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## City approves master plan

■ Officials identify goals, priority development sites and more in Linden

By Hannah Ball

**Linden** — On Monday, Feb. 13, the Linden City Council approved the city's updated master plan, which contains information on the city's demographics, economic outlook, land use, priority redevelopment sites, goals and more.

City Manager Ellen Glass said they started the review process more than a year ago and consulted focus groups and stakeholder groups, as well as received public input from a survey with more than 600 responses.

"All of the feedback and all of the input that we've received from that, the majority of it has been incor-

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On Wednesday, Feb. 15, Tim Jolly (left) and Vinny Palazzolo, both with Winglemire, work on the flooring at the Holly Moose Lodge. The building sustained significant water damage during the June 21, 2022 fire. Members are eager for it to reopen. Administrator Dale Johnson said they hope to open in March. Photo: Hannah Ball

## Business opens after Holly fire

■ Creative Fashions now open, Holly Moose Lodge hopes to open in March

By Hannah Ball

**Holly** — Tuesday, June 21, 2022 was a dark day in Holly's history when a devastating fire burned down one business and caused significant damage to multiple buildings, affecting the livelihoods of dozens of people and shocking a community.

One of those businesses was Creative Fashions of Holly. The business is northwest of Battle Alley Arcade Antiques, where the fire began. Most of the merchandise in the store was damaged and had to be thrown out. The building sustained a lot of water

damage, especially in the rear of the building, and the windows were blown out from the pressure of the heat. The business now has new floors and new merchandise.

**Creative Fashions** reopened for the first time since the fire on Friday, Feb. 3, more than half a year after the fire. Employee Janet Ballard said there was a lot of support on Friday. They set up a tent with food and drinks,

had heaters running, and  
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## The 2023 Source Book is here

By Sharon Stone

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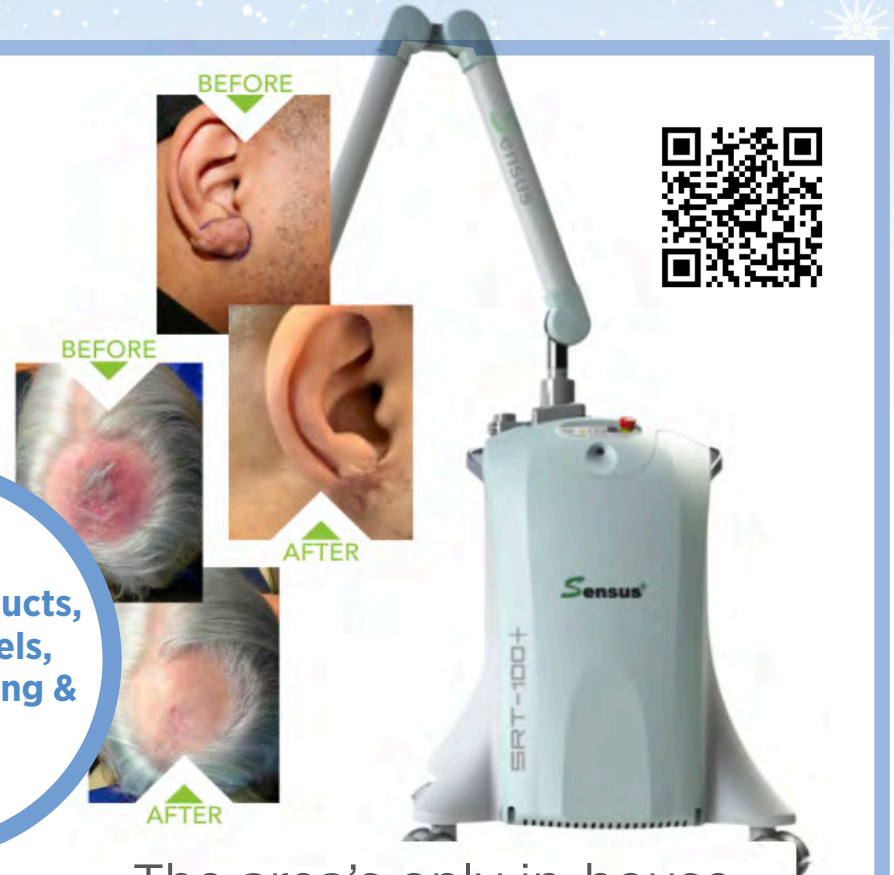
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# Do you have a story to share?

■ Tyrone Township Historical Society seeks stories and photos to update its Tyrone Revisited book

By Sharon Stone

Oftentimes, family members share all sorts of stories with each other. This helps the younger generations learn about their grandparents, great grandparents, cousins, the homes they built, the fun they had, what school was like and more.

Members of the Tyrone Township Historical Society are asking that these priceless stories will be shared with them so that they could be added to the existing Tyrone Revisited book. These new stories will help everyone learn more about Tyrone Township and the people who have lived there as well as historical landmarks.

The current book includes submitted stories from 1834 to 1976.

Historical society members Joan Runyan and Bethany Hammond are asking that people write their personal stories



involving Tyrone Township and email them to TyroneHistory@gmail.com or mail their story to Tyrone Township Historical Society, 8420 Runyan Lake Rd., Fenton MI 48430.

Runyan said they plan to keep just one book updated with new stories. She said people have stories about the lakes, the roads they lived on, their historic homes and more. These would be of great interest to a lot of people. She hopes the people remembering Tyrone Township also send in photos. If need be, they would scan photos and make sure the originals are returned.

Hammond added that they will be

compiling a list of families that they'd like to hear from and attempt to reach them.

She said there is so much rich history of Tyrone Township dating back to 1834. For instance, there was an area north of Foley Road and west of Mabley Hill Road that had some of the highest hills in Tyrone Township known as the bluffs. This used to be an old skiing and sledding area called the Summit Ski Club and later Kandahar. Hammond recalled that skiers going down the hill would end up in their back yard. It's now a housing development.

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## David's Dabblings

Last Saturday was a pretty awesome night.

For years we've known one of our friends within our volleyball group, John, was a gifted musician, songwriter and singer, but it's rare many of us get to see him perform.

We have seen him perform upon occasion. Back in mid-June 2018, a handful of us from our Dirty Tuesday Volleyball Group (DTVG) had the chance to see him perform. That was the first, and only, time I had seen John perform live before last Saturday. He's also done a few open mic nights and at least a couple of talent competitions I was unable to attend.

But Saturday was a bit different. John wasn't waiting to do a song or two during an open mic session. The show wasn't in a bar setting with a band where he had to share his talents with a set list that included only a few of his outstanding songs. Not that those shows didn't count. Any time anyone has the guts to go on stage and perform in front of a crowd it takes guts, and counts. And when a person you've known for well over a decade is giving you a rare glimpse of what he passionately does during his free time, it's pretty meaningful.



**David Troppens**  
Sports Editor

## Enjoying a friend's concert with 50 other friends

But Saturday was different than any of those other shows. John was the opening act at what is regarded as one of the top independent musical venues in the country (at least that's what their website says) located in Lake Orion. The website wasn't lying. The setting oozed intimacy. It was a small stage with seating for about 100 people. I sat in the back row and was probably less than 15 yards from John on stage. In this setting, John was armed with nothing but his guitar, his singing voice and his written songs that ranged from family triumph (a love song about his wife) and about family despair. In between those emotional tear-jerkers, some of his other songs discussed a chance conversation he had with a stranger in Detroit, about him reflecting back about not taking enough chances in life (apparently forgetting he was doing just that on the stage), and an entertaining song for his disdain for Facebook. And this isn't AC/DC. This isn't 'You've heard one song, you kind of have heard them all.' Each song John performs has its own different flair to it. There are no carbon copies.

John took advantage of his 30 minutes, but just as important, his friends and fans took advantage of those 30

minutes as well. When John mentioned the show, tickets flew so quickly that he ended up selling more than the headliner. That wasn't the headliner group's fault. Their 90-minute show was pretty awesome as well, and we are all grateful they gave John that opportunity. They would've certainly sold more tickets among their fans without our purchases. However, the bonds we've created made it a scenario where if anyone in our group could attend, they were 100% going to make sure they attended. Tickets were picked up faster than anyone could've imagined – probably faster than John ever expected.

It was cool seeing John flourish on stage, but I think just as cool was how we as a tight circle of friends made darn sure we were going to be able to experience the moment as well.

Man, are we all lucky. I'm 54. Until I hooked up with our group, I was lucky if I had five reasonably close friends I could call on the phone, ask if they wanted to attend a Lions' game or do just about anything. Now, our group has probably about 70 people. Our ages range from 20-somethings to almost a half-decade older than the youngsters. We do so many things together. We have a summer weekend outing attended by about 50 different people at different times of the weekend. We have hosted

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**COME ON JACK.** The State of the Union was disturbing. Biden is a weak non-leader.

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

## What's your favorite Girl Scout Cookie?



"Thin Mints are still my 'go to,' but I do enjoy Samoas, as well. I'm going to age myself, but loved the old Scot-Teas with the sprinkled sugar, that they used to have back when I was a Girl Scout."

**Kelly Fairbanks Miller**, Fenton



"I remember bringing a whole package of Tagalogs to my daughter the night before she had dental surgery, where her mouth was pinned shut for six weeks! She ate them all too!"

**Mary Ann Lehman Morgan**  
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"Tagalogs, AKA peanut butter patties."

**Vanessa Griggs**  
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"The one that doesn't stick directly to my thighs after I'm finished eating them."

**Anna LeBlanc**  
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## streettalk

# February is National Library Lover's Month

Local librarian shares her favorite things about libraries

By Hannah Ball

Do you love reading and being surrounded by books in a building that also provides numerous services to the community?

It's time to celebrate. February is National Library Lover's Month.

"National Library Lover's Month in February is dedicated to the people who love whole buildings devoted to reading, housing, organizing, categorizing, finding, studying, and otherwise loving books," according to the National Day Calendar. "Libraries provide so much more than a place for us to enjoy great novels or to discover amazing adventures and untold history. Yes, they help us ace our research papers and provide a quiet space to study. However, they do so much more."

Christine Heron, senior librarian at the Fenton Winegarden branch of the Genesee District Library, shared a few of her favorite things about libraries.



1. Libraries connect people to people. "This happens through our wide variety of programming, and through books. A good example is our book clubs. During COVID, we had to shut down in-person activities. Our February 2023 Fiction Book Club met and had 19 participants. This is fantastic," she said.
2. Libraries serve as community hubs. "We assist people with various daily

living tasks such as finding resources for affordable housing, printing tax forms and lease agreements, teaching people how to navigate technology, and offering early literacy programs for children such as story time," Heron said.

3. Libraries provide access to endless knowledge.

"With over 45,000 volumes in Fenton alone, you can see where this is something amazing to love," she said.

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

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### FEB. 19

**1963:** Betty Friedan was often credited as the first to give voice to the suffering of millions of seemingly content American women. Her book, *The Feminine Mystique*, published Feb. 19, 1963, shook the ground beneath an American society rooted in a myth of pleasant domesticity and supported by the physical and emotional labor of women. After its release, much of the criticism essentially labeled Friedan a hysteric, while many women took offense at her suggestion that they were not fulfilled by their family and domestic duties. Other critics pointed out that Friedan focused almost exclusively on straight, married, white, middle-class women, or charged that she was complicit in the demonization of stay-at-home mothers.

### FEB. 20

**1998:** 15-year-old Tara Lipinski wins the gold medal in women's figure skating at the Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan, and becomes the youngest gold medalist in her sport. Lipinski donned her first pair of skates at age 6. In 1994, at age 12, she won a gold medal at the U.S. Olympic Festival, a junior-level competition. In 1997, Lipinski, then 14, took first place at both the national and world figure skating championships, beating out her American rival and perennial fan favorite, Michelle Kwan. Lipinski was the youngest person ever to take home either title.

### FEB. 21

**1981:** In 1980, Dolly Parton brought the full range of her talents to bear on a project that would cement her crossover from country music to mainstream superstardom. That project was the movie *9 to 5*, for which Dolly wrote and performed the song that earned her both Oscar and Grammy nominations as

well as semi-official status as a true pop icon. The biggest hit of Dolly Parton's career, the song "9 to 5" reached #1 on the pop charts on February 21, 1981.

### FEB. 22

**1980:** In one of the most dramatic upsets in Olympic history, on this day, the underdog U.S. hockey team, made up of college players, defeats the four-time defending gold-medal winning Soviet team at the XIII Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid, New York. The Soviet squad, previously regarded as the finest in the world, fell to the youthful American team 4-3 before a frenzied crowd of 10,000 spectators. Two days later, the Americans defeated Finland 4-2 to clinch the hockey gold. This improbable victory was later memorialized in a 2004 film, *Miracle*, starring Kurt Russell.

