# Former St. John School student remains in critical condition

■ Is one of five shooting victims recovering from mass shooting at MSU on Feb. 13

Nate Statly, a Hartland High School graduate and former student of St. John

School in Fenton, is one of the five students who were critically injured when a gunman opened fire on Michigan State University's campus on Monday, Feb. 13. He remains in critical condition at the hospital. Three MSU students, Brian Fraser, a sophomore, Alexandria Verner, a junior, and Arielle Anderson, a sophomore, were fatally shot and have since been laid to rest. Brian and Arielle were from the Grosse Pointe area and Alexandria

was from Clawson.

Josh Statly, an older brother of Nate, has started a gofundme to help their family with out-of-pocket expenses they are experiencing. Michigan State See **CRITICAL** on 13



# 'We meet people where they're at'

Township approves transferring funds to help fight opioid crisis

## By Hannah Ball

Even though the amount is small, Fenton Township officials are hoping to help the Greater Flint Health Coalition (GFHC) and the Mental Health & Substance Use Initiatives (MH&SU) to fight the opioid crisis and help those struggling with addiction.

See OPIOIDS on 10

# Fenton DDA approves numerous grants, events

Be sure to mark your calendars for all the fun and exciting events coming to downtown Fenton beginning this spring.

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SHOP LOCAL Special section included with this edition



Lake Fenton's TJ Payne tries to get a shot off against the Fenton Tigers' defense in Fenton's 83-52 Flint Metro League semifinal contest on Tuesday. The win earned the Tigers a spot in Friday's Metro League championship game against the Holly Bronchos. Results of Friday's contest can be found at tctimes.com. **See story in Sports on page 29. Photo: Mark Bolen** 

# Lake Fenton school board approves special election

During its meeting on Monday, Jan. 23, the Lake Fenton Board of Education unanimously adopted a resolution to call for a special school election on Tuesday, May 2. This bond vote would be an extension of the school district's 5-mill levy and would generate \$57.5 million.

See **ELECTION** on 12

# Killer of woman found dead in Deerfield Township in 1983 ID'd

Livingston County Cold Case Team secures grant for advanced DNA testing

## By Sharon Stone

The Livingston County Cold Case Team formed by former Livingston County Sheriff Bob Bezotte in 2009 has solved a homicide that happened in 1983.

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# Fun for kids at the Expo

# ■Kids Zone returns, business brings the Easter Bunny

## By Hannah Ball

More than half a dozen inflatables and games. Over 50 prizes. Six hundred bags of candy.

All of this and more can be found in the Kids Zone at the annual Fenton Community Expo on March 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Fenton High School.

The event, put on by the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce, continues to be a family event year after year in part thanks to the Kids Zone in the auxiliary gym at FHS.

Faith City Church has organized and ran the Kids Zone with the help of volunteers for nine or 10 years. Pastor Andrew Barancik said the room is for kids to have fun and for parents to sit for a while.

"When parents come in, there's an area for them to come in and relax. They can come in and get off their feet for a few while their kids are playing," he said.

They're expecting several hundred kids to come in throughout the weekend. Barancik, who's on the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, said between 400 and 600 children come into the Kids Zone.

"It's kind of wild," he said. Valley City Tent will bring several inflatables for kids to enjoy. When they enter, kids or their parents fill out a piece of paper with the kid's name, school and age. Volunteers will

draw names for a prize every 15 minutes, which is four per hour. Kids will get to choose from a range of age appropriate gifts for ages 5 to 12.

"It adds value just because sometimes the show can be a lot for kids to walk through. It gives them space to let their kids come in and have fun," Barancik said. "Kids are kids, they just love to run around and enjoy those opportunities. You don't always get to have a huge bounce house and inflatables and, of course, they want those prizes."

Prizes range from smaller, handheld toys to the grand prizes, which are bikes from CycleFit.

"They're always excited (to win). We have some kids who hover around and when names are called, it's 'was it my name?" They're excited. They want a prize," he said.

Children don't have to be present to claim their prize. Winners are announced at the main booth of the Expo as well. Vendors and attending businesses will also drop off prizes such as coloring books and balls.

When kids win the grand prize, "They're stoked. They can't believe it," Barancik said. "The parents are usually really excited."

Occasionally in past years, kids whose families might not be able to afford a new bike have won the grand prize.

"That's kind of what you hope happens," he said.

Volunteers draw for the grand prize once each day of the Expo. The Faith City Church congregation and students from the local school district's National Honor Societies volunteer in the Kids Zone.

Barancik said for him, the Expo is an opportunity to see people he doesn't see often throughout the year.

"It's not so much about the See **EXPO** on 14

# **Enjoying the Shiawassee River year round**

# ■Local man paddles on river on New Year's Day **By Hannah Ball**

People usually enjoy river ways and bodies of water when the weather is warmer, but some people are brave enough to paddle year round.

Argentine Township resident Tom Landers paddled the Shiawassee River on New Year's Day this year. It's his goal every year to go out on the river on Christmas or New Year's.

"The river is even more beautiful with the ice and snow. I try to get out at least once every month

when our river allows. It's been tough to get out during the week in the short daylight months with work and family, but we try," he said.

Landers also went out on the river the weekend after New Year's in low 30-degree weather. The water level was normal or slightly higher for the area of the river near his house, which is at Duffield Road. He paddles between Byron and Argentine.

To withstand the cold weather, he wears a life jacket and brings a dry bag with extra warm clothes and sometimes boots, along with snacks and drinks. He puts his phone in a waterproof case or box.

He always lets his family know where he plans to be.

"I was out scouting as usual for clearing the river of fallen trees and such

> as part of three or four river associations that help keep the Shiawassee clear in our area for all of us to enjoy," he said. "I could only get about 3/4 of a mile upstream from my place and about a 1/4mile down river as there were blockages in the way. I had my chainsaw

with me but chose not to do any work as I was alone and it was in the low 30 degree area."

Landers is involved in numerous Shiawassee River organizations, including Head Waters Trail Inc., Keepers of the Shiawassee, Friends of the Shiawassee River and the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition.

"All the groups are in it for the preservation, cleaning and promotion of our river," he said. "But the Keepers See **RIVER** on 14







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The incredible 'Physical: 100'

# Words with Hannah

'm starting this column with a thank you to truck drivers who help out motorists who get stuck in winter weather. A coworker of mine recently got stuck because of the weather, and someone helped get her vehicle out.

Last year, when I got stuck on an icy incline, a man driving a truck stopped, attached

a chain, and freed my vehicle in less than two minutes. That was very kind and helpful, and I hope that man has a wonderful life.

Thank you to everyone who's helped out someone else in this way.

On to the main point of this column: Lately I've been obsessed with the Netflix reality show "Physical: 100." It's a Korean-made show about 100 people competing in various challenges to see who has the best body.

It's captivating. Numerous kinds of athletes compete, including cyclists, wrestlers, mountain climbers, bodybuilders, MMA fighters, Olympic athletes, strong man competitors, lugers, a cheerleader and more. All of them are thrown together in individual and team challenges for nine riveting episodes until only one remains.

The show had English speakers do



Staff Reporter

voiceovers for the contestants so it's not necessary to watch subtitles.

One of my favorite contestants was Choo Sung-hoon, the 47-year-old MMA fighter who strolled into the competition wearing a styled suit and sunglasses when everyone else was wearing workout gear. The man was the main event. He was charismatic,

kind to everyone and a very competent leader. Yun Sung-bin and Ma Sun-ho were the most fun to watch because of their personalities.

I admit to being a bit biased toward the women. It's immensely satisfying watching a woman my size win in a challenge against men twice as big. Lots of these challenges were about mental toughness as well as physical ability. Never count out the underdog.

I cheered for Shim Eu-ddeum, Jang Eun-sil, Jo Jin-hyeong, Ma Sun-ho and a few others.

The challenges were amazingly fun to watch, but wow would I fail so very hard at them. The first challenge was to simply hang from a metal bar over water. Seems easy, right? Not at all. The second was one-on-one matches of keep-away that sent home half of the contestants.

I thought the third challenge — in

which they construct a bridge on a platform and carry sand across — was grueling until they did the fourth challenge. Teams of 10 had to haul a 1.5-ton ship across sand and up a platform. Along with the intensity of the physical challenge, it's also immensely fun TV.

It was satisfying when arrogant people lost. The show created challenges in a manner that equalized everyone's abilities. Simply being strong wasn't enough. Agility was required, as was tenacity and teamwork.

The later challenges had especially smart designs to test the contestant's strength and endurance with games that appeared easy but were actually very difficult.

The show is also very wholesome. Korean culture places a lot of importance on respect, but I think there's another layer of admiration when it comes to athletes competing in very hard challenges. Everyone cheered for each other and it didn't seem like the competitors had any negative feelings toward each other (though who knows about off screen).

If you're looking for a new show to get into, please watch "Physical: 100" and tell me who you think will win (the show ended this week but I won't spoil it) because I was a little surprised by the winner.

Email me at hball@tctimes.com.

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

# How did you spend Spring Break as a kid?



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"I would smoke marijuana with my friends like any normal kid."

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# Township approves rezoning for doggy daycare

# ■ Facility planned to be built on the northwest corner of Thompson and Fenton roads

### By Hannah Ball

The Ruffy Ranch Retreat is another step closer to coming to Fenton Township.

On Tuesday, Feb. 21, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved the conditional rezoning request to rezone the land on the northwest corner of Thompson and Fenton roads from single family residential R-3 to general commercial C-2, limited to a commercial kennel with a doggie daycare and a caretaker's quarters.

Ruffy Ranch Retreat, owned by Fenton Township resident Allore Sharp, will be a doggy daycare with a 24-hour boarding facility, canine massage, spa services and obedience training. The design plans show a 3,600 square-foot building. The Thompson Road Dog Park is about 0.16 miles west of the property. On Thursday, Feb. 26, the Fenton Township Planning Commission recommended approval to conditionally rezone the land from single family residential R-3 to general commercial C-2, limited to a commercial kennel with a doggie daycare and a caretaker's quarters.

This was the fourth time Sharp submitted plans to build the Ruffy Ranch Retreat, and it was the third time in the township.

Zoning Administrator Michael Deem said the number of dogs allowed would be determined during the site plan review process.

"The planning commission will do their due diligence in determining what the appropriate number of dogs is based on the layout," he said.

This use is compatible with the township's master plan. The future land use classification for this land is community commercial.

The vote was 6-0. Treasurer John Tucker was absent.

Sharp's letter of intent states, "RRR

will offer doggy daycare, boarding with 24-hour care, canine massage, spa services and obedience training. Our mission is to love and care for each fur baby as our own, to provide a fun-filled environment, yet a relaxing and stressfree getaway. In addition, our premise will be pristine and offer a safe canine club to all clientele.

The hours of operation would be Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday by appointment.

Sharp said the township will hold a meeting on variance approval next week. Once she has all the necessary approvals, she plans to close on the property and begin the site plan approval process.





