Council expected to vote on unexpected ballot item

Holly Village residents to see police/fire special assessment on Aug. 2 ballot

By Sharon Stone

In February, the Holly Village Council authorized a police/fire public safety operations special assessment proposal

of 3 mills for the November General planned and was a surprise to everyone. Election ballot.

However, the village was notified late last week that Oakland County Elections included this proposal on the ballots for the Aug. 2 Primary Election.

Before any misinformation goes out, Village Manager Jerry Walker wanted the residents to know this was not

A special Holly Village Council meeting has been scheduled for tonight, Wednesday, July 27 at 7 p.m., at which time council will approve the placement on the Aug. 2, 2022 ballot.

Walker said funds raised from the special assessment are critical in maintaining current staffing levels

and updating emergency response equipment. An example of equipment needing to be replaced is the fire department ladder truck. At 34 years old, the ladder truck is useful but is past its life expectancy.

Because of its age, many parts that wear out on the truck are not produced See **BALLOT** on 8



Residents to vote on mosquito

abatement Each parcel would be assessed up to \$25

By Hannah Ball

On Nov. 8, Fenton Township residents will vote on a special assessment for mosquito abatement services.

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved the ballot language after a public hearing during the Tuesday, July 19 meeting in which they discussed the proposal from APM Mosquito Control. Proposed is a six-year budget.

The ballot proposal will ask voters to approve an assessment of up to \$25 per parcel for a period of six years. This amount is less than the See MOSQUITO on 7

River Roast attracts thousands to Linden



Dozens of children participate in a game hosted by The Rock Church during River Roast on Saturday, July 23. The Rock Church set up the Kids Zone with inflatables, activities, games, prizes and more. See story on Page 16. Photo: Hannah Ball

LShiawassee Shores is

suffering what could be a major health crisis. We have been invaded by hundreds of geese who are defecating throughout the park, potentially spreading disease. Our elderly residents and maintenance staff are exposed to this daily. Calls to management are brushed off. There must be a solution."



LHuge thanks to young Riley for collecting over \$2,000 in cans and bottles to help pay for the new well

at Thompson Road Regional Dog Park. My dog Earl and I appreciate the work he and his mom put into and returning cans and bottles to the store.'

Township hires three new firefighters

Chief working to expand fire department

By Hannah Ball

"Well, this doesn't happen very often," said Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz before introducing three new recruits during the Tuesday, July 19 meeting.

Volz is currently working to expand the fire department and hire more firefighters.

"With the Fenton Township Fire Department's ongoing efforts to expand the department's roster, I am pleased to report that we have three new recruits," he wrote to the Fenton Township Board of

See FIREFIGHTERS on 8

LA big 'thank you' to Villagers Chanh, Restaurant in Holly for good service, good





Migratory monarch butterfly now endangered

Added last week to Red List of Threatened Species

Another reason to appreciate the beautiful migratory monarch butterfly - they are now listed as an endangered species.

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) announced this week that it added this butterfly to its Red List of Threatened Species as Endangered, threatened by habitat destruction and climate change.

The migratory monarch butterfly is known for its spectacular annual journey of up to 4,000 kilometers (2,500 miles) across the Americas. All surviving sturgeon species-also migratory, found across the northern hemisphere – are now at risk of extinction due to dams and poaching, pushing the world's most Critically Endangered group of animals yet closer to the brink. The tiger has been reassessed, revealing new population figures.

The IUCN Red List now includes 147,517 species, of which 41,459 are threatened with extinction.

The Endangered migratory monarch butterfly is a subspecies of the monarch butterfly (Danaus plexippus). The native population, known for its migrations from Mexico and California in the winter to summer breeding grounds throughout the United States and Canada, has shrunk by between 22% and 72% over the past decade. Legal and illegal logging and deforestation to make space for agriculture and urban development has already destroyed substantial areas of the butterflies' winter shelter in Mexico and California, while pesticides and herbicides used in intensive agriculture across the range kill butterflies and milkweed, the host plant that the larvae of the monarch

butterfly feed on.

The western population is at greatest risk of extinction, having declined by an estimated 99.9%, from as many as 10 million to 1,914 butterflies between the 1980s and 2021. The larger eastern population also shrunk by 84% from 1996 to 2014. Concern remains as to whether enough butterflies survive to maintain the populations and prevent extinction.

"It is difficult to watch monarch butterflies and their extraordinary migration teeter on the edge of collapse, but there are signs of hope. So many people and organizations have come together to try and protect this butterfly and its habitats. From planting native milkweed and reducing pesticide use to supporting the protection of overwintering sites and contributing to community science, we all have a role to play in making sure this iconic

The migratory monarch butterfly, known for its spectacular annual journey across the Americas has entered the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species as Endangered.

Submitted photo

insect makes a full recovery," said Anna Walker, member of the IUCN SSC Butterfly and Moth Specialist Group and Species Survival Officer at the New Mexico BioPark Society, who led the monarch butterfly assessment.

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John D. Dingell VA hospital in Detroit. She's had spa training and athletic training with both professional football players and college athletes from U of M-Ann Arbor. She said it was rigorous training that built the foundation for her unique practice that balances and serenity. Balance Pointe Massage's goal is to blend therapeutic treatments with a soothing, well-appointed treatment space to provide the most thorough session possible. Each guest has a sit down conversation with a therapist before every session so they

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HONORING





(From left) Congratulations were in order for the Beard and Mustache Competition winner: Ed Haake, with 16 inches of beard. This contest was sponsored by Bridge Street Exchange in Fenton. The Pioneer Day event included a car and tractor show, a beard and moustache contest, live music from three local bands, craft vendors, a tent with activities for children, food trucks, live broadcast from Cars 108 and more. The Tyrone Township Historical Society honored Royce Hyde as a distinguished citizen for serving as township supervisor for 27 years and for serving as the Historical Society's first president. The Hyde family also is well known for their Hilltop Orchards. **Submitted Photos**

Pioneer Day — a day to bring generations together

Event raises more than \$5,000 to help move historical Town House

By Sharon Stone

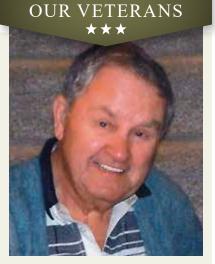
Hundreds of people attended the Tyrone Township Historical Society's Pioneer Day on Saturday, July 23. This family filled fundraising event generated funds to help move the historic township hall to the property where the current township hall is located.

The event aimed to bring communities together and connect the past with present generations in engaging ways. In addition to Tyrone Township's Historical Society, representatives from the Linden, Holly and AJ Phillips Fenton Historical Groups were there to share a more collective local history.

Recognition of Royce Hyde for his service to Tyrone Township and the Tyrone Township Historical Society was an integral part of the day's celebration.

The Tyrone Township Historical Society continues to work to preserve the state registered Historical Town House building that resides on Center Road. It was built in 1887 and moved from its original location in 1975 for the purpose of preservation. The building needs to again relocate, this time by March 2023 to remain under public ownership.

Community Threads of Fenton See **PIONEER DAY** on 15



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Sharin' the Spotlight

By Editor Sharon Stone

he thunder and lightning storm we had very early in the morning last weekend was such a glorious show. I love storms like that as long as we don't lose power. I watched lightning bolts exploding in the sky and some of them felt like they were over my house. After one large boom, my phone received an alert that the telephone pole on Silver Lake Road at West Street in Fenton had caught fire. I'm guessing they were related.

My daughter Laura told me that her husband Ed was so shaken by one bolt of lightning and the sound of thunder that when it awakened him, he thought their house was under attack and he jumped into action to save her. That vision made me laugh. I heard there were small areas of power outages, but it didn't sound like too many were without power for too long. One thing nice about the downpour that accompanied the lightning and thunder was that our grass, gardens and lake levels needed the rain so badly. Hopefully, in the coming days the grass that is not watered from sprinkler systems

Much needed rain and so many events this summer

Sharon Stone

turns a nice shade of green instead of the straw-like appearance it now has.

Speaking of gardens, I have got to get over to Eichelberg Farm. I heard their sweet corn is ready and there's nothing better. Dwight Eichelberg's farm has a lot of other produce for sale and as soon as I get a free moment, that's where I'm heading.