### FEB. 23

**1945:** During the bloody Battle for Iwo Jima, U.S. Marines from the 3rd Platoon, E Company, 2nd Battalion, 28th Regiment of the 5th Division take the crest of Mount Suribachi, the island's highest peak and most strategic position, and raise the U.S. flag. Marine photographer Louis Lowery was with them and recorded the event. Americans fighting for control of Suribachi's slopes cheered the raising of the flag, and several hours later more Marines headed up to the crest with a larger flag. Joe Rosenthal, a photographer with the Associated Press, met them along the way and recorded the raising of the second flag along with a Marine still photographer and a motion-picture cameraman.

### FEB. 24

**1988:** The U.S. Supreme Court votes 8-0 to overturn the \$200,000 settlement awarded to the Reverend Jerry Falwell for his emotional distress at being parodied in *Hustler*, a pornographic magazine. In 1983, *Hustler* ran a piece parodying Falwell's first sexual experience as a drunken, incestuous, childhood encounter with his mother in an outhouse. Falwell, a religious conservative and founder of the Moral Majority

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# Airbnb and Vrbos explained

## ■ Which renting company is better?

By Hannah Ball

What is Airbnb and Vrbo?

These companies offer alternative housing accommodations to staying at a hotel when traveling. More than a dozen Airbnbs and Vrbos are located in the Fenton area.

### Airbnb

The site allows people to rent out their homes, apartments or single rooms in their houses to guests. This creates a more authentic traveling experience and provides an opportunity for homeowners to make extra income.

### How does it work?

On [airbnb.com](https://www.airbnb.com), users can click on “Airbnb your home” to learn more about the process of renting out your house or apartment. The website provides guest identity verification, reservation screening, damage protection, insurance, a 24-hour safety line and other tools to help people curate their space for guests in a way that protects both the owner and renters, according to [airbnb.com](https://www.airbnb.com).

The website contains tips on interacting with guests and understanding the fees involved. Airbnb collects a flat service fee of 3% of the reservation subtotal, and they also collect fees from guests when they book.

“So, if you’re charging \$100 USD a night for a 3-night stay, plus \$60 USD for a cleaning fee, your booking subtotal is \$360 USD. The Host service fee, which is generally 3% of your booking subtotal (\$10.80 USD), is deducted from your earnings, and a service fee of 14% (\$50.40 USD) is charged to guests and included in the total price they pay. In this example: You’d earn \$349.20 USD. Your guest would pay \$410.40 USD,” according to [airbnb.com](https://www.airbnb.com).

Guests generally pay a service fee of approximately 14% of the booking subtotal.

Travelers seeking to book an Airbnb by searching for a specific location or choosing any of the many options on the homepage, from cabins to beachfront properties to tiny homes. The listings show how much a specific location charges per night.

### Vrbo

Vrbo works in a similar manner. The

front homepage of [vrbo.com](https://www.vrbo.com) allows users to search for a destination location or for more particular options with certain amenities, such as pet-friendly places, pools, homes with more than three bedrooms and more.

Vrbo’s booking fees consist of a 3% payment processing fee and a 5% commission fee. Commission fees are charged on the rental amount and any additional fees owners charge the travelers.

### Which company is better?

For renters, NerdWallet recommends Airbnb over Vrbo.

“The biggest difference between these two platforms is the type of accommodation they offer. Vrbo offers stand-alone vacation homes only. It doesn’t generally offer “shared” spaces like private rooms or more unusual options like campsites. Airbnb offers stand-alone vacation homes as well as shared spaces and even hotel rooms. Although it started as a home-sharing concept, it now hosts many types of accommodations,” according to NerdWallet.

Airbnb also offers long-term stay discounts, and Vrbo does not.

The website says that Vrbo has better search functionality and better filters when searching for properties to rent. When it comes to selection quality, NerdWallet favors Airbnb.

“This one is really no contest. Airbnb boasts 5.6 million active listings as of September 2020, and while Vrbo doesn’t publish this number, it’s almost certainly lower,” according to NerdWallet.

Airbnb offers instant booking while requests must be approved by Vrbo hosts before they’re confirmed.

In the category of pricing and fees, NerdWallet declares a tie. However, when it comes to cleaning fees, Vrbo is the winner.

“A NerdWallet analysis found that the median cleaning fee per Airbnb listing for a one-night stay was \$75. As far as how fees are presented though, Vrbo wins. Vrbo has been displaying the total price (excluding tax) of booking vacation homes for years,” according to NerdWallet. “Airbnb, on the other hand, does not default to show cleaning fees as part of the price in search results.”

Overall, NerdWallet declared Airbnb the winner.

# Two LF schools placed in secure mode

## ■ Simple custody issue escalates to inaccurate reports of person trying to enter school

On Thursday, Feb. 16, Lake Fenton Community Schools Superintendent Julie Williams said a phone message was sent to parents in the district regarding an incident at one of the schools. This occurred between 1:40 and 2:05 p.m.

The phone message reported, “First and foremost, our apologies for the highly stressful situation that took place in our district today. What started out as what seemed a simple custody issue, quickly escalated to reports of an individual trying to access other doors at Torrey Hill, which resulted in us contacting our local police department and placing both Torrey Hill and West Shore in secure mode.

“Once police were on the scene, we received an additional report that the individual had left Torrey Hill

and was headed to the middle school and several officers responded, which was during release time. After further investigation and review of security footage, we found the reports were inaccurate.

“The individual did not attempt to enter any other doors at Torrey Hill and never went to the middle school.

“Please know...

“At no time were any students or staff in danger.

“At no time was there any type of threat made toward a student or staff member at Lake Fenton.

“At no time were there reports of any weapons of concerns of any weapons on school property.

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"We could not produce this remarkable book without the local advertisers. I encourage residents to utilize this resource as a reminder to shop local," Ward said.

### What is the Source Book?

Today, the Source Book is still your one-stop reference guide for everything you need to know about living in the tri-county area.

"All the information you need to know about our community is right there at your fingertips," Ward said.

You'll find information about your local government leaders, all local school districts, businesses, organizations and much more. Even our 47 local lakes, plus local, county and state parks are listed and described for your family's recreational enjoyment.

Local businesses are listed both by category and alphabetically to make it user-friendly whether you're looking for a local plumber or guitar lessons.

Contributing to the success of the

Source Book is its easy-to-use design and award-winning content, making it the trusted go-to resource guide.

### Can I use the Source Book in a mobile format?

Because the Source Book is also in a digital format, it can be used whether you're at home, at work or on the road.

For those using a laptop or desktop computer, go to tctimes.com and hover over the EZ Read tab near the top of the home page and scroll down to the Source Book link.

The digital version of the Source Book will include everything the print version has, including a detailed listing of area businesses.

### Can I get additional copies of the Source Book?

Yes, you can! The printed version continues to be so popular that many Times readers request additional copies for their vehicles, home offices or second homes.

Additional copies are available to purchase by calling (810) 629-8282. The Tri-County office is at 256 N. Fenway Dr., Fenton.

Founded in 2003 by Rick Burrough, View Newspaper Group, which publishes the Tri-County Times, is a locally owned community newspaper group that now includes 14 community newspapers covering Lapeer, Oakland, Genesee, Livingston, Sanilac, Huron, Saginaw, Shiawassee, Montcalm and Ionia counties.

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

**IF GUN FIGHTING** and dueling ever came back, a whole lot of people wouldn't be so offended all the time.

**TRUST THE SCIENCE:** Latest research reports 'face masks (including N95 respirators) made little to no difference in how many people caught a flu-like or COVID-like illness.'

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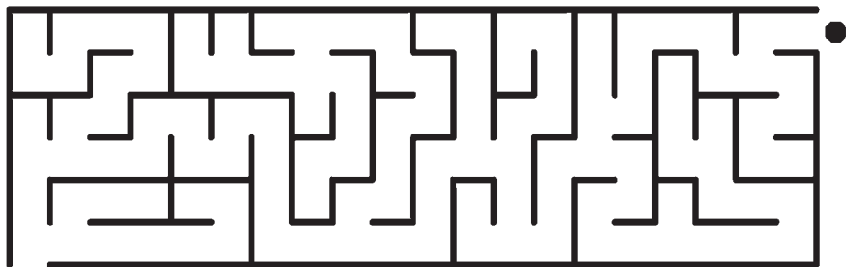
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# Kids' Maze



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# JUMBLE FOR KIDS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME!®

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

The letters of these crazy words are all mixed up. To play the game, put them back into the right order so that they all make real words you can find in the dictionary. Write the letters of each real word under each crazy word, but only one letter to a square.

Now you're ready to solve today's Jumble for Kids. Study the picture for a hint. Play around with the letters in the circles. You'll find you can put them in order so that they make your funny answer.



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Jumbles: HOG WING GOLD  
Answer: When the twins ordered their food, they got it ---  
"TWO" GO

## NOTICE

### ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS MARCH 2023 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING DATES

The Argentine Township Board of Review for 2023 will be held at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden MI 48451 on the following dates:

Tuesday March 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. - **Organizational Meeting**

#### Appeal Hearings:

Monday, March 13, 2023 ----- 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 ----- 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY CALL (810) 735-5050 TO SCHEDULE**

**By Board Resolution, residents are able to protest by letter. Letters must be at the Township Hall by 6:00 p.m. on March 14, 2023.**

The 2023 tentative equalization ratio is 50% and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications.

Protest at the Board of Review is necessary to protect your right to further your appeals to the Michigan Tax Tribunal for valuation and exemption appeals and/or State Tax Commission for classification appeals.

Brian J Saad, Supervisor  
Argentine Township

## NOTICE CITY OF FENTON 2023 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Fenton 2023 March Board of Review will meet at Fenton City Hall, 301 S Leroy St. Fenton, Michigan 48430, at the following times for the purposes of hearing protests to Assessed values and the review of Hardship exemption applications and Disabled Veteran Exemptions.

**Monday, March 6th, 2023, 9am-3pm (Appeals)**

**Tuesday, March 7th, 2023, 2pm-6pm (Appeals)**

**Wednesday, March 8th, 2023, 2pm-4pm & 6pm-9pm (Appeals)**

**Monday, March 20th, 2023, 3pm-5pm (Appeals)**

Meetings with the Board of Review are held by appointment only. Appointments can be scheduled by contacting the Assessor's Office at (810) 629-2261, or by visiting Fenton City Offices.

Property Owners may appeal in writing to the Board of Review. Written Appeals must be received no later than 3pm Monday, March 20th, 2023.

### TENTATIVE EQUALIZATION RATIO'S

CLASSIFICATION	RATIO	MULTIPLIER
COMMERCIAL	48.53	1.03029
INDUSTRIAL	43.98	1.13688
RESIDENTIAL	44.58	1.12158

## TYRONE TOWNSHIP 2023 BOARD OF REVIEW PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2023 March Board of Review will meet at Tyrone Township Hall, located at 8420 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton, MI 48430 on the following dates and times:

**TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023**

Organizational Meeting 9:00 am

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023**

9:00 am -12:00 pm., 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023**

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm., 6:00 pm - 9:00pm

Please call (810) 629-8631 for a recommended appointment. Letters of appeal are encouraged and must be received by 9:00 pm. on March 15, 2023. No faxes or emails will be accepted.

#### Tentative Ratio

AGRICULTURAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	DEVELOPMENTAL	PERSONAL
42.20	47.04	47.11	44.69	45.44	50.00

#### Tentative Factor

AGRICULTURAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	DEVELOPMENTAL	PERSONAL
1.1848	1.0629	1.0613	1.1188	1.1003	1.0000

Final expected ratios are: Tentative Ratio 50%, Tentative Factor 1.00

Alexa Nicholson,  
Tyrone Township Assessor

**HOT LINE** CONTINUED

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD IS** selling a pin for \$10 that says abortion but the first O is a heart. Is there really someone out there that hearts (loves) abortion? If there is, please get them help. That's sadistic.

**PLEASE KEEP THE** families and friends of Brian Fraser, Alexandria Verner and Arielle Anderson in your thoughts and prayers. Also keep the other five MSU students who were shot Monday in your prayers. Police said they are still in critical condition.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ABBY** Logan and Colleen Blackwood in earning the Good Citizen Award. We need special people like you. Thank you.