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# HOT LINE CONTINUED

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# TRI-COUNTY **FUNDRAISERS**

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### Fundraiser set up to help FHS athlete travel to The Cup, largest indoor softball tourney in Schiedam, Netherlands

Lilv Turkowski is a scholar athlete at Fenton High School. She joined varsity softball her freshman year, leading her team to district titles as a freshman and regional championships



as a sophomore. She currently has a .500 batting average and has been invited to participate in The Cup, the largest and most prestigious indoor softball tournament in the world, which will take place Jan. 10-17, 2024, in Schiedam. Netherlands. This experience will give her an opportunity to grow her talent and her love for the game even further. The \$8,000 cost, however, of attending the tournament is challenging on her family's finances. In addition to learning life lessons, she will gain skills on the field of play while exploring a new culture. It is a wonderful way to support someone's dreams and give back to the community when you sponsor Lily. If anyone wishes to donate to her trip, they can do so at makeachamp.com/ lilyturkowski.



### DDA

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The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) unanimously approved grant applications and recommendations made by Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation during the DDA meeting on Feb. 21.

The DDA has worked with Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation (SLPR) over several years as an event partner for such activities as ArtWalk, Back to the Bricks Tune-Up Party, the Summer Concert Series, farmers markets and the Fenton Street Experience.

In a memo to the DDA board, Michael Hart, assistant city manager and DDA executive director, wrote that SLPR has done good work in partnering with the city and DDA and running these events.

The Farmers Market will be a series of events held Thursday evenings from May 18 to Sept. 21. The DDA approved the grant request of \$10,127.50 for running the series.



Back to the Bricks Tune-Up Party is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 10. SLPR requested a grant of \$10,755 for running the event.



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The Summer Concert Series is a series of concerts on Thursday evenings from June through the beginning of September. SLPR requested a grant of \$45,899.88 to run the series. In 2022, SLPR spent approximately \$40,784 in grant funds to run the concert series. SLPR expects additional costs due to inflation, but the scope and quality is improving through making adjustments as needed. This year's concert series also is extended by one performance.





On Thursday, Aug. 26, 2022, during Street Experience, Nashville recording artist Kari Holmes performs at the Fenton Gazebo as part of the Concert in the Park series.

Family Nights are a series of two events scheduled for Thursday evenings from 5 to 8 p.m., June 18 and July 13. SLPR requested a grant of \$15,422 to run the series. This event offers outdoor activities for families including support for the downtown businesses. No streets will be closed for these two events.

The Fenton Experience was very popular in 2020 and 2021 (with street closure) due to the pandemic. The city saw strong attendance and involvement from residents, business owners and visitors from outside the city. Last

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year, they launched the Fenton Expe-

rience (with no street closure) as an



ArtWalk is scheduled for Saturday, July 29. SLPR requested a grant of \$25,683 to run this event. This is SLPR's reinvented and revitalized largest downtown art event that has not occurred since 2019, due to the pandemic. Organizers say that this first year back will give them the opportunity to get the pieces back in place for re-establishment and growing it in preparation for 2024.





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Openings for non-resident students are available at all grade levels and all buildings.

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Applications available by contacting: Fenton Area Public Schools at 810-591-4712 or On the district's website: www.fentonschools.org

# Violence toward puppy allegedly used to control female victim

Genesee County man faces 10-year felony for beating pet with belt

Eric Robert Savela, 36, of Genesee County, has been charged with a 10year felony and a 93-day misdemeanor in Genesee County 67<sup>th</sup> District Court.

He was arraigned Feb. 10 on charges of firstdegree torturing/killing of an animal and abandoning/

cruelty to an animal. He posted the \$25,000 bond Feb. 13 and was released. Bond conditions include no drugs or alcohol, or contact with the victim. A probable cause conference has been scheduled for March 16 at 8:30 a.m..

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, Genesee



Eric Savela

County Sheriff Chris Swanson explained the charges against Savela during a live streamed press conference.

> Swanson said this case involves Savela, a 1-yearold German shepherd named Pluto, a 37-yearold woman who he has had an eight-year relationship with and their 7-monthold baby. Savela and the woman have two other German shepherds as well,

named Juno and Chief. The sheriff said this case is about violent crime, coercion and control in a domestic violence situation.

Two short surveillance videos that the woman secretly recorded were played during the press conference. Swanson said the two videos were See **ABUSE** on 28





Genisys Credit Union employees celebrate its recognition with Energage's 2023 Top Workplaces USA.

# **Genisys Credit Union recognized**

# Named in Energage's 2023 Top Workplaces USA

For the second year in a row, Genisys Credit Union has been named a Top Workplace USA by Energage. In the fall, the credit union also received recognition from The Detroit Free Press as a Top Workplace for the 15th year in a row. These accolades celebrate companies that work to make their organizations a great place to work by prioritizing a people-centered culture and uplifting employee voices.

"Receiving the Top Workplace distinction is a great honor," said Jackie Buchanan, president and CEO of Genisys Credit Union. "With our team's commitment, they have built a company culture that values collaboration, helpfulness, and inclusiveness for not only each other, but also our members and communities. My sincerest thank you to our team for making Genisys a Top Workplace."

The credit union offers support to their employees through a positive and inclusive work environment, flexible work arrangements, a generous 401(k) program featuring a 5% company profitsharing contribution on top of the standard 3% match, tuition reimbursement, comprehensive health insurance plans, and more.

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



#### DNA

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On March 21, 1983, Christina Castiglione, 19, was reported missing by her mother in Redford Township. Eight days later, on March 29, 1983, the Livingston County Sheriff's Office was alerted to a deceased body found in the Oak Grove State Game Area on Faussett Road in Deerfield Township, just south of Fenton.

Deputies responded and found the body of Castiglione partially clothed and lying in a remote wooded area. Detectives found evidence that she had been strangled to death and sexually assaulted.

During the autopsy, the medical examiner located male DNA sources that were collected and preserved. Lacking DNA technology in 1983, these samples were later entered into Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) by the Michigan State Police Crime Lab in the early 2000s, but a suspect was never identified.

For nearly 40 years, the Cold Case Team and detectives worked extensively on the case and pursued an exhaustive

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number of potential leads.

Livingston County Sheriff Mike Murphy said in March 2022, the sheriff's

office applied for and received grant funding through Season of Justice to conduct advanced DNA testing on the suspect DNA samples taken in 1983. Season of Justice is a non-profit organization dedicated to funding DNA testing on unsolved cold case homicides. They provide funding to law enforcement agencies nationwide to conduct advanced testing in homicide, sexual assault and Jane/John Doe cases where the victim's body or the suspect is unidentified and DNA is the only investigative option. In May 2022, the forensic

DNA evidence was sent to Othram Inc., a private forensic laboratory in Texas. Othram scientists used forensic-

grade genome sequencing to develop a comprehensive genealogical profile from the DNA of the unknown male suspect. Othram's in-house genealogical team used the genealogical provided to produce investigative leads. Othram re-

turned the investigative leads to the Livingston County Cold Case Team, which used the leads to continue following up on the Castiglione murder.

The investigation led to the identification of a suspect, Charles David Shaw. His identification was confirmed by three separate familial DNA comparison tests. Murphy said, "Unfortunately. Shaw died in November of 1983 and will never be held responsible for his crime in a court of law."

Detectives were unable to find any direct ties between Castiglione and Shaw to suggest why she was targeted. However, through collaboration with living relatives of the killer, it was determined that

he was a long-time Livonia resident who lived less than five miles from where Castiglione went missing. Based on information received from Shaw's family, he was described as a sex addict with a disturbing life who struggled with mental illness. Shaw had several interactions with law enforcement beginning at a young age. Murphy said detectives learned of his arrest in 1981 for the attempted abduction of a woman in the Fowlerville McDonald's parking lot.

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Murphy said the cooperation of the Shaw family during the investigation was paramount to identifying Shaw as the person responsible for the homicide of Castiglione.

"We are hopeful that the surviving family members of Christina Castiglione, along with victims and families of other violent unsolved crimes who have been awaiting justice for decades, experience closure as genealogical DNA continues to help law enforcement advance efforts to achieve justice for victims," Murphy said.

The Cold Case Team will continue to investigate the county's remaining unsolved homicides in hopes to bring closure and justice to the families and suspect(s).

Sunday, February 26, 2023

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Christina

Castiglione

Charles

David Shaw

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# **OPIOIDS**

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On Tuesday, Feb. 21, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved transferring \$5,883 to the GFHC. This money comes from a multibilliondollar national opioid settlement that "holds the three largest pharmaceutical distributors, Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen, accountable for failing to fulfill their legal duty to refuse to ship opioids to pharmacies that submitted suspicious drug orders," according to the MH&SU. "Johnson & Johnson is also included in the settlement for their role in misleading patients and doctors about the addictive nature of opioid drugs."

Kelly Ainsworth, project director of the MH&SU, said, "Our goal is to look at the whole person and address how we can address health care. It's important to note that Genesee County is the third highest for overdose deaths in the state of Michigan. We're working really hard to address that. Primarily fentanyl is the reason that we're seeing such a spike."

# PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS FEBRUARY 21, 2023

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday February 21, 2023 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, and took the following actions.

- 1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
- 2. Supervisor Lorraine led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- 3. Approved the agenda as presented.
- 4. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$123,642.10.
- 5. Adopted Ordinance No. 842, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to conditionally rezone parcel 06-01-200-015 from R-3 to C-2 for a commercial dog kennel.
- Approved a 2023-2028 mosquito abatement services contract with APM Mosquito Control.
- 7. Approved an agreement to allocate Fenton Township's opioid settlement funds to the Greater Flint Health Coalition.
- 8. Adopted Resolution No. 2023-12, authorizing the issuance of up to \$530,000 in special assessment bonds for the Golden Shores street improvement project.
- 9. Adopted Resolution No. 2023-13, scheduling a public hearing on March 7, 2023 for a proposed street improvement special assessment district for the Pinnacle Shores subdivision.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2023-14, recommending approval of the application of Tri-County Ninja, LLC for a Tavern License and Sunday Sales Permit from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.
- Scheduled a public hearing for March 7, 2023 to consider the application of Allied Industrial Solutions, LLC for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for new equipment in their facility located in Industrial Development District No. 4
- Authorized the Township Supervisor to accept and approve a proposal to renovate the lower level of the Fenton Township Civic Community Center for a cost not to exceed \$255,000.
- 13. Adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and are available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at <u>www.fentontownship.org.</u>

ROBERT E. KRUG FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK As part of this settlement, the three distributors collectively will pay up to \$21 billion over 18 years. Johnson & Johnson will pay up to \$5 billion over nine years. The state of Michigan formally signed on to the national opioid settlements in August 2021 and will receive \$800 million over 18 years. Michigan will receive 50% and local municipalities will receive 50%.

An Opioid Advisory Commission at the state level will make recommendations for how settlement funds should be utilized. A total of 14 city, township, and county municipalities in Genesee County are eligible to receive these funds. The majority of this money, 70% or more, will be spent on opioid treatment and prevention.

Ainsworth said there are other settlements in limbo and the township may see additional funds in the future. She said the health coalition has been around for more than 25 years. It was established by the unions and hospitals to reduce health care costs and increase preventative care.

The MH&SU has been active for the last 20 years working with treatment providers, prevention providers, hospital systems and more to address mental health and substance abuse issues that impact Genesee County residents. Ainsworth said most local municipalities don't have an opioid prevention and treatment sector.