Now that everyone seems to be back enjoying indoor and outdoor events, I believe the residents in the tri-county area should be thankful for so many events taking place this summer. Times reporter Hannah Ball was out at River Roast in downtown Linden this past weekend covering all the fun activities. Thursday evenings in Fenton continue to attract hundreds and hundreds of folks who like to attend farmers markets, listen to some live music at the gazebo or check out activities run by Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation.

The Pioneer Day in Tyrone Township attracted hundreds of people on Saturday. The Tyrone

What's your favorite way to prepare corn?

Township Historical Society and several volunteers hosted a family fun day with live music, a car show, raffles and more in an effort to raise funds to move the historic Town House from the previous township property to where the current township hall is located.

The Warda Foundation hosted its inaugural golf outing on Saturday at Fenton Farms. My husband and I and some close friends golfed in the event and had a blast. The weather was ideal for golfing and hopefully they raised a lot of money for their foundation. It's great seeing new and old friends coming together for a great cause.

Another worthwhile event to take part in is the Hogs and Harmony for Holly event taking place Aug. 13. This event includes a motorcycle ride and concert. As my friends can attest, I'm not much of a motorcycle enthusiast but I do enjoy concerts and good music. This fundraiser will benefit the victims of the massive fire that struck downtown Holly on June 21.

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

street talk



"On the stove, boil in hot water with sugar and salt. Yummy."



"Ninja foodie pressure cooker three minutes with one cup of water and salt."



"Cooler corn so easy and delicious. Also doesn't heat up the house on summer days."



"Elotes style salad."

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YOU ARE CORRECT: sending traffic through a full crowd of people is a recipe for disaster. Get rid of the crowd.

I'M SO GLAD that Fenton police are arresting these people who cheat at the self-scan registers. These people who feel they are entitled to free stuff are costing the rest of us more when we legally buy our items. If you can't afford the stuff, get a job.

WHO'S THE BIGGER criminal? The person stealing catalytic converters and other things or the person buying it from them? Prosecute those in possession of stolen goods.

THIS IS FOR all you left lane drivers. The left lane is for passing, so pass or get out of the way. It is actually illegal to pass on the right.

WE WANT OUR \$2 a gallon gas back. There's no valid reason we are paying what we are paying right now other than our inept government.

Ann Rogulsky Fenton Christa Irons Holly Jessica Clark Fenton

First responders support proposed millage

Police and fire associations submit letters of support to Linden City Council

By Hannah Ball

Linden — The Linden Police Officers Association and the Linden Firefighters Association sent letters of support for the proposed police and fire 5-mill millage that residents will vote "yes" or "no" on Tuesday, Aug. 2.

If approved, the city's charter will be amended and the millage, which will raise funds solely for the purpose of providing police and fire services, is estimated to generate \$621,000 in the first year.

Linden City Council introduced the letters during the Monday, July 25 meeting. Bryan Drinkwine, president of LPOA/POAM, submitted the following letter:

"The Linden Police Officers in conjunction with the Police Officers Association of Michigan would like to take this opportunity to show support for the upcoming public safety millage set to be voted on by the residents of Linden on August 2nd 2022.

"The Linden Police Officers Association has worked closely with the city of Linden's leadership and understand and support the need for this public safety millage. If this millage is approved it will allow our officers to continue to provide the necessary services in an ever-changing environment, as well as plan for the future needs of this city. We will also have the opportunity to partner with the Linden Community Schools on a Resource Officer.

"The Linden Police Officers Association supports and endorses the Police and Fire Millage for the city of Linden. Please join us in the support and need for this millage on August 2nd 2022. Our future and the service we so desperately want to provide is depended upon it. Thank you in advance."

Jeff Mullins, president of the Linden Firefighters Association, submitted the following letter:

"The Linden Firefighters Association would like to invite the residents of the city to join in the support of the upcoming public safety millage set to be voted on August 2nd 2022. The Linden Firefighters Association understands the importance and needs of this millage. The passing of this millage will allow the fire department to have up to date lifesaving and safety equipment as well as planning and training for the future of the city of Linden and its residents.

"The Linden firefighters Association endorses and supports the Public Safety Millage for the city of Linden. We welcome and ask all residents to come and support this millage by voting August 2nd 2022. Thank you in advance for your support."

What is on the ballot?

On Aug. 2, Linden voters will be asked to consider a ballot proposal that will amend the City of Linden Charter authorizing a permanent additional millage of 5.0 mills to be levied solely for providing police and fire protection operations, equipment, and services.

If passed, what does this mean for the city?

It will ensure future funding for police and fire services by creating a dedicated source of funding for police and fire services. It will create the opportunity to partner with Linden Community Schools for a school resource officer, according to city officials. It will also allow the city to put more funds toward infrastructure as well as roads, facilities, parks, city hall, the Department of Public Works building and more.

Why does the ballot language include amending the charter?

The 2022 operating millage rate is 9.9887 mills. It was rolled back from 10.1316 due to the Headlee Amendment. The current millage limit set in the city charter is 13.5 mills, and the 5-mill police and fire millage would push them over the limit. They are also asking residents to amend the city's See **MILLAGE** on 9







THIS WEEK'S GENESEE COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS

TOWNSHIP	WHERE	IMPACT TO TRAFFIC	TIMELINE	DETOUR	PROJECT DETAILS
Flint	Bristol Rd. bridge between I-69 and Linden Rd.	One lane open in each direction	April 4 - August 29	none	Bridge rehabilitation
Flint	Flushing Rd. between El Dorado Dr. to N. Ballenger Hwy.	One lane open in each direction	July 11 - September 9	none	Rehabilitation; Diet to 3 lanes
Grand Blanc	Baldwin Rd. between South Dort Hwy. and Holly Rd.	Detour posted	June 6 - September 2	Fenton to Cook to Holly	Widening to 3 lanes
Grand Blanc	Misty Meadows	Open to local traffic	May 2 - TBD	none	Rehabilitation

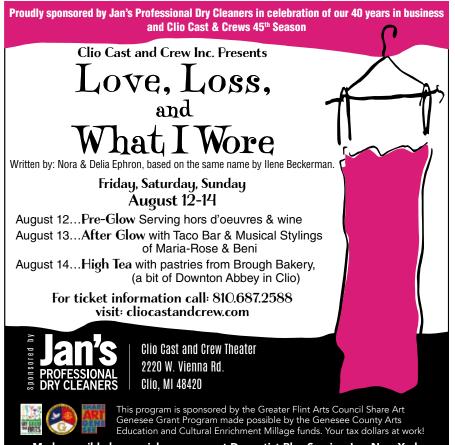
HOT LINE CONTINUED

DID THE FOUNDERS intend the separation of church and state? Absolutely. They expected a country where religion was important, but the Colonial era and before was rife with religious discrimination, even persecution. The way to ensure freedom of religion was a secular government where no specific religious beliefs held sway.



Compelling the attendance of witnesses by subpoenas, warrants and summonses

Last week, "subpoenas" were in the national news when Steve Bannon was convicted of criminal contempt of Congress for failing to obey his.



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Because of the interest in the case, today I will provide some basic information on subpoenas and two ways to compel witnesses to come to court in criminal cases.

The word subpoena comes to us from Latin meaning "under penalty."

A subpoena is a court order requiring witnesses to appear in court and give testimony or suffer the consequences. The penalty for failure to obey a subpoena is being held in either civil contempt or criminal contempt.

In Michigan, civil contempt usually results in a fine while criminal contempt is punishable by up to 93 days in jail and/or up to a \$7,500.00 fine.

For criminal cases, the attendance of a witness can be ordered by using what are generically called "material witness statutes." A "material witness" is a person who can testify about matters having some logical connection with the consequential facts.

There is a federal statute and various state statutes, all of which have similar language.

Michigan's statute provides that when a court determines that a person

is a material witness in a criminal case and there is a danger of the loss of their testimony, a warrant for their arrest can be issued. When they are arrested, they are brought before the court to determine if they will have to post a bond to ensure their return to testify, or be released with a promise to return.

Another possibility in criminal cases is found in a statute called the "UniformAct to Secure the Attendance of Witnesses From Without a State in Criminal Proceedings." There are 43 states, which have adopted this cooperative statute including Michigan.

The statute provides a mechanism to have a witness from another (foreign) state appear in a state where a criminal matter is pending by having a summons issued by the foreign state's court ordering the witness to testify in the requesting state's court.

In certain cases, a witness can be arrested and then picked up by the requesting state's authorities.

Simply put, without witnesses there would be no trials. These laws are in place so that each side can have their witnesses testify and ensure a fair trial.