**THE MSU STUDENT** from Linden who was interviewed for The Times gave me chills when he said he and the others with him had to write and send those texts to loved ones that he never thought he'd have to make. I could feel his fear.

**MASTER PLAN**

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porated in the plan," she said.

Mayor Danielle Cusson said it's been a lengthy process and they had a lot of involvement from the community. The Linden Planning Commission voted to recommend adopting the plan on Monday, Feb. 6. Read the full master plan at [lindenmi.us](http://lindenmi.us).

**Population, Economy and business**

Estimates provided by ESRI indicate a 2021 population of 4,286. It's expected to increase to 4,295 over the next five years. The Genesee County Long Range Transportation Plan projects that the city's population will increase to 4,514 residents by 2040, a 9% increase from its 2020 population.

The estimated median household income is \$72,587, which is "considerably higher" than the median household income for Genesee County at \$50,805 and Michigan at \$58,537, according to the plan. Approximately 6.5% of the city's population lives below the federal poverty line.

"In 2019, more than half (53.1%) of Linden households were married-

couple families. The second largest household type was female householder with no spouse/partner present (22.1%)," according to the plan.

The median home value is \$193,552. Linden has a high owner-occupancy rate for housing units at 82.5%. The city has 132 businesses and an unemployment rate of 3.8%. The top fields Linden residents work in are health care/social assistance (22.6%), manufacturing (16.6%) and construction (10.5%).

**Existing land use**

Single-family residential lands comprise 555.3 acres (36%) of the city's land. Vacant/right-of-way land encompasses 369 acres (24%), open space/recreation encompasses 243 acres (15.8%) and manufactured home parks comprises 136 acres (8.9%). Learn more about the city's existing land use at [lindenmi.us](http://lindenmi.us).

**The circulation plan**

The section outlines a five to 20-year vision for a circulation system of "complete streets" and nonmotorized facilities that will provide "a convenient and safe option to link people, schools, businesses, parks, natural resources, and cultural and historic landmarks to each other within the city as well as connect to adjacent communities and resources," according to the plan.

The plan contains multiple models of ways to incorporate bicycle lanes and foot traffic in the city in a safe way. **Priority redevelopment sites**  
**The Evan's Building, 1035 N. Bridge St.**

This site, on the corner of Oak and Main streets near the VFW Hall, fronts the Shiawassee River and is approximately 1.2 acres in size. It consists of two separate privately owned properties. Concept drawings show how the existing warehouse could be repurposed or the potential for redevelopment if the warehouse was demolished.

**DPW Yard**

The yard, located on the north side of the Shiawassee River, west of N.

Bridge Street, sits across the river from downtown Linden and Eagle's Wooden Park. This site could be used for commercial, residential and/or public purposes, including along the riverfront.

**Parkside**

This site is located at the corner of Walmar Street and W. Broad Street. It consists of two small privately owned properties along W. Broad Street and a larger city-owned property with frontage on the Shiawassee River.

**Old Theater**

This approximately 2-acre site fronts the west side of S. Bridge Street and the driveway to Symphony of Linden. Concept drawings show space for a mixed-use development along S. Bridge Street and the expansion of the senior care facility.

Additional redevelopment sites include the city hall site, 495 W. Broad St., 112 S. Bridge St. and the north end business district.

**Goals**

- Maintain a sustainable, small-town character that makes Linden unique and a great place to live
- Provide varied and high quality housing types
- Retain existing businesses and promote the development of new businesses
- Establish a multi-modal transportation network
- Strive for the protection of important natural resources and open spaces that contribute to the health of natural systems, wildlife habitats, community character, and quality of life.
- Promote a healthy quality of life by capitalizing on the city's walkability, access to the Shiawassee River, and recreational opportunities
- Foster community collaboration and civic mindedness while partnering with fellow citizens to improve the city while safeguarding Linden's exceptional assets
- Continue to offer efficient, first-class services and facilities to residents and businesses

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## TYRONE

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### Tyrone Revisited

This 143-page book is an interesting historical account of Tyrone Township and the families who lived here from 1834-1976. Written by township resi-

dents and published by the Historical Society, this book has numerous historical photographs. The book is available at the Tyrone Township Hall for a suggested minimum donation of \$20. (Include \$7.40 for postage; however, due to township accounting practices, the check for postage must be separate.)

## LOOKING BACK

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political advocacy group, sued Hustler and its publisher, Larry Flynt, for libel. Falwell won the case, but Flynt appealed, leading to the Supreme Court's hearing the case because of its constitutional implications. In February 1988, the Supreme Court unanimously overturned the lower court's decision, ruling that, although in poor taste, Hustler's parody fell within the First Amendment's protection of freedom of speech and the press.

## FEB. 25

**1987:** The NCAA suspends the Southern Methodist University (SMU) football program for 1987 season for repeated rules violations but stops short of imposing the so-called "death penalty." Still, the sanctions are the most severe levied by the NCAA against a major college football program. SMU reportedly cooperated with the NCAA to expose a slush fund for players financed by boosters. The sanctions crippled the school's football program for more than a decade. In its first season back, in 1989, SMU finished 2-9. The following two seasons, SMU won two games, and the program did not have another winning season until 1997.

## LIBRARY MONTH

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"Not to mention our extensive digital collections we have via Libby and Hoopla."

4. Libraries put the "unity" in "community."

"What I love is that our library has a Seed Library that brings people from all over Genesee County to Fenton to check out free seeds in our branch," she said.

5. Libraries are the heart of literacy.

"Our number one goal is to continue to promote reading and writing so that children and adults can communicate in effective ways to function successfully in society," Heron said.

The Fenton Winegarden Library has 11 computers for public use, fax and copy service, free Wi-Fi, a Children's Center, a teen reading room and more.

Tips from National Day Calendar on how to observe National Library Lovers Month:

- Making a list of libraries you would love to explore.
- Writing a story about being trapped in a library.
- Giving a shout-out to your favorite library.
- Creating a list of books to check out from the library.
- Helping someone obtain their library card.

Heron's book recommendations from thegd.org:

- "Gregor the Overlander series" by Suzanne Collins
- "Prairie Lotus" by Linda Sue Park
- "The Library" by Sarah Stewart
- "Ashton Hall" by Lauren Belfer
- "The Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman
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## OPENING

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celebrated with the community.

On the day of the fire, Ballard saw a fire truck in Battle Alley and thought they were doing an event with Ziggy's Ice Cream to hand out ice cream. About 30 minutes later, she was watching the fire burn.

"It was just crazy," she said. "All I kept thinking is one spark and this whole place will be gone. We truly had the grace of God because it just had gale winds taking it north."

Months after the fire, she said so many people come to Battle Alley to take pictures or to simply look at the buildings.

"It's funny because this alley has always been super photographed. Senior pictures, weddings, engagement photos, just because photos — and it's still happening," she said.

**Battle Alley Arcade Antiques** was destroyed and has been torn down. Andy's Place and the Holly Hotel sustained significant damage.

Firefighters used 1.1 million gallons of water to put out the fire, which raged for hours in windy and hot weather conditions. Six firefighters were taken to the hospital due to the heat.

**RHL Financial Group** and **Ziggy's Ice Cream**, both located in Battle Alley, sustained damages. RHL Financial Group is across the street from the Holly Hotel.

On the day of the fire, Randy Redmond, owner of RHL Financial Group, thought they were going to lose the building after nearby trees caught fire. Fortunately, the building was mostly intact. The day after the fire, they were the only ones with electricity and internet. They let city officials use the building as an office space close to the incident.

"Everybody in Holly is all kind of wrapped around it and everyone is moving on business as usual, which is fantastic," Redmond said. They were only closed for one day but the building had "significant damage." The front windows were cracked and the doors melted.

"We had to do a whole new roof because of the embers that burned our roof," he said. "We're just blessed that we still have our building and Holly is still functioning."

New windows were delivered last week. They also did some painting.

"We are so happy to have new windows," he said.

As the months pass, they've been watching ongoing construction at other affected businesses. Redmond said he was excited to see work being done on the Holly Hotel.

"It's an exciting time," he said. "It's great to see the Holly Hotel making some progress."

Construction is ongoing at the **Holly Moose Lodge**. Once the building is open, the public is going to notice some differences.

Dale Johnson, administrator, said the wall behind the bar had water damage after the fire. They tore out the affected materials and left the exposed brick from the mid-1800s, which is when the building was originally built. The lodge also has a new countertop.

"It's a better look," he said.

Their members and the public are looking forward to Holly Moose Lodge reopening. They're hoping to open in March.

"They think it's fantastic. They can't wait to open back up," he said. "Everyone's excited about it."

This past week, contractors have painted, worked on flooring and the lodge has received a new ice machine, new lotto machine, a new pool table and other equipment. Johnson said they're having a lot of their undamaged items put back in the building. Work on the electrical system will take place next week.

The building sustained heavy water damage and smoke damage. Johnson said the basement had at least a foot and a half of water. All the walls in the basement had to be torn out and everything on the floors had to be thrown away. The infrastructure, such as plumbing and electrical, had to be brought up to code during rebuilding.

Approximately \$10,000 in liquor and \$8,000 in food had to be thrown out. They also had to toss all paper products that sustained smoke damage. Before the fire, they had recently restocked everything. The dance floor has to be finished.

Johnson said they're spending about half a million to rebuild and insurance "pretty much" covers everything. They haven't yet sorted out the final bills. The kitchen hood was condemned and the lodge bought a new one for more than \$20,000.

The Holly Moose organization was established in 1913 and has been using this building since 1920. It used to be a three-story building, Johnson said, and



Creative Fashions employee Janet Ballard talks to customers Wednesday, Feb. 15. The store reopened Friday, Feb. 3. Ballard said they had a lot of support that night. **Photos: Hannah Ball**



The Holly Moose Lodge is currently under construction. Contractors worked on flooring this week. They expect to do electrical work soon. The countertop at the bar is new. **Photos: Hannah Ball**



RHL Financial Group has a new roof, new windows and new doors after the Holly June 21, 2022 fire damaged the building. **Submitted photos**

it's burnt two or three times before.

It took a few weeks to sort out insurance and organize contractors. Construction has been ongoing for about six months.

Johnson hopes people come visit the building. "They're going to love the new look," he said. "But our main concern is for our community."

The Holly Moose Lodge is active with the Holly Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Development Authority, and they participate in many downtown

events. The organization also donates to local youth sports programs, supports first responders and recognized veterans. They host two brunches a year to honor veterans in the community, and they choose a veteran of the year to receive a plaque. This veteran does not have to be a Moose member.

*Read about more updates on other downtown Holly businesses affected by the fire in the Wednesday, Feb. 22 edition of the Times.*

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# SMART MONEY

## OPTIONS TO FINANCE HOME IMPROVEMENTS

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No matter the job, home improvements tend to be costly. According to the financial resources, on average, the cost to renovate or remodel a whole house runs between

\$10 and \$60 per square foot. Certain rooms demand a higher cost, with a kitchen or bathroom remodel costing around \$100 to \$250 per square foot due to electrical and plumbing needs. Figuring out how to pay for the improvement project is as essential to the planning process as picking out materials and contractors.

The following are some financial considerations and financing options for homeowners looking to renovate their properties.

• **CONSIDER IF THE INVESTMENT IS WORTH IT.** Remodeling magazine routinely assesses common improvements and how much homeowners can expect to recoup on the investment in its annual "Cost v. Value" report. In 2022, a homeowner spending \$4,000 on a garage door replacement recouped 93.3% of the investment, whereas adding a midrange bathroom at \$63,000 would only offer a 51.8% return. Homeowners must decide if they

want to go forward with the project if they're likely to get just a \$33,000 return when they choose to sell the home later on.

• **REFINANCE THE HOME MORTGAGE.** Homeowners can use a cash-out mortgage refinance as a way to access thousands of dollars for a remodel. This taps into a home's equity. Keep in mind that the mortgage will then be a new mortgage at the current interest rate and an

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# THE BASICS OF AUTO INSURANCE

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Traffic laws are designed to keep everyone on the road as safe as possible. That motivation also is behind laws governing auto insurance, which is required the vast majority of American states.

Michigan law requires every vehicle owner to purchase automobile insurance and guarantees that automobile insurance will be available to all eligible Michigan citizens. An eligible person for automobile insurance is a person who is an owner or registrant of a car registered or to be registered in Michigan or has a valid Michigan driver's license based on Michigan law, according to Michigan.gov.

## MANDATORY NO-FAULT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COVERAGES

No-fault automobile insurance is required by Michigan law. Every car owner must buy certain basic coverages in order to register a motor vehicle in Michigan. It is against the law to drive, or let your car be driven, without no-fault insurance.