"We thought it was a natural fit to come alongside the municipalities to provide guidance and support," she said. Their other programs include financial literacy, nutrition, addressing healthcare coverage and more.

The money from Fenton Township would go toward supporting the quick response team. This team model was put together by first responders in 2013 as a way to better respond to critical incidents when multiple departments are involved. They use this model to address the opioid epidemic.

"We built a team together so we're more effectively addressing those needs and that's what we envision using the settlement dollars for is to support the needs of this quick response team," she said.

Trustee Kade Katrak asked what the quick response team would look like in Fenton Township. Ainsworth said they're working with Medstar and making training videos. "Ideally with the quick response team, we serve all of Genesee County. We're actually training all of the sheriff's deputies right now," she said.

When people refuse treatment, first responders will be better equipped to connect them with a peer recovery coach, which is someone who has experience with addiction.

"We meet people where they're at," she said.

Trustee Christine Reid asked what other municipalities in the county are receiving money. Ainsworth said Flint will receive approximately \$8 million and Genesee County will receive \$6 million. Flint Township, Vienna Township, Flushing Township and a few other municipalities are part of the settlement and will receive funds. Reid said she supports pooling the funds for the greater good.

Trustee Mark Goupil, a retired sheriff paramedic, said 10% of people who take oxycontin become addicted after taking it for five days. Doctors often prescribe this drug for pain relief after surgeries needed from playing sports.

"I don't want it to be a stigma," he said.

Ainsworth agreed and said prescribed medications can be very addicting. She said most illicit drugs are purchased in Flint and people will return to their municipality to use it.

Supervisor Vince Lorraine said Ainsworth and the GFHC are very proactive.

"You have an amazing organization. This money is very specific to opioids and that's what the settlement is for," he said. "Though the check we're writing you may be very small, if it was 20 times that, I would still recommend to this board that we write you that check."

The vote was 6-0. Treasurer John Tucker was absent.

#### **Recommendations**

MH&SU recommendations for use of money include expanding prevention and intervention strategies, creating workforce development strategies, expanding funding and availability of treatment services such as detox facilities, recovery housing, and jail-based medicated assisted treatment, increase training and support for first responders and more. Another recommendation is to reduce non-threatening behavioral health-related emergency department utilization and law enforcement arrests.

Find more information at gfhc.org and fentontownship.org.



# 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



# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON PUBLIC NOTICE OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ADOPTION

At their meeting of February 21, 2023, the Fenton Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 842, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to rezone parcel 06-01-200-015, (1220 Thompson Road) from R-3 to C-2, with conditions.

A complete copy of the adopted Zoning Ordinance amendment may be reviewed or obtained at the office of the Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. The ordinance is also available for review and download on Fenton Township's website at **www.fentontownship.org.** 

ROBERT E. KRUG FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

# CITY OF LINDEN NOTICE OF 2023 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the City of Linden Board of Review will meet for the purposes of hearing protests to Assessed Values, as well as the review of Hardship Exemption Applications and Disabled Veteran Exemptions. The meetings will be held within Council Chambers in the lower level of the Mill Building located at 201 North Main Street, Linden, Michigan 48451, at the following times:

Monday, March 20, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Appeals)

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Appeals)

Meetings with the Board of Review are held by appointment only. Appointments can be scheduled by contacting the Assessor's Office at (810) 735-7980, or by visiting Linden City Offices.

Property Owners may appeal in writing to the Board of Review.

Written Appeals must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

#### **TENTATIVE EQUALIZATION RATIO'S**

CLASSIFICATION	RATIO	MULTIPLIER
COMMERCIAL	46.57	1.07365
INDUSTRIAL	48.62	1.02838
RESIDENTIAL	44.59	1.12133

# ELECTION

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Superintendent Julie Williams told the school board that this would not raise taxes. The Department of Treasury approved the application for preliminary qualification of bonds. She added that Lake Fenton is close to finalizing a deal on property.

The school district will work with Kingscott Architects to prepare information for the community.

If this bond is approved in May, the taxpayers would not see an increase in their tax rate. This would be an extension.

If the millage is not approved by voters, school officials do not believe they will have any other ways to improve traffic flow or to provide the dedicated space needed for Lake Fenton's programs. Lake Fenton also won't be able to provide the dedicated gym spaces that the school and youth programs are requesting.

If approved in May, the district would build a new Early Childhood Center and add additional classrooms to the high school including creating a space for ca-

reer and technical education and robotics. Construction of the Early Childhood Center would start in spring/summer of 2024 with work in the remainder of the work in the West Shore, Torrey Hill, the middle school and the high school to follow.

Williams said the district has signed a purchase agreement for property at 12419 Fairbanks. There is currently a home on the property, which includes 10 acres of land. This property backs up to the high school property and is located directly behind the sports complex.

According to the bond presentation, constructing a new ECC (Early Childhood Center) would free up muchneeded space at Torrey Hill Intermediate, West Shore Elementary and Lake Fenton Middle School. This allows the district to better fit in the existing building by creating dedicated spaces for programs such as STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) and creating dedicated gym and cafeteria spaces. A new facility would also allow the district to engage with students and families earlier, expanding opportunities for families. This would also allow the district to design an age-appropriate

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space for younger children who are currently at the elementary, intermediate, and middle school campuses.

The Early Childhood Center would allow the school district to reduce the population of the middle school by 25% and the populations of West Shore and Torrey Hill by 33%. This would allow for dedicated space for programs required in a 21st century school potentially with a focus on STEM.

When completed, the new Early Childhood Center will reduce the amount of traffic. At West Shore and Torrey Hill, Lake Fenton will construct a new bus lot allowing additional parking and improved traffic flow. At the middle school, they will eliminate preschool pickup and drop off allowing middle school traffic to flow more smoothly.

West Shore, Torrey Hill, and the middle school would have spaces remodeled including:

• Secure entryways at West Shore and the middle school

• Additional parking at the middle school

• Additional parking for the high school athletic complex

- A new bus loop at WS/TH allowing for more parking
- A redesigned media center in the middle school

 New science rooms and a science lab at the middle school

• Dedicated cafeterias at West Shore and Torrey Hill

• New and additional ball fields at the middle school

• A full sized gym in the Early Childhood Center and new floors in the West Shore and Torrey Hill gyms

## **DISTRICT WIDE BOND PROGRAM BENEFITS**

• New state-of-the art facility dedicated to early childhood education for the Lake Fenton community

 Relief from existing classroom space constraints at West Shore, Torrey Hill, middle school, and high school buildings

• 33% reduction in vehicle traffic at West Shore / Torrev Hill campus and 25% reduction at the middle school • District wide safety and security improvements including new secure entries and main office relocation at

West Shore and the middle school · Remodeling and additions to create new dedicated program space

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for special education, STEM, art, music and physical education

• New career technical education classroom addition at the high school

- Reconstruction of parking lots and drives at every building
- Furniture upgrades for students and staff
- Athletic field reconstruction and remodeling at the middle school, new softball field, new baseball field, new recreation fields, new dugouts and parking lot expansion

# **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Absentee ballots are available March 23
- Last day to register to vote by mail is April 17
- Voters may register in person through May 2
- Election is Tuesday, May 2

### WEEKEND TIMES

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

#### COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### FEB. 26

1993: At 12:18 p.m., a terrorist bomb explodes in a parking garage of the World Trade Center in New York City, leaving a massive. multi-story crater and causing the collapse of several steel-reinforced concrete floors in the vicinity of the blast. Although the terrorist bomb failed to critically damage the main structure of the skyscrapers, six people were killed and more than 1,000 were injured. The World Trade Center itself suffered more than \$500 million in damage. After the attack, authorities evacuated 50,000 people from the buildings, hundreds of whom were suffering from smoke inhalation. The evacuation lasted the whole afternoon. The mastermind of the attack - Ramzi Ahmed Yousef — remained at large until February 1995, when he was arrested in Pakistan.

#### FEB. 27

1827: A group of masked and costumed students dance through the streets of New Orleans. Louisiana, marking the beginning of the city's famous Mardi Gras celebrations. The celebration of Carnival - or the weeks between Twelfth Night on January 6 and Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Christian period of Lent — spread from Rome across Europe and later to the Americas. Nowhere in the United States is Carnival celebrated as grandly as in New Orleans, famous for its over-the-top parades and parties for Mardi Gras (or Fat Tuesday), the last day of the Carnival season.

#### **FEB. 28**

**1953:** Cambridge University scientists James D. Watson and Francis H.C. Crick announce that they have determined the doublehelix structure of DNA, the molecule containing human genes. The molecular biologists were aided significantly by the work of another DNA researcher, Rosalind Franklin, although she is not included in the announcement, nor did she share the subsequent Nobel Prize award for it.

## MARCH 1

1971: A bomb explodes in the Capitol building in Washington, D.C., causing an estimated \$300,000 in damage but hurting no one. A group calling itself the Weather Underground claimed credit for the bombing, which was done in protest of the ongoing U.S.-supported Laos invasion. The so-called Weathermen were a radical faction of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS); the Weathermen advocated violent means to transform American society. The philosophical foundations of the Weathermen were Marxist in nature; they believed that militant struggle was the key to striking out against the state to build a revolutionary consciousness among the young, particularly the white working class. Their primary tools to achieving these ends were arson and bombing.

## MARCH 2

1955: A full nine months before Rosa Parks' famous act of civil disobedience, 15-yearold Claudette Colvin is arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a segregated Montgomery, Alabama bus. Colvin was traveling home from school when the bus' driver ordered her, along with three fellow Black students, to give up their row of seats to a white passenger. Colvin's friends obliged, but she refused to move. At school, she had recently learned about abolitionists, and later recalled that "it felt like Sojourner Truth was on one side pushing me down, and Harriet Tubman was on the other side of me pushing me down. I couldn't get up."

#### MARCH 3

**1887**: Anne Sullivan begins teaching 6-year-old Helen Keller, who lost her sight and hearing after a severe illness at the age of 19 months. Under Sullivan's tutelage, including her pioneering "touch teaching" techniques, Keller flourished, eventually graduating from college and becoming an international lecturer and activist. Sullivan, later dubbed "the miracle worker," remained Keller's interpreter and constant companion until the older woman's death in 1936. Keller died June 1, 1968, at her home in Easton, Connecticut, at age 87, leaving her mark on the world by helping to alter perceptions about the disabled.

#### MARCH 4

**1952**: Actor and future President Ronald Reagan marries his second See **LOOKING BACK** on 14

# CRITICAL

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University officials had announced the university would cover medical expenses not covered by insurance, however, additional costs are expected in the coming months.

Josh wrote on the gofundme for his brother, "Funds for the family of Nate Statly," that doctors have informed them that Nate's path to recovery will be a long and difficult one.

"We decided to create this space to support Nate and our family because we have received so many requests to do so from our friends and loved ones. Any donation is greatly appreciated! Your thoughts and prayers have been a massive comfort to us during this time.

"We love him very much. We can feel him fighting hard to survive and come back to us," Josh wrote.

Nate is a junior at MSU studying Environmental Biology and Zoology. He had just landed his first internship on Mackinac Island. He was looking



Michigan State University junior Nate Statly of Hartland remains in critical condition following the mass shooting on MSU's campus Monday, Feb. 13.

forward to working in the Nature Preserve this summer. Nate's a hobbyist, with interests in science, skiing, fly fishing, video games, reading, and running, just to name a few.