MOSQUITO

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\$30 assessment approved by voters in 2016, according to the meeting minutes. The proposed estimated cost for these services is approximately \$155,000 per year.

The deadline to get the proposal on the Nov. 8 ballot is the middle of August. If approved, the assessment will be added to the December 2022 property tax roll.

Bob Pattison, who's lived here for 42 years, wondered if there were exceptions to every parcel being charged the same. He owns a "significant" number of plots, some of which are not large enough to be buildable, and said he would be subject to the same assessment as someone with larger lots. He asked the board to review and address this. Pattison suggested implementing a minimum square footage that an owner is assessed.

Treasurer John Tucker said they have a process where he could combine the lots and do a single tax parcel ID.

Courtney Prout, environmental educator, said she doesn't believe they should have a township-wide abatement and that it should be up to the homeowner. She said they should find a permanent solution instead of doing the same thing over and over again.

"Mosquitoes are going to be mosquitoes and it should be up to the homeowner to abate them or mitigate their risk by reducing stagnant water or even buying mosquito repellent clothing or doing their part to protect themselves. The township can use that money for other purposes," she said.

Mary Ann Sharp questioned if funds to handle mosquitoes have been part of the budget for years and if it changed because costs are rising. "I just want to be cognizant of the fact that people are struggling," she said.

She also has an environmental concern because these chemicals can affect bees. She doesn't want the bees to be harmed.

Thomas Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk, said this would be a continuation of the program they've had for years. The program isn't new, he said, but the process has changed.

"If it goes as expected, you won't really see any change," he said.

Clerk Bob Krug said they can contact the company and request their property not be sprayed. He also mentioned the plan is subject to approval by the state.

Trustee Kade Katrak said in their informational packet, it states that these chemicals are only toxic to mosquitoes, black flies and closely related species.

"To me, it is only beneficial if we did the whole township," said Supervisor Vince Lorraine. He presented a scenario in which two properties with wetlands did not want to participate, and the property in between them did, it would not be very effective in mitigating mosquitoes. He also mentioned that if residents are having a party or event, they can call and APM will come to their property and do a respray.

The ballot proposal language:

"Shall the Charter Township of Fenton impose an assessment of up to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each real parcel within the Township and each lot within a registered mobile/ manufactured home community within the Township for a period of six (6) years, commencing with the December 2022 property tax statements, to provide funding for the continuation of a Township wide mosquito abatement program for the calendar years 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028?"

NOTICE OF REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

AUGUST 11, 2022

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022 AT 6:00 PM BY THE FENTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION AT THE FENTON TOWNSHIP CIVIC-COMMUNITY CENTER, 12060 MANTAWAUKA AND ELECTRONICALLY BY ZOOM. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

NEW BUSINESS:

Thompson Road Corridor Plan

A Public Hearing to receive comments on the DRAFT Charter Township of Fenton Thompson Road Corridor Plan (2022) and to consider recommending its adoption. The DRAFT Charter Township of Fenton Thompson Road Corridor Plan (2022) is meant to serve as a guiding document for planning and development decisions in the Township, and as a resource of updated data. The public hearing will be held pursuant to Section 41 (MCL 125.3841) of Public Act 33 of 2008, known as the Michigan Planning Enabling Act. Copies of the entire DRAFT Plan are available at https://www.fentontownship.org/planning/page/thompson-road-corridor.

SUP21-004 Deborah Schmelter, 6365 Lobdell Road:

One-year review of a Special Use Permit for Agricultural Tourism for Barnfest at Stoney Acres at 6365 Lobdell Road. Parcel #06-31-300-006.

SUP22-006 Phillip Schmelter, 6365 Lobdell Road:

Requesting a Special Use Permit for Agricultural Tourism for a wedding and community event venue at Stoney Acres at 6365 Lobdell Road. Parcel #06- 31- 300-006.

To the residents and property owners of Fenton Township, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested parties. Please take notice that a regular meeting of the Fenton Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday August 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. by ZOOM video meeting and in person. The public may participate in the meeting via the following web link:

http://bit.ly/FentonPC

Or by telephone by calling into the following number:

Phone Number: (312)626-6799 Meeting ID: 998 2931 8197 Passcode: 258667

Members of the public will only be able to speak during the public comment portion(s) of the meeting and such comment will be limited to three minutes per person. To provide for orderly public participation, when the Chairperson or meeting moderator calls for public comment, a person wishing to speak must state their name and wait to be recognized before speaking. The Chairperson or moderator will recognize all persons wishing to speak during public comment. Prior to the meeting, if members of the public have certain questions or wish to provide input on any business that will be addressed at the meeting, such persons may contact the Planning Commission members through Michael Deem, Zoning Administrator, by email at <u>mdeem@fentontownship.org</u>, or by mail at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. Comments received prior to 3:00 p.m. on August 11, 2022 are guaranteed to be received by the Planning Commission. A copy of the meeting material may be found on the Township website homepage at <u>www.fentontownship.org</u>.

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

Robert E. Krug Fenton Township Clerk 12060 Mantawauka Drive Fenton, MI 48430-8817 Phone: (810) 629-1537 x6 Email: <u>info@fentontownship.org</u>

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The buck

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any longer.

Walker added that in addition to maintaining emergency personnel, approval of the assessment would free up a small portion of general funds for sidewalk, streets and park repairs. Sidewalks and streets will be required to be repaired due to safety reasons and those funds will have to be paid from the general fund. Without approval of the special assessment, those expenses will result in public safety cuts.

In the village, 1 mill is equal to \$50 for every \$50,000 of taxable value. The taxable value is less than the actual value of your property. The average property in the village has a taxable value of \$49,000. Therefore, if approved, the average annual cost would be approximately \$150 per household, or around \$0.41 cents per day.

FIREFIGHTERS

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Trustees.

The board approved the hiring of Ryan Hynes, Andrew Cox and Matthew Adair. Adair was previously part of the department from 1993 to 2000 and then took a break from the profession. Volz said they're glad he's back. Cox, a paramedic and RN, came from the North Oakland County Fire Authority.

"They are both trained and we're happy to have them aboard as well as Ryan Hynes. He is a marine and has decided to go into the fire service. So we welcome all three of them," he said. They passed all the background checks, drug tests and completed other pre-employment screenings.

"They're ready to go to work," he said.

Volz also began something new with these hires. They had the firefighters sworn in. "I think it gives them a little more ownership of the township and also it lets the township recognize new individuals that are coming to the fire department," he said.

Volz said they're looking for male, female, old and young firefighters. He anticipates they might have a fourth recruit soon. Currently, the department has 25 firefighters. Volz is hoping to hire 10 more.

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR LAKE PONEMAH, SQUAW LAKE, TUPPER LAKE & A PORTION OF THE SHIAWASSEE RIVER

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on motion of the Fenton Township Board, as authorized by PA 188 of 1954, as amended, the township board proposes to initiate a lake improvement program on Lake Ponemah, Squaw Lake, Tupper Lake and a portion of the Shiawassee River, consisting of the eradication and/or control of aquatic weeds and plants and related services, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the costs thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the costs thereof are proposed to be specially assessed are more particularly described as follows:

All parcels of land with frontage on or legal access to Lake Ponemah All parcels of land with frontage on Squaw Lake All parcels of land with frontage on Tupper Lake All parcels of land with frontage on the Shiawassee River between Tupper Lake and Ripley Road

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board has received plans showing the improvements, together with an estimate of the costs in the approximate amount of \$552,500, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the aforementioned special assessment district. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of costs and proposed special assessment district may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours on regular business days from the date of this notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing on the plans, district and estimates of costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, commencing at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday August 9, 2022. At the hearing, the board will consider any written objections and comments to any of the foregoing matters which are filed with the Township Clerk at or before the time of the hearing, and any objections or comments raised at the hearing; and at the hearing (or any adjournment of the hearing which may be made without further notice), the township board may revise, correct, amend or change the plans, estimates of costs or special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if written objections to the improvement are filed with the township board, at or before the hearing, signed by record owners of land constituting more than 20 percent of the area in the proposed special assessment district, then the township board may not proceed unless petitions in support of the project, signed by record owners of more than 50 percent of the area to be made into a special assessment district, are filed with the township. Written comments or objections may be file with the Township Clerk at the address set out below.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if the township board determines to proceed with the special assessments, it will cause a special assessment roll to be prepared and another hearing will be held, after notice to record owners of property proposed to be specially assessed, to hear public comments concerning the proposed special assessments. All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place in person or by representative and to submit comments concerning the foregoing.