The mandatory no-fault policy has three parts: Personal Injury Protection (PIP), Property Protection Insurance (PPI) and Residual Liability Insurance — Bodily Injury and Property Damage (BI/PD).

## WHAT IS AUTO INSURANCE?

Auto insurance is something that most drivers have but very few, if any, hope to use. According to Insure.com, car insurance is an agreement between the policy holder and an insurance company which protects the individual against financial loss if the vehicle is stolen or involved in an accident.

The Insurance Information Institute says auto insurance provides property, liability and medical coverage. Property coverage covers damage or replacement of the vehicle. Liability

coverage is for the policy holder's legal responsibility to others for bodily injury or property damage. Medical coverage pays for the cost of treating injuries, rehabilitation and sometimes even funeral expenses or lost wages.

## COMPULSORY VS. MANDATORY COVERAGE

Depending on where a policy holder lives, there are certain coverages that are compulsory, or mandatory coverages that are the minimum amounts required by law. Optional coverages also can be purchased to suit one's needs. Compulsory coverage may vary based on location, driver's age, type of vehicle, and type of financing on that vehicle. It is best to discuss coverages with an automotive insurance agent to figure out which types of coverage will be needed and to get a price quote.

**The six basic kinds of coverage include:**

- bodily injury liability
- personal injury protection
- property damage liability
- collision
- comprehensive
- uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage

## PREMIUMS VARY

Insurance typically is sold with deductibles, according to the III. Policy holders may opt for higher deductibles so they can lower their premium costs. Additional factors that will affect the cost of coverage include driver's age, driving record and location where the vehicle is housed or used. Credit score and gender also may affect premiums. Defensive driving courses and protecting the vehicle with anti-theft devices may help lower premiums.

Auto insurance costs vary by a significant amount, so it is a good idea to shop around and compare quotes. Bundling of auto insurance with other policies, such as homeowners insurance or umbrella policies, may help reduce rates.



## GETTING INSURANCE

To obtain an insurance policy, the agent will need the year, make and model of the vehicle being insured. For the most accurate price quote, the VIN (vehicle identification number) will be needed.

To buy auto insurance, one needs to be the registered owner of the car. Some states allow dependent and independent drivers to own a car in their own names at age 16 or 17. Some parents opt to

combine insurance coverage for their teenagers because the premiums may be cheaper. Teenagers tend to be riskier in the eyes of insurance companies due to their lack of experience and perceived recklessness. Those factors are reflected in premium costs.

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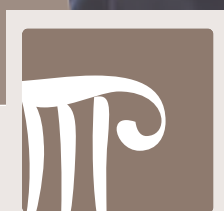
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## THE BASICS OF CONSUMER CREDIT

### Knowing the basics can set individuals on sound financial path

A strong credit score is an undeniable asset for consumers. A strong standing in the eyes of potential creditors can save consumers money on relatively short-term expenses like vehicles and long-term purchases like homes.

Consumer credit is so influential in the lives of the average person that it pays to have some knowledge of what it is and how individuals can use it to their advantage.

#### WHO ISSUES CONSUMER CREDIT?

Consumer credit is typically issued by banks and retailers. One common question consumers have is who owns credit cards, which are among the most recognizable and widely used forms of consumer credit. Many credit card companies, including Visa, are now publicly held companies after years of being owned by banks. However, many major banks, including Capital One and Bank of America, issue credit cards as well.

#### WHAT IS A CREDIT SCORE?

According to the credit reporting agency Equifax, a credit score is a three-digit number which represents an individual consumer's credit risk. Credit risk refers to the likelihood that a borrower will pay their bills on time. Scores are typically between 300 and 850, and the higher the score, the more creditworthy and less risky a consumer is in the eyes of creditors.

#### HOW ARE CREDIT SCORES CALCULATED?

Three different consumer reporting agencies (CRAs), including Equifax, determine credit scores. That's why it's not uncommon for a single consumer to have three different scores. Those scores should be similar, and if they're not it's likely that one or more CRA reports has an



**Managing credit is a vital component of financial planning. Knowing the basics to consumer credit can set individuals on a sound financial path.**

error or errors. A host of variables are considered when determining a credit score, and these include:

- Payment history
- Credit utilization ratio, which is the amount of credit used versus the total available credit
- Types of credit accounts a consumer has. This includes revolving credit accounts, like consumer credit cards, and installment accounts, which include mortgages and auto loans.
- Credit history length
- Frequency of credit inquiries (numerous inquiries in a short period of time generally lower a consumer's credit score)

#### SO WHY IS A CREDIT SCORE SO IMPORTANT?

Credit scores are so significant because they can cost or save consumers a substantial amount of money. Consumers with poor scores, which are generally considered scores between 300 and 669, may not be eligible for auto or mortgage loans and may only be able to secure credit cards with high interest rates. By contrast, consumers with scores considered very good to excellent (740 and above) generally get more favorable interest rates on sizable purchases like cars and homes, which can save borrowers tens of thousands of dollars over their lifetimes.

Source: Metro Creative Connections

# MONEY MANAGEMENT TIPS FOR RETIREES

## Consult with your financial advisor before withdrawing from retirement accounts

What constitutes a perfect retirement is different for everyone. Some people may imagine spending their golden years fishing their days away, while others may aspire to finally embrace their inner globetrotter.

Though individuals' retirement dreams differ, every retiree will need money, which only underscores the importance of a wise and disciplined approach to money management.

Average life expectancies have risen considerably over the last several decades. According to estimates from the United Nations Population Division, the average life expectancy is slightly more than 79 in the United States. This figure is a welcome sign, but they may inspire a little fear among seniors who are concerned that they might outlive their money. No one knows how long they will live, but everyone can embrace a handful of money management strategies to increase the chances that they won't feel a financial pinch in retirement.

### • STUDY UP ON THE TAX IMPLICATIONS OF WITHDRAWING FROM YOUR RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.

Every retirement investment vehicle, whether it's an IRA or a 401(k), has tax implications. Money withdrawn too early may incur tax penalties, and even money withdrawn long past retirement age could elevate retirees

into a new tax bracket that could prove costly. A financial advisor can help retirees determine the tax implications of withdrawing money from their retirement accounts and may even develop a detailed guideline of when withdrawals should be made and how much should be withdrawn in a given year in order to minimize tax liabilities.

### • PRIORITIZE YOUR OWN NEEDS.

Though retirees, particularly those with children and grandchildren, may feel an obligation to help their families in difficult financial times, generosity can be very costly for adults who have stopped working. Retirees may or may not have opportunities to generate new income, and even those who do likely won't make enough to meet their daily financial needs. Given that reality, retirees must prioritize their own financial needs, including their immediate needs and those they will have for the rest of their lives. Though it might be difficult to turn down loved ones' requests for financial help, retirees must make sure they can pay their bills and maintain a quality of life that won't jeopardize their long-term health.

**• EXAMINE YOUR HOUSING SITUATION.** Equity in a home is a feather in the cap of many retirees. Retirees who own their homes and live in locations with high property taxes might be able to cash in on their equity by selling their homes and downsizing to a smaller home with lower property taxes. If moving is not a consideration, discuss a reverse mortgage with a



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financial advisor. A trusted financial advisor can highlight the advantages and disadvantages of reverse mortgages, which are a great option for some people to improve their financial well-being in retirement.

**• STICK TO A BUDGET DURING RETIREMENT.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports that roughly 70% of individuals who turn 65 will need long-term care in their lifetimes. That's just one expense retirees must budget for, and it's more sizable than some people may recognize. In fact, the Fidelity Retiree Health Care Cost Estimate found that the average retired couple age 65 in 2022 will need roughly \$315,000 to cover health care expenses in retirement. And health care costs are just one of many expenses retirees can expect to have. Budgeting and avoiding overspending can ensure retirees have the money they need when they need it.

No one wants to outlive their money in retirement. Various strategies can help retirees effectively manage their money so they can enjoy their golden years without having to worry about their finances.

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# STEPS TO SIMPLIFY TAX PREP SO YOU CAN FILE ON TIME

## Be prepared — this year's deadline to file taxes is Tuesday, April 18

Spring is noted for the sense of rejuvenation it inspires when temperatures rise and flowers begin to bloom. But in the United States, the onset of spring is followed shortly thereafter by tax season, which typically generates entirely different feelings than the first sight of spring blooms.

The deadline to file tax returns in the U.S. in 2023 is Tuesday, April 18, instead of April 15, because of the weekend and the District of Columbia's

Emancipation Day holiday, which falls on Monday, April 17. Taxpayers requesting an extension will have until Monday, Oct. 16, to file.

With that deadline looming, now is a good time to consider these three basic tax preparation tips, courtesy of the Internal Revenue Service.

1. Access your IRS account. Individuals can access or create their IRS account at [irs.gov/account](https://irs.gov/account). That ensures taxpayers have the latest information about their federal tax account and enables them to see information about their most recently filed return. A visit to [irs.gov/account](https://irs.gov/account) also allows individuals to

make payments and apply for payment plans, among other options.

2. Organize your tax records. The IRS urges taxpayers to wait to file their returns until they have all of their records, including:

- Forms W-2 from employer(s)
- Forms 1099 from banks, issuing agencies and others payers, including unemployment compensation, dividends, annuity or retirement plan distributions
- Form 1099-K, 1099-MISC, W-2, or other income statement if you worked in the gig economy
- For 1099-INT if you were paid interest
- Other income documents and records of digital asset transactions, including convertible virtual currency and cryptocurrency, stablecoins and non-fungible tokens (NFTs)
- Form 1095-A, Health Insurance



**Now is a good time to consider these three basic tax preparation tips, courtesy of the Internal Revenue Service. The deadline to file this year is Tuesday, April 18.**

Marketplace Statement, to reconcile advance payments or claim Premium Tax Credits for 2022 Marketplace coverage

- IRS or other agency letters
  - CP01A Notice with your new Identity Protection PIN
3. Check your Individual Tax Identification Number. The IRS notes that an ITIN only requires renewal if it has expired and is needed on a federal tax return. An expired ITIN can delay the processing of a return, which in turn can delay tax credits and refunds.

Taxpayers filing with the help of a licensed tax professional are urged to contact that individual to inquire about any additional information they may need to file a return on time. Make such an inquiry well in advance of the deadline to file so you have sufficient time to gather all of the necessary documentation

*Source: Metro Creative Connections*

## What is your Family Stock Price and why it matters

If you are unfamiliar with "Family Stock Price," bear with me before you skim to the next advertisement selling your next dream vacation. What it really boils down to is knowing your current financial situation, commonly referred to as your current net worth.

This exercise will take less than 5 minutes for most folks. First, to calculate your net worth you will add all your assets and subtract all debts. Take a moment to calculate your net worth. If you own a home, secondary property, business, auto, jewelry or collection of valuable items you simply add them together. You then subtract any mortgages, loans, credit card balances or notes payable from the total of your assets. Congratulations - you have your net worth!

For fun, use your family name and assume you have 10,000 shares of outstanding family stock.

For example, let's assume my last name is Franklin and from the net worth calculation my net worth is \$1.5 million. To calculate the Franklin family stock price, we need to divide \$1.5 million by 10,000 outstanding shares to come up with a stock price of \$150 per share. Great! It is a positive and overall strong number.

So, if I am a stockholder, what do I want? I want the stock price to go up and potentially even pay dividends. For that to happen, you could accumulate more assets through saving more, spending less and/or reducing debt by paying down. Or focus on owning income producing assets such as dividend paying companies, rental real estate, a side hustle, or even owning a business - a true cash cow. With the U.S. Department of Treasury currently paying 6.89% annual interest through April 2023 there are plenty of options to find good income producing assets today.

If you are working hard, your income should

be going up as should your stock price.

Tracking your net worth is easy but few people do it or track it regularly. It is a more important measure than income. An old saying is, "You can have a very big hat and no cattle." What they mean is you have a huge income, big house or fancy car and no assets. Focus on your situation and make it a goal to increase the enterprise value of your family stock price.

Assume you are tracking your net worth, spending less than you earn, avoiding the use of debt and setting long-term goals. Are you still stuck spending more time planning vacations than your long-term retirement? Wouldn't it be nice to know if you could make that dream vacation a reality and not jeopardize your financial future, so you don't have FOMO (Fear of Missing Out)? If you know your current situation it will help in making financial decisions in the short term and long-term much easier and you will have the confidence in your finances.