"He's the light in our family, he never stops making us laugh, and he is loved by so many. Our hearts go out to every victim of this incident," Josh wrote.



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# HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHITMER'S \$180 INFLATION check is a joke. Whitmer campaigned on sending out \$500 checks and California residents were just issued \$1,050 checks.

#### **MSU SHOOTER'S MENTAL** health was not the issue; his unpunished criminal history was the problem. Understand the ideological dynamics of the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office and you will see a straight line between woke policies and dead students.

**DUMBEST COMMENT I'VE** read yet. The students shot at MSU should've been armed. First of all, no one should feel the need to be armed at their school. Second, having 1000s of 18-year-olds running around with guns, what could ever go wrong? More guns is not the answer.

NO, YOU ARE not the only one that thinks the house with the big skeleton is hideous. Anytime I pass that house I always feel sorry for the neighbors that have to endure looking at it day after day. It always makes me thankful I have considerate neighbors.

# **EXPO**

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products, it's just seeing faces I haven't seen in a while. It's always nice to have new vendors come in," he said.

Primary Prevention Physiotherapy, which has offices in Fenton and Flushing, will have the Easter Bunny at their booth in the gym.

"We want to meet the community more and have great conversations. We are bringing the Easter Bunny and a backdrop with a professional photographer to offer free photos for people who come to visit. Sometimes the photos are pricey. We figured why not," said Cody DeLorenzo, marketing director.

This is the first year Primary Prevention Physiotherapy is attending the Expo. DeLorenzo said they've been growing in Fenton for a few years.

"We figured what a great year to go and get to know the community a little bit more," he said.





# **RIVER** Continued from Page 3

of the Shiawassee based in Holly are our grass roots we have them to thank getting volunteers and equipment for all that has happened in the past years with clearing."

Each organization takes care of a certain section of the river. They usually come together in May when the temperatures are warmer for a river cleanup weekend.

"We will clear the river of downed trees or limbs so that we have safe usable passage for all to use. Then we will gather again and eat, share and enjoy. It takes an army and we have some wonderful friends that make it happen. It really is an amazing feat, I think, to clear the river from Holly to Byron and sometimes beyond west and north toward Owosso," he said. "The Shiawassee eventually helps form the Saginaw River and Saginaw Bay. The Shiawassee is one of the few rivers in the state that flows north. Needless to say we enjoy the river."

Landers grew up on a lake in Fenton and prefers the river because it's quiet

# LOOKING BACK

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wife, actress Nancy Davis. The couple wed in Los Angeles at the Little Brown Church in the Valley. The two met in 1951, while Reagan was serving as president of the Screen Actors Guild (SAG) and Nancy was embroiled in an effort to remove her name from the notorious McCarthy-era Hollywood blacklist of possible communist sympathizers. The list actually



and inviting. They've lived in their house for 16 years now on the river and have enjoyed paddling on the Shiawassee since the late 1970s.

"It's great to meet all the other volunteers when we hold our cleanups, group paddles and the river festivals, and the people that just come to paddle it and enjoy it," he said. "We are trying to make it more accessible and usable for all to enjoy. (We are) blessed to have it in our backyard and to be able to share it with others."

referred to another actress of the same name, but it was preventing Davis from finding work. Thought of as America's first couple, the Reagans appeared to embody traditional American values. Their appeal reflected America's love affair with movies and the actors in them. Shortly after leaving office, Reagan was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and the ever-devoted, stalwart Nancy took care of him until his death in 2004 at the age of 93. Nancy died in 2016 at the age of 94.



# VISIT DOWNTOWNS WITH TOURIST'S PERSPECTIVE

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Visitors and residents of Fenton can stop by the Fenton City offices on S. LeRoy Street and pick up brochures and flyers that provide details about the many sculptures on loan, farmers markets, events, restaurants and more.

You can make any visit to a local

community special by walking its downtown or making several stops at local restaurants and bars for beforedinner drinks and appetizers, then a favorite new spot for dinner, and pick up après-drinks or dessert at a place you've never been before.

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16 Sunday February 26, 2023

# MEET MORE THAN 100 EXHIBITORS FROM TRI-COUNTY AREA AT THIS YEAR'S EXPO

By Hannah Ball

An exhibit by the AGS Middle School Fenton Robotics team. A Veterans Memorial Display by the city of Fenton.

These are just a sampling of the new attractions to be featured at the 38th annual Fenton Community Expo on Saturday, March 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Fenton High School. The Fenton &



Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce event is sponsored by Coldwell Banker Professionals and Sharp Funeral Homes.

"I am looking forward to seeing the community and businesses connect. Expo is one of my favorite events because we reach such a wide audience," said Meghan Grimshaw, membership director and event coordinator with the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The Expo is the largest gathering in the area of businesses, nonprofits, civic organizations, schools and more to give the public an opportunity to learn more about their community. Thousands of people attend every year. The chamber is expecting more booths and vendors compared to last year's. Attendees can expect more than 100 exhibitors.

"We have more booths than last year already, but we are still selling everyday so it is hard to put a number on it right now," Grimshaw said.

Games and giveaways are staple features of the event. Many booths have candy, games and prizes. The Fenton & Linden Chamber booth will have a raffle giveaway of items donated from various exhibitors participating in the show this year.

The Expo is also bringing back the crowd favorites Kids Zone and petting zoo. The Tri-County Times will have the large Connect Four game at its booth.

Not only does the Expo offer valuable opportunities to see what this community offers in regards to retail, business, nonprofit and government organizations, it also gives the public a chance to learn more about the educational opportunities for youth in the area and enjoy perfor-See COMMUNITY on 25

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All that hard work ensures individuals who live in rural, urban and suburban communities have constant, readily available access to healthy foods.

The tri-county area is a popular area for farmers markets. From late spring to early fall, downtown Fenton boasts a large farmers market Thursday evenings.

Such devotion merits support, and thankfully there are many things consumers can do to show their appreciation for local farmers. Holly offers farmers markets every Sunday as well as multiple indoors during winter.





There are many things consumers can do to show their appreciation for local farmers. Here, a visitor at last summer's farmers market in Fenton checks out local produce. *Times file photo* 

More details about these farmers markets will be available soon.

• Buy fresh foods at your local farmers market. Farmers markets are many foodies' favorite places, but they aren't exclusive to individuals with a passion for food. Everyone needs to eat, so why not eat foods grown locally, which are generally more fresh and appetizing than imported fruits and vegetables sold at chain grocery stores? Even individuals who don't typically eat fresh fruit and vegetables can find something delectable at a local farmers market, where anything from homemade tomato sauces to locally raised fresh beef and pork might be on sale.

Abbey Park

• Order directly from local farms. Some farmers have embraced the e-commerce revolution and begun selling the foods they grow to consumers via their own websites. Research local farms and determine if it's possible to buy directly from them. Farms may offer delivery or pickup, and consumers can enjoy fresh foods even more knowing that they helped farmers earn higher profits by buying directly from them.

• Check labels before buying in local grocery stores. Packaging labels will indicate where fruits and vegetables came from. When possible, choose items produced by local farmers. This may include fruits, vegetables, meat, pork, or even desserts like pies.

Locally produced foods often taste fresher than items sent from overseas or distant farms, and consumers will feel better knowing they helped to support local farmers.

• **Spread the word.** Get the word out after a satisfying experience with local farms and farmers. Whether it's buying food from farms or taking advantage of family days that let kids enjoy a day on the farm, sharing positive experiences via social media or word-of-mouth can be a great way to inspire your neighbors to support local farmers as well.

Consumers can do much to support hardworking local farmers. In addition to feeling good about supporting their rural neighbors, consumers also might feel good when they sit down and enjoy a meal featuring locally grown, fresh foods.

Watch for updates as to when all the outdoor farmers markets begin in the tri-county area.

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# NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAY WILL EVENTUALLY CONNECT ARGENTINE TO FENTON

It started as an effort to bring nonmotorized pathways into the tri-county area. LAFF Pathway stands for Linden, Argentine Township, Fenton and Fenton Township. It's an initiative with a board of directors formed more than 14 years ago, comprised of interested residents in the southern Genesee County area who shared a desire to have a multi-community, non-motorized trail that extends from Argentine Township to the City of Fenton.

The goal is to create a trail system through Argentine, Linden, Fenton, and eventually to Holly which would lead to other trail systems in the state, like



the Iron-Belle Trail. These 10-footwide pathways would allow for a safe option for bicyclists, walkers, and any non-motorized recreational activity.

In the summer of 2015, the LAFF Pathway met with the Genesee County Parks Commission to discuss a proposal to begin preliminary scoping, routing and budgeting for a Tier 1 Priority Trail from Fenton to Linden on Silver Lake Road. In 2017, discussions were held about a potential 16-mile route that would run from Lobdell Lake Road at Glen Hatt Road through Fenton Township, Linden City, Fenton City, Seven Lakes State Park, Holly Township and Holly Village to Water Works Park; a real glimpse into the future of how the pathways might connect. Over the years, the plans have changed and evolved, resulting in the current four phased plan.

The group has received resolutions of support from all four communities. Fenton Township passed the resolution in September 2015, and in June 2016, the township received funds from the Fenton Community Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint to make an amendment to the existing Fenton Township Parks and Recreation Plan for 2014-2018 to include a pathway. The city of Fenton added pathways to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan in 2017.

In November 2017, the Linden City Council approved a resolution in support of the Safe Routes to School program, which is one of the funding sources that contributed to the new pathway that goes through the Linden Community School system. In October 2020, workers finished that 2.1-mile section of the pathway, which starts at Haviland Beach Drive and Lobdell Road, traverses through the Linden school's campus to Silver Lake Road and then continues east on Silver Lake Road, through Fenton Township and connects into the existing city of Linden's sidewalk and bike lane. The \$1.4-million project was funded through federal grants, state and local



# FUNDRAISING EVENTS

# Paddle & Pedal

## June 9, 10 & 11, 2023 Linden Mill Pond & Gazebo

Come on down to the Linden Mill Pond and enjoy music and entertainment at the gazebo, food trucks, and of course, a chance to enjoy the pathway and river!

LAFF PATHWAY

## Flannel & Furs

# Bowling/Food/Drinks/Games **Holly Lanes**

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# **LAFF** Pathway

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The State Bank Trail, between Fenton and Linden, is set for construction this summer. We are in the last stages of approval and fundraising. This connection will really open up safe, non-motorized travel in

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# By Sharon Stone

If you're hungry, you're in luck. The greater Fenton, Linden and Holly area is bursting with restaurants, cafés and diners for every taste. In addition to the traditional fast-food restaurants, this area is home to unique and independently owned businesses.

One 82-year-old Fenton man who moved into the Whisperwood subdivision approximately a year ago from Holly decided to see how many restaurants he could walk to via sidewalk from his home.

Harold Peterson has counted over 30 so far. A trained nature photographer, he also decided to take photos of the restaurants he has visited and had them printed on a poster. His first poster had room for 20 photos and as soon as he's got another batch of photos, he's going to get his second poster printed.

