLANG,' and then there's like 45 minutes of snoring."

### Synopsis of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting April 25, 2022

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Saad.

Present: Schmidt, James, Saad, Graves, Absent: Conner

Approved: Minutes as printed of Regular Board Meeting March 28, 20, 2022.

Approved: Payment of expenditures.

Issued: 2 Building permits totaling \$ 1,465.00, & 5 Zoning Permit totaling \$1,160.00.

Approved: Clerk to make necessary budget amendments.

Approved: Payment of bills.

Closed session at 7:11 p.m. to consult with legal counsel.

Reconvened @ 7:19 p.m.

Authorized: Township insurance attorney to enter into a consent judgement agreement on MacIntosh vs Argentine Township.

Approved: Draft of Township Master plan draft for distribution.

Approved: \$16,000.00 to repair generator in Fire department & \$3000.00 for purchase of exercise equipment.

Approved: Gravel road chloride contract with county.

Closed Session at @ 7:28 p.m. to consult with legal counsel.

Reconvened @ 7:50 p.m.

Adjourned: 8:04 p.m.

Submitted by Joseph Graves  
Argentine Township Clerk

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## Long time party store owner retires



After 40 years of owning and operating the Hayloft Party Store on Jennings Road in Fenton Township, Ray Safa has sold his business and is retiring. He purchased the small party store, walking distance from Loon and Crane lakes, in 1983 and has been a mainstay in the community since. The soft spoken and humble Safa was known to the locals for handing out bite size Reese's Peanut Butter Cups to the women who shopped at his store. **Photo: Sharon Stone**

### PUBLIC NOTICE City of Linden Hydrant Flushing May 2 – 7, 2022

The City of Linden Department of Public Works will be flushing water hydrants between the hours of 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM beginning Monday, May 2 and continuing through Saturday, May 7th. During the flushing process, hydrant valves are opened to forcefully flush sediment from water mains. This process is necessary to ensure that the municipal water system effectively delivers the highest quality of water possible. In addition to flushing the lines, this process also allows staff the opportunity to inspect hydrants to ensure they are operating properly.

During this process, water to homes and businesses may become discolored. The discoloration is caused by the stirring of silt and iron in the system which may result in cloudy, brown, and/or reddish colored water. This process does not affect the safety of the water. If you experience discolored water, you should allow your cold-water faucets to run until the water runs clear. Homeowners should avoid running hot water while experiencing discolored water to avoid filling hot water tanks with discolored water. Water customers should avoid washing clothes with discolored water which can stain clothes. After flushing your water system clear, it is best to run a small wash cycle without clothes, or with dark clothes only. If clothing articles appear stained, keep articles wet and rewash the load using a clothing safe stain/rust remover. We apologize for any inconvenience this process may cause to our customers.

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## Genesee County Habitat for Humanity builds home, communities and hope

Genesee County Habitat for Humanity has one mission — to put God's love into action and bring people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Habitat has nearly 1,200 affiliates throughout the nation, and the Genesee County branch is hard at work providing housing for people who have fallen on tough times. Habitat was founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller, with the vision of eliminating poor housing conditions and homelessness from the world. Since then, Habitat for Humanity has maintained that vision by incorporating both housing and community development in its mission of building homes, communities and hope.

Founded in 1990, Genesee Habitat, with the help of 500-700 volunteers, builds or rehabs eight to 10 affordable homes in Genesee County each year, provides approximately 100 Genesee County homeowners with critical repair services, and invests in numerous neighborhood projects throughout the City of Flint. Genesee Habitat also operates the ReStore, which offers greatly discounted new or slightly used household items to the public, diverting 300 tons a year from Genesee County landfills. Additionally, in partnership with LISC, Genesee Habitat opened the Financial Opportunity Center, where Genesee County residents can receive financial coaching and job preparedness assistance, free of charge.



Thomas Hutchison, executive of Genesee Habitat, said the reactions from clients are "very positive" and that the need for home repairs and affordable housing is "always great."

In the Homeownership program, Genesee Habitat constructs new and rehabilitates existing housing to provide low-to-moderate income individuals and families with affordable housing options. Prospective Habitat Homeowner Partners are evaluated based upon three criteria: the need for housing, a willingness to partner with Habitat and the ability to pay an affordable mortgage. Additionally, Genesee Habitat's HUD Certified Housing Counselors provide pre-purchase homebuyer education



workshops online through eHome America and in-person classes.

With the Critical Home Repair Program, Habitat provide repair services to more than 100 qualifying homeowners per year within Genesee County. The program helps low-to-moderate income homeowners alleviate health and safety issues in and around their home.

In the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, Genesee Habitat works hand-in-hand with residents in the City of Flint to support grassroots engagement, build local leadership and provide residents with the tools necessary to impact community-driven change within their own neighborhoods.

Hutchison said the biggest struggle

lately is material costs and supply chain issues.

In partnership with LISC, Genesee Habitat operates the Financial Opportunity Center (FOC), a career and personal financial service center that focuses on the financial bottom line for low-to-moderate income individuals. The FOC provides families with services across three areas: employment placement and career improvement, financial education and coaching, and public benefits access. These core services are integrated together to provide clients a multi-faceted approach to income and wealth building.

The ReStore at 101 Burton St. in Flint accepts donated building and home improvement items and is open year-round Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Items are sold to the public at below retail prices. All proceeds go toward supporting Genesee Habitat's mission of providing affordable home-ownership opportunities to individuals and families right here in Genesee County.

On average, Genesee Habitat serves over 500 Genesee County residents per year. One hundred percent of those served are of low-to-moderate income, earning 30-80% of the area median income.

The public can help by donating or volunteering. Learn more at [www.geneseehabitat.org](http://www.geneseehabitat.org).





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## 3,000th

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was delayed for two days so many more Michiganders could enjoy it either at Comerica Park, at home on television or on the radio during a beautiful Saturday afternoon. And if you're currently 82 or 2, it's likely you'll never see a long-time Tiger collect his 500th home run or 3,000th hit again in your lifetime. Think about that and treasure the memory.

As many know, I'm a Tigers history buff. I collect old radio broadcasts, and I had my cassette tape player rolling (yes, I said cassette tape player) recording the moment. Of course, most want the video memories, but for me baseball has been as good on radio as it ever has been on television. I grew up listening to way more games on radio than watching the Tigers on TV. Younger people may be shocked to hear this, but there was a time all Tiger games weren't on television. Local TV may broadcast

about 50 games a season. So following the world championship Tigers' seasons in 1968 or 1984 (unless you were one of the few hundred to have PASS) meant listening to the radio way more than watching games on television. I'm still very old school when it comes to that, and love my radio broadcasts. There's something very calming about listening to games on the radio. It also allows you to paint your own picture of the action.

And now, I have a game to put alongside my radio broadcast of Al Kaline's 3,000th hit contest. Kaline got his 3,000th hit as a member of a lousy 1974 Tigers' squad, getting it at the end of the season. I was just 5 and, obviously, don't remember the game personally, but have listened to it probably five to six times over the last 30 years. I think the game is on YouTube for those interested. If you consider yourself a Tiger fan, check it out. You will enjoy it.

## GRAND MARSHAL

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Freedom Festival Committee, which is made up of civic and non-profit organization representatives, along with Meghan Grimshaw, event coordinator at the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce, and event chairman Pat Lockwood.

"Linda was the unanimous choice of the Freedom Festival Committee for this year's Grand Marshal," said Lockwood. "Her love of this community and ongoing successes in improving our quality of life through numerous activities including chair of the Fenton Community Expo for over 25 years, serving those in need as a Fenton Area Resource & Referral board member, years of dedication to our youth through the Fenton High School Band to name a few. Linda's overall positive attitude and willingness to outreach and make a

difference in so many individuals' lives is the perfect example of the role model we all seek."

After Lockwood told her the news, Hathaway said, "I was speechless, and that doesn't happen very often. After I wiped my eyes, I was able to talk to her about it. My first reaction was that there are so many other deserving people in our community."

Hathaway's grand marshal duties include attending the grand marshal reception Wednesday, June 29 at 4:30 p.m. at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center where she will officially be named the 2022 Fenton Freedom Festival Parade Grand Marshal. Fenton alumni help organize the reception.

She's looking forward to the full festival coming back this year after the pandemic.

"Our family is staying in town and will make a day of the activities downtown after the parade and enjoy the fireworks from the water in the evening," she said, adding that she's looking forward to seeing the Silver Lake Ski Club show. "We are so fortunate to have this long-standing ski team representing our community."

Hathaway was born and raised in the area. She graduated from Lake Fenton

High School. She and her husband, Greg, raised their children here. "There is no place better to be. I had the opportunity to sell our building last year with all the demand to be in our downtown, I wasn't interested in being anywhere but right here in the heart of our city. We are celebrating our 51st year of serving the community," she said.

She's been active in the chamber since she began working downtown, which she said is a wonderful way to support and give back to the community.

"I love the way Fenton is becoming family and pedestrian friendly with our wide sidewalks, beautiful parks, and the next leg of the pathway connecting Fenton and Linden," she said.

Shelly Day, executive director of the chamber, said, "Linda was chosen for her unconditional giving and dedication to the Fenton community. She does so many behind the scenes, good deeds and volunteer work, that it seemed

fitting to publicly recognize how much she is appreciated."

Day said the chamber is "very excited" to bring back the traditional Fenton Freedom Festival Celebration this summer.