It is never too late or too early to track your family's financial future. To learn more about your family stock price and why it matters, contact us at Acorn Wealth Advisors located in downtown Fenton and we would be happy to help you in calculating and tracking your net worth to improve your financial situation. If you would like to be added to our newsletter or have a general question please send us a note to [n.morgan@acornwa.com](mailto:n.morgan@acornwa.com).

As always, spend less than you earn, avoid the misuse of debt, and set long-term goals.



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## FINANCE

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outstanding balance higher than what was the current one. Typically, 20% equity in the home is needed to refinance.

### • TAKE OUT A PERSONAL LOAN.

For those who do not want to refinance, a personal loan or home improvement loan can be good for midsized projects, according to American Express. Personal loans for home renovations typically require no collateral and one's credit score determines the interest rate.

• **UTILIZE A HOME EQUITY LINE OF CREDIT.** A HELOC is a form of revolving credit, like a credit card. Homeowners borrow against the credit line granted with the home being the collateral. As a person pays down what

is owed, he or she can borrow more. This is a good idea for recurring or long-term home improvements.

### • TRY A HOME EQUITY LOAN. HOME EQUITY LOANS USE THE HOME AS COLLATERAL LIKE A HELOC.

The home equity loan is an installment loan for a fixed amount on a fixed monthly schedule for a set term. These are sometimes called second mortgages.

• **NO- OR LOW-INTEREST CREDIT CARD.** Smaller projects can be financed using credit cards. Many will offer introductory rates with no interest for a few months. This is generally only preferable if a person can pay off the balance before interest is charged.

These are the primary ways to finance home improvement projects when costs exceed available cash on hand.

*Source: Metro Creative Connections*

# Irish quartet Finvarra's Wren to perform in Fenton

■ Concert at Fenton Community & Cultural Center on Friday, March 10

The city of Fenton Arts and Culture Commission invites the community to attend a Cabin Fever Celilthh (Kay-Lee) with Irish Quartet Finvarra's Wren on Friday, March 10. A Celilthh is a social event with Scottish or Irish folk music and singing, traditional dancing, or storytelling.

The concert will take place in the main hall of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center from 7-9 p.m.

"We are very excited to have Finvarra's Wren share their musical talents and lead us in an Irish Celebration in the lead-up to St. Patrick's Day," said Eric Szczepanski, Fenton Arts and Culture Commission board member. "Finvarra's Wren was originally scheduled to perform in March 2020 but we had to cancel due to the COVID pandemic. We have been trying to get them back ever since and the stars (and schedules) have finally aligned."

According to the band's website, Finvarra's Wren is a family band and one of North America's most exciting Irish quartets from Detroit. "Making the kind of music you'd only expect to hear on the west coast of Ireland," according to the Metro Times. A few of the many venues and festivals the band has performed include The Ark, North Texas Irish Festival, Goderich Celtic Festival, The Kennedy Center, and the Irish Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Cabin Fever is supported by the city of Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and by a matching-grant from the Share Art Genesee grant program.

Pizza, snacks, and soft drinks are



Fenton Arts and Culture Commission invites the community to attend a Cabin Fever Celilthh featuring Irish quartet Finvarra's Wren.

provided. Beer and wine for guests 21 years of age and over provided by Slingsing Sisters Event Bartending.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 years and under. Tickets are on sale right now at FentonTickets.com. Tickets must be purchased online. **About the City of Fenton Arts & Culture Commission**

The city of Fenton Arts & Culture Commission (FACC) was established by the Fenton City Council to support the initiative and promotion of art and culture in the Fenton community.

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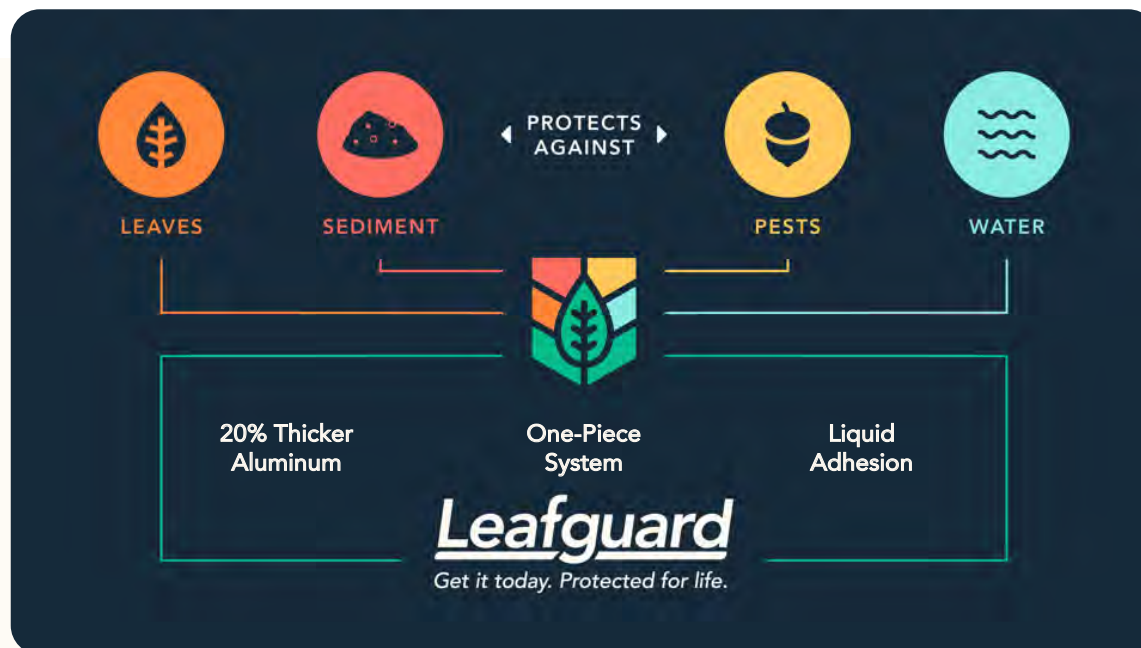
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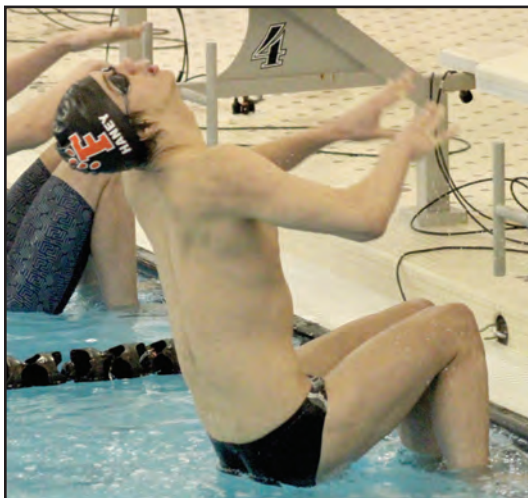
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Fenton's Max Haney won the 100 backstroke during the Tigers' win against Owosso. Photo: David Troppens

# Fenton swimmers win pivotal dual vs. Owosso

By David Troppens

**Fenton** — Max Haney and the rest of the Fenton varsity boys swimming and diving team's seniors don't want to see their Flint Metro League streak end while they are on call.

After winning 11 straight entering this season, it seemed the Tigers' run could end this season due to shrink-

ing numbers of swimmers, and maybe Tuesday's home dual meet against Owosso could be in danger.

Owosso thought so. The two schools entered the dual undefeated in league play, and the Trojans were bold enough to bring a student bus to potentially celebrate their victory.

That victory never came. Instead,

the Tigers controlled the meet from start to finish, never trailed and took first place in all 12 events, eventually earning a pretty convincing 105-80 victory against the Trojans.

That means it's the Tigers (6-0) who remain undefeated, and in pretty good shape to earn that 12th league

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## Sports Times



Sam Dillard II netted a game-high 23 points in the Tigers' victory against Goodrich on Wednesday. Photo: David Troppens

# FLLF boys ski team captures regional title

■ Funke wins regional crown in boys slalom

By David Troppens

The Fenton/Linden/Lake Fenton co-op (FLLF) varsity boys ski team has been the dominant squad on Mt. Holly all winter long.

It was only fitting that the boys proved it at a D1 regional on top of the mountain on Monday.

The FLLF squad dominated the 13-team field, earning first with just 51.5 points, easily beating second-place Rochester Adams, who scored 97 points. Holly/Oxford's boys placed eighth and had one state-qualifier.

In girls action, Holly/Oxford was fourth (112) and qualified two athletes for state competition. The FLLF girls placed ninth (301) and had two individuals qualify for the state meet.

In boys action, the FLLF squad took first in the slalom and the giant slalom



The Fenton/Linden/Lake Fenton co-op boys ski team won a team regional title on Monday at Mt. Holly. The team members are (from left) Spencer Dicks, Jack Antonishek, Brooks Funke, Ryland Fairbanks, Cody Dawes, Nate Hiscock and Brody Hindmon. The D1 state meet is at Schuss Mountain on Feb. 27.

(GS) and also had an individual regional event champion — Brooks Funke. He won the GS with a two-run combined time of 44.92 seconds, .8 seconds better than Lake Orion's second-place performer Broden Janczark (45.72). Funke had the best first run (21.55) of the field, and the second-best (23.37) during the second run.

Other FLLF scorers in the GS were Nate Hiscock in fourth (46.04), Ryland Fairbanks in seventh (46.65) and Jack Antonishek in eighth (46.74).

In slalom action, Funke led the team by taking third overall (54.08). The rest of the scoring athletes were Hiscock in sixth (54.67), Antonishek tied in 10th (57.61)

and Spencer Dicks in 12th (57.64).

"I couldn't be more proud of our boys team this year," FLLF ski coach Tim Hiscock said. "They remained perfect on the season, sweeping our division and region, beating all the perennial powerhouse favorites and taking home the championship trophy.

See **FLLF** on 27

Tigers close game in fourth, defeat Goodrich

By David Troppens

**Fenton** — If the Fenton varsity boys basketball team was looking for a confidence building victory entering next week's Flint Metro League championship tournament, the Tigers earned it Wednesday against the Goodrich Martians.

Fenton (14-5) took a six-point lead on a layup by Gage Graham with 5:22 remaining in the fourth quarter, and then at one time hit 11-of-12 free throws in the waning minutes, earning the Tigers a strong 53-52 home victory against Goodrich (15-2).

"This game meant a lot

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# Tri-county area advances 19 wrestlers out of districts

## ■ Grapplers record four district crowns

By David Troppens

The tri-county area qualified 19 wrestlers out of the D2 individual district recently.

The area had four champions with Lake Fenton having two. Fenton and Linden had one district champion each. The Blue Devils and Fenton tied for the most area regional qualifiers, earning seven placers each.

The tri-county area had one all-area district championship match, but the match didn't actually happen. Lake Fenton teammates Noah Hall (150) and Jack Conley advanced to the title match. Hall (47-1) won by injury default (20-2) against Conley. Hall advanced with a major decision win and a decision win in his first two matches. Conley advanced by earning a pinfall win and a major decision win.

Lake Fenton's other district champion was Clay Cook (113). He won his semifinal match by pinfall and then defeated St. Johns' Sean Pettigrew by a 6-0 decision in the cham-

pionship match. Cook's season record is 44-3.

Philip Lamka (37-2) earned Fenton's individual district title, going 3-0 on the day with two pinfall wins in his first two bouts. He won the title by defeating Goodrich's Max Macklem in the final by a 10-2 major decision.

Linden's Bryce Shingleton (126) was the area's other individual champion, defeating DeWitt's Trenden Bashore in the final by a 9-3 decision. Shingleton (39-2) had four bouts and earned two pinfall wins and a major decision win in his first three bouts.

The tri-county area had seven runner-ups with Fenton earning three of them — Ben Triola (175), Dylan Beverly (157) and Carson Krzeszak (285).

Beverly won two of his first three matches by pinfall, but lost to Pontiac's undefeated Cory Thomas Jr. by pinfall in the finals.

Triola earned a major decision and



Some of the regional qualifiers in the tri-county area were Lake Fenton's Noah Hall (above photo) and (right photo) Fenton's Jamal Horne (top wrestler) and Lake Fenton's Jorge Marvin. Photos: David Troppens



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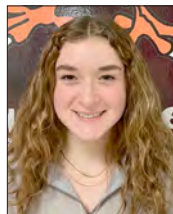
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a decision win in his first two bouts, but lost to Goodrich's Brady Benson by a 7-0 decision in the championship match.

Krzeszak (285) had two decision wins in his first two matches, but lost to Goodrich's James Mahon by pinfall in the finals.