He likes to walk and is grateful for all



the sidewalks in town around his home. Below is just a partial list of sit-down

restaurants from which to choose.

# FENTON AREA

- Beale St. Smokehouse BBQ is at its new location on N. LeRoy Street.
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# SOUTH OF FENTON

• Black Rock Bar and Grill in Hartland

# LINDEN AREA

- Cancun Mexican Restaurant #2 in Argentine Township
- Linden Hotel
- Old Hickory
- Shirley's Café & Grill
- Snappers

# FENTON TOWNSHIP

- Frank's Hoppy Bistro
- Sagebrush Cantina
- Legends Bar & Grille
- Ponemah Lakeside Lodge

# HOLLY AREA

- Avia Family Dining
- Battle Alley Brewing
- Blackthorn Pub
- Mason Jar BBQ
- Red Devil Pizza



Harold Peterson, 81, of Fenton, had this poster made of the photos he took of restaurants he could easily walk to via sidewalk from his home in the Whisperwood subdivision in Fenton.



# LAFF PATHWAY

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dollars, as well as private donations, including from The Hagerman Foundation.

LAFF has held multiple fundraisers over the years, including Bike-A-Thons, Flannel and Furs, Paddle and Pedal, and they've partnered with the Community Foundation of Greater Flint. A major milestone was achieved in 2018 when Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation (SLPR) agreed to manage bringing Phase 2, between Linden and Fenton, and the City of Fenton agreed to become the quality recipient of federal and state grants related to trail construction. In addition to matching grants for the local governmental units and SLPR of \$60,000, LAFF provided \$52,800 in matching funds toward a Genesee County TAP grant of \$441,500 for the construction of Phase 2 of the Trail. In 2018, Fenton Township, Linden and Fenton committed to putting up \$15,000 for matching funds to apply for a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant of \$432,000.

The LAFF Pathway has four phases. Phase 1 is the Argentine Trail and is already complete. Phase 2 will be along Silver Lake Road with engineering currently being completed and an

expected construction date beginning in 2023. Phase 3 will be a pathway on Owen Road, and Phase 4 will be a pathway on Fenton Road, connecting to the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park.

In June 2020, the Fenton City Council approved a resolution in support of applying for a grant to fund the development of

the Silver Lake Road Connector Trail. The \$997,000 grant would come from the Michigan Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program, also called the MDOT TAP Grant. This 2-mile non-motorized pathway would connect the pathway to the existing sidewalk near the northwest corner of Arbor Drive and Silver Lake Road to a trailhead located in Triangle Park, along E. Broad Street, in Linden.

Phase 2 has been identified as a Tier 1 Short Term Priority in the Genesee County Regional Non-Motorized long range transportation plan. Tier 1 projects are identified as having strong local support and are the highest priority for development. Three of the municipalities, along with SLPR, have allocated \$15,000 to the project for matching funds, and LAFF Pathways have allocated \$48,000, along with multiple additional commitments for various aspects of planning and engineering in all phases of the LAFF Pathway. The project has received approximately \$441,509 from the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission to be received in 2023.

In July 2022, Fenton City Council approved an agreement with The State Bank, which offered \$500,000 for the construction of Phase 2 of the LAFF Pathway and naming rights. The State Bank Trail will be a two-mile long, 10-foot-wide paved trail that will be built along the south side of Silver Lake Road just east of Jennings Road in Fenton west to Triangle Park in Linden, where Phase 2 ends.

In February, Vic Canever Chevrolet donated \$25,000 to the pathway. At the time of the donation, Matt Stevens, Vic Canever Chevrolet general manager, said, "It's an honor for the dealership to make this donation for the enjoyment and beautification of our community. The LAFF Pathway vision is important to us. When those around us are happy,

our businesses thrive."

The Randy Wise Automotive Team also recently donated \$25,000 to the pathway as well. "The \$25,000 donation demonstrates Randy Wise Automotive Team's commitment to our community, making it a better and safer place to live, work and play," said Ed Koledo, SLPR and Fen-

ton Community & Cultural Center executive director, at the time of the donation.

Lasco Ford, through their community support initiative of "Lasco Gives," also added to the drive to help complete matching funds from grants that will finance the current phase. Their \$25,000 donation brings the non-profit closer to that goal.

Contributions from citizens are always appreciated. Tax deductible gifts can be made to benefit the LAFF Pathway Fund through the Community Foundation of Greater Flint at cfgf.org.

Find more information at laffpath-ways.com.

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# LIBRARIES..

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# FENTON

The first library in Fenton was named the A.J. Phillips Library and was dedicated in January 1906. Phillips made the building bequest and donated \$500 for books. In order to support the library, the city of Fenton asked voters to approve a .5 millage which they approved in 1905. The first library board also was ap-

pointed that year. In 1922, Ella Williams, the first librarian, started a card catalog with help from the State Library. In 1962, an addition was built onto the library. The A.J. Phillips Library joined the Genesee County Library system in 1967 and Margaret Renwick was the librar-

ian. Furniture in the cur-

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In 1987, the library moved into the former U.S. Post Office that was built

in 1938 with New Deal funding. It was awarded the Michigan Municipal Achievement Award in 1988. See LIBRARIES on 23

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# LIBRARIES

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The former library building now houses the A. J. Phillips Fenton Museum and Historical Society.

The renovation of the lower level of the library and subsequent grand opening of the Fenton Children's Center was held in 1999.

In 2002, the A.J. Phillips Library was rededicated in memory of Jack R. Winegarden, a longtime library services advocate and chairman of the Genesee District Library Board.

Throughout this decade, the lower level experienced many floods

due to a variety of environmental and structural issues. Planning began for an updated library.

A \$450,000 renovation occurred in 2015 and was funded by the city of Fenton, the DDA, the Friends of the Fenton Library and generous donations from residents including businessman Gerry Willey. The Fenton Library Board had two chairpersons during this time, Wayne Tucker and Bobbi Sweetman.

Many programs were offered at the Fenton library during these years including the Spooky Tea party, the Poet's Café, Guest Reader story times featuring teachers from the Fenton Area Public Schools, special literature and contemporary culture themed parties (Harry Potter, Hunger Games, Angry Birds, and Pirates), and visits with authors such as Jonathan Rand, Harlan Coben, and Alexander McCall Smith. Librarians at the branch during this time period were Marilyn Brown, Marian Hesse, and Christine Heron.



# LINDEN

The Linden Library has been located in the historic Linden Mill since 1961. Built around 1850, the mill was the first structure in Genesee County to be placed on the national register of historic places.

The grist mill operated until 1956 and

later was purchased by the village of Linden (now city) for use as municipal offices and a future library. The library was previously located in the Linden Village Hall from 1941-1961 and in a school basement from 1937-1941.

The library was founded in 1937 by a group of citizens and run by a rotating volunteer staff until 1941 when Decola Jepson became the first librarian. In 1944, the library became associated with the recently formed Genesee County Library system (which provided the librarian's salary and some books) while remaining otherwise independent. In 1961, shortly after moving into the mill, the library became a full member of the county system.

In 1979, Genesee County Library became Genesee District Library, an independent entity, when voters approved a .7 mill property assessment. In 1984, the Linden Library was the first GDL branch to go online.

Linden's librarian is Brian Cutter. Previous librarians include Katie Badgley, John Ekleberry, Sue Misra, Hans Norbotten, Helen Yiannatji, Carol Day, Janice Bigelow and Decola Jepson.



# HOLLY TOWNSHIP

The Holly Township Library operates much like the Parks and Recreation Commission; they have their own separately elected board and their own 1 mill voter approved millage.

The library serves the residents of Holly Township and the village of Holly as well as Groveland and Rose townships. The Library is governed by six board members and the director. The Library is staffed by the director and full and part-time employees. They are assisted by many volunteers from the community, especially the Friends of the Holly Township Library.

The Holly Township Library's mission is to provide and promote public access to information through a quality collection of materials, reflecting all viewpoints, which fulfill educational and recreational

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needs of the community within a pleasant, professional atmosphere.

The Library uses Michigan eLibrary (MeL) for Holly patrons to borrow books and other library materials for free from participating Michigan libraries. Patrons may also borrow eBooks and eAudiobooks from the digital library using their Holly Township Library card.

Computers with internet access are available for public use and free Wi-Fi is available. Patrons can print from any public computer. Faxing and scanning services are also available.

The Holly Township Library offers many events and activities for adults, teens and children, including summer reading programs for all ages, story times, musical and instructional programs, and many more. The Library also has an active Teen Advisory Board.

Sources: thegdl.org, hollylibrary.org

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## DOWNTOWNS

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Grab a copy of the Times for information about new places and activities to try, whether it's the latest Fenton Village Players production or something new going on at the local library.

Set a date with your city or village and gather a group of friends to help you truly "staycation."

# FENTON AREA

Check out the main three shopping districts of Fenton:

• The pedestrian-friendly **historic Dibbleville** anchored by long-time merchants The Iron Grate, Fenton's Open Book, Bridge Street Exchange, Yesterday's Treasures, plus boutique apparel shops

• The **eclectic shops** and family owned businesses of the North LeRoy Business District

• The **new facades of businesses** in Silver Lake Plaza on Silver Parkway and all of their business neighbors

• Grab a craft beer or wine or a bite

to eat at dozens of restaurants that are walkable downtown, or worth a short drive to Owen Road, Silver Parkway, North LeRoy and beyond. Farther north in Fenton Township, you'll want to stop by the Fenton Winery & Brewery to try their selection of craft beers, wines and distilled spirits.

Get a taste of history at the A.J. Phillips Museum, or grab a sculpture map at city offices and make a stop at each of the artsy stops – about a dozen in all.
Instagram photo op: The Poker Game sculpture in front of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center — there's a seat at the poker table just waiting for you.

Newest Fenton businesses — The Vault, Tavern Kitchen & Bar, B&M Crane, City Electric, Fastnal, Phoenix Gymnastics, Crumbl Cookies, AMD Urgent Care, Torch Tobacco, 2941 Mediterranean Street Food, Shwarma and More, Fenton Pharmacy, Beale Street relocated to North Leroy Street, Provision Living, Godwin's Furniture, Hotworx, Dr. King Pain Management and Henn Racing Technologies.

# HOLLY AREA

The village of Holly has long been a weekend getaway destination, with its convenient location two miles from I-75 and an easy exit for busy metro Detroit visitors.

Downtown Holly offers an eclectic mix of boutiques, antiques, history and dining destinations. Although being rebuilt due to the June 2022 fire, the Holly Hotel and Battle Alley area offer a quaint atmosphere and draws thousands of visitors each year.

Holly Village Manager Jerry Walker said that other than the fire damaged buildings they have two vacant storefronts both of which are reviewing tenant applications.

Holly's Historic Downtown is a booming shopper's paradise, with stores and boutiques full of Michiganmade and hand-crafted products, specialty food items, clothing and antiques. Winglemire Furniture is a sesquicentennial Michigan business. Most stores are open after 5 p.m. and have special hours and sales during community events.

The North District of Holly provides the necessities of life in one convenient location, including groceries, sundries, dry cleaning, flowers, hardware, and auto supplies.