ROBERT E. KRUG FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK 12060 MANTAWAUKA DRIVE FENTON, MI 48430-8817 (810) 629-1537

New ambulances making their way to NOCFA

Assistant fire chief provides update to board

By Sharon Stone

At the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) Board of Directors meeting on Monday, July 18, NOCFA Assistant Fire Chief Matt Weil updated the board on the purchase of two new ambulances.

As previously reported, NOCFA is being awarded a \$500,000 Appropriations Community Project Grant through U.S. Rep Elissa Slotkins's office. He said NOCFA also has approximately \$200,000 in savings. Weil said he expects the \$500,000 grant to be released at the end of July or early August.

The fire chief had said that using the \$500.000 grant, the \$200.000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from Rose and Holly townships and NOCFA savings, the fire department would have just over \$1 million to make necessary purchases over the next six months including two ambulances with cots, other capital purchases and classrooms at the fire station.

Each ambulance/powered cot unit costs \$250,000. He added that these purchases come with no extra costs to the residents.

Weil told the board on Monday that the two new ambulances are currently in Holland, Michigan. He conducted a final inspection on them in Florida and after his concerns were addressed, the ambulances were transported to Holland. The ambulances are being outfitted with aftermarket bumpers, which reduce damages done by deer, radios are being installed and the powered cots are being installed. He said the cot locking devices will be installed in early August.

Once these items are complete, the ambulances will be brought to NOCFA where decals will then be added and an inspection will be done by the state.

NOCFA's old nearly out-of-service ambulances will be used in trade for new equipment for the new ambulances.

Weil said these two new ambulances are the first two turn-key pieces of equipment in NOCFA's history. "Your support is fantastic," he said. "This is fantastic."

McLaren Flint earns awards for stroke care

Presented with Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Gold Plus award

For a third consecutive year, McLaren Flint has received the four top awards for stroke care from the American Heart Association. These awards fall under the Get With The Guidelines Gold Plus Stroke Quality Achievement Award for the hospital's continued success in utilizing the Get with the Guidelines for Stroke patient management program.

Stroke is the fifth cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the U.S. On average, someone in the U.S. suffers a stroke every 40 seconds, and every 3.5 minutes, someone dies of a stroke. Early stroke detection and treatment are key to improving survival, minimizing disability, and speeding recovery times.

Get With The Guidelines-Stroke was developed to assist health care professionals to provide the most upto-date, research-based guidelines for treating stroke patients.

These guidelines include timeliness of treating stroke with medications or endovascular therapy (clot removal), stroke risk factor reduction, and poststroke rehabilitation. Patients also are educated regarding managing their health after discharge, following up with their physician to monitor their underlying risk factors for stroke, and they are encouraged to participate in continued support for themselves and their families through the See AWARDS on 15

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charter because Section 8.2 states, "... an ad valorem tax levy for general municipal purposes shall not exceed 13.5 mills on all real and personal assessed property values in the city." How much money will this millage generate?

If approved, this will generate an estimated \$621,000. Currently police and fire budgets are approximately \$829,000 and is funded 100% with general fund dollars. This millage would free up general fund money to be used on long standing critical needs including roads, infrastructure, parks, and buildings.

What will this cost you?

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Ballot language:

"Shall Section 8.2 of Chapter VIII of the city of Linden Charter be amended to authorize a permanent additional millage of 5.0 mills (\$5.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) to be levied solely

for providing police and fire protection operations, equipment and services, beginning with the levy made on Dec. 1, 2022? If levied, the additional mills are estimated to raise \$621,085 in the first year of the levy."



TRI-COUNTY FUNDRAISERS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser Curtis Wolverton VFW Post 3243 at 1148 N. LeRoy St., Fenton is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner this Friday, July 29, from 4 to 7 **p.m.** This fundraiser will benefit veterans in VA hospitals and the VA National Home for Children. The dinner will be prepared and hosted by Military Order of Cootie Auxiliary, MOCA Caraboa 32. Cost is \$10 per person. The meal includes spaghetti (meat or meatless sauce), dinner salad, break dessert and beverage.

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Michiganders. Open the pipelines. Tell Biden to restart the Keystone pipeline. The price of fuel is killing this country.



April Pregler, 6, of Holly, will lead April's Amazing Knights in the annual "Shine a Light Walk" at Addison Oaks on Sunday, July 31. The event raises funds for research on Neurofibromatosis, a genetic disorder she was diagnosed with two years ago. **Submitted photos**

'April's Amazing Knights'

6-year-old Holly girl leading team at annual 'Shine a Light Walk' on Sunday

By Sharon Stone

This Sunday, July 31 at 9 a.m. at Addison Oaks in Oakland County, 6-year-old April Pregler, along with her parents Amanda and Carl Pregler and hundreds of people impacted by Neurofibromatosis (NF), will



walk in the Children's Tumor Foundation's (CTF) annual "Shine a Light Walk."

Knowing how important spreading awareness is in the fight against rare diseases such as NF, April is leading her team of April's Amazing Knights in fundraising. Early research funded by CTF helped in the creation of the potentially life-changing drug selumetinib, which has made a significant impact on kids and adults battling NF1.

April attends Patterson Elementary School in Holly.

April was diagnosed with NF1 at the age of 4. It's a genetic disorder that causes tumors to grow on nerves and can lead to blindness, deafness, disfigurement, chronic pain, and much more. She has an even rarer form of NF1 called Type 1 microdeletion, in which the NF1 gene is missing rather than mutated, and 14 genes that are critical to cognitive function, body development, and preventing tumors are also missing. Despite the challenges, which included a recent eye alignment surgery, this little girl with a big heart continues to spread sunshine to her family, friends, and the staff at the University of Michigan and Detroit Medical Center where she's been treated.

This disease affects one in 3,000 births. To donate, go to "Detroit Shine A Light Walk" Facebook page.

Amanda Pregler said the first year after April's diagnosis, she had more than 20 doctor appointments and procedures including MRIs, ultrasounds, and blood draws with various specialists all over Southeast Michigan.

"It almost feels like a full-time job managing the appointments, calls, insurance, and bills in addition to both my husband and I working full-time," Pregler said. "Thankfully, April's teachers at Patterson Elementary and our employers were overwhelmingly understanding about the time off we need to take so often."

Pregler said April needs more time to absorb what she is learning due to the learning disabilities she has because of NF. She complimented her school for doing a fantastic job customizing her IEP and giving her the extra help she needed to be successful in kindergarten.

"Her biggest struggle is social interactions with her peers since she lacks impulse control and the ability to regulate her emotions similar to children diagnosed with autism," Pregler said.

Every person diagnosed with NF has their own unique set of symptoms, however individuals with a NF gene deletion like April tend to present with more severe symptoms and carry a higher risk of tumors becoming malignant.

"We don't really have a way of knowing what the future will look like (yet), so for now we continue to have regular check-ups with her clinical care team at University of Michigan," she said. "We are also hoping April can participate in some of the clinical trials via research grants through CTF."

The Preglers were able to meet See **APRIL** on 15



Wright, Baker earn top spots at Backyard Ultra event

By David Troppens

Groveland Twp. — The Ode to Laz Backyard Ultra race is one that has no predetermined distance where it ends.

The race started with competitors running a 4.16-mile trail loop around Holly State Recreation Area that starts Saturday at 9 a.m., and after each lap is completed, another lap with the remaining field runs another circuit at the top of the next hour.

The winner is the person who ends up running the most laps among the field. That person this year was Canada's Justin Wright. Wright finished 39 laps, which accumulates to 162.5 miles during his laps. His average lap completion time was 49:27 while his fastest was 46:36. His slowest was his 31st lap in 52:43. He finished his last lap in 50:05, beating out secondplace finisher, Kentucky's Brian Wooden. Wooden finished 38 laps.

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Eventual 2022 Ode to Laz Backyard Ultra winner, Justin Wright, runs his first lap on Saturday. Photo: David Troppens

Sports Times

Ode to Laz Backyard Ultra create competition, camaraderie

By David Troppens Groveland Twp. — Sarah

Moore was always a runner.

She was a distance runner, but she was looking for something a little different to mix up her running ventures. Then one day, she heard about the Ode to Laz Backyard Ultra race.