Linden's runner-ups were Jase Grundy (190) and Adoniah Delgado (138). Delgado won his first two matches by pinfall, but lost to St. Johns' Cole Riedel by a 12-2 major decision in the title match. Grundy earned two pinfall wins in his first two matches as well. He lost to Goodrich's Easton Phipps by a 6-2 decision in the title match.

Ty Johnson (144) was the another one of Lake Fenton's runner-ups. The other was Conley. Johnson earned first-period pinfall wins in his first two matches, but then lost a sudden victory 6-4 bout against Kearsley's Jamarion Richards in the title match.

Lake Fenton and Linden had two third-place performers each. Caden See **DISTRICTS** on 25





Holly's Ka'Vion Smith scored 18 points in the Bronchos' victory against Birch Run. He's pictured here during a recent game against Fenton. Photo: David Troppens

## Smith's fourth quarter sparks Bronchos' victory

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity boys basketball team was in trouble.

The squad trailed 39-36 entering the fourth quarter against non-league opponent Birch Run on Monday.

But Holly had no fear. They had Ka'Vion Smith take over in the final quarter.

Smith scored 12 of his team-high 18 points in the fourth quarter, leading the Bronchos to a 57-49 victory.

Holly took the lead for good after a Tony Simmons steal and hoop, giving the squad a 44-42 lead at the time. Smith probably locked the victory with a conventional three-point play with 1:36 left in the

contest. It put the Bronchos up 51-45.

After Smith's 18 points, Zander Jacobson netted 12 points while Andrew Lewis netted eight points. Simmons chipped in seven points while Dylan Chereson had six points.

The Bronchos (14-4) have locked up the No. 2 seed in the Flint Metro League's Stripes Division for the post-season tournament this week. They will play either Lake Fenton, Goodrich or Corunna in a road contest in the semi-final on Tuesday. The winner of that game will play in the Metro title game at Fenton High School on Friday.

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Tortorice (190) and Jorge Marvin (106) earned Lake Fenton's thirds while Michael Bush (175) and Luke Haney (138) earned Linden's thirds.

Fenton had three fourths while Lake Fenton had one. The Tigers' placing fourth were Kyle Dunfield (165), Owen Freeman (120) and Evan Firby (215). Lake Fenton's fourth was earned by Wyatt DeVasher (106).

"We had a good day," Lake Fenton wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said. "We were in a tough district and we got seven kids out. We lost some tight matches in the blood round and we were down one of or top guys due to injury. We were looking to send nine or 10 if things went right, so we were okay sending seven."

## LF wrestlers fall in team regional final vs. Goodrich

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling squad saw its team portion of the season end where it did last year.

It ended against Goodrich in the regional championship round.

The Blue Devils defeated St. Johns in the semifinals (just like last season) by a 49-30 score, but then lost to the Martians 42-18 in the finals.

Against St. Johns, the Blue Devils won nine of the 14 matches with Karson Crist (175), Caden Tortorice (190),

Clay Cook (120), Robby Moore (126) Ty Johnson (144) and Noah Hall (150) winning matches by pinfall. Jorge Marvin (106) and Jack Conley (157) earned technical fall victories while Luke Wright (165) won by decision.

The Blue Devils won five of the 14 matches against state-power Goodrich. Hall won his match by major decision, while Josh Ezell (215), Johnson, and Conley won matches by decision. Marvin won a match by forfeit as well.

## Blue Devils cruise past non-league Charyl Stockwell, 74-44

By David Troppens

With a huge game for a chance to get into the Flint Metro League's crossover championship series coming up on Friday against Goodrich, the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team could've easily overlooked Charyl Stockwell Academy on Tuesday

night at Lake Fenton High School.

The squad didn't do that, however, and cruised to a 74-44 non-league win.

"There is no opponent to overlook when you focus on yourselves," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach See **DEVILS** on 26

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## BREAKFAST

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## DEVILS

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Tyler Szczepanski said. "I felt we may have overlooked Creek (a 39-33 loss earlier this season) a bit. We talked about not overlooking them, but maybe we talked about it so much, we may have made it an easy excuse."

The Blue Devils trailed 2-0, but then went on a 9-0 run to take the lead for good. All nine points came on diving layups. Lake Fenton had two from Ashton Hunter and one each by Jett Husted and Coleson Lessner (Lessner's became a three-point play).

Charyl Stockwell hit a three, cutting the Lake Fenton lead to just 9-5, but the Blue Devils scored the quarter's final 10 points, taking a 19-5 lead into the second quarter.

Lake Fenton had two 21-point quarters. The first came in the second quarter when the Blue Devils saw seven players score points — four each from Brit Antonangeli and Brandon Bossert.

The third quarter was all Antonangeli. He scored eight of Lake Fenton's 13 points in the other 21-point stanza.

Antonangeli ended the contest with a team-high 18 points. He also had five rebounds and three steals. Ashton Hunter netted 14 points, six rebounds, five steals and four assists while Gavin Teffner had 11 points, five rebounds and four steals. Brandon Bossert chipped in nine points while Husted had six points. Carson Haddad grabbed a team-high six boards.

The results of Friday's games were not known at presstime. It's this sim-



Lake Fenton's Brit Antonangeli drives to the bucket for a shot during a recent contest. He scored 18 points in a win against Charyl Stockwell Academy  
Photo: Mark Bolen

ple — if Lake Fenton won on Friday, the Blue Devils host a Metro League semifinal playoff game against either Fenton or Holly on Tuesday. The results of Friday's Goodrich game can be found at [www.tctimes.com](http://www.tctimes.com).

## TIGERS

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to us," Fenton's junior Sam Dillard II said. "We had this game circled on our calendar. We knew they were a good team, but if you look at who they've been playing they really haven't been playing that great a group of teams. We know they were missing a couple of guys, but we still think fully healthy we can beat them. We came out tonight and gave it to them."

Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Chad Logan thinks his team is maturing to be able to handle close games. Earlier in the season, the squad lost tight games against Clarkston, Lake Fenton and Corona, but since then have found ways to close out games during the fourth quarter. This was another case of just that.

"A month to six weeks ago we had a bunch of these games — Clarkston, Loyla, Lake Fenton and Corunna — and we learned from them," Logan said. "Now we are taking the lessons we've learned and have been growing as a team the last six weeks."

Goodrich usually led in this contest, but never by much. The Martians did jump to a 19-11 lead and still led 21-13 early in the second quarter after a put-back hoop by Gavin Hart, but the Tigers were able to cut the gap to just 28-25 entering halftime, having the lead as close as 26-25 at one time after a Colin TerBurgh trey.

Fenton took its first lead on a layup by Graham with 5:35 left in the third quarter. From there, the lead bounced back-and-forth a couple of times until the Tigers took the lead for good on a three-pointer by TerBurgh with 1:08 left in the third quarter. The Tigers led 36-35, and jumped the lead to 38-35 entering the fourth quarter after a Justin Banura hoop.

Fenton took a 41-35 lead on a Banura dish to Graham for a layup with 5:22 left, and from there, it was a question if the Tigers would hold on. Early on, the Tigers made just 1-of-3 free throws, giving the Martians some hope of a comeback. However, with 2:05 left in regulation, Ja'Hion Bond made two free throws. And from there, the Tigers made 11-of-12 free throws, extending to the final two coming with 48.8 seconds left when Banura made two. Fenton led 53-47 with 48.8 seconds left. The Tigers needed all



Fenton's Gage Graham scored four points in the Tigers' victory against the Goodrich Martians on Wednesday.  
Photo: David Troppens

of those points because Goodrich made three three-pointers during that stretch.

"They weren't missing their threes at the end, but we were making our free throws," Dillard said. "At the end of every day at practice we get about 15 to 30 minutes of practice shooting free throws, and you can see how in the games we aren't missing them now like we did at the earlier part of the season."

Goodrich never had the ball with a chance to take the lead in the final seconds.

Dillard led the Tigers with 23 points while Bond and Banura had 10 points each. Jack Locey had 20 points to pace Goodrich while Gavin Hart had 16 points.

Fenton opens the Metro League tournament on the road either against Lake Fenton, Corunna or Goodrich (depending on Friday night's results) on Tuesday.

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## FENTON

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crown at Fenton High School on Feb. 24 and Feb. 25.

“It definitely means a lot,” senior Max Haney said. “I don’t want to be part of the team that ends the streak. We have a good group of guys and a lot of good freshmen. We were more focused.”

“It was a big step,” senior Luke DeFina said. “It took a lot of work throughout the season. Definitely, a lot of planning went into this, and making sure people are good in their event. It means a lot. We pretty much got the Metro title now.”

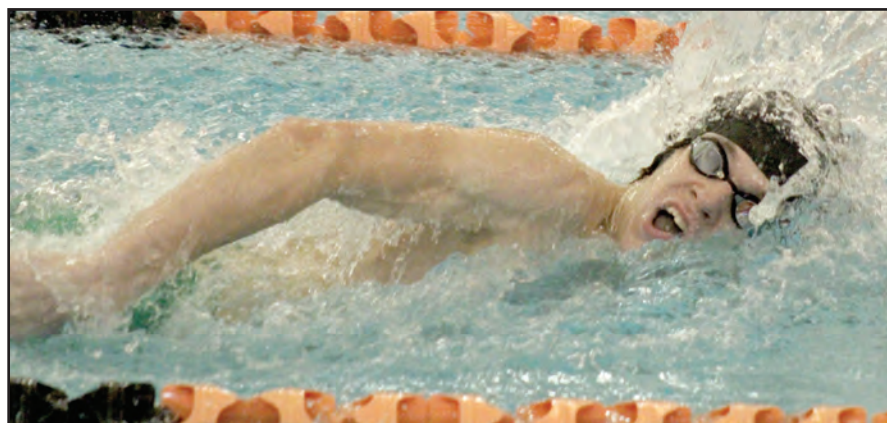
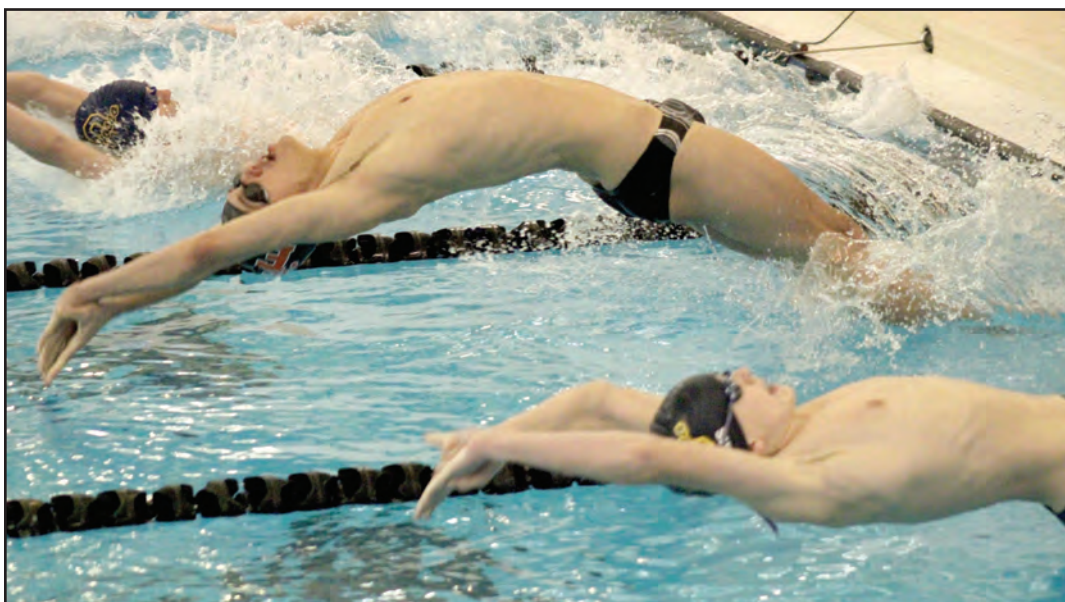
The Tigers are in good shape to certainly earn at least a co-title. If they finish second at the league meet, they will earn the co-championship with Owosso (provided Owosso wins the meet). However, if the Tigers win the league meet, they will be outright champions.

“It was a nice win,” Fenton varsity boys swimming and diving coach Brad Jones said. “They brought a fan bus. They had some administrators there. For us and the kids, it was about racing and not about times today, and putting the guys where they needed to be. I’m really happy with the way they stepped up. I think it was a great swim for us.”