"We also are very proud and honored to recognize Linda Hathaway. Linda has been one of our most involved and dedicated member volunteers for more than 30 years. One example is our Community Expo. Linda has been on the committee since its inception 37 years ago, and she has chaired it for most of that time," Day said.

"When Fenton Freedom Festival Chairperson Pat Lockwood notified Linda, one of her first comments was, 'why me?' I feel that comment alone is one of the main reasons she was chosen. Linda's genuine humble demeanor is why her selection will come as no surprise to anyone other than herself."

In 2020, the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce was the grand marshal, which is when they celebrated their 100th anniversary.

In 2019, the Fenton Lions Club members were the grand marshal honorees.

In 2018, a group of first responders, called "Hometown Heroes," who were involved in saving the life of a local woman following an October 2016 car accident, were honored as grand marshals.

**“My first reaction was that there are so many other deserving people in our community.”**

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# SPRING 2022 Home & garden



## How to care for perennials

**P**erennials can add color and vibrancy to any garden. One of the more desirable components of perennials is that they come back year after year, meaning homeowners do not have to invest in a gardenful of new flowers every year. That can add up to considerable savings. Perennials often form the foundation of beautiful gardens.

Annuals only grow for one season, produce seeds and then die. However, perennials die back to the ground every autumn and their roots survive the winter. So the plants reemerge in the spring, according to *The Farmer's Almanac*. Some perennials are short-lived, meaning they will come back a few consecutive years; others will last for decades.

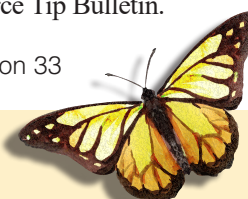
Though planted perennials require less maintenance than annuals, they are not completely maintenance-

free. Certain care is needed to help perennials thrive, and that starts with the soil. In fact, soil is the single most important factor for growing healthy plants. Penn State Extension says most perennials grow ideally in well drained, fertile soil with a pH of 6.0 to 7.0. In addition, organic matter can improve soil texture and water-holding ability.

When including perennials in the garden, make sure you wait for the right time to plant them. The ideal

time is during the spring or fall. Perennials come as container-grown perennials, which already have been established in the soil. Bare-root perennials are just roots that are often packed in peat moss. In order to plant bare-root perennials, soak the roots in water for several minutes before gently planting in the ground, indicates the how-to resource *Tip Bulletin*.

See **PERENNIALS** on 33



## Turn your yard into a vacation-worthy oasis



**W**arm weather means more time to relax outdoors. For those homeowners lucky enough to have entertaining spaces outside, spring and summer provides plenty of opportunities to enjoy fresh air under the sun or stars.

Over the last few years, families have become especially familiar with what works about their yards and where there is room for improvement. Pandemic-related travel restrictions and early stay-at-home mandates resulted in plenty of time spent in backyards on staycations.

Even though many such restrictions have been lifted, homeowners may have seen the benefits of having functional respites right outside their doors.

A backyard renovation can cost anywhere from \$5,000 to \$50,000. The American Society of Landscape Architects suggests homeowners budget the cost of a major landscaping project at between 5 and 10 percent of their home's value. Large or small, here are ways to make an outdoor oasis at home.

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# All-natural ways to protect food gardens from pests

Homeowners frequently enhance their outdoor living spaces with attractive plants and trees. When that greenery also produces food, the results can be both beauty and bounty.

People who plant vegetable gardens and fruit trees in their yards can be blessed with an abundance of fresh pickings once it's time to harvest. In fact, many home gardeners may have visions of warm evenings pulling vegetables right out of the garden and tossing them on the grill or in salads. But insects and animals enjoy fresh produce just as people do. The joy of harvesting from a garden can be diminished when unwanted guests have gotten there first.

Homeowners can employ these all-natural strategies to protect their fruits and vegetables from lawn pests and critters.

- **Plant gardens in raised beds.** Though they're not a fool-proof deterrent, raised beds can eliminate some garden infiltration by small critters that come up and under from the ground. A raised garden bed can deter rabbits, gophers, groundhogs, slugs, and some other crawling pests. Raised beds also are ergonomical and easily accessible.

- **Prepare homemade insecticide.** The environmental information site Treehugger provides information on making a homemade insecticide from vegetable oil and a mild soap. Use one cup of oil with one tablespoon of soap (such as Dr Bronner's castile soap). Add this mixture to one quart of water in a spray bottle. This concoction can eradicate aphids, mites, thrips, and more by coating insects' bodies and effectively suffocating them. Soap-and-water sprays or even neem oil sprays work similarly.

- **Sprinkle diatomaceous earth.** Diatomaceous earth, commonly known as DE, is an abrasive powder comprised of fossilized algae diatoms. It's commonly used as a filter medium in swimming pools, but also makes



an effective pesticide. The material's abrasive and absorbent qualities draw moisture out of insects, essentially dehydrating them to death. DE can be sprinkled around the base of plants, but will need to be reapplied after rain and watering.

- **Space out plants.** One way to reduce insect or animal pest numbers is to ensure ample space between plants. Tightly planted crops create a breeding ground for fungal diseases and also provide hiding spots and warmth for pests. Leaving room between plants can help avoid these issues, according to Gardening Channel.

- **Use row covers or garden mesh.** Specialized covers and meshes protect fruit and vegetables against insects and animals. Many plants can be covered all year long as long as the covers are lifted during flowering if the crops depend on pollination by bees. Veggiemesh is a cover that can be laid over plants.

- **Interplant crops in the garden.** Interplanting is a technique that involves alternating crops, herbs and flowers to confuse the pests so they have a difficult time finding what they want to eat. Alternate rows of vegetables with herbs and flowers that appeal to beneficial insects.

Keeping pesky insects and animals

from damaging food gardens can involve techniques that are safe and natural.

Source: Metro Creative Connection

## DID YOU KNOW?



The National Association of Landscape Professionals notes that lawns can support a significant number of insects feeding on them because the grass grows much faster than the insects can damage it. But noticeable damage, such as brown patches in the grass, severed roots and grass that is easily pulled up, indicate that insect infestations are significant enough to require intervention. Lawn care professionals can work with homeowners to develop solutions to address insect infestations. Infestation prevention involves a handful of strategies, not the least of which is ensuring a lawn is properly cared for. Such care delivers nutrients to the lawn and reduces its risk of becoming undernourished. Undernourished lawns are more vulnerable to insect infestations and weeds.

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**W**arm weather and extra hours of sunlight spark flowering trees and plants to bloom anew. This is the time of year when the air is sweet with the aroma of blossoms and the familiar hum of insects can be heard all around.

Not all “bugs” are the same this time of year. While you probably won’t want ants invading your backyard grill fest, the presence of bees nearby can be a good thing even if those curious yellow-and-black critters get a little close for comfort from time to time. That’s because almost 90 percent of wild plants and 75 percent of the leading global crops depend on animal pollination, indicates the World Wildlife Federation.

Bees are remarkable creatures in small packages. The following are some bee facts to buzz about, courtesy of the WWF, Save the Bees, NASA, and the Texas A&M University Honey Bee Information Site.

- There are roughly 20,000 species of bees around the world. Most of them are solitary bees.

- Bees have five eyes. Two of the eyes are large compound eyes with hexagonal facets. The other three are small, simple eyes.

- Honeybees have a move called the “waggle dance.” It is a clever way of communicating to tell them where to go to find the best sources of food.

- Bees can carry up to 122 times their body weight in pollen and nectar.

- Bumblebees leave footprint scents

behind. They are able to distinguish between their own scents, the scent of a relative and the scent of a stranger as they look for food. They also can avoid flowers already visited.

- Should a queen bee perish, the hive workers will select a new young larva and feed it a special food called “royal jelly.” The larva will develop into a fertile queen.

- Bees flap their wings 190 to 200 times per second. They can fly up to 15 miles per hour.

- Female bees can sting; males do not. Losing the stinger will cause the bee to die. The honeybee only can sting once because its stinger is barbed.

Bumblebees and hornets can sting multiple times because they have smooth stingers.

- It can require nectar from two million flowers to make one pound of honey.

- Many bees are not aggressive. Simply moving away from them can prevent a person from being stung. Generally, bumblebees and honey bees will only sting by accident or if a nest is being disrupted.

- Wasps are different from bees in that they are mostly known to be predators. They eat other insects and often food that people eat, which is why wasps are more likely to be found around your cookout. Bees tend to be covered in hair, while wasps (which include yellow jackets) are smooth.

Bees are remarkable creatures and should be celebrated as the weather warms up.

*Source: Metro Creative Connection*

## Insect repellent plants



**H**omeowners choose plants for their properties based on a number of variables. Some may be into growing their own foods, while others desire their gardens to be an awe-inspiring mixture of bright colors and alluring scents. There’s no wrong reason to plant a fresh garden, but some plants offer extra benefits, such as repelling insects.

Insects can be a nuisance and a threat to individuals’ overall health. According to the American Academy of Family Physicians, insect-borne diseases are viral and bacterial illnesses that develop from insect bites. Mosquitoes, sand flies and fleas are some examples of insects that can pass on disease. Fever, chills, headache, and muscle

soreness are just a few of the more common symptoms linked to insect-borne diseases.

The good news for avid gardeners is that certain plants can help repel insects and provide the additional benefits like fresh food and aesthetic appeal that so many people love.

- **Basil:** The aroma of fresh basil is enough to compel any gardener to make a place for it in their garden. But there’s more to fresh basil than its scent, as the Farmers Almanac notes it can be used to repel mosquitoes and moths.

- **Lavender:** Fleas, flies, mosquitoes, and moths are not fans of this aromatic and colorful

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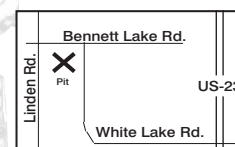
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member of the mint family. Bees tend to be drawn to lavender, a durable plant that many garden centers recommend in areas prone to drought or hot summers without much precipitation.

• **Mint:** Mint is another plant that is instantly recognizable for its aroma. But mint lovers may not realize that it's also great for keeping ants at bay. Mint also can be used to repel mosquitoes, but gardeners with no experience planting mint should plant it in pots. That's because the Farmers Almanac notes mint is an especially aggressive spreader that can quickly take over a garden. Separating mint in pots can prevent it from bullying its way into other plants' domains.

• **Lemongrass:** Lemongrass is a tropical grass that's so fragrant it's often used in perfumes.

Lemongrass contains citronella, which many people associate with repelling mosquitoes. A potted lemongrass plant can repel these unwanted guests, keeping them away from decks, porches and/or patios all summer long.

• **Chrysanthemums:** The Farmers' Almanac recommends using chrysanthemums, which repel a range of insects from bedbugs to fleas to ants, as border plants around a home. That's because they contain the natural insecticide pyrethrin, which can serve as something of an insect-repelling boundary around a home.

Insects are unwanted guests around a home each spring, summer and fall. Certain plants can help repel insects and serve as an eco-friendly alternative to insecticides.

*Source: Metro Creative Connection*

## Make your garden more *successful*

Homeowners enjoy gardening for many different reasons. In addition to adding beauty to a property, gardens can offset grocery costs by yielding tasty produce. They also offer important habitats and food sources for both insects and animals.

While growing a vegetable or flower garden can turn into a rewarding hobby, or even a passion, gardening also can be overwhelming particularly when the results are less than stellar. Novice gardeners have scores of resources at their disposal, including the advice of gardeners who have made mistakes and learned from them. The following guidance can make home gardens that much more successful.

### 1. Start small.

You may have visions of an expansive garden growing rows of crops or acres of flowers. But it is smart to start small and build on what you find successful, which includes plants that thrive in your lawn and garden.

This also is beneficial if you are unsure of vegetable yields. Several blooming plants producing bushels of crops can be overwhelming, especially if you can't get to harvesting or cooking them in a timely fashion.

### 2. Assess the soil.

Plants need nutrient-rich soil to encourage extensive root systems and produce strong, hardy plants, according to the gardening resource GrowVeg. Nourish soil with organic matter, such as manure, compost, shredded leaves, and natural mulch. Add this organic matter in the off-season to give it enough time to be incorporated into the ground before spring. You can have your soil tested for pH and other characteristics that make it friendly or averse to plants at a local garden center.

### 3. Arm yourself with knowledge.

Do you know how deeply to plant seeds and how far apart to space plants? Are you aware of the sunlight needs of certain flowers or plants? If not, read the packaging and do your research so your plants have the best chance of not only sprouting, but also surviving. Many people prefer to start seedlings indoors in late winter and then transfer those plants outdoors when they are stronger and more established.

### 4. Sit in your yard and observe.

Watch the way the sunlight dances over areas of your landscape. Take note of which areas get the most sun and shade. This will help you plan what to plant and where to plant it. Vegetable gardens tend to need ample sunlight to bear pick-worthy produce. You can give plants a leg up by growing them in optimal conditions.

### 5. Choose hardy varieties.

Certain plants have been bred to thrive in your climate, including heat-tolerant plants for climates with sweltering summer sun. Consult with a local gardening center to figure out which plant zone you are in and which plants will do best within that zone.

### 6. Use rainwater.

Rainwater contains fewer contaminants and additives than tap water, which can benefit garden plants. Collect rainwater in rain barrels and use irrigation systems to deliver it to the garden.

Home gardens can yield many gifts, from flowers to fruit. Beginners can utilize some time-tested strategies to increase their chances of planting a successful garden.

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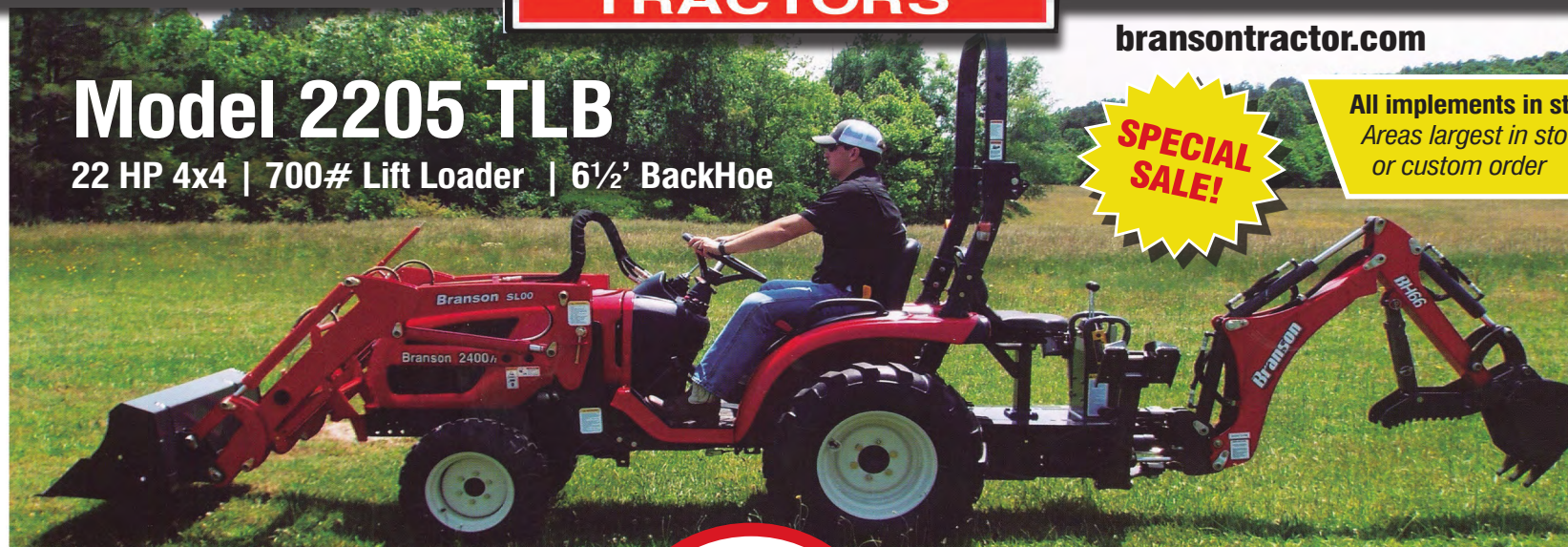
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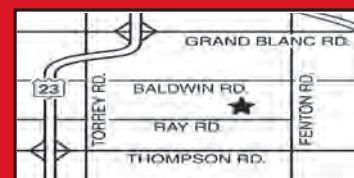
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# Let your *lush lawn* live

A well-manicured lawn adds undeniable curb appeal to a property. Homeowners who take pride in their lawns should know that they can take that pride all the way to the bank, as investing in a pristine lawn can provide a significant return at resale.

A 2019 report from the real estate experts at HomeLight found that

a \$268 investment in lawn care service can add \$1,211 at resale. That's a 352% return on investment.

Homeowners can capitalize on a pristine lawn even further by tending to their own lawns. Crabgrass is one lawn problem that can compromise the look of an otherwise lush lawn. Thankfully, crabgrass can be controlled without much effort.

## Identifying crabgrass

Crabgrass is a weed that grows in areas of a lawn that are bare or where the grass is thin. Crabgrass gets its name from its appearance, as it grows from the center outward and mimics the look of crab legs emerging from the center shell.

## The growth of crabgrass

Crabgrass is an annual plant. That means a crabgrass infestation that's problematic once the mercury rises in the summer will die out in late fall or early winter. But crabgrass germinates in the spring, so homeowners will want to take steps to prevent it long before it becomes an eyesore in summer.

## How to corral crabgrass

Application of a pre-emergent herbicide before crabgrass seeds can germinate is an effective way to eliminate it. The timing of that application can be tricky, as jumping the gun and applying the herbicide too early can prove fruitless. The same goes for applying herbicides too late. Crabgrass will likely still grow if the herbicide is applied too early or too late. Experts recommend applying a pre-emergent herbicide when soil temperatures approach 55 degrees F.

The Home Depot notes that a chemical treatment may be applied after crabgrass has already grown in, but this option requires careful application to avoid killing surrounding healthy grass.

Crabgrass can be pulled out by hand, but such an approach can be physically daunting. That's especially so because crabgrass thrives when the weather is hot and dry. So homeowners who intend to pull crabgrass by hand can decrease their risk of dehydration or heat-related illness by drinking plenty of water and pulling the grass during early morning or evening hours when the sun is lower and temperatures are more mild.

Crabgrass can compromise the look of an otherwise healthy lawn. But various strategies can eliminate crabgrass and restore a lawn without much effort on the part of homeowners.

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# How to pick the right trees

**T**rees benefit a landscape by serving both aesthetic and utilitarian functions. A home surrounded by healthy green trees can be a sight to behold, and those same trees can benefit surrounding plants and wildlife at the same time.

As appealing as trees are, not all trees and landscapes make for the perfect match. The Arbor Day Foundation (ADF) notes the importance of planning when designing a landscape. Planning ensures the trees homeowners ultimately choose for their properties will grow well in the soil and moisture present in their yards.

Careful consideration of a handful of variables can help homeowners determine which trees will make the best fit for their properties.

- **Height:** Homeowners must consider the projected height of a tree before planting it. Avoid trees that will bump into anything when fully grown, as that can adversely



affect surrounding greenery and pose a safety hazard. The ADF's tree sizing guide can be accessed at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org) and serves as an invaluable resource for homeowners who want to plant new trees around their properties.

- **Canopy spread:** Trees grow out as well as up, so it's important to consider their potential width at maturity as well. The ADF sizing guide can help homeowners get an

idea of how wide a tree is likely to be at maturity. Trees that spread out quite a bit don't necessarily need to be avoided, but it's important that they're planted far enough apart so they don't adversely affect surrounding plants. In addition, wide trees that are planted too close together can make the landscape appear crowded, taking something away from its aesthetic appeal.

- **Growth rate:** Growth rate is an important variable because it can affect how quickly homeowners will see changes in their landscapes. Homeowners who want to plant for privacy can consider trees with quick growth rates or purchase more mature trees that are already near full growth. Those who are not in need of instant transformation can try trees with slower growth rates, which the ADF notes typically live longer than fast-growing species.

- **Requirements:** Different trees require different amounts of sun and moisture and different soil components to thrive. Homeowners can have their soil tested to determine which trees will thrive in it. Local garden centers can be a great resource for homeowners who want insight as to which trees will thrive in their local climates.

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# The basics of **container gardening**

Gardening is a rewarding hobby that has been linked to health benefits like reduced stress and improved mental well-being. Gardening also can lead to an inviting home landscape full of attractive blooms and/or delicious foods.

Backyard gardens have long been planted after clearing a plot of land, tilling and amending the soil, and planting rows of favorite crops. However, garden-

ing can be less labor-intensive and even more successful when people consider the many benefits of container gardening.

## **What is container gardening?**

As its name implies, container gardening is growing plants inside of containers. These containers can be flowerpots, rectangular deck boxes or even large raised garden beds.

## **Pros to container gardening**

One of the advantages of container gardening is that plants can be moved in and out of sunlight to ensure the right growing conditions. This isn't as easily achieved when gardens are stationary. Also, beginner gardeners may be more able to control soil conditions inside of a small container rather than a vast ground-based garden, which will re-

quire a good deal of manual labor. Pots and boxes also can be grouped together to create eye-popping displays, usually at lower costs than the sheer volume of plants that would be needed to fill out an expansive landscape.

## **Cons to container gardening**

Container garden plants will not have direct access to the ground, so they need gardeners to create the ideal growing conditions. Developing the right care formula can be challenging. Home and garden experts say that drainage is an important factor in container gardening, and most containers do not offer enough drainage holes. If water cannot escape the soil, the roots of the plants can rot and die. It's not enough to add stones or gravel to the bottom of containers. Drill additional holes in the bottom (1/2-inch in diameter for small or medium-sized pots; one inch in diameter for larger pots). Also, be sure to check on soil moisture so that watering can be adjusted. During hot stretches, plants may need to be watered more frequently.

## **Plan for plants that play well**

Grouping plants together can create visually stunning combinations. However, it is important to choose plants that require the same amount of light and moisture. Look at plant tags when visiting the garden center and select complementary plants, or ask a store employee. Mixing different plant shapes, colors and leaf textures, as well as plants of various heights, can help containers look filled out.

## **Feed plants accordingly**

Plants need nutrition to thrive in containers. Quality potting mixes will contain fertilizers, but nutrition will wane over time. Every couple of weeks, container plants will need either fresh potting mix or granular fertilizer added to feed them. A slow-release fertilizer or worm castings can be used several times throughout the season.

Container gardening is a great way to add plants to smaller patios, reduce the workload involved in maintaining expansive gardens, and customize conditions for optimal growth.

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### Create living privacy

Living in close proximity to neighbors may make privacy harder to come by. Wood or vinyl fences, however effective, may not provide the all-natural look many people desire. Vertical gardening, which trains easy-care vines like English ivy, Clematis or various climbing roses to grow on trellis or fencing adds greenery and privacy. Hedges

and fast-growing shrubs also can be used for natural barriers.

### Install a pool

Pools are the ultimate spots to cool off on hot days. An elaborately shaped inground pool can blend in with the landscape and offer the ultimate hang-out zone. However, above-ground pools also serve the purpose and are more budget-friendly. Stock tank pools are popular among those who want minimal pool expenditure or have small spaces to work with. Stock tanks are metal vessels traditionally used as watering holes for livestock. They also can be “adult kiddie pools” when combined with some plumbing. Galvanized steel frames make them sturdy. With floats and other accessories, they can become the perfect oasis.

### Provide outdoor atmosphere

Create a bespoke bistro vibe by using freestanding planters and posts along with hanging lights to make an intimate outdoor hangout spot at night. For those with permanent structures, like a deck or a gazebo, lights can be strung across the area or on railings or edging.

### Extend the living space

Decks and patios can help make outdoor entertaining areas more comfortable by eliminating the need to sit on the grass or gravel. Plus, they add another “room” to the home. When paired with weatherproof patio furniture, such as sofas, loungers and tables, a private seating area can be crafted and utilized for any number of entertaining desires.

### Hang a hammock

Few things evoke feelings of relaxation better than a hammock. Fitted between two trees (or two posts if trees are sparse), a hammock is an ideal place to grab a nap or read a book.

Additional oasis-inspired ideas include outdoor kitchens, letting up lanterns, cascading water features, and bird feeders to attract the sounds of nature.

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# Shortcuts to a *lush lawn*

There are one million acres of lawn across the country. Many homeowners aspire to having a lush, green lawn as the showcase of their properties. The front lawn can make a statement and indicate to passersby the property owners' personalities and design preferences.

Lawn care takes some dedication and hard work, but there are certain ways to cut down on the amount of effort required to maintain a landscape. By employing a few different shortcuts, you can have a healthy, lush lawn without spending all of your free time cutting the grass or pruning the trees.

• **Stop weeds at the start.** Weeding is one of the most time-

consuming parts of maintaining a lawn. Weeds can proliferate throughout the lawn if not addressed in a timely manner. Once weeds take root they can become a nuisance, so it's best to treat weeds before they even have a chance to sprout. Apply a preemergent weed control product as soon as possible in the spring and then reapply it about three months later to ensure weeds are eradicated. That equates to much less tedious lawn maintenance during the season.

• **Wake up and water.** Watering in the early mornings saves time and energy in the long run by fostering a tougher, more drought-resistant lawn. If you water early in the day, less water will be lost to

evaporation. Limit watering to a few times per week, and less if you have had adequate rain. Avoid watering at night, which can expose the lawn to bacteria and attract insects.

• **Mow when the lawn is dry.** It's not advisable to mow the lawn when it is wet. Slippery conditions can not only make it more dangerous to push a mower, but also slow down the time it can take to tackle the chore. The mower blades can become clogged and coated with wet grass clippings, necessitating stopping and starting the task. Another thing to consider is lawn diseases spread more readily through wet clippings. Stick to mowing when the lawn is completely dry.

• **Let clippings fly.** Mulching mowers, or those that just distribute clippings on the lawn as you go, can be healthier for the grass. They will serve as fertilizer and redistribute nutrients to the lawn as they breakdown into the soil. According to "The Organic Lawn Care Manual," leaving clippings on the lawn will fulfill about 25 percent of fertilizer requirements. Plus, you save time bagging up clippings.

• **Don't cut corners.** Adjusting a landscape design to have arches and curves can reduce the time it takes to mow and edge a property. Hard corners in a landscape will require more time to keep straight and pristine.

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# Telling signs three common insects are infesting a lawn

**W**ell-maintained laws are a byproduct of hard work. That hard work is a point of pride for homeowners who spend countless hours throughout spring, summer and fall tending to their lawns.

All that hard work can be compromised when uninvited guests, namely insects, show up in a lawn. Insect infestations can turn a normally pristine and lush green lawn into a brown and sickly eyesore. Identifying which type of insect is damaging a lawn is the first step toward returning that lawn to its green glory. These are three common lawn insects and signs that they're infesting a lawn.

## 1. Grubs

Grubs like to feast on the roots of grass right below the surface. Michigan State University Extension Turf & Landscape reports that grub damage can appear from March to early May or from mid-September to early November. The lawn and garden experts at GardenTech® note that wilted grass blades are often the first indicator of a grub infestation, which is followed by patches of brown turf



and eventually death. Crows, skunks and moles eat grubs, so the sight of them in a lawn could indicate an infestation.

## 2. Chinch bugs

The experts at BobVila.com report that chinch bugs are not necessarily problematic when their populations are limited to around 10 to 15 bugs per square foot of lawn. In such instances, chinch bug populations are generally controlled by ants and ladybugs. However, extreme heat and drought, problems that have plagued various regions in North America in recent years, reduce the populations of bugs that feed on chinch bugs, thus

increasing the population of these unwanted guests that feed on grass. GardenTech indicates that damage from chinch bugs is most visible between June and September. That damage begins with grass taking on a purple tinge before it turns yellow and then brown after wilting.

## 3. Cutworms

The lawn care experts at Scotts note that cutworms are moth larvae that hide in the thatch layer of a lawn during the day before emerging at night to feed on grass blades. Patches of brown grass between one and two inches in width is a sign of cutworm infestation. Homeowners who notice a growing number of birds pecking away in their lawns may have a cutworm infestation, which can be confirmed by peeling up a section of damaged grass and looking for cutworms, which are brown, gray or black and tend to be around two inches long.

The good news is that grub, chinch bug and cutworm populations can be controlled. Local turf specialists can recommend strategies to curtail such populations and help homeowners restore their lawns to full health.

*Source: Metro Creative Connection*

## PERENNIALS

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Perennials should be watered deeply, especially during the first growing season. However, the soil should never be overly dry or wet. Most perennials do not need to be fertilized heavily. A single application in the spring typically is all that's needed.

Care along the way can include deadheading spent flowers so that plants can use their energy on seed production and reblooming. Perennials should be divided when they grow large, every three to four years when the plants are not in

bloom. Perennials produce fewer flowers or may look sickly when the time has passed to divide them. Early spring often is a good time to divide perennials, advises The Farmer's Almanac.

A thick layer of mulch can help perennials to overwinter successfully. Perennials planted in containers will need to be transplanted into the garden before it gets cold because most containers cannot thoroughly insulate perennial roots.

Apart from these strategies, perennials pretty much take care of themselves. As long as sunlight requirements match plant needs, the perennials should thrive.

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Fenton's Emma Dubie and Sophia Crane compete against Linden's Lauren Goodman and Hannah Wasilewski during the 800 relay.

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# Fenton track program sweeps Linden Eagles

By David Troppens

**Fenton** — It was a battle of undefeated teams in the Flint Metro League Stripes Division, and the Fenton varsity girls track and field team was able to defeat the Linden Eagles 80-57 in a pivotal match-up.

The Fenton boys also earned bragging rights against an area rival and remained perfect in Stripes Division play by beating the Eagles 88-49 at Fenton High School on Wednesday.

The Fenton girls earned 11 firsts and won three of the four relays to

earn its victory. The Fenton boys recorded 11 firsts and won three of the four relays as well, earning their win.

For the girls, Taylor Huntoon earned four firsts for the Tigers. She won the 400 (1:05.85) and the

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## Sports Times

### Lake Fenton baseball off to perfect 10-0 start

By David Troppens

**Lake Fenton** — The Lake Fenton varsity baseball team just can't be contained in Flint Metro League action this season.

The Blue Devils moved out to a perfect 9-0 start in Flint Metro League Stars Division action (10-0 overall) by sweeping Owosso on Monday and earning a third victory on Thursday.

The Blue Devils defeated Owosso during Monday's opening game 11-1 and then won a closer contest in the nightcap 6-3. Thursday's victory was a tad on the sloppy side, but the Blue Devils still earned a fairly comfortable 9-6 victory at home.

"We just don't give up," Lake Fenton's Kenny Wright said. "No matter what happens, we just keep going."

"I love the bonds that we have on this team. We are just a well-

bonded team."

"This team loves to be around each other," Lake Fenton varsity baseball coach Jacob Kirk said. "More so than what I've seen during the last couple of years. They love showing up, battling with each other for positions, competing for spots, but they just love to be around each other. And I think it shows in our play. The way they pick each other up when a mistake happens or when one of us strike out, the next guy behind, picks us up. These guys seem to be pretty level-headed."

In Thursday's final game of the three-game swing with Owosso, the Blue Devils never trailed. They scored a run in the bottom of the first when Lance Willman singled, stole second and eventually scored on Wright's two-out single. However, Owosso answered back with

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Lake Fenton's Tate Caverly scrambles back to first base in the Blue Devils' victory against Owosso. Photo: David Troppens



Fenton's Madi Best was one of many Tigers to have key hits in a doubleheader sweep against Kearsley.

Photo: David Troppens

### Tigers sting Hornets, earn DH sweep

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity softball team heated up its bats on against Kearsley during Monday's twinbill at Kearsley.

Fenton scored 35 runs, defeating Kearsley 18-0 and 17-1 in the two Flint Metro League Stripes Division contests.

In the opener, the Tigers scored three runs in the first,

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# Eagles continue to win, tied for first in Metro

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity softball team started the Flint Metro League 2-2 in two doubleheader spits with the Holly Bronchos.

Since then, the Eagles have won six straight league games and their potent bats have led the way.

The Eagles won two more league contests on Monday when they swept Swartz Creek 12-1 in five innings in the first game and 8-0 in the second contest.

In the opener, Ava Siegwald had the biggest hit — a two-run home run during Linden's four-run third. Prior to that Cassie Sylvester hit a two-run single in that stanza as well.

Linden scored two runs in the bottom of the first on an RBI-single by Hannah Bollinger and an RBI-double by Olivia Burke. The Eagles led 2-1 and would never trail again in the twinbill.

In the second inning, back-to-back RBI-doubles by Megan Widner and Sylvester sparked a four-run inning. Another run scored on an error and another was plated by Burke's two-out RBI-single. Linden (8-2 in the Flint

Metro League Stripes Division) led 6-1. The four-run third made it a 10-1 lead, and a two-run fourth made it 12-1. That inning was highlighted by a Widner RBI-single and by Morgan Pitrovsky, who singled, when she stole home.

Mikayla Timm went the distance on the mound, needing just 81 pitches to toss the five-inning complete game.

In the second game, the Eagles had two more home runs. In the first, Burke hit a three-run shot with two out, giving Linden a 3-0 lead. Then in the fourth, Siegwald hit her second of the twinbill when she hit a solo shot.

In the second inning, the Eagles scored with just one hit. Bollinger singled in Maizy Aeschliman, who reached base when she was hit by a pitch. In the third inning, Linden scored another run when Morgan Piotrovsky singled, and scored when Lydia Jacques hit a batted



Olivia Burke was one of many players who had big hits for the Eagles in their doubleheader sweep against Swartz Creek. Photo: David Troppens

ball that was booted.

Timm pitched the entire second contest as well, tossing 105 pitches to complete the seven-inning victory.

## Fenton golfers continue winning ways in Metro duals

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity golf team remains near the top of the Flint Metro League standings after defeating Goodrich at The Coyote Preserve Golf Course on Wednesday.

The Tigers had Carter Will earn match medalist honors with a 42 and had three of the top four scores, earning the victory against the Martians by a 175-190 result. Evan Brown and Connor Senyko each shot 44s for Fenton, which tied Goodrich's top golfer, Harrison Hiller's score.

However, Hiller as the only one that really competed with the Tigers as Caden Crandall wrapped up Fenton's score with a 45. And he was followed by Jaden Davis who shot a 47, meaning Fenton's top five had better scores than Goodrich's second-best score. Nate Dymond had the Tigers' final score, carding a 49.

Fenton faces Kearsley and Swartz Creek on Monday.

# Tigers remain undefeated in Metro, sweep Kearsley Hornets

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity baseball team is still undefeated in Flint Metro League Stripes Division play.

The Tigers (7-0) won another Metro twinbill, defeating Kearsley 11-1 and 11-2 on Monday.

The first-game blowout took some time. The Tigers scored a single run in the first and a single run in the third. The Tigers led only 2-0 entering the fifth, but that's when they scored three more runs and added five in the sixth. They added another run in the seventh.

The run in the opening inning was plated by Connor Luck's single, scoring Nolan Alvord, who opened the game with a single.

In the third inning, Alvord reached base on an error, stole second and third and then scored on an error by the catcher. The Tigers led 2-0.

The three-run fifth began with Colin Lawrence walking and Seth Logan reaching base on an error on his sacri-

fice attempt. An error allowed Lawrence to score and then Alvord hit an RBI-single, plating Logan. Lance Barkholz doubled in Alvord. The Tigers led 5-0.

The Tigers loaded the bases in the sixth on a walk to Zach Brown, a single to Spencer Luck and a walk to Lawrence. Logan followed with a sacrifice fly and Alvord was hit by a pitch. Brady Tallman was walked, plating a run. Connor Luck drove in Lawrence with a single and Peyton Jackson followed with a two-run double.

In the seventh, Logan singled and Alvord plated Logan with a single.

On the mound, Kyle Crow went 4 1/3 innings, allowing two hits and two walks while striking out eight. He threw 46 of his 77 pitches for strikes and he threw first-pitch strikes to 11 of the 18 batters he faced. Jackson relieved and finished the final 2 2/3 innings. He allowed two hits and no walks while striking out two.

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MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:

HANDY, MIGHT, UNSURE, CANOPY

Answer: After rubbing the seasoning on the Thanksgiving turkey, she had — **"THYME" ON HER HANDS**

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:

PARODY, TARTAN, INTACT, GRIEF

Answer: **DINNER**

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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# Linden girls soccer posts 5-1 win vs. Bronchos

By David Troppens

**Holly** — It was a battle between two reasonably young squads.

One, Linden, is the defending varsity girls soccer Flint Metro League champions, but the Eagles are a young squad. They have four freshmen and seven sophomores on their varsity roster.

The other are the Holly Bronchos. Holly is even younger with 13 freshmen on the varsity team, but faced an even bigger uphill climb since six players were out with injuries.

The Bronchos tried to stay close as long as they possibly could, and trailed just 2-1 at halftime. However, the Eagles' superior talent rose in the second half, resulting in a 5-1 Flint Metro League victory for the Eagles Wednesday night.

One of the few seniors on the pitch for either team was Linden team captain Ashtyn

Gocha in net. She likes how her team is slowly maturing into a stronger unit.

"We have a really good bond in the back right now," Gocha said. "We are a very defensive team, but we are really young so we are still working a lot."

Even since the beginning of indoors, we had a rec league and we've already improved a lot. I think because of the weather we haven't had a lot of practices. Most have been indoors, so we haven't been about to go full out. As soon as we can, we are going to get way better and get that title, hopefully."

Linden controlled the ball the majority of the game on the Holly defensive side of the field. That resulted in two first-half goals, one each by Ava Skinner and Olivia Mawhiney. Linden led 2-0 for a good chunk of the half and it looked like the Eagles were on the verge more of making it 3-0



Linden's Maddie Dewhirst attempts a shot during the Eagles' 5-1 victory against the Holly Bronchos. Photo: David Troppens

than Holly was making it 2-1.

However, Holly did just that. Earning a corner kick chance during the final minute of the first half, a crossed ball eventually got to Morgan Dudley from Hannah Lee. Dudley

scored the Bronchos' goal with just 12 seconds left in the half.

As the second half advanced, the Eagles eventually were able to put the game away with three second-half goals.

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four in the second and 11 in the third to earn the 15-run three-inning mercy rule.

Many players had big games with two earning home runs. Madi Best hit a first-inning home run, making it 3-0 at the time. Meanwhile, Sydney D'Alimonte hit a two-run home run in the third inning, making it 16-0 at the time.

Best had an outstanding game, going 4-for-4 with four RBI and three runs scored. She also had a double to go with her home run. D'Alimonte went 3-for-3 with three RBI. Jessica Dunkel had a perfect 3-for-3 day with four RBI and three runs scored while Grace MacCaughan went 2-for-2 with an RBI and a run scored.

On the mound, Jordyn Bombersbach went three innings, tossing a no-hitter while walking one and striking out two.

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## PREP REPORT

### GIRLS TENNIS

► **Holly hosts quad:** The Bronchos placed second, one point behind eventual winners Ford II. Cali Sokolowski (1 singles), Stella Fairless and Daisy Braid (No. 4 doubles) and Adrianna Thisse and Melissa Strunk (No. 5 doubles) won their flights. Flight runner-ups for Holly were Makena McGee and Anneliese Thisse (No. 1 doubles), and Bella Smith and Natalie Gutierrez (No. 3 doubles).

► **Holly 4, Kearsley 4:** Calli Sokolowski (No. 1 singles) won in straight sets 6-0, 6-0 while Mary Grace McAninch also won her singles match at No. 2 singles 6-4, 7-5. Makena McGee and Anneliese Thisse won at No. 2 doubles 6-3, 6-2.

### BOYS GOLF

► **Fenton 164, Owosso 207:** Ian White earned medalist honors at Owosso Country Club with a nine-hole score of 38. Other Fenton scorers were Nate Dymond with a 41, Carter Will with a 42 and Evan Brown with a 43.

► **Swartz Creek 178, Holly 206:** At Clio Country Club, Nolan Frick shot a 49 for Holly while Chase Couchman carded a 51. Dean Brown shot a 52 and Cooper Anderson shot a 54.

### GIRLS SOCCER

► **Linden 1, Swartz Creek 0:** The Ea-

gles picked up a key road victory as Allison Maienbrook scored the only goal of the contest. The loss was Swartz Creek's first of the Flint Metro League season.

### BASEBALL

► **Flushing 7-11, Holly 0-3:** Holly collected five hits in the 7-0 first-game loss. Chris Walton had two hits while Billy Labade, Logan Winstead and Mason Clark had one each. On the mound, Joe Smith didn't allow a hit over 3 2/3 innings, but walked eight and allowed three runs (only one earned). Boston Curtis struck out four in 2 1/3 innings of relief. Only one of the four runs he allowed were earned.

In the 11-3 second-game loss, Clark and Jordan Compton had three hits each. Keinen Melton had two hits with one being a double. He also walked twice. Unearned runs were a problem in this contest as well. Only one of the six runs Clark allowed were earned.

### SOFTBALL

► **Owosso 6-17, Lake Fenton 0-0:** Owosso's star pitcher Macy Ireland tossed a one-hitter and struck out 12 in the opening game. In the second game she also pitched and tossed a three-inning no-hitter, striking out five batters. Lydia Slater had Lake Fenton's only hit in the twinbill.

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## LF golfers open Metro with sweep of Kearsley, Holly

The Lake Fenton varsity boys golf team is getting off to a slower start than the rest of the Metro League in some ways, but a pretty fast start in other ways.

The Blue Devils finally started their Metro dual season on Wednesday, which is how they got off to a slow start. Most teams had already competed against a few Metro foes prior to Wednesday.

However, they got off to a fast start by earning a sweep against Kearsley and Holly, defeating the Bronchos 177-194 and the Hornets 177-183 at Heather Highlands Golf Course. Holly was swept as Kearsley beat the Bronchos 183-194.

Lake Fenton's Mason Stuve was the match medalist. He shot a nine-hole score of 40. Waylon Dorenzo followed with a 42 while Gabe Jackson shot a 49 and Nathan Damic shot a 50. Ryan Lukowski carded a 54.

Holly's top performer was Dean Brown with a 46.

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## • Lake Fenton/Goodrich boys lacrosse defeats Wolves

• **By David Troppens**

• In a battle of tri-county programs, the Lake Fenton/Goodrich varsity boys lacrosse team found itself in a tight battle with the Linden/Fenton Wolves.

• The Lake Fenton/Goodrich squad earned a second close victory this season against the Wolves, earning a 9-6 verdict.

• The Linden/Fenton squad also had another close game recently, losing in double overtime to Saginaw 15-14.

• The Lake Fenton/Goodrich co-op was paced offensively by Jack Conley. He scored five goals and dished off one assist. Murphy Conley was the team's ultimate distributor, earning four assists.

• Cooper Hallwood had two goals and an assist while Cole Storm dished off an assist.

• The Wolves were led by Brady James and Max Ciesielski who had two goals each. Jeff Primm and Rykerson Wright recorded a goal each as well.

• Lake Fenton/Goodrich won slightly more face offs, earning nine of the 15 jousts.

• Against Saginaw, James scored two goals in the last 40 seconds to send it into overtime.

• Mitchel Luck scored five goals while Ciesielski and James had four goals each.



Lake Fenton/Goodrich's Cooper Hallwood (front) tries to get by the Wolves' Parker Raymond during a recent contest. **Photo: David Troppens**

## Lake Fenton track program sweeps Brandon Blackhawks

**By David Troppens**

The Lake Fenton varsity track program competed against Brandon and came home with two wins.

The Lake Fenton girls won 82-56, while the boys won by a pretty similar 79-56 verdict.

Both squads came home with 10 firsts among the 17 events. The girls (2-1-1 in the Metro) won seven individual events and three relays while the boys (1-3) won

eight individual events and two relays.

The girls were led by Marielle Hatfield and Lucianna Kamischke, who each played a role in three firsts. Hatfield won the 1,600 (6:18.81) and the 3,200 (13:25.48) individually. She also teamed with Grace Roy, Kaitlyn Hatfield and Reagan Steffey to win the 3,200 relay (12:11.22). Kamischke earned her individual firsts in the 200 (29.46) and the 100

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## Fenton/Linden girls lacrosse defeats Lake Fenton/Goodrich, 10-6

**By David Troppens**

Dan Reason is still learning about his Fenton/Linden varsity girls lacrosse squad.

But while he's learning, the team keeps on winning.

The Heat remained undefeated in league play, defeating the Lake Fenton/Goodrich program Tuesday night by a

10-6 score.

The Lake Fenton/Goodrich co-op took the early 2-0 lead, but as the game advanced, the Heat took control. Still, the Lake Fenton/Goodrich squad continues to show progress. The last time the teams faced off, the Fenton/Linden program earned a 15-9 victory.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF FENTON 2022-2023 BUDGET

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# Holly softball continues to earn Metro victories

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity softball team is still in control of its own destiny for a Flint Metro League Stripes Division title after sweeping the Flushing Raiders 6-4 and 21-4 on Monday.

The Bronchos (10-2 overall and 6-2 in Metro action) were led by Rylee Parks and Delaney Jenkinson offensively. Parks went 3-for-4 with two RBI, while Jenkinson hit the big-

gest shot of the game — a three-run home run.

On the mound Maggie Boehm had a strong outing, allowing just five hits while earning the complete-game victory.

In the second game, Jenna Wylie was one of many hot Bronchos' bats, going 4-for-4 with five RBI and two runs scored. Nora Kreft also drove in five runs with three hits. She scored

two runs. Jenkins hit two more four-baggers and drove in five runs. Rylee Parks went yard, with one of her two hits and drove in four runs. Libby Boehm went 2-for-2 with two walks.

Holly was aggressive on the base-paths in both games. The Bronchos stole 10 bases in the second game. Wylie had five for the day and four in the second game. Holly stole five bases in the opening contest.

error, cutting the gap to 8-4, but the Blue Devils added another run in the bottom of the sixth. Haddad singled and eventually scored on Caverly's single that included an error on the safety.

Owosso made it interesting in the top of the seventh, scoring two runs and having two runners on with two out, but a wacky infield fly rule double play ended the contest, giving the Blue Devils the win.

Melynchek earned the win with five innings of three-run ball. However, two of those runs were unearned.

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# LF soccer defeats Brandon, Creek

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer team is trying to stick close with the Flint Metro League leaders.

The Blue Devils posted a big victory with a 3-0 league win against Brandon on Monday and followed that with a key 2-1 victory against Swartz Creek on Wednesday.

The victories move the Blue Devils to 3-1-1 in Flint Metro League action, still in the mix of the contender's talk, but not completely in control of their own destiny since the Clio Mustangs still remain undefeated in league play.

Swartz Creek opened the week as one of the first-place teams tied with Clio, but the Dragons lost a 1-0 verdict to another contending team, Linden, on Tuesday and then lost to the Blue Devils 2-1.

Savannah Reese scored the Blue Devils first goal on an assist by Makena Dreyer. Dreyer then scored the second Lake Fenton goal off an assist by Priscilla Johnson-Bashor.

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a run of their own, set up by back-to-back fielding errors by the Blue Devils to start the top of the second. An RBI-single by Owosso's Cody Fields tied it up.

But Lake Fenton scored a run in the bottom of the second and never lost the lead again. The run in the second was set up when starting pitcher Zack Melynchek helped his cause with a leadoff double. Courtesy runner Nash Verhelle eventually scored on an RBI-fielder's choice grounder by Willman.

Lake Fenton scored two more in the

fourth. With two out Tate Caverly and Sam Shumaker walked. Willman was hit by a pitch and Clay Cook responded with a two-out two-run single. Lake Fenton led 4-1.

A four-run fifth began with a Wright single and then a sacrifice by Jacob Stevenson that was booted. Wright actually scored and Stevenson ended up on third. Carson Haddad followed with an RBI-single and Melynchek walked. Shumaker then drove in two runs with a two-run single.

Owosso scored three runs in the top of the sixth with the aid of a Lake Fenton

win the 400 relay (46.91).

Pinion earned his firsts in distance events. He won the 1,600 (5:10.23) and the 3,200 (11:45.72) individually while teaming with David Rampy, Daniel Mueller and Matt Fletcher in the 3,200 relay (9:44.87).

The other individual firsts for the men were earned by Francis Senter in the high jump (5-10) and Calvin Kamischke in the pole vault (10-0). Meanwhile, the other individual firsts for the women were earned by Allison Moore in the shot put (24-1 1/2), Alexa Murray in the 100 (14.27) and Bella DeBoe in the high jump (4-9).

important. Since then, we've been progressing.

"Their team is getting stronger as well. They've improved over the course of the year. I give their coaching staff credit. They're playing well."

The Fenton/Linden squad's top scorer all season long has been Kaitlyn Mossett, and she was in this game as well. She scored seven of the team's 10 goals.

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hurdles (18.78) while collecting a first in the 400 relay with Camryn Morton, Lonna Perna and Alexa Murray (56.35).

The Lake Fenton boys had three athletes — Malte Vollmers, Nolan Pinion and Abraham Beadner — earn two individual firsts while helping a relay to a top finish. Malte Vollmers earned his firsts in the 100 (11.64) and the 200 (23.81) individually while Beadner won the 110 hurdles (19.02) and the 300 hurdles (47.0). Both Vollmers and Beadner teamed with Nolan Schroeder and Coleson Lessner to

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"They got up two scores on us and then we started playing our normal game and never looked back," Reason said. "We lost our first game to Grand Blanc at our place, but it was our first game and we are trying to build a program. I had just enough on JV and on varsity and I thought playing two teams and building for the program was more

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800 (2:32.44) individually. She also earned a first with Isabella Vincil, Sophia Resa and Ava Pyeatt in the 1,600 relay (4:46.10) while teaming with Emily Grob, Ella Cox and Nina Frost to win the 3,200 relay (10:41.68).

Adrienne Staib also won two individual events for the Fenton girls. She took the top spot in the shot put (29-foot-1 1/2) and the discus (73-5).

The Fenton boys also had an individual event double-winner. Justin Miller earned a first in the high jump (6-3) and in the long jump (19-3).

The Linden Eagles also had individual double-event winners for both genders. The girls had two. Katelyn-rose Birchmeier won the 100 hurdles (18.76) and the 300 hurdles (57.16) while Victoria Osmond won the 100 (12.90) and the 200 (28.11). For the boys, River Meckstroth earned the top spot in the 800 (2:04.85) and in the 1,600 (4:25.60).

Other individual firsts for the Fenton girls were earned by Frost in the 3,200 (12:43.86), Victoria Henson in the high jump (4-4), Halle Thorp in the pole vault (7-6) and Isabella Henson in the long jump (15-11). The girls also saw

their 800 relay earn a first with the team of Emma Dubie, Sophie Crane, Henson and Randi Foor (1:52.72).

The Fenton boys also had individual firsts earned by Donovan Miller in the 200 (23.84), Aidan Brzezinski in the 3,200 (10:30.80), Gavin Stuber in the 110 hurdles (17.31), Colin Carver in the shot put (38-10 1/2), Brad Grifka in the discus (112-5 1/2) and Chase Gibson in the pole vault (9-6).

The Fenton boys won three relays. Christopher Piwowarczyk, Chris Weddle, Patrick Hamilton and Miller won the 800 relay (1:37.46).

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Linden's Kyle Eberhard and Fenton's Evan Koch compete in Tuesday's dual.

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## Holly soccer records 3-3 tie vs. Kearsley

The Holly varsity girls soccer team finished all tied up with Kearsley in Flint Metro League action on Monday.

The squads finished in a 3-3 deadlock.

Holly trailed in the second half 3-2, but Jessica Booher scored on a pass from Eryn Bayer, deadlocking the score at 3-all. Holly had other scoring

chances after that, but couldn't score the game-winner.

In the first half, Kearsley had an early 1-0 lead, but Ambrielle Hoffman scored on an assist by Booher and Bayer. The Bronchos' second goal came in the first half as well on a Gabby Sornson goal off a pass from Booher.

## Linden boys golf splits Metro League matches

The Linden varsity boys golf team had a good news, bad news day on Tuesday.

The good news was the Eagles (2-2 in league play) defeated Kearsley in Flint Metro League action 176-200, but the bad news is they fell a stroke short against Flushing, losing a 175-176 verdict.

Linden's Andrew Skellenger continued his strong season, by posting medalist honors at Flushing Valley Country Club, posting a nine-hole score of 38, beating the field by three strokes.

However, Flushing's depth was too tough to beat as the Raiders (4-0 in league play) had four of the next five best scores against the Eagles.

Flushing's Brady Baldwin shot a 41 and Garrett Morrison carded a 41. Linden's Aiden Krueger had a 44, but following those two were Flushing's AJ Ligori's 45 and Carson Ward's 46. Linden countered with Connor Skellenger's 46 and Matt Taylor's 48.

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## Holly track and field swept by Flushing Raiders

The Holly varsity track and field program competed versus Flushing and both squads fell to the Raiders.

The Holly boys lost 106-31 while the Holly girls lost 110-25.

The girls posted four firsts. Arian-na Marsh was the program's top star, earning two individual firsts. She won the shot put (22-feet-6) and the high

jump (4-6). The other two firsts were earned by Annabelle Basham in the pole vault (6-6) and Olivia Coleman in the 100 (15.15).

The boys had two individual firsts. Wilson Tschirhart earned a first in the pole vault (12-6) while Mason Rosa won the 3,200 (11:11.80).

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## Fenton girls soccer defeats Corunna, loses to Clio

Scoring goals hasn't come easy for the Fenton varsity girls soccer team (4-2 in Metro play) so far this season.

That wasn't a problem on Monday.

The Tigers scored five goals, earning an important 5-0 win against Corunna.

However, against the league leader Clio Mustangs, it was a problem once again, resulting in a 3-0 loss on Wednesday

Fenton had four different goal scorers against Corunna.

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Fenton resident Adam Powell attends Anytime Fitness nearly every day. He was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in June 2019, and working out helps keep him keep up his strength. He's fundraising and getting ready for Walk MS: Milford 2022, which will take place at Kensington Metropark/Maple Beach on Sunday, May 22.



■ Fenton resident, who lives with multiple sclerosis, encourages public to donate and attend

By Hannah Ball

Originally, his goal was to raise \$2,000 for the Walk MS: Milford 2022 event on Sunday, May 22.

Fenton resident Adam Powell's multiple sclerosis support group has raised nearly \$9,000 in approximately two weeks. Now their goal is to raise \$10,000.

The event will take place in Kensington Metropark/Maple Beach, 4570 Huron River Parkway in Milford. A one-mile and a three-mile path will be marked for participants. Its purpose is to raise awareness about MS.

The site opens at 9 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m.

"I want to be able to walk the whole one mile. That's my main goal. It's going to be tough. If I feel okay, I might try to walk the three mile or as far as I can," Powell said. "Next year, it'll probably be three miles."

MS is a disease of the central nervous system that disrupts the flow of information between the body and brain, according to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. It can cause permanent damage or deterioration of nerves.

Powell first realized something was different with his body in September 2018, when he worked as an on-road supervisor for UPS in Livonia. He was eventually di-

agnosed with MS in June 2019. He lost feeling in his feet and legs and decided it was no longer safe for him to drive, forcing him to leave his job after 13 years.

After months of dealing with insurance and disability, Powell was able to start taking Ocrevus, a medicine used to treat adults with relapsing or primary progressive multiple sclerosis, in January 2020. It halted his rapid decline.

Powell previously used a wheelchair, a walker, two ACL braces and ankle braces.

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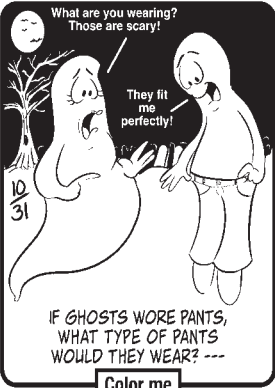
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# Obituaries

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## Alexander Proulx

Alexander Proulx - age 83, died April 26, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Clifton McCardle

Clifton McCardle - age 85, died April 20, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Deborah Link

Deborah Link - age 75, died April 23, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Dennis Brown

Dennis Brown - age 54, died April 26, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Janice Shimoda

Janice Shimoda - age 78, died April 26, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## John Stenger

John Stenger - 50, died April 16, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Marie Lapointe

Marie Lapointe - age 92, died April 25, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Mary Long

Mary Long - age 84, died April 23, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Mevelyn Wolfin

Mevelyn Wolfin - age 73, died April 20, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Michael Newman

Michael Newman - age 52, died April 22, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## John H. "Jack" Pray

1947 – 2022

John H. "Jack" Pray - age 75, of Fenton, passed away Friday April 22, 2022. Funeral Services were held 11:30 AM Wednesday, April 27 at Sharp



VFW. Jack was a past Department of VFW Michigan Commander. He and Bonnie loved traveling in their 5th Wheel and socializing with friends. Jack is survived

by his beloved wife of 52 years, Bonnie; two children, Michael (special friend Darcy) Pray of Grand Blanc, Jackie (Michael) Williams of Flint; three grandsons, Trentn, Jeffery, Cameron; great-grandson, Braxton; sister, Jill Gilbert of FL; cousin, Sandy Corcoran; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Dawn Badder, Nancy Ferguson, Sharon Carmody, and M.L. Pray. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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## Jackline Mary Odykirk

1940 – 2022

Jackline Mary Odykirk - age 81 of Fenton, was surrounded by her loving family when she left this Earth to spend Eternity with Jesus on Tuesday April 26, 2022. She was born August 13, 1940 in Buffalo, New York. She and her husband, Barry (who preceded her in death) were devout members of the First Baptist Church of Holly. She cherished her daily Bible studies bringing her love of Christ to those she knew so that they would love and worship the Lord as she did. Jackie is a child of God, a loving servant in worship whose faith was strong to the very end. She is survived by daughters Jeanne (Tom) Cairns, Rhonda (David) Kowalski; grandchildren, Crystal, Tiffany, Nastassja, and Cameron. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com).

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## Nancy Carolyn (Dawe) Noble

Nancy Carolyn (Dawe) Noble - age 82, died Monday, April 25, 2022 at her home in Jackson, losing her battle with MDS blood cancer and PML brain infection. Born in Ann Arbor, she grew up in Port Huron and then lived in Ann Arbor, Lapeer, Davison, Flushing and, for nearly 30 years, on Runyan Lake near Fenton before she and her husband of more than 60 years moved to Jackson four years ago. Nancy was the founding director of the Salem-South Lyon District Library (SSLD). She went to the South Lyon City Library in 1989 and oversaw the creation and funding of the new, independent library district and construction of the SSLD library, which opened in 1998. Before going to South Lyon she was systems services manager at the Genesee District Library. Nancy joined GDL as librarian in its Flushing branch. She was GDL regional manager of libraries in five Genesee County communities before heading systems services. She started her career as a children's librarian in Lapeer. Nancy earned her Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, following her Bachelor's Degree in English Literature from the same campus. A state-certified professional librarian, she stayed up to date in the in the evolving field of library science by



taking numerous special and advanced programs offered by various institutions. She was a member of the Public Library Association and several other professional and community organizations. A staunch advocate of education and training, Nancy took great satisfaction in encouraging, mentoring and otherwise helping others pursue their career goals in library science and other walks of life. Nancy retired from SSLD in 2002, at which time she received State of Michigan declarations of special tribute from the Ninety-First Legislature and Gov. John Engler for her contributions to librarianship and the communities she served. Nancy's greatest enjoyment was spending time with family and friends. She loved reading, gardening, classical music, traveling and hiking nature trails, especially during the spring blooming of

trilliums, trout lilies and other wildflowers. Nancy also deeply appreciated wildlife, especially sandhill cranes and the avian world in general. She leaves her husband, Richard; daughter, Laura Noble and husband Dr. Albert Hollenbeck of Chelsea; granddaughter, Delia Noble; grandson, Hayden Hollenbeck; sister, Meg and husband Bill Minnich; brother and sister-in-law, Ed and Betty Noble; and 10 nieces and nephews. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Marjorie (Scott) Dawe; and sisters. Shirley (Dawe) Bishop and Kate Dawe. PML is a fatal brain disease and Nancy bequeathed her brain to the National Institute for Health to contribute to researching into this rare disease. Cremation and arrangements are being handled by the Cole Funeral Chaple, Chelsea. Her remains will rest in Forest Hill Cemetery, Ann Arbor. A celebration of her life will be held in the future, pending the status of the Covid pandemic. Nancy supported a wide variety of charitable organizations. Memorial contributions may be made to your local food bank, animal shelter or library or to Planned Parenthood, the National Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy or the World Wildlife Fund.

## Patricia Breckenridge

Patricia Breckenridge - age 69, died April 25, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Paul Squier

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## Reva Sweeney

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## Richard Reed II

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## Mary "Annette" Shinedling

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## Robert "Red" Brooks

Robert "Red" Brooks - age 86, died April 24, 2022. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Sally Voakes

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## Robert "Bobby" Foy

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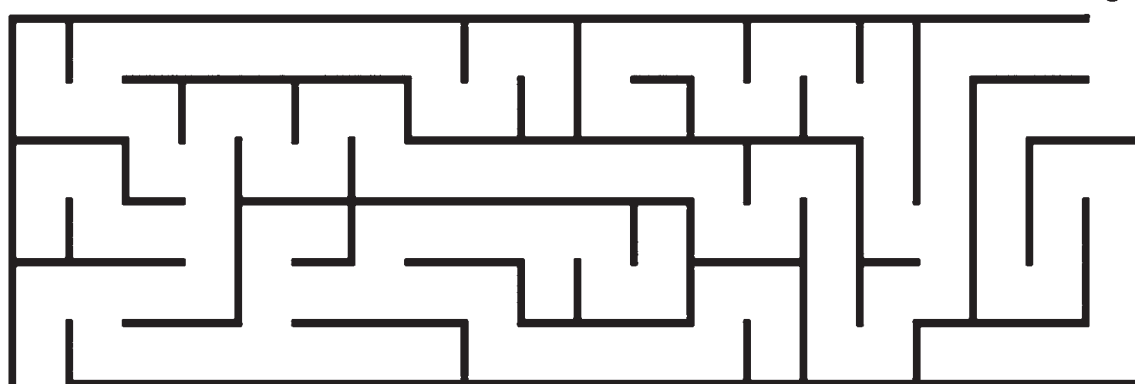
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## WALK MS

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Teams sign up and try to raise the most money. Powell is trying to get more people to join his team and to donate. He's been visiting his old co-workers, teachers and posting about the event online to raise awareness.

"We're in second place right now. We're trying to jump to one. But for me, being my first one, I just want to celebrate it. I've come so far," he said. "It's given me a purpose, given me something to do."

All proceeds go to the MS Society, which funds research and works to educate the public about the disease.

The main goal of Walk MS, besides raising awareness, is getting people outside doing something together and being active. Powell said some people who attend aren't able to walk so they use scooters.

Powell's mobility has been improving. He said he's still apprehensive to walk the mile. He walks on a treadmill every day for 10 minutes.

"I'm in a way better place physically than I was eight months ago. It's been going really well. The gym has been such a huge thing for me. Not only physically, but mentally. It gives me something to do and build and gain," he said, adding that his strength and stamina are much improved.

He goes to Anytime Fitness every

day, except for days he has physical therapy. He went to the gym 31 days out of 31 days in March. The owners and other gym goers have been "super supportive," he said, when he needs help moving equipment. The owners hung up his flyers for the Walk MS event and have donated.

Powell said it's easier for him to ask for help now than it was last year.

"It's still hard for me to accept it. I still try to do everything on my own," he said. "They're always willing to help grab something for me or put something away for me. They've been great."

His goal, besides fundraising for Walk MS, is to get a lot of people out walking and interacting with more people who have MS to raise awareness.

"A lot of people don't know a lot about MS. I don't want it to be looked down upon," he said. "I want

to be the guy that doesn't let MS define who I am. I keep going no matter what and I want people to see that and use that in their own life, whether they have the disease or not. It's just raising awareness of the disease and how it affects people. It affects people so differently.

"We deal with it together but also separate."

Join Powell's team at mssociety.donordrive.com. His team name is Mind over Myelin Sheath. He can be contacted at msdwiththewrongmfr@gmail.com or (269) 271-0001.

**“A lot of people don't know a lot about MS. I don't want it to be looked down upon.”**

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2013 Jeep Wrangler  
Unlimited Rubicon  
\$33,000 | Stock #1581612B



2017 Ford Explorer  
Limited  
\$26,233 | Stock #126312



2013 GMC Acadia  
SLE-2  
\$7,272 | Stock #126294A



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SERVICE

**BODY SHOP:**  
Mon 8am-7pm  
Tue-Fri 8am-6pm

**SERVICE:**  
Mon 7:30am-7pm  
Tues-Fri 7:30am-6pm  
Sat 8am-2pm

**PARTS:**  
Mon 8am-7pm  
Tues-Fri 8am-6pm  
Sat 8am-2pm

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