The event is unlike any other distance running event. The winner isn't the person who finishes with the best time it's the person who finishes the most distance, or as they like to say, the person who finishes last, actually is the winner.

"I just wanted to keep up with these fast guys that inspired me the first time I did it," Moore, a Royal Oak resident, said. "But what was cool was they weren't that far out in front of me because we started over every hour. It had nothing to do with how fast you could go, but with how long you can last. It's like how bad do you want it."

Moore quickly found out she had what it takes, winning the first two events.

"It's everyone's game and anyone can win it," Moore said. "I came here the first year not expecting much and it worked out. It opened some doors for me and made me curious what I can do. It's such an inspiring environment with all the friends you make."

The fourth edition of the Backyard Ultra Ode to Laz Race started on Saturday at Holly State Recreation Area and continued through early Monday. The format is simple. The competitors begin the race running a 4.167-mile trail loop around the park, and must finish the loop within an hour. If they accomplish the task, then at the top of the next hour, another loop starts with the entire remaining field. Basically a reset of the field. The event continues in this format until all but one runner remains. That final runner will complete one more lap than the second-place performer and become the event's champion. Moore won that honor twice. She won the inaugural 2019 race, finishing 25 laps, and then finished 28 laps in 2020. This year she was one of 142 runners hoping to become the 2022 champion. The race continues non-stop (minus lightning delays, which there was one this year) which means no one ever knows when it will conclude.

This season, she had some family competition, her husband, Andrew. In the past, he See **LAZ** on 13



(Left) The competitors beain the Ode to Laz Backyard Ultra at Holly State Recreation Area. (Directly below) A bunch of runners work on finishing their first lap, running in a pack. (Bottom left) Competitors begin their second lap of the event. **Photos: David Troppens**





Warriors become a family, post strong effort at NSA World Series

By David Troppens

It was a tough start to the summer for the Warriors Fastpitch 16U Red team, a softball squad with a large group of players from the tri-county area.

The squad started it 0-6.

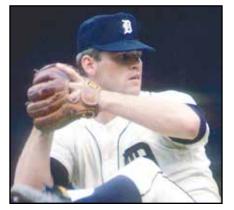
"We had a lot of talent and we were working as individuals," coach Greg Sinn said.

After that start, a few mental approach changes had to be made.

"We came together and started playing as a team," Sinn said. "Everybody likes everybody and there are no clicks going. That's what turned it around. We started working as a team."

Apparently they did turn it around. The squad recently competed in the NSA World Series, advanced to the tourney's semifinal before finally bowing out to the eventual second-place team. The squad finished in third.

The squad started turning it around when they took second at a tournament in Lansing prior to the World Series held in Kentucky. At the World Series, the



As Detroit's Denny McLain kept winning games in 1968, so did the talk about him possibly reaching 30 victories.

Warriors went 2-0 in pool play, earning the top seed in their pool and a firstround bye into the elimination brackets. The wins included a 15-0 victory against Instant Karma (Indiana) and an 8-2 win against the Central Illinois Diamonds.

The second day of the tourney started with a 15-1 loss to the Ajax Angels, but the squad bounced back with a Saturday 12-3 victory against the Diamonds once again. The squad then faced the Landsharks (Indiana) and won that contest 9-5.

The squad followed with a 5-0 lead against the Ajax Angels in their next game, but playing in a heat index of 100 degrees caught up to the squad as they lost a 12-7 verdict in the semifinals. Their only losses in the tourney were against the Angels.

The squad also made some new friends. The eventual tourney champions, the West Seneca Magic, and the Warriors became quick friends while there. The Magic even showed up to root for the Warriors in their contest the



The Warriors Fastpitch 16u Red Team recently placed third at the NSA World Series.

Landsharks.

"That was a great memory for the girls," Sinn said.

The team included five players from the tri-county area. They included Linden's Leigha Sinn, Emma Most and Ryleigh Harris; Fenton's Riley Erfourth; and Holly's Tatum Stuemke. Others on the squad included Jenna Trevillian, Hadley Niestuchowski, Piper Rawsthorne, Julianna Loomis, Reghan Mc-Clendon and Sydney Mose.

McLain's quest to 30 wins gains steam in early August

By David Troppens

Editor's Note: As the summer winds down, we will be accelerating our look at the 1968 Detroit Tigers' regular season.

It seemed the Tigers could breathe easy. After winning two-of-three against the surging Baltimore Orioles, the Tigers still held a 6 1/2 game lead entering action on July 29.

The Tigers returned back home for a quick four-game home stand with two against the Yankees and two more against the Senators. Detroit would split those four contests. They lost the



first against the Yankees 7-1, but it mattered little as the Orioles were swept in a doubleheader. A day later, Earl Wilson tossed a three-hit shutout as the Tigers won a 5-0 verdict. Wilson, who was known for his potent bat as a pitcher, hit his third home run of the season. Meanwhile, McAuliffe hit his 13th.

McAuliffe, hit his 14th four-bagger a night later and collected four hits in the Tigers' 4-0 victory against the Senators. McLain tossed a four-hit shutout and now had 21 wins, looking in great shape to become the first 30-game winner since Dizzy Dean in 1934.

"I made a little correction, I mean a big correction," McAuliffe said about his batting. "I've brought the end of the bat a little closer to my body, and shortened my stride. It makes me follow the ball better."

The next night was one the Tigers would rather forget. The Senators hit three home runs and cruised to a 9-3 victory, ending the Tigers' four-game home stand. Still, they led the AL by six games, with a three-game road trip to Minnesota coming up.

The Tigers won two of three, earning

a 6-5 victory in the first contest. The Tigers scored four runs in the first inning (two on Freehan's double), and held on to earn the win. The next game didn't go as well as Dean Chance tossed a four-hit shutout, earning the Twins a 4-0 victory.

The final contest featured McLain and his quest for 30 wins. He chalked up his 22nd victory, as the Tigers won a 2-1 verdict. The Tigers scored a run in the fourth on an RBI-single by Freehan, and another run in the eighth on a sacrifice fly by Kaline. That was enough support for McLain who pitched a five-hitter.

Ex-Detroit Tigers' pitcher and future Hall of Famer Hal Newhouser was now among the people thinking McLain would hit 30 wins.

"Denny has put it all together, mentally and physically," the then 47-year-old Newhouser said. "When a pitcher gets going like that, the players behind him have confidence. They're up on their toes to make the big play and to score runs. That's the way it was with me."

Newhouser never won 30 games in a season, but came agonizingly close when he went 29-9 in 1944. From 1944 See **MCLAIN** on 14

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was part of Moore's support staff, but this year he decided to give the race a whirl.

"I didn't really want to try this," Andrew Moore said. "I was part of her crew which I think is a lot more fun, but this year we decided to do (the run) together.

"My goal is to just keep on going, but if it is too much fun (where the support staff is stationed), I may stop. I'd like to get 24 (hours). If I do, we'll see (from there)."

The support staff is a huge part of the success of every runner. Most laps runners finish the course about eight to 12 minutes before the start of the next lap, giving them a chance to get nutrition, hydrate, rest or just to go to the bathroom. The tents located near the starting line look more like sports nutrition labs, prepped to give each runner what the athlete needs to continue. And as the years progress, the science behind the sport has dramatically improved. Both Moores finished well behind the winning pace of 39 laps. Sarah finished 12 laps while Andrew completed nine.

The race is a family venture for some, including Marek Butkiewicz, 13, who was running his first race along with his father Timothy Butkiewicz. Both have tightened their bond through running.

"My Dad and I started running when

I was 11, and I worked on doing my first 5K," Marek said. "I knocked that out, so then I did my first 10K and knocked that out. Did a half-marathon, a full and wanted more."

"I got him into running because I thought it would be a good bonding experience, a way to spend time together," Timothy said. "That was how it was the first six months, but then he got fast. Now he's like lightning."

Marek's youth has him doing a constant mental battle between wanting to conserve energy and speed. During Saturday's first lap, he was among a group that finished it in about 41 minutes, much faster than most of the field.

"I try to run 10- or 11-minute see how difficult the course is."

Marek ended up finishing eight laps while his father finished seven.

Finally, there was another rookie to the Laz. Muskegon's Michael Brower ran a backyard Ultra in Muskegon in June and was making his first trip to Holly State Recreation Area. He's not only a competitor, but a sponsor. At rest areas, competitors are allowed to drink alcoholic beverages. Brower completed nine laps.