By the end of the fifth event — diving — it seemed like the victory was pretty much wrapped up. Fenton took first in each race, and placed no worse than first and third in all four of the individual events to that point. It hit a high point when the Fenton divers finished with a clean 1-2-3 sweep. Owen Cox won (243.85), followed by teammates Evan Crane (152.90) and Caleb Markley (144.30). The Tigers also went 1-2 in the 200 individual medley, with Zach Michelson winning it (2:16.27) and Jacob Grifka placing second (2:23.07).

Haney, Michelson and DeFina (all seniors) did their part, each winning two individual events and taking part in two winning relays.

The three teamed up with Jacob Grifka to win the 200 freestyle relay



(Top photo) Max Haney won the 100 backstroke with a time of 54.57 in a dual meet with Owosso on Tuesday. (Immediately above) Luke DeFina won the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle. **Photos: David Troppens**

(1:36.52) while DeFina and Michelson teamed with Isaac Gurnsey and Finley Hughes to win the 400 freestyle relay (3:43.68). The 200 medley relay team of Haney, Jacob Grifka, Gurnsey and Hughes also opened the meet with a first (1:50.42).

Haney’s winning individual events were the 200 freestyle (1:50.16) and the 100 backstroke (54.57). Michelson won the 200 individual medley (2:16.27) and the 500 freestyle (5:19.80) while DeFina edged a close Owosso competitor in his two individual events — the 50 freestyle (23.70) and the 100 freestyle (52.67) — to earn his pivotal firsts.

Others earning individual firsts were Gurnsey in the 100 butterfly (59.81) and Grifka in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.79).

“I felt a lot of nerves,” DeFina said. “The guy I was pitted against — his seed times were basically the same as mine. It’s all about determination.”

## FLLF

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“We’ve never had the depth on any team we’ve coached before, and that’s been the key this year. It’s satisfying to see how well our junior development program has worked for this team. Our coaching staff provides training for our middle school student athletes in preparation for their high school racing career, and this team is certainly a product of this.”

“These boys have worked hard with our coaches for many years, perfecting their technique, and that hard work has paid off so far. There’s still a lot to do in preparation for the state championship that they qualified for.”

The Holly/Oxford girls had Sierra Musial and Finley DeCubber qualify individually for the state meet in both events. DeCubber was seventh in the slalom (60.99) and 11th in the GS (48/6), while Musial was seventh in the GS (47.95) and 13th in the slalom (1:02.92).

FLLF’s Averii Fairbanks and Anna Heimberger qualified for the state meet in the GS. Fairbanks took fourth (47.59), while Heimberger was eighth (48.14). The Holly/Oxford boys had one individual qualifier — Eric Ranck. Ranck placed eighth in the slalom (56.07). The top four individuals not on a state-qualifying team and every individual who finished in the top 10 in one of the two events earned an individual state trip.

The Division 1 state meet is at Schuss Mountain on Feb. 27.

Jones expected a victory, but didn’t expect it to come as routinely as it did.

“I ran that lineup 19 different ways,” Jones said. “I sent it over to my assistant and had him check my math over. It is fun. At no point did we think this was going to be a wash. The boys took it serious.”

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## CONCERT

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our own Winter Olympic games with some of the silliest competitions one can imagine. Last summer, we were encouraged by two of our youngest members (Brian and Morgan) to crash their wedding reception, and about 30

of us did just that. Of course, there is also volleyball. And on Saturday, there we all were enjoying John perform on stage in about the most intimate setting possible.

Does it get any better than this? I seriously doubt it. Thanks John, and thanks DTVG for what was a pretty awesome night.

## NOTICE of 2023 ANNUAL BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Review of the Township of Holly will meet at the Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan as follows:

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023** at 1:30 PM - Organizational Meeting to receive 2021 Assessment Roll from Assessor [MCL 211.29(1)]

Appointments will be taken for:

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023** from 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM and 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

**Monday, March 13, 2023** from 1:00 PM-4:30 PM and 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

**Thursday, March 16, 2023** from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and 1:30 PM-5:00 PM

The Board of Review will accept written appeals if received prior to the closing of the Board of Review. The 2021 tentative equalization ratio is 50% and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classification.

Appointments before the Board of Review may be made for the dates listed above by calling Oakland County Equalization, toll free, 1-888-350-0900 Extension 85583 or 248-858-5583. Appeals may also be made in writing and must be received prior to the closing of the Board of Review. All written appeals should be addressed to:

Oakland County Equalization, Holly Township Assessor  
250 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Suite 1000 West  
Pontiac, MI 48341

Please use Parcel Identification Number when referring to your property so that records can be quickly located.

Protest at the Board of Review is necessary to protect your right to further appeals to the Michigan Tax Tribunal for valuation and exemption appeals and/or State Tax Commission for classification appeals.

**HOMEOWNER'S PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AFFIDAVIT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED BY P.A. 105 of 2003:** If you have purchased your principal residence after December 31 last year, to claim the principal residence exemption for next year if you have not already done so, you are required to file an affidavit before May 1 this year.

Persons needing assistance in attending an appointment should call the Township Clerk's Office at (248) 634-9331 ext. 301 at least 7 business days prior to the appointment.

Karin S. Winchester, Clerk

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**WE ARE A** nation suffering from PTSD. The phrase 'If you see something, say something,' brings a whole new meaning.

**WHEN THERE'S A** bombing, they blame the bomber. When there's a drunk driving accident, they blame the driver. When there's a shooting, why do they blame the gun?

**THE GUN LAWS** already on the books should be enforced to the max. Sentencing guidelines should be stricter; prosecutors and judges should keep those who violate gun laws in prison for a longer time. This could deter them from killing or injuring someone. Violators do not belong in our society

**THE ONE COMMON** characteristic of every student shot at MSU is that they were all unarmed.

**WHAT ARE THE** common denominators in these mass attacks? Firearms (ways), schools (means soft targets) and the news media (ends). Clearly, I think the nationwide press and TV attention are the problem.

**MCRAE MIGHT HAVE** been locked up if not for a lenient prosecutor who cares more about offenders than justice. You don't need more restrictions on the public. You need to stop going easy on actual offenders. Protecting the public means protecting their rights.

**LONGER PRISON SENTENCES** for people who violate gun laws could make a person think twice about going through with shooting at someone. If you know you're only going to be behind bars for 18 months for breaking the law, that's not much of a deterrent. Go after the bad people.

**WITH THE TRAGIC** results of the past week at MSU, it's quite clear that the judicial system is the piece that's broken. Police did their job but the county prosecutor and judge failed to realize that the old adage that an ounce of prevention is worth the pound of cure. Period.

**STRICTER GUN CONTROL** laws will not stop the bad guys from getting a hold of guns. Why do people think that? Taking guns away from the good guys is insane! We deserve to protect ourselves against the bad guys.

**AM I THE** only one who thinks the house with the big skeleton is hideous?

## JUDGMENTAL HOT-LINER DEMANDS

max punishment for kid threatening schools, citing 'trauma brought upon children.' Dumb idea. The self-righteous Hot-liner must have forgotten the irrational, hyper-emotional, difficulties of adolescence. Kids act out, get over it. And to the trauma, it comes from your hysterical over-response.

**CITY OF FENTON.** Paid my taxes but just wondering why the roads in the neighborhood around Tomek Elementary still aren't fixed. Supposed to be done last fall.

**WOW. NOT EVEN** 48 hours since the shooting and people are politicizing it. Sad. Let people grieve. Stop making it about yourselves.

**WHY ON EARTH** would you do less than the posted speed limit? How self-centered is that? No good reason to hold everyone up. In fact, 5 over is generally expected and not likely to get you a ticket. Entire city of Linden needs to move up to 35 minimum, 25 is ridiculous.

**TO HOT-LINER WHO** claims no subsidies to oil companies. The Environmental and Energy Study Institute found the US government alone spends \$20 billion every year on direct fossil fuel subsidies. Of that figure, around \$16 billion goes toward oil and gas, while the remaining \$4 billion benefits the coal industry.

**STOP WITH ALL** the grants from the government. That money they are giving away used to be the hard-earned money we had in our bank accounts until we were over-taxed. Let each of us determine how to spend our own money.

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 13526**, issued in 2009, does give a Vice President (and some others) authority to both classify and declassify documents. If the Hot-liner claiming otherwise actually checked it (doubtful), he/she is a dirty dog liar. If so, shame for deliberately spreading false information.

**THE FOLKS WHO** want to shut down Line Five should take a serious look at the rail disaster going on in New Palestine, Ohio and realize how foolish they are wanting to use the rails and trucking for transport of petroleum products

**AFTER 9/11, WE** didn't ban airplanes. We secured our airports. It's time to secure our schools.

# Start your genealogy journey

■ Trace your family's history to connect with others, learn about genetics

Genealogy fascinates much of the general public. The number of people learning more about their families and heritage through genealogy increases year to year.

According to FamilyTree.com, genealogy is the second only to gardening as the most popular hobby in the United States.

People explore genealogy for many reasons, including learning about their ancestry. A rundown of the basics of genealogy can make such pursuits more enjoyable.

**Genealogy and family history are subtly different**

Genealogy is a line of descent traced continuously from an ancestor, while

family history is defined as the history or narrative of a family. They are intertwined but not synonymous.

**Vital records are key**

Genealogists explore vital records to obtain information about their ancestors. Vital records include documentation of ancestors' life events, including births, deaths, marriages, and more. Civil registration began at different times around the world, and even across North America, so it's often challenging, though entirely possible, to develop an accurate history.

**Surnames may be different**

Surnames were not commonplace until around the eleventh century in Europe, according to S.C. Perkins, who is the author of a mystery series featuring a Texas genealogist as the protagonist. Surnames fall into four general categories:

1. Place or geographical features (i.e.,

"Hill")

2. Nicknames or appearance ("Little")

3. Occupation ("Baker")

4. Father's name ("Peterson")

Some names may not have been recorded correctly, so a person's last name actually may be a derivative of the real name or a misspelling. Often immigrants changed their own surnames to make them sound more American or more native to wherever they were emigrating to.

**Cities change**

Discovering records of ancestors can be even more challenging because of shifting borders or municipalities, which change over time. The Family Tree Factbook provides European maps from throughout history and a timeline of European border changes that can help with research.

**Preserve family history**

In addition to uncovering mysteries



of one's heritage, dabbling in genealogy helps to preserve family history by confirming tales and tracing ancestors' journeys. It also may help shed light on the history of artifacts or jewelry that ancestors owned and passed down.

**Connect with others**

A motivator behind genealogy research is to uncover relatives. Cousins from all over the world can discover they are related and bridge the gap between them through shared genetics and history. This may be particularly important to those who were adopted and hope to understand more about where they came from for personal or health-related reasons.

*Source: Metro Creative Connections*

## NOTICE OF HEARING REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE CITY OF LINDEN – PLANNING COMMISSION

The City of Linden Planning Commission will be conducting a public hearing as part of their regular meeting agenda on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. within Council Chambers on the lower level of the Mill Building located at 201 North Main Street, Linden, Michigan, 48451. The purpose of the hearing is to hear citizens' comments on a request for the following:

**Petitioner/Request:** Applicant Ryan McDonald, requesting to establish a Micro-Brewery in the Central Business District

**Tax Description:** Tax ID# 61-20-552-141

**Legal Description:** Commonly known as 117 North Bridge Street. N 24 FT OF S 42 FT OF LOT 83 BLOCK 11 ORIGINAL PLAT VILLAGE OF LINDEN (97) FR 61-20-552-063

Applications and supporting documentation are available for public review at City Offices located at 132 East Broad Street, Linden, MI, 48451 during regular business hours Monday through Friday. Persons wishing to comment may do so during the hearing. Written comments may also be submitted prior to 4:00 p.m. on March 6, 2023, and should be addressed to:

Kristyn Kanyak, Deputy Clerk  
132 East Broad St.  
P.O. Box 507  
Linden, MI 48451

## Synopsis of Rose Township Board Meeting February 8, 2023

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, Miesch, Walls, Scheib-Snyder

Board Members Absent/Excused: Miller

Approved: To excuse Clerk Miller.

Approved: The Agenda for the meeting of February 8, 2023.

Approved: The Consent Agenda as presented.

Approved: To appoint Agnes Miesch to the Planning Commission to fill the partial term.

Approved: To adopt a resolution to appoint Andrew Ziegler to the Board of Review to serve a partial two-year term beginning February 2023 and expiring at the end of December 2024.

Approved: To adopt a resolution to appoint Lawrence Newman as an alternate to the Board of Review to serve a partial two-year term expiring at the end of December 2024.

Approved: To not use Tri-Party funds at this time and to reserve it for some major projects in the township.