### LINDEN AREA

• Take a stroll downtown and visit several **unique shops and businesses**, including the anchor Thimbleberry Antiques, which in spite of its name, is also a unique apparel and gift boutique. Also stop by Giving Grace Boutique, which is an extension of the nonprofit, Snuggle Sacks – Resources for the Homeless.

• Visit the Linden Museum and Library, located at the Linden Mill on the banks of the Shiawassee River.

• Grab an early morning breakfast at the iconic **Shirley's Café** or a deli lunch at the Alpine Marketplace.

• Enjoy a relaxing spa experience at **Serendipity Wellness Spa**, as part of your day of fun.

• Instagram photo op: Kimble-Sharp Gazebo & Park.



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# COMMUNITY

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mances from local performers.

Instructor Heidi Ritchie said the middle school Fenton Robotics team will exhibit their robot on Saturday around noon. The high school team is currently at a competition.

"We really like to do the Expo. We like to be there and show the community what the robotics team is all about. It's a great way for us to connect with sponsors and recruit new members. A lot of people don't know about the opportunities through Fenton Robotics," she said.

This is the first year that the middle school has qualified for the FIRST Championship international youth robotics competition that will take place April 19-22 in Houston, Texas.

"I think it's really amazing what these kids can do and I think the community is going to be really excited to support their team going to the world competition this year," she said.

The Fenton Robotics club is run by volunteers. Ritchie said they're hoping sponsors will help the team go to the world competition, and they're always looking for people with engineering backgrounds to be mentors.

Be on the lookout for your favorite booth decorations. Along with raffle prizes, the chamber gives out an award for best booth every year.

The Fenton City booth will display a replica of the Veterans Memorial that will be built this year at Fenton's Freedom Park. Mayor Pro Tem Pat Lockwood, who chairs the Fenton Veterans Memorial Committee, said people can stop in at the Expo and view the model of the park which includes a brick pathway, a granite memorial, an obelisk monument, the Gold Star Mother statue created by sculpture artist Tom White, a newly constructed gazebo, benches and American, state of Michigan and city of Fenton flags. Brick sales and additional donor opportunities will be available at the display.

Lockwood said she is extremely grateful for the work of the committee, the administration, and the city's engineers, OHM.

"This is an honor to recognize our veterans for their sacrifices in protecting and preserving our freedom," Lockwood said.

# **Banking locally** I PS YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY

## INDEPENDENT BANKS AND CREDIT UNIONS KEEP COMMUNITY'S BEST INTEREST AT HEART

Community banks and credit unions operate to promote the well-being of their members so bigger is not always better, especially when it comes to "banking on" your financial future.

These small financial institutions are an integral part of Main Street business in each hometown. They reinvest local dollars back into the community and help create local jobs.

The tri-county area has several banks and credit unions, which engage with development in the communities that we live in.

Here are several reasons to bank with your local community bank or credit union, according to VarcSolutions.com:

• Same services but with reduced costs. Typically, a locally owned institution will offer the same services as a larger one, such as online banking, bill payment, and debit cards. Average fees charged are usually much lower than those charged by big banks.

• Keep your money in the local economy. While community banks and credit unions make up less than onequarter of all bank assets, they make more than half of loans going to small businesses. Simply put, the funds you deposit into your account will be much more likely to grow the local economy

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• Keep decision making local. When you use a big bank there are often multiple layers to the decision-making process, with the local branch often having little say over how bank funds are invested. With a local bank, business owners often are able to build personal relationships with decision-makers that better understand local needs. Because of these relationships, local bankers often are able to make loans and investments that bigger banks might reject.

• Commitments to the local community. Local banks are much more apt to be directly involved in their local community. Owners, managers, and other decision-makers are members of the community; they know and understand the needs of their community. These connections lead local banks to have a greater vested interest See **BANKING** on 26







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# STUDY LOOKS AT THE NUMBERS ON WHY SHOPPING LOCALLY IS WIN-WIN FOR ALL

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You've heard the phrase "shop local," but what does it really mean and why is it so important for every successful community. Below are several reasons why you should try to frequent your local, independently owned businesses, according to a fundera.com report released by nerdwallet.com.

Small businesses generate \$68 of local economic return for every \$100 spent with them. Meanwhile, spending the same amount at a non-local business like a national chain only generates \$43. Wages, local taxes, and donations stay in the local economy with both types of businesses. Local economies do miss out on the purchasing of local services like accounting or marketing services and the purchasing of local supplies with non-local businesses.

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Over \$9.3 billion would be directly returned to our economy if every US family spent just \$10 a month at a local business.

Businesses with fewer than 500 employees account for 99.7% of all US employers. Though the definition of a small business will fluctuate based on industry, generally speaking, the Small Business Association (SBA) defines small busi-

nesses as businesses with fewer than 500 employees.

More than 108 million shoppers spent \$12.9 billion on Small Business Saturday. Small Business Saturday is an American Express-sponsored holiday that encourages consumers to shop at local businesses in droves. The last holiday attracted 108 million shoppers

to spend \$12.9 billion at small, independently owned businesses in one day.

Small businesses donate 250% more than large businesses to community causes. Additionally, a solid majority of polled small businesses, 52%, were planning on donating to charity. This high rate of small business giving means that your money is more likely to go directly toward local charitable causes, as well.

# BANKING

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in the health of the local community; the banks health is often moving in direct relation to the health of the local economic community.

• Support of productive investment. Unlike big banks, which answer to shareholders and Wall Street, local banks have as their primary activity making loans and other productive investments. Local banks are far less likely to be invested in risky activities that may or may not have a large payout. These banks are more focused on local investments that benefit the local community.

• Better access to decision makers.

Small businesses employ 58.9 million people, which makes up 47.5% of the country's total employee workforce.

Local business generates 70% more local economic activity per square foot than big box retail. Put geographically, small businesses are still better for the local economy.

Local businesses are more environ-



mentally efficient, as well. Huff Postreported that shipping produces a staggering 1 billion metric tons of CO2 per year and produces approximately 25% of most countries' carbon emissions.

More than 97% of consumers search online for a local business, and 73% of searchers trust a local business more because of positive reviews. Even more,

68% of consumers left a local business review when asked. If you're a loyal customer, this is a great way to support your favorite local business.

According to a consumer poll, 61% of consumers shop at local businesses because they want to access a unique product selection. And this is the most cited reason for choosing a small business over a large chain.

By banking locally you are much more apt to be able to visit the branch or make a phone call and speak to someone who knows you and your business; with local banking, you are more than an account number, you are a customer that is important to the bank.

• **Community involvement.** Local banks frequently give back to their communities. This comes in many forms, such as scholarships to graduating senior high school students and sponsorships of local groups and activities presented by schools, cities, and civic organizations. Local banks can often be found in local schools and other organizations teaching financial literacy, helping the next generation better understand finances.

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# 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

# Township approves mosquito contract

Mosquito management company has been under budget 15 times

## By Hannah Ball

APM Mosquito Control will provide mosquito abatement services in Fenton Township for another six years.

The company submitted a proposed agreement for 2023-2028. Thomas Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk, said the agreement between APM and the township has been in place since the '80s.

The annual cost for the contracted services is \$159,690. This is an increase of 6.38% from the 2018-2022 contract cost of \$149,500 per year.

"It is also important to note that APM invoices the township based on actual services rendered rather than the contract cost. Over the past five contracts, APM has been under budget 15 times and over budget six times, resulting in an average annual savings (under budget) of about \$7,600, or 5%, over the 21-year period,"Broecker said. "Financially, we've done very well with them. I remember we were able to extend that last contract one year and not even assess the property owners. We had enough funds left to cover it."

The vote was 6-0. Treasurer John Tucker was absent.

Ben Seago from APM said they appreciate the township's continued business.

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# ABUSE

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disturbing and beyond disturbing. He added that this is not a unique case and that this type of crime happens every day.

Swanson said that while Savela and the woman were living in Livingston County in March 2022, Savela allegedly assaulted her while she was pregnant. She obtained a personal protection order against him and she moved to Genesee County.

"People in domestic violence situations are held captive physically, emotionally and spiritually," Swanson said about their living together again in mid-Genesee County.

Earlier this year, the female victim put in a surveillance camera, which captured threats to the animals. Video showed Savela shouting that he was going to ziptie the legs of Pluto and whip him. A video the victim recorded on Feb. 3 was turned over to Genesee County Animal Control which in turn contacted the Genesee County Sheriff's Office.

After the sheriff's office reviewed the (810) 238-7621.

video, Savela was taken into custody. The second video showed Savela beating Pluto with a belt. The dog could be heard crying from the beating. The belt seen in the video and a rope, which Swanson said was most likely used to hog-tie the dog's legs were recovered for evidence. When the video was stopped, Swanson said, "Let that settle in." He added that the likely cause behind the beating was that Pluto had chewed on two pictures. "It's a puppy. They'll be mischievous," he said.

Swanson explained that the 10-year felony refers to a defendant using coercion of an individual by threats made against domestic companion animals, by torturing, killing or threatening control over a victim.

The sheriff said if anyone sees an act of violence, they cannot sit idle. Speaking to victims, he said, "Don't wait," he said. "Please know you'll be protected. Please use your voice for strength."

Pluto is now safe and protected from the suspect. Any victim of domestic violence should contact 911, (810) 257-3422, or Greater Flint YWCA at (810) 238-7621.

# Blue Devils advance to finals with win vs. Linden

## **By David Troppens**

**Lake Fenton** — It's going to be Lake Fenton-Goodrich for a third time this Metro League season.

The two rivals battled twice to decide who was going to be the Flint Metro League's Stars Division champion, and the Blue Devils won both of those contests. Both won semifinal spots in the Metro tourney Tuesday. The Blue Devils (21-0) earned their spot by defeating tri-county foe Linden 64-43. Goodrich defeated Flushing in its semifinal game.

The winner of Friday's game was not known at press time. Check tctimes. com or Wednesday's publication for

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the championship game's results.

Lake Fenton junior Savannah Fellenbaum isn't shocked to see her team in the title game. She scored a team-high 15 points and grabbed eight rebounds in the victory against Linden.

"This team is so talented," Fellen-See **DEVILS** on 33



Linden's Olivia Mawhinney is blocked by Lake Fenton's Gabby Gerald in the Blue Devils' Metro semifinal victory on Tuesday. **Photo: Mark Bolen** 



Holly's Tony Simmons attempts a shot in a recent game. He scored 18 points in a win against Goodrich on Tuesday. **Photo: David Troppens** 

# Bronchos earn spot in Metro championship contest, beat Goodrich By David Troppens

The Holly varsity boys basketball team may be the surprise team of the Flint Metro League this season to most followers.

At least one group isn't surprised — the Holly Bronchos themselves.

Holders of a 9-12 overall record a year ago, the Bronchos were a squad that felt they could contend for a Flint Metro League title this season, and have proven that to be the case.

The Bronchos earned a spot in Friday's Metro League championship game by earning a 53-45 road victory against the Corunna Cavaliers in the semifinal round of the Metro tourney. The Bronchos (16-4) avenged an early season loss to Corunna on Tuesday, and now get a chance to avenge the only other two losses they've had against Metro foes this season. They played See **BRONCHOS** on 30

# Sports Times

# **Tigers earn spot in Metro League title game**

# Fenton avenges previous loss to Blue Devils, 83-52

### **By David Troppens**

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**Lake Fenton** — The Fenton varsity boys basketball team had a lot of motivation in its Flint Metro League semifinal contest against the Lake Fenton Blue Devils.

The Blue Devils have won each of the last two contests between the teams over the last two seasons with both defeats coming in heartbreaking fashion. And, of course, by winning, the Tigers would advance to the Metro League's championship game played in Fenton's own gym.

But if that wasn't enough, motivation, Colin TerBurgh added a little more, helping the Tigers to a pretty convincing 83-52 semifinal victory against the Blue Devils.

"It's a big game for me," TerBurgh said. "Lake Fenton was my old school. I transferred out of here in the eighth grade. To get a win against them, especially in the playoffs, and now we now we are in the Metro Championship game, it was a big game."

TerBurgh's teammates understood.

"It was very important," fellow Fenton senior Ja'Hion Bond said. "My man Turbo (TerBurgh's nickname) came from here so we had to get this win for him, for our confidence, and now we will keep on building off of it.

"(Making it to the championship



Fenton attacked the lane frequently in its victory against Lake Fenton on Tuesday. Here Fenton's Ja'Hion Bond tries to split in between Lake Fenton's Gavin Teffner (left) and Brady Belcher. **Photo: Mark Bolen** 

game) means a lot, getting there with these guys. We learned from our mistakes early in the season and we kind of let that be a learning lesson instead of dwelling on it. We grew from it."

Fenton played Holly in the Metro title game on Friday. Results of that game can be found at tctimes.com. Fenton was going to be a tough foe for anyone to beat on Tuesday night. Lake Fenton (16-5) tried to hang, and early on were doing a decent job of it. Lake Fenton led 8-2 after a fastbreak layup by Carson Haddad. However, from that point on, it was pretty much the Ti-See **TIGERS** on 33

# TYRONE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS HELD FEBRUARY 21, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.

- Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Clerk Pam Moughler, Treasurer Jennifer Eden, and Trustee Kurt Schulze. Absent: Trustees Herm Ferguson, Zach Tucker, and Dave Walker.
- 2. Approved the agenda as presented; approved the consent agenda as presented.
- 3. Received and placed on file Communications #1-3 as presented.
- 4. Resolved to accept the remaining four years of the five-year contract for auditing services with Gabridge & Company.
- 5. Adopted guidelines for granting poverty exemptions from property taxes.
- 6. Authorized the release of PEG funds to the schools.
- 7. Approved the use of the township lawn for the Historical Society's Farm Hop event scheduled for this fall.
- 8. Approved the Supervisor's appointment of Chet Schultz as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals for a partial term from 2/21/23 to 8/31/25.
- 9. Supervisor Cunningham discussed the cost of a well pump for fire use as a 2023-2024 budget item.
- 10. Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

After they are approved, the minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office, 8420 Runyan Lake Rd., Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and are also posted online at <u>www.tyronetownship.us.</u>

# TYRONE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 13, 2023, beginning at 7:00 pm at the Tyrone Township Hall located at 8420 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton, Michigan. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the following variance applications:

**APPEAL NO. 1:** A request by William White for a 62-foot front yard setback variance to extend his living room and add a porch to his house located at 8239 Bennett Lake Road, Fenton, MI 48430, Parcel ID: 4704-06-100-005. The property is zoned RE, Rural Estate. Reference Tyrone Township Zoning Ordinance No. 36, Section 20.01, Schedule of Regulations.

**APPEAL NO. 2:** A previously tabled request by Nicholas Walsh for a front yard location variance and a 59.2-foot front yard setback variance to build a 40' x 80' pole barn located at 12277 Overlook Dr. Fenton, MI 48430. Parcel ID: 4704-11-100-033. The property is Zoned RE, Rural Estate, Reference Tyrone Township Zoning Ordinance No. 36 – Section 20.01, Schedule of Regulations, and Section 21.02.B.2.c.

For additional information, legal descriptions, and location maps please contact the Planning & Zoning Department at (810) 629-8631 or via email at zoning @ tyronetownship.us Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are located at 8420 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton, MI. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Tyrone Township Clerk at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Gregory Carnes, Chairman Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals

# Eagles break losing skid, earn easy 62-36 victory vs. Owosso

## By David Troppens

The 10-game losing skid has been snapped.

The Linden varsity boys basketball team captured its first victory since Jan. 17, earning a victory against the same team they defeated on that date. The Eagles defeated Owosso 62-36 in a road Metro League crossover contest.

Linden (5-15) also defeated Owosso 55-46 at home during the first contest.

"It's been a long time coming. We had to get one to go our way," Linden varsity boys basketball coach Matt Christensen said. "We jumped on them early, backed out of our press later in the half and coasted in the second half to victory.

"It had been five weeks exactly since our last win. It feels good to break through. We've had a lot of really tough losses. When you get on streaks like that, it can be hard to get out of them. The team's confidence was definitely low, so it's nice to get on the winning side, and maybe we can keep it going into the playoffs."

The skid included a 48-47 road loss to Flushing, a 58-54 home loss to Genesee Christian and a 62-57 road loss to Kearsley. Those would've been the biggest heartbreaks during the skid.

The Eagles scored double-digits in

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Fenton in the title game. The results of that game can be found at tctimes.com.

"(At the beginning of the season) we had a sit-down players meeting and every kid on the team wanted to win the Flint Metro League title. It was something on their list that they wanted to do," Holly varsity boys basketball coach Steve De-Hart said. "They wanted to do that and make a deep playoff run, and to do that you have to do all the little things leading up to it. The goal made every game that much more important. They took it one game at a time, one opponent at a time. They never looked too far beyond the next game. And now we get to play Fenton in the league championship game. It's a great feeling."



Linden's Reed Krueger scored four points in the Eagles' win against Owosso. Photo: Mark Bolen

every quarter. In the opening stanza, Monte Keener scored eight points and seven Linden players scored in a 19-point quarter. Linden led 19-7. In the second quarter, Konner Hulett scored seven points and Jase Becher scored four in the Eagles' 15-point stanza.

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The first quarter had three ties and two lead changes. Corunna took a slight 12-10 lead into the second quarter after a layup at the quarter buzzer by Braylon Socia. However, the Bronchos quickly took the lead in the second quarter, starting it with a 10-0 run. Tony Simmons did a good chunk of the damage during the run, scoring two putbacks and a free throw. Holly led 20-12 and never lost the lead the rest of the game.

Corunna always stayed within striking distance. Holly led 22-14 after a layup by Bowen Moore. However, Socia hit a trey cutting the gap to 22-17 entering the half for the Cavaliers.

Holly opened the third quarter with a 7-0 run. It began with a putback hoop by Ashton DeHart and ended with a three-pointer by Andrew Lewis.

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## WEEKEND TIMES

# Girls district basketball begins Monday

#### **By David Troppens**

The postseason officially begins for prep girls basketball teams this week.

The tri-county squads will be extended to three different districts.

Lake Fenton and Linden are in the D2 Powers district while Fenton is in the D1 district at Hartland. Holly is in the D1 district at Lapeer.

Fenton (12-9) and Holly (3-18) begins tourney action before the other two squads. The Tigers face tourney hosts Hartland (12-10) in the opening round on Monday at 7 p.m. The winner of that game faces Brighton (14-8) in the semifinal round Wednesday at 7 p.m. The final is Friday at 7 p.m. with the Fenton side of the bracket facing the winner of the Howell (16-6) vs. Milford (11-10) semifinal winner. All of the games will be at Hartland High School.

Holly faces Davison (6-14) in Monday's opening round at 7 p.m. The winner will face Grand Blanc (16-4) in Wednesday's semifinal. The other game will pit Lapeer (7-13) against Oxford (17-4). The championship game will be Friday at 7 p.m. All of the games will be at Lapeer High School.

The Powers district has the most local flavor. Both, Lake Fenton and Linden begin action in the semifinal on



Linden and Lake Fenton could end up facing each other again on Friday if both squads win their D2 girls basketball district semifinal contest at Powers on Wednesday. **Photo: Mark Bolen** 

Wednesday. Lake Fenton (21-0) faces tourney hosts Powers (14-7) at 5:30 p.m. Linden (14-7) faces Goodrich (19-2) in the other semifinal that is slated to start at approximately 7 p.m. All four teams in the bracket earned winning percentages of .667 or better. All games will be at Powers.

# **PREP REPORT**

#### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Fenton 43, Corunna 33: Abby Logan led the Tigers with 12 points and three steals while Maddie Slezinski had eight points and four rebounds. Tammy Craven had eight points while Adrie Staib had five points and five rebounds. Keegan Weddle also netted five points. Grace MacCaughan led the squad with three steals. BOYS BOWLING

▶ Holly 26, Brandon 4: Ryan Dalton had a 231-255-486 two-game series while Sean Dankert bowled a 190 game. In Baker action, Holly won both games 197-156 and 166-147.

▶ Fenton 27, Corunna 3: Brady Mitchell led the Tigers with a 147-201-348 series. Fenton also won both Baker games 156-133 and 187-123.

► Holly 26, Fenton 4: Ryan Sparklin bowled a 222-227-449 series while Ryan Dalton bowled a teamhigh game of 245 for Holly. Mathew Creasey also bowled two 205s for Holly. The Bronchos won both Baker games, including bowling a 211 in the second one.

Fenton was led by Brandon Cairnduff's 221-158-379 series.

**Owosso 29, Linden 1:** lan Patterson bowled a 197-211-408 series for Linden.

#### **GIRLS BOWLING**

▶ Fenton 25, Brandon 5: Fenton was paced by Jena Fijolek's 150-147-297 series while Adison McCabe had a team-high game of 174.

► Holly 30, Clio 0: Tatum Stuemke led the Bronchos with a 119-160-279 series.

Owosso 27, Linden 3: Mackenzie Miller led the Eagles with a 172-188-360 series.

▶ Fenton 25, Holly 5: The Tigers won both Baker games. Jena Fijolek led the Tigers with a 198-203-401 series.

Holly was led by Adrianna Thisse's 138-144-288 series.

# 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 pf 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 TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023

Organizational Meeting 9:00 am 9:00 am -12:00 pm., 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 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**

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

Alexa Nicholson, Tyrone Township Assessor

# WEEKEND TIMES



Caden Crandall (front) scored three goals against Milford in the Griffins' 5-3 victory. **Photo: David Troppens** 

# Griffins advance to regional semi round, defeat Milford

#### By David Troppens

The Fenton/Linden/Lake Fenton (FLLF) co-op varsity hockey team is in the regional semifinal of the Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice D2 regional.

The Griffins earned that position by defeating Milford 5-3 on Tuesday.

The Griffins, who opened the season with a 5-2 loss to Milford way back on Nov. 15, avenged that loss, but it didn't come easy.

Milford made it look like it may be a repeat performance after scoring two goals in the first period. However, the Griffins dominated from that point, scoring three goals in the second period and two more in the third.

Caden Crandall scored a three-goal



hat trick, while Mitchel Luck and Brennan Crandall had a goal each. Jace Dumeah had two assists while Carson Gardner, Brennan Crandall, Dominic Corso Jr, and Carter Lukasavitz had an assist each. Maximum Wright and Crandall finished the night with a +3 plus/ minus rating.

In net, Porter Lobocki earned the victory, making 40 saves.

FLLF faced off against Lakeland (22-3) Friday in the semifinal with the winner playing in Thursday's regional championship game against either Brother Rice or Birmingham Groves at Oak Park Ice Arena at 6 p.m. Results of Friday's contest were not known at press time.

# Holly girls fall to Blackhawks, 64-33 By David Troppens

The Holly varsity girls basketball team did a pretty good job defending most of Ortonville-Brandon's players in a Metro League crossover contest on Tuesday.

However, there was one that seemingly couldn't be stopped. Brandon's Riley Abney scored a game-high 32 points, leading the Blackhawks to the 64-33 victory against the Holly Bronchos.

Holly (3-18) had a pretty solid start to the game. Abney scored 11 points in the opening quarter, but Holly's Alana Simmons had eight of her own. The Bronchos trailed just 13-10 entering the second quarter. In it, the Bronchos' offense struggled with Simmons scoring all four of the team's points. Meanwhile, Abney netted eight second-quarter points and Brandon led 26-14 at halftime.

The Bronchos tried to stick close in the third quarter. However, Simmons picked up her fourth foul in the third quarter and that hurt the Bronchos. Abney scored 10 points in the third and Holly managed just nine points with Makena McGee collecting four. Holly trailed 44-23 entering the final quarter.

"It was going pretty well until the third quarter," Holly varsity girls basketball coach Ben Varner said.

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# Tri-County Basketball Standings

Here are our standings for our first unofficial "Tri-County Times Conference champion" for boys and girls hoops. We will include a combined standings as well. Winning percentage will determine the winner, not games behind. Here are the current standings. We have decided to include potential district games. Why not?

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gers dominating. Fenton scored the next two points on an inside hoop by Justin Banura after a Gage Graham offensive board. The bucket started a 12-3 Fenton run to end the first quarter, capped by a Banura assist on a Chris Piwowarczyk layup. Fenton led 14-11 entering the second quarter.

It seemed the rest of the game followed this pattern. The Tigers got the ball inside the paint often — either by Bond or Sam Dillard II penetrating, or by Gage Graham pounding underneath — making sure they were efficient on offense. Fenton also popped just enough threes (TerBurgh hit three in the third quarter alone) making it virtually impossible for Lake Fenton to stop the Tigers.

Fenton hit on 30-of-69 shots, which included six treys. And even when they did miss, the Tigers scored 17 second-chance points with Graham scoring eight off his career-high 17 points off of putbacks. Lake Fenton didn't have a bad shooting night. The Blue Devils hit 20-of-46 shots, including seven treys, but they turned the ball over 14 times and couldn't make up the Tigers' advantage created on the offensive glass. "We saw a really good team

Lake Fenton's defense tries to keep Fenton's Sam Dillard II from getting to the basket in the Tigers' win against the Blue Devils. Photo: Mark Bolen

against Fenton and they did exactly what they wanted to do," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Tyler Szczepanski said. "They got to the rim and hit their shots outside. When a team is two-dimensional like that, they are really tough to stop.

"Our communication defensively failed us in the second quarter. It led to confusion and allowed them opportunities to get to the rim. We were out of position and they took advantage of every single opportunity."

The Tigers scored 20 in second quarter with Dillard scoring six and Bond chipping in four points. Meanwhile, Graham cashed in from the paint, netting seven more points. Fenton led 34-21 at halftime. The Tigers blew it open in the third, scoring another 24 points. Ter-Burgh began the second half with a three-pointer and added two more before the quarter was over. Bond hit three field goals and scored eight points in the third, while Dillard had five points. The Fenton lead grew to as many as 58-37 after Ter-Burgh's final trey.

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baum said. "We have 10 starters. It's hard because we can always have somebody going in because everybody is so talented. Everyone can handle pressure and you can count on everyone on this team.

"Two things I tell my team — preparation is separation, and we've been preparing for this the controllables our

every single day. We can control only what we can control."

The Eagles jumped out to a 4-0 lead after buckets by Shave Barkholz and Kelsey McLennan. However, Lake Fenton scored the next nine points. The run started with a converted free throw by Amaya Smith and ended with a driving layup by Kendyl Smith. Lake Fenton led 9-4 and never trailed again.

Linden (14-7) cut the gap to 9-6 after two converted free throws by McLennan, but hoops by Fellenbaum and Smith upped the Lake Fenton lead to 13-6 af-



whole season. (The Linden's Shaye Barkholz tries to get by the second is) control Blue Devils' defense. Photo: Mark Bolen

After the first quarter, the Eagles were only able to cut the gap as close as six one more time. It came at 18-12 after two converted free throws by Barkholz, but Lake Fenton's Ella Prevost responded with a trey that sparked a 16-2 run. Parker Beardsley capped the run with a lavup. Lake Fenton led 34-14 at halftime. The Eagles were unable to get back into the contest. That said, Linden's 43 points represented the most points anyone has scored against Lake Fenton since Goodrich lost to Lake Fenton 50-44 on Jan. 20. **CONTINUED AT TCTIMES.COM** 

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Weekend Scrambler

# Weekend Sudoku



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# Puzzle Answers

Midweek Sudoku, Crossword Puzzle and Jumbles are located in the last Midweek's issue. All other puzzles are located throughout this edition of the Tri-County Times.

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# THE 2023 SUMMER GARDEN TOUR

# 24th annual event featuring several gardens is sure to be a crowd pleaser

Community members and visitors alike are invited to attend the 24th annual Summer Garden Tour hosted by the Fenton Open Gate Garden Club. The garden tour is set for Sunday, July 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Eight beautiful gardens at homes from Fenton, Linden and Holly will be featured. Each will reflect the unique style of the gardener from formal gardens to shady oasis. Each garden is a work of art.

Garden highlights include:

- Drought tolerant and easy gardening
- Stunning lakefront property
- · Canna wonderland
- Heirloom hostas
- Beautiful begonias
- Yucca, lilacs, and peonies

Both gardeners and nature lovers will enjoy spending the day strolling through these lovely creations, absorbing their beauty, and taking away an idea or two.

In addition to the tour, admission includes:

- · Garden guides, with locations of gardens
- Many plants labeled at each garden
- ·Homeowners on hand to answer questions

•A Master Gardener table at one of the gardens

- Merchant discounts
- Light refreshments and water station at one of the gardens

• Raffle entry to win a beautiful garden bench.

Advance sale tickets for \$10 (children 12 and under are FREE) will be available at these merchants:

- Bordine's, 9100 Torrey Rd., Grand Blanc • The Weed Lady, 9225 Fenton Rd., Grand Blanc
- Gerych's Flowers & Events, 713 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton
- La Petite Maison, 107 W. Shiawassee Ave., Fenton
- •Heavenly Scent Herb Farm, 13730 White Lake Rd., Fenton
- Yard 'N Garden Center & Florist, 603 W Silver Lake Rd., Fenton
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On July 23, tickets will be \$12 (children 12 and under are free) and available for purchase at the A.J. Phillips Fenton Museum, 310 S. LeRoy St., Fenton. For more information visit the Open Gate Garden Club on Facebook or visit opengategardenclub.com.

Members of the Open Gate Garden Club will have a booth at the Fenton Expo on March 4-5. Amy Doyle, chairperson of the Summer Garden Tour, said members would love to say "hi" and that they are always looking for new members and more gardens to showcase in upcoming tours.

#### **2023 Summer Garden Tour stops**

• Enjoy your trip through "**The Shire**." From the whimsical bunnies that greet you at the front yard, through the gate and fairy gardens. This garden abounds with hand selected Michigan stones and rocks. You can make a game of counting how many mushrooms in various forms can be found throughout the large back yard. There's even a secret garden just beyond the butterfly garden. The deck is covered in Wisteria and annuals. Clematis climb up the trellises. Children will love this adorable suburban wonderland.

• You will appreciate the artistic flair of this "Traditional (Roman)" poolside garden. The Southern feel of the yard is achieved with plantings of weigela, lavender, and hydrangea on the rolling landscape. So many trees and shrubs abound that it's difficult to even see neighboring yards. The pool, furnishings, barbecue, and yard art provide the perfect party setting.

• Mature trees surround this home "Up on the Hill." The homeowner has achieved interest with the use of purple and green, dark and light plantings. Fun seating with a tiki bistro set, a butterfly garden and a raised vegetable garden are a few of the features in this beautifully landscaped garden. Large stepping stones and landscape details sur-

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 This garden is a wash of "Bright interspersed with Green." No formal garden, just that which

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pleases the eye. The front yard includes a tri-color beech tree, flower lilac; the back yard has a lovely iron pagoda with seating, iron flowers and other yard art. Amazing mature trees surround the home, which still leaves rooms for many hostas, day lilies, annuals and more. If the sun is out,

als and more. If the sun is out, you may catch a glimpse of the solar powered bird bath/ fountain.

• More canna plants than you may have ever seen Visteria in one place in this "Pink themed" garden on Lobdell Lake. Shell gardens greet you at the front; pass through the arbor and notice huge hostas and ferns as you arrive at the back yard. Three tiers of landscaped areas await, with brick and limestone provid-Hydrangeas ing the backdrop. Cross a small bridge traversing a waterfall connecting to the frog pond. A large planter is devoted just to canna. Giant grasses, salvia, coneflowers, roses, spirea, day lillies, liatris, iris, hydrangeas and more fill the vard. Geraniums abound in pots (which the owner winters-over in their sunroom.). Sunsets are beautiful on the lake overlooking the gardens.

• You'll never think of "Down on the

**Farm**" the same after viewing these striking gardens. The owner reflects

her agrarian background with cleverly displayed farm implements, machinery, tools, and more. There's a perennial garden with angels, gazing balls, and a variety of plants that bloom throughout the growing season. Multiple potted annuals provide a profusion

of color throughout the property. There's also a rose garden with over a dozen plants, just past the "wishing well" (cleverly covering up a functional well). Don't

There is a small grape arbor, fruit trees, fully matured pines, and deciduous trees all lovingly planted by the owners in their 28 years on the property.

 Boaters stop for photo ops at this "Garden on the Lake" (Lobdell). The craftsman lake cottage has been completely updated in the 30 years since the owners moved in. Very mature

trees dwarf the property. A vegetable and sunflower garden on one side offsets the beautiful perennial garden on the opposite side. The potted King Tut papyrus plants tower over the porch. Lillies, lianthus, zinnias, coral bell,

astilbe, and more flow throughout the yard. Window boxes filled with dragon tongue begonia adorn the house. Colorful planters sit on the dock to create a colorful and peaceful setting.



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# Obituaries

# **David H. Berndt** 1927 - 2023

David H. Berndt - age 95, passed away Friday, Februarv 17. 2023. He was born in Holly, the son of Herman and Esther (Rvan) Berndt. A lifelong

resident. and member of the farming community, he helped create a living legacy when he aided his father in planting the landmark pine tree forest behind Holly Academy. He assumed responsibility of the family farm at age 16, when his father died, at which time, he was granted an early graduation by the Holly School. He was always quick to lend a hand at The Holly Hotel when relatives owned it. He was a veteran of the US Army. Korea. David was an owner, operator and