"(Race director) Machrowicz emailed me about sponsoring and I became a sponsor (Pigeon Hill Brewing Company)," Brower said. "I enjoy Tad's races immensely, but having that other connection as a sponsor has definitely whetted me to the Ode series."

The camaraderie is a huge aspect of the race.

"You are not competitors until the very end, and then it's not as competitive as other formats," Brower said. "It's very communal because you are always in the same place. You don't get spread out over dozens of miles. You are all together every hour, so you spend a lot of time getting to meet people."

"You get sad when someone drops," Sarah Moore said. "You are like, 'Don't go." You form a bond during the hours you are out there together and you don't want it to end. You want to be the last standing, but you can't do it alone. You need those other people."





A large part of the Ode to Laz Backyard Ultra race involves navigating the terrain on the paths the competitors must run and walk on during each of the 4.167-mile laps at Holly Recreation Area. The competitors not only run up narrow paths with tree root issues (above photo), but also can't take their attention off the path while running downhill (left) on parts of the path that appear easier to deal with. Of course, weather can change the dynamic of the course during the event as well. Photos: David Troppens





miles," Marek said. "I'll use the During the early stages of the race, there are first two laps to feel things out and plenty of logjams of runners that usually slow the pace to a steady walk. Photo: David Troppens

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to 1946 no pitcher won more games than Newhouser, who was a combined 80-27.

"I'll start Denny every fourth day unless he needs another day of rest now and then," Tigers manager Mayo Smith said. "That's the way it will be unless we have something else in September."

Detroit pitching coach Johnny Sain (a great hurler himself) said McLain's fastball has been the key to his season.

"He seems to save a little extra to get himself out of jams," Sain said. "That's how Warren Spahn did it and lots of others. Denny's always had a good attitude. Now, he's better organized and it's paying off."

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The women's winner was Tennessee's Sarah Baker. She completed 25 laps. Her fastest lap was 42:08 and average time was 48:23. Her slowest lap was her final lap which she finished in 54:59. She completed 104.16 miles and was the only women to complete at least 100 miles. Two-time overall winner in 2019 and 2020 and last year's women's winner Sarah Moore retired after 12 laps, finishing her last lap just two seconds before the end of the one-hour mark of that lap.

This year's field had to battle high humidity on Saturday and then an early Sunday morning rainstorm, which resulted in a lengthy delay due to lightning. Those issues helped lessen the field of runners significantly faster than in the 2021 event. A year ago, 19 runners completed 24 laps, or hit the 100-mile mark. This year, only seven runners accomplished that status.

The event had 142 competitors, and 121 athletes completed at least one lap within the one-hour period. At the 13-hour mark, the race changes over to a road

course instead of the trails due to darkness, creating a mental milestone for runners. Twenty-nine finished the first 12 laps, completing a total of 50 miles.

At 5 a.m Sunday, there was a four-hour lightning delay, creating a stoppage after the 20th lap. Secondplace women's runner Bonnie Alexander finished that lap, placing eighth overall. She was the only runner that completed the 20th lap that was unable to return after the rain delay.

The 24th lap saw David Compton and Jeff Fetting retire after earning their 100-mile total. Baker was the only runner to end her race after the 25th lap, finishing fifth. Minnesota's Riley Burgsthaler was fourth with 28 laps completed and North Carolina's Derek Fox was third with 31 laps.

That left Wooden and Wright, who completed the next seven laps as the only competitors. Wooden finished his final lap in 56:14, allowing Wright to win • the event after he finished the 39th lap.

It was the second-longest race of the four years. Last's year's overall winner, Piotr Chadovich, completed 41 laps.

NOTICE – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARINGS ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Please be advised, The Argentine Township Board will hold a public hearing for the following Special Assessment Districts Tuesday, August 8, 2022 at 6:30 pm at the Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, MI 48451 to hear any comments or objections. The proposed amounts are for one year and will be placed on the Winter tax rolls. The following proposed amounts are for Township-wide garbage collection, police and fire protection. The additional assessments apply to owners of properties within the proposed districts only.

This year the proposed annual amounts are as follows:

Township-wide Districts:

- · Garbage Collection \$150.00 per parcel with a home
- Fire Protection \$130.00 per improved parcel
- Police Protection \$170.00 per improved parcel

Residents who live on a dirt road maintained by the county will pay Road Improvement of \$92.00 for Chloride - dust control.

The residents who live on the following lakes weed control districts are as follows:

- Lobdell Weeds \$175.00 riparian's Lobdell Weeds Marina\Motel slip/rental \$175.00 per dock
- McKane Weeds \$160.00 riparian's
- Softwater Weeds \$150.00 riparian's
- Myers Weeds \$125.00 riparian's
- Stages Tax \$718.00 (\$458.00 for 10 years for improvements &\$60.00 for access and \$200.00 for dock installation/removal)
- Lobdell Estates \$140.00 for Vacant Lake Lot Tax

The lighting districts are as follows and only residents who reside in this district will pay the assessment:

- · Kovacs Lights \$50.00 per parcel for lights
- Hatt, Locke and Angle Drives \$120.00 per parcel for road maintenance and lights

- Windwood Beach Drive \$150.00 per parcel for maintenance (tree trimming) and light
- Pineview Lake Dr \$10.00 per lot for maintenance of the sign and light
- Rustic Trail \$10.00 per parcel for light
- Knobhill Lights \$300.00 for a light and gate maintenance
- Woods Lights \$56.00 per parcel for lights
- White Oaks Drive \$40.00 per parcel for lights

The following is for Road Maintenance on roads that are maintained by the residents who live on them:

- Longfellow Drive \$300.00 per parcel for road maintenance an increase of \$80.00.
- · Oakhill Drive \$100 per improved parcel and \$40 for vacant for road maintenance and lake access improvements
- Woodward Drive \$30.00 per parcel for road maintenance plus \$200.00 for ten years for repairs for a total of \$230.00
- · Selma and Sharon Drives \$150.00 per improved parcel for road maintenance
- · Hartwood Drive \$30.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Boucher Drive \$225.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Hiawatha Drive \$150.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Ridge Drive \$75.00 for parcels North of Lake Drive, \$35.00 for parcels South of Lake Drive for maintenance
- Longfield Drive \$140.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Shiawassee Drive \$150.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Locust Grove \$75.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Shared Driveway (Duffield Rd) \$10.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Windwood Beach Dr \$601.00 per parcel for 5 years for road resurfacing

The appearance and protest of a property owner or party in interest or agent at the above-referenced public hearing is required to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Such appearance and protest may be made in person at the hearing or by letter addressed to and received by the Township Clerk at 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, MI 48451 prior to the close of said public hearing. Any appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal must be filed within 30 days after the date the roll is confirmed.

Joseph Graves, Clerk Argentine Township



Sarah Baker was the women's

winner at the Ode to Laz

Backyard Ultra. She finished

25 laps. Photo: David Troppens

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McLaren educational series and support group.

"As the region's Comprehensive Stroke Center, and a hub for advanced stroke treatment for the McLaren Stroke Network, McLaren Flint continues its dedication to improving the quality of care for stroke patients," said Chris Candela, president and CEO of McLaren Flint. "Get With The Guidelines makes it easier for our teams to put proven knowledge and guidelines to work on a daily basis, which studies show can help patients recover better. The end goal is to ensure more people in Genesee County and beyond can experience longer, healthier lives."

McLaren Flint additionally received the following recognitions:

• Target: StrokeSM Elite Plus award

To qualify for this recognition, hospitals must meet specific criteria that reduce the time between an eligible patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with the clotbuster alteplase.

• Target: Stroke Honor Roll Advanced Therapy award

For this award, hospitals must meet specific criteria that reduce the time between an eligible patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment to remove the clot causing the stroke.

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partnered with the Historical Society to collect donations. Every donation made to Community Threads will help fund the move of the Historic Town House.

The Tyrone Township Historical Society is a nonprofit group located in Tyrone Township. They were founded in 1975 as part of a bicentennial project to move and preserve their historic Town House. Their mission is to preserve, advance, and disseminate knowledge of the history of Tyrone Township.

The Tyrone Township Historical Society released a statement Tuesday saying, "Thank you to everyone who participated in any way to our successful Pioneer Day Event on Saturday, July 23. We appreciate the generous support of our sponsors, volunteers, craft vendors, donors, bakers, bands, car/tractor show participants, food vendors, and too many others to mention here.

"Because of you, we are one step closer to reaching our goal in moving

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some of the doctors and scientists this weekend at an NF conference who are dedicated to learning more about NF, developing therapies for current symptoms, and someday finding a cure. Most importantly, Pregler said they learned that most of this research is patient-funded through non-profits our beloved Historic Town House. Pioneer Day brought over 500 people, young and old, to connect with each other in Tyrone Township.

"Our community raised over \$5,000 at Pioneer Day, bringing our fundraising total to over \$40,000.

"We enjoyed perfect weather, good food, historic car rides, and a great time was had by all. The joy in coming together at Pioneer Day is a perfect reminder of what the Historic Town House represents to our residents. This sense of community is precisely why the Town House was built in 1887, was moved in 1976, and why this project resonates so deeply with Tyrone Township residents today.

"A special thank you to the Tyrone Township Board for allowing us to host this event on the Tyrone Township Hall premises, and to the Waldenwoods Questers for being our largest financial contributor of the day. We are overwhelmed by the continued outpouring of community support for our Town House project, and we are looking forward to Pioneer Day next year."

like the Children's Tumor Foundation.

"Now more than ever, our family is motivated to bring awareness to NF and help fund the research that could help not only our daughter, but also the millions of individuals around the world living with the uncertainty of an NF diagnosis," Pregler said. "The Shine a Light Walk has given us a way to get directly involved and remain hopeful for a bright future."

• Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll award

This recognition aims to ensure patients with Type 2 diabetes, who might be at higher risk for complications, receive the most up-to-date, evidence based care when hospitalized due to stroke.

"Weareincrediblypleasedtorecognize McLaren Flint for its commitment to



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FLINT WOMAN ARRESTED IN FENTON FOR SECOND-DEGREE RETAIL FRAUD

On Thursday, July 14, at 6:12 p.m., Fenton police were dispatched to Walmart on Owen Road for a retail fraud complaint. A loss prevention employee had a 30-year-old Flint woman in custody. The employee told police that the woman was observed scanning only a few items at the self-checkout for her full shopping cart. She exited the store and was confronted by the loss prevention employee. More than \$700 worth of stolen store merchandise was recovered. She was arrested for second-degree retail fraud and admitted to the theft while in custody. Seconddegree retail fraud is a one-year misdemeanor and/or \$2,000 fine.

HOLLY MAN REPORTS MISSING PRESCRIPTION BOTTLE

On Wednesday, June 13, at 5:04 p.m., a Holly police officer was dispatched to a residence where a 56-year-old man was reporting a full prescription bottle was missing from his home. The man reported having several guests over on July 1, but this is the first he noticed it missing. The victim did contact some of his guests and they all denied having knowledge of the incident. There are no suspects at this time.

HOLLY POLICE ARREST WHITE LAKE MAN FOR OWI

On Thursday, July 14, at 12:59 a.m., a Holly police officer was on patrol on Grange Hall Road and observed a vehicle traveling 64 mph in a 45-mph zone and was caring for patients with stroke," said Steven Messe, M.D., chairperson of the Stroke System of Care Advisory Group. "Participation in Get With The Guidelines is associated with improved patient outcomes, fewer readmissions and lower mortality rates — a win for health care systems, families and communities."

weaving. The officer stopped the vehicle and identified the driver as a 55-year-old White Lake man. The driver admitted to drinking at a bar in a nearby community. The officer detected several signs of intoxication and he failed all of the roadside evaluations. The driver was determined to be over the legal limit and was arrested for operating a while intoxicated.

HOLLY POLICE ARREST FENTON MAN FOR OWI

On Saturday, July 16, at 1:14 a.m., a Holly police officer conducting traffic enforcement observed a vehicle on Grange Hall Road that was flashing its lights, unable to maintain within its lane and was driving 25-mph in a 45-mph zone. The officer stopped the vehicle and detected a strong odor of intoxicants as well as slurred speech from the 25-yearold Fenton man driving the vehicle. The driver failed sobriety evaluations and was determined to be over the legal limit. The driver was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

HOLLY POLICE ARREST FLINT WOMAN FOR OWI

On Sunday, July 17, at 3:33 a.m., a Holly police officer stopped a vehicle for excessive speed on Grange Hall Road at N. Holly Road. The driver was identified as an 18-year-old Flint woman. The officer determined there were two passengers that were intoxicated and the driver exhibited signs of intoxication, but insisted she had not been drinking. She failed roadside sobriety evaluations, and was determined to be well over the legal limit. The driver was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. The intoxicated passengers were picked up by a friend.









River Roast attracts thousands to Linden

Event featured live music, a kids zone, pig roast and more

By Hannah Ball

Linden—The inaugural River Roast in Linden was a full day of family fun.

Between 2,000 to 3,000 people flocked to downtown Linden on a hot and sunny Saturday, July 23, to enjoy the pig roast, listen to live music from local bands, watch their kids run around the kids zone and more.

The event is organized by Happening in Linden.

Plants that attract monarchs and hummingbirds

See related story on page 2

1. Zinnia Flowers

Zinnias add multi-bursts of color to your garden with their showy blooms. The taller varieties attract large butterflies including monarchs, and those hyperwinged hummers.

2. Agastache 'Ava'

Originally, experts at the Monarch Butterfly Garden added this to their northern garden as a hummingbird plant. It quickly became their favorite nectar plant, even outperforming the widely known hummer favorite black and blue salvia. Then, when the monarchs started to gather for their great fall migration, they was amazed to see they were also frequent fliers to this agastache hybrid!

3. Mexican Sunflowers

Possibly the best nectar flower for attracting both beauties to your garden doorstep. The brilliant orange flowers are tall beacons of light that the pollinators can't miss. However, the dwarf varieties have not shown similar powers of attraction.

4. Milkweed

Get more bang from your asclepias selections. These varieties are all monarchs host plants for caterpillars, and nectar plants for both monarch butterflies and hummingbirds ... and

lots of other pollinators.

5. Brazilian Verbena One of biggest pollinator draws for North American gardens. These tall, purple flower spikes attract hummingbirds, monarchs, and numerous other precious pollinators.

6 Dwarf Butterfly Bushes

The experts grow a dwarf butterfly bush variety that gets lots of monarch and hummingbird visitors, but most varieties are a huge draw for both. If you live in a region where butterfly bush is considered invasive, try a non-invasive or sterile cultivar or look for an alternative butterfly plant. The non-invasive buzz variety has been a huge draw to the northern butterfly gardens, and it has never self seeded. It even survived the 10th coldest winter in Minnesota history.

7. Callistemon spp. (bottlebrush)

This Australian native grows well in warm regions of the U.S. attracting monarchs, other butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds. The brilliant red blooms are on continuous display from spring through fall. Callistemon species can grow to 10 feet, but smaller cultivars are available.

Source: monarchbutterflygarden.net

Chris Kinyon, president of Happening in Linden, said it went "very well for the first time we've done a summer downtown event. Heard lot of compliments from attendees. Everyone seemed to have a good time."

They had a steady stream of mostly families coming in throughout the day.

Dozens of people competed in the corn hole tournament, run by Snuggle Snacks, a local nonprofit that provides survival kits to people experiencing homelessness. Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation provided the boards. The Rock Church set up a Kids Zone, which had inflatables, activities, games, raffles and prizes. Linden Pay It Forward set up art projects for children near the Shiawassee River.

"Tons of kids all day in the Kid Zone, especially the ones with a water feature. The free photo booth by HSP photography was pretty busy all day. Music was great and had good crowds," she said. "I just enjoy watching everyone coming out and having a great time. I was amazed at the number of entries for the Corn Hole tournament."

Happening in Linden doesn't keep proceeds from the event, but they do help other organizations. Proceeds from the corn hole tournament went to Snuggle Snacks.

Local bands provided live music at the Kimble-Sharp Gazebo, and hundreds of people listened from the beer garden in the Linden VFW parking lot. Kinyon said people enjoyed being able to drink close to the music.

"Everyone seemed to be having a good time and being in close proximity to our great bands," she said.

The pig roast at the Linden VFW Hall was one of the main events.

Fenton resident Josh Stellberger handled the roast. He and his friends started doing pig roasts about 25 years ago. They originally did pig roasts for field parties and then were asked to have one at a wedding. Since then, he's done about 10-20 pig roasts a year, commonly at open houses and graduation parties.

"Who doesn't like a pig roast?" he said.

In a stainless steel tank, he laid out the 240-pound pig with the chest cavity open and cooked it for about 16 hours with a propane burner. It fed approximately 125-150 people.

Stellberger said kids are fascinated with it. He received tons of compliments about the quality of meat, which he doesn't put any rub on.

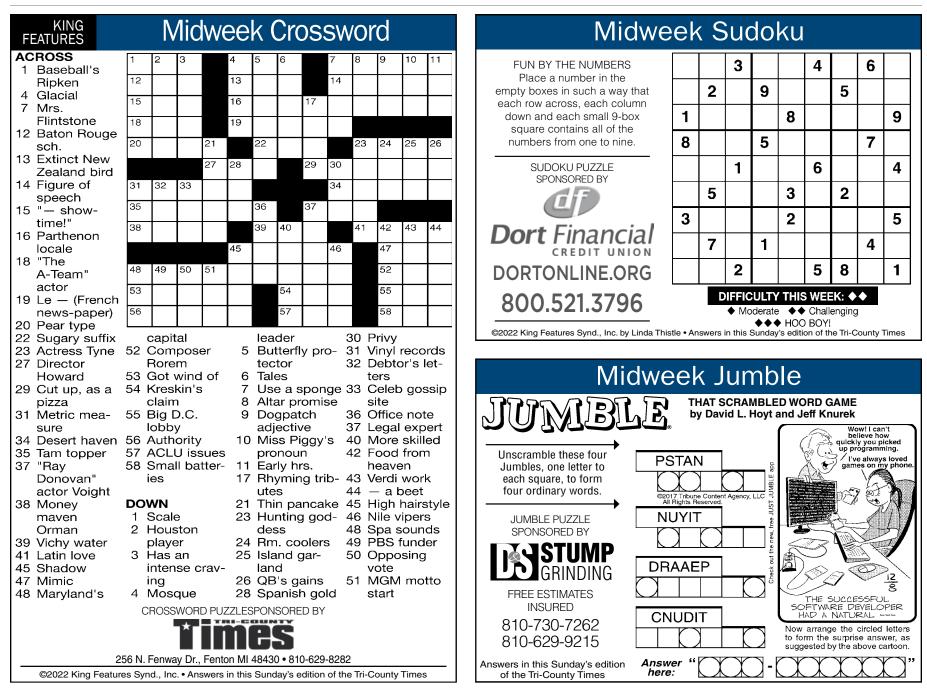
"The original farm to table," he said, adding that the way the pig was raised is important. "I'm just happy that SLPR called me. I was very happy to accommodate them."

Fireworks over the millpond at night ended the event.

Kinyon said they couldn't put on events like this without their sponsors.

"They are the ones that make it possible for us to bring fun to Linden," she said.

Sponsors: Kiwanis Club of Linden, Michigan Beacon and Bridge Market, Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Kitchen and Bath, Randy Wise Buick GMC, The Linden Hotel, Shiawassee Shores Retirement Park, LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Fenton, The Rock Church of Fenton, Broad Street Rentals, Jeff Blum State Farm Insurance Agency, HSP Imaging Inc., NorthShore Market, Grow Linden/Linden Downtown Development Authority, the city of Linden and The State Bank volunteers



ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20 This week you may find yourself taking on a teaching or mentoring role, Aries. It is one way to volunteer in the community and pay it forward.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21 Taurus, this week it may be challenging for you to relate to others on a certain level. Try to put yourself in someone else's shoes and see things from a different perspective.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21 It's possible you will find people to be extra aggressive this week, Gemini. Try not to react to what they are putting out. Instead, deflect that negative energy.

Jun 22/Jul 22 Get together with others this week because you can use some extra support, Cancer. Otherwise, you may find yourself floundering in an uncomfortable situation.

Horoscopes

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23 Leo, self-control is important for you this week, especially as it pertains to shopping. Do not buy every item you see. Rather, think through purchases before taking the plunge.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22 This is a good week to look at things in a new way. All it may take is viewing something from a new angle or with a revised attitude to have an entirely new perception.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23 Take a break and get some exercise in the process, Libra. Visit a nearby park and take an extended bicycle ride or jump in the pool to swim a few laps. Enjoy fresh air and breathing room.

SCORPIO Oct 24/Nov 22

This week you may consider furthering your education or learning new skills. Try volunteering if you're not ready for a financial commitment or if you don't want a firm schedule.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21 Spend time with people who care about you, Sagittarius. They can help brighten your day when things feel overwhelming and provide advice when you need it most.

CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20

Hold your tongue as much as possible, Capricorn. Even a slight criticism may put a person off you for a while and that can cause friction that is tough to overcome.

For the week of July 25, 2022

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18 Aquarius, even though you would like to spend most of your time planning fun activities for the future, this week you have to hunker down and focus on business.

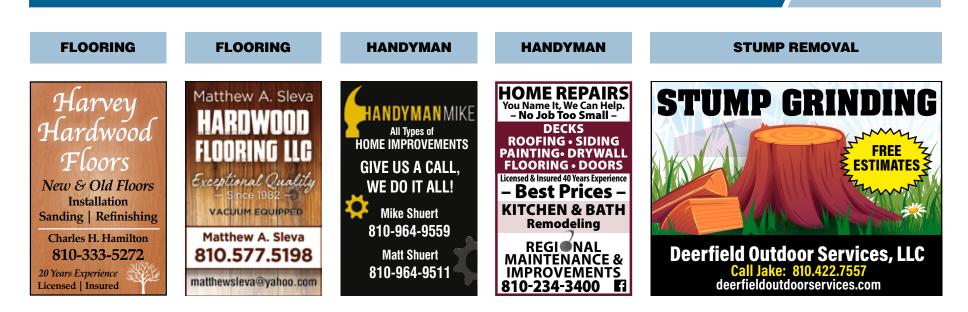
PISCES Feb 19/Mar 20

You may be more sentimental now than in the past, Pisces. Feelings evolve and there is no wrong way to feel. Go with the flow.



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James Michael Blaschak

Obituaries

1960 - 2022



James Michael Blaschak age 61, of Fenton, passed away Sunday, July 17, 2022. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Those desiring may make contributions to the family. James was born November 22, 1960 in Detroit, the son of John Thomas and Mary Margaret (Comer) Blaschak. James loved playing guitar. He enjoyed motorcycling, bicycling and boating. He had

been employed by Volkswagen for many years. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; children, Lily, Jaxon, Megan (Jason) and Connor; grandchildren, Paige and Luna; sisters, Patricia (Chris) Rodgers and Brigid (Michael) Gurchiek; cousins, Mike (Kathy) Comer, Carol (David) Ambler and Kathleen (Matt) Dehan. He was preceded in death by his parents. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.





HOT LINE CONTINUED

U OF M medical students who walked out on keynote speaker today, July 25, because of pro-life position have no business, right entering the medical field. Are you going to screen future patients for religious, political beliefs for quality of care you give or treat them at all?

CAN YOU FEEL it — the slow slide into WW III? War in Ukraine rages, former Soviet states arm to fight each other, China asserts itself over Taiwan, Iran gets belligerent and Afghanistan slips into anarchy. The world is inching closer and closer to nuclear war.

WHEN YOU VOTED for Joe Biden, what did you think he was going to do?

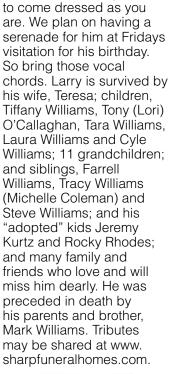
Larry Arnold Williams 1960 - 2022

Larry Arnold Williams - age 61, of Fenton, passed away Saturday, July 23, 2022. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Saturday. July 30, 2022 at



with his wife watching movies and relaxing. Larry was a one of a kind person and anyone who knew him was glad to have known him. Also very near and dear to his heart was

Sharp Funeral Homes, his Vic Canever family. Fenton Chapel, 1000 He would like everyone Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation will be held on his birthday, Friday, July 29, 2022 from 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 PM. Larry was born July 29, 1960 in Flint, the son of Larry Arnold and Carol Ann (Wonsey) Williams. He was the maintenance supervisor at Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton. Here is where he met and married the woman of his dreams, Teresa Ann Lee on September 13, 2020. He was known as the best hugger and was called Huggy Bear by those who knew him. Larry loved to spend time with his family and friends, and would always put a smile on your face. He went out of his way to make those around him feel loved and appreciated. He loved his road trips, vacations to Tennessee, kayaking, and stay at home Sundays





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