Adjourned: 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by Renee Kraft  
Deputy Clerk of Rose Township



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# LifeStyles

Times

## —The iconic— Girl Scout Cookies

■ 2023 season  
for world's largest  
entrepreneurial program  
for girls underway

By Sharon Stone

Who hasn't had the pleasure of enjoying a delicious Girl Scout cookie over the years? The concept started with a grassroots project in 1917 and has grown into an icon of American culture today.

According to girlscouts.org, when the project began more than 100 years ago, Girl Scouts preserved fruits in response to food shortages, circa 1917. By 1928, Girl Scouts were selling the packaged cookies door-to-door. When they started, the cookies were originally home baked by the Girl Scouts and their mothers volunteered as technical advisers.

In 1922, The American Girl magazine, published by Girl Scouts of the USA, featured an article, which included a cookie recipe. The estimated

cost of ingredients for six to seven dozen cookies was 26 to 36 cents. Girl Scouts were encouraged to sell them for 25 to 30 cents per dozen.

In 1933, Girl Scouts of Greater Philadelphia Council baked cookies and sold them in the city's gas and electric company windows. The price was 23 cents for a box of 44 cookies or six boxes for \$1.24. Enthusiasm for the cookies grew.

In the 1940s, the cookies were sold around the country until World War II, when sugar, flour and butter shortages led the Girl Scouts to sell calendars instead.

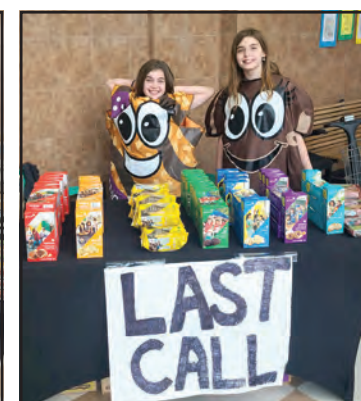
Girl Scout Cookies for sale during the 1970s included Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Sandwich/Do-si-dos, and Shortbread/Trefoils cookies, plus four additional choices.

In the '90s, Girl Scouts USA introduced official age-appropriate awards for participating in the sale. In the early 2000s, each cookie had a mission and boxes were redesigned to capture the spirit of Girl Scouts. In the 2010s, cookie

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Local Girl Scouts were selling the famous Girl Scout Cookies last Saturday, Feb. 11 in front of Fenton's Open Book.



Sisters Audrey and Quinn Davis of Holly are members of Troop 76988, led by their mother Jenna Davis. Last year their troop sold 17,000 boxes of Girl Scout cookies.

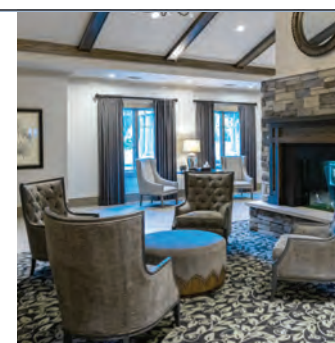


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# COOKIES

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sales started going digital. This provided a fun, safe and interactive space for girls to sell cookies.

In 2021, Girl Scout Cookies offered vegan and gluten-free varieties. In 2022, Girl Scouts across the country began selling a new Girl Scout Cookie — Adventurefuls, brownie-inspired cookies topped with caramel flavored crème and a hint of sea salt.

New for the 2023 cookie season, the highly anticipated Raspberry Rally cookie, joins the iconic lineup alongside classic family favorites like Thin Mints, Samoas/Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties/Tagalongs, and more, according to girlscouts.org. Each box of cookies is now \$5, or \$6 for specialty cookies. Prices will vary by region.

The 2023 season is underway and one family from Holly is surrounded by thousands of boxes of cookies.

Jenna Davis is leader of Girl Scout Troop 76988 in Holly that her daughters, Quinn, 11 and Audrey, 9 are members of. She took on the role of leader five years ago when Girl Scout reps promoted scouting at their former elementary school in Waterford. She and her neigh-

bor at that time decided to volunteer as leaders. “Our lives were over,” she said. “We love it.”

Audrey started in kindergarten and Quinn started as a Brownie and is now a Cadette.

The troop has 16 girls from six or seven schools ranging from kindergarten through seventh grade.

Davis said people could start pre-registering to buy cookies online in December but cookies won’t be shipped until the end of February or early March. Preorders could be done directly with local scouts and troop leaders would pick up the cookies and help distribute.

Ordering and buying cookies has changed drastically over the years. Davis said if someone places an order online and wants them delivered by a scout, the parents have to go online and confirm the order knowing they would have to be able to deliver the boxes. People also can order online and have the boxes of cookies shipped to their home, with added shipping costs.

As a leader, Davis said she has seen the girls gain retail experience, learn money exchange, and learn the art of upselling. “That’s a good skill to have,” she said. “Engaging with others gets them out of their shells.”



In addition to selling cookies, the girl scouts learn about incentives. Girl Scouts offer incentives or prizes that get bigger and better with increased sales. Last year, her daughters won a stay on Mackinac Island for selling at least 2,500 boxes each. “It’s pretty amazing to sell 5,000 boxes in two-and-a-half months,” she said.

Davis has sometimes seen the girls’ motivation decrease after a few weeks of selling and has implemented in-troop incentives, which include gift baskets with items that the girls really like. “It keeps them engaged,” she said.

Cookie money has enabled the girls to help others. Davis said each year they donate 10% of their funds to a nonprofit of the girls’ choice. This year they chose Make a Wish Foundation. They’ve also spent funds to buy Christmas gifts for foster children, big trips to fun destinations such as the Toledo Zoo and Imagination Station and smaller activities. If they set their goal high, the girls know they just have to sell more cookies.

Support our local Girl Scouts by ordering from a girl you know or by visiting [www.girlscoutcookies.org](http://www.girlscoutcookies.org) to find a booth or troop near you.

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## Weekend Sudoku

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				3				
2							7	3
		4		2		5		
8	9					1		4
		6		9		2		
5	8							6
			3					
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# Obituaries



## Teresa Lynn Hackney 1956 – 2023

Teresa Lynn Hackney - age 66, of Linden, died Monday, February 13, 2023. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Monday, February 20, 2023, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N.



and learn the history and culture of the places she visited and would make sure she took in a museum visit or two at each destination. Her disposition was sunny, her demeanor

reserved, and her loyalty was without question. She carried herself with dignity and showed respect to everyone. Her family and friends will carry with them fond memories of a special person who touched their lives in a positive way. She will be greatly missed by all who know her. Especially her loving husband, Oliver; sons, Ryan (Amy), Jonathan (Shayna), Oliver Drew; grandson, Ryan (RJ) and siblings, Debbie Abbey (Larry) and Jim Green, she also had very close relationships with her Aunt Kathy Lyles; RJs mom, Lynsie Kuehne; and her quasi-little sister, Georgia Croke who will miss her dearly. One of her favorite expressions was "It's nice to be important but it's more important to be nice." She was truly a gift to us, and she will be cherished forever. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Tributes mat be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).

Adelaide St., Fenton with Fr. David Harvey celebrant. The event will be live streamed on her obituary page at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com). The family will receive friends from 9:30 - 11:00 AM Monday at the church. Burial of cremated remains will take place at a later date at St. John Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the St. John Outreach program. She was born August 9, 1956, in Flint, the daughter of Bill and Carol Green. She was a graduate of McLaren Hospital X Ray Technology 1984 and graduated UM Flint Radiation Therapy 2006. Terri's passion for life, family, faith, and profession was her trademark, her motto was "Do what is right not what is easy." She was a beautiful, humble, compassionate, determined, smart, loving, and giving person who believed that 110 percent effort was the norm, not the exception. She felt her good fortunes in life should be appreciated and not taken for granted, her family and her number one priority and if they were happy, she was happy. She loved to travel



## William Lewis Albers Jr. 1943 – 2023

William Lewis Albers Jr. - age 79, of Fenton, passed away Tuesday, February 14, 2023. A memorial gathering will be held from 1 - 5 PM Sunday, February 19, 2023 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. A committal service will be held 10:30 AM Monday, February 20, 2023 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd., Holly. Those desiring may make contributions to Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton. William was born December 18, 1943 in Highland Park, the son of William and Camilla (Burnette) Albers. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and retired



from General Motors. Bill had served as a volunteer with Rebuilding Together. He enjoyed carpentry, model trains, and raising chickens and turkeys. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Judy; children, Holly (Kirt) Rushlow, Shari Albers and Mark (Karen) Albers; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brothers, Tom, Gary and Paul; sister, Helen Crank. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Bob; sister, Kay Samson. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## John Batson 1940 – 2023

John Batson of Flint, passed away on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. John was born February 13, 1940 in Truman, Arkansas, the son of Carl and Oma (Howlett) Batson. He grew up in Chicago and in 1960 he enlisted in the US Army, serving in Vietnam. In 1965 he moved to Flint to work at General Motors, where he became a skill tradesman he eventually retired after 34 years. John married Coleen Burliegh in 1992. For those that knew John knew he loved unconditionally and at times could be brutally honest, he had a contagious smile that could light up a room. He was devoted to AA for a number of years in the Flint area. John leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Coleen



Batson; his children, John (Larry) Kelleher, Joanna (Chris) Escamilla, Mathew (Jennifer) Batson, Marcia Shelton, Paul Shelton, Andrea Shelton; grandchildren, Crystal, David, Benjamin, Sidney, Katerina, Ava, William, Vanessa, Kyle, Tyler, Jeremy, Joseph, Brandon, Andrew, Mario, Vincent; eight great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. John was

preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Oma Batson; his beloved sister, Peggy Buonavalanto and three brothers. A visitation will be held Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 12:30 PM at Dryer Funeral Home in Holly. Visitation will be followed by a procession to Great Lakes National Cemetery with honors at 1:30 PM. [www.dryerfuneralhomesholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomesholly.com).

# Obituaries

## James Henry Hawley 1948 – 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of James Henry Hawley, beloved son of James and Beatrice Hawley. He was the youngest son and the heart of the five siblings. His sisters fondly referred to him often as, "Little Brother" and to them he hung the moon. He grew up and spent most of his adult years working alongside his father, uncle and cousins to build and maintain what is now known as the Heritage Farm of Holly. He was a proud and loyal man full of country charm and grace. His kindness touched all who knew him. James served his country proudly during the Vietnam War and if you were willing to listen, he had much to share. He loved life, was open to new experiences and people but he especially enjoyed being with his family. He would say that the greatest event of his life was when he met his wife, Anita. She was the light of his life. Together, they settled in Argentine, and shared in the many joys of a strong, loving family. Later in life, the two resided for a time in West Virginia where his wife had been raised. He loved his time there and would often speak fondly of his experiences there. Upon returning, he spent his final years with his sister Laura. These were happy days filled with shared memories and laughter. James loved a good joke, and he would often say, "You gotta have humor!" His smile could light up a room and will be treasured always. He left us as Valentine's Day faded but he will remain close in our hearts forever. James is preceded in death by his parents, James and Beatrice Hawley; sister, Catherine Weakley; and daughter, Jane Gibson. He leaves behind his wife, Anita Hawley; children Gwen (Floyd) Ricks, Randy (Dianne) Plumley, Susan (William) Lawhead, David Plumley and Jeffery (Brenda) Plumley; sisters, Jean Taulbee, Laura Spear and Nancy (Brian) Hannigan; many adoring grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral service will be at 1 PM on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at Dryer Funeral Home in Holly. Family will welcome visitors from 11 AM until time of service, followed by military honors at Great Lakes National Cemetery. [www.dryerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhome.com).

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### Alexander "Ollie" Schimpf

Alexander "Ollie" Schimpf - age 92, died February 8, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Mathew Torok

Mathew Torok - died February 15, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Jack Thor

Jack Thor - age 79, died February 8, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Alice Staab

Alice Staab - age 72, died February 9, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### John Riegler, Jr.

John Riegler, Jr. - age 83, died February 9, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Julie Wilton

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### Thomas Crane

Thomas Crane - age 88, died February 10, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Lillian Holland

Lillian Holland - age 71, died February 10, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Trudy Hofbauer

Trudy Hofbauer - age 89, died February 11, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Evelyn Dzurak

Evelyn Dzurak - age 97, died February 12, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Pete Fittante

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### Robert "Joe" Stratton

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### Thomas Cook

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### Gloria Williams

Gloria Williams - age 89, died February 14, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Dennis Davis

Dennis Davis - age 80, died February 14, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Kay Lemonds-Mattar

Kay Lemonds-Mattar - age 56, died February 14, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Wilma Caudle

Wilma Caudle - age 93, died February 15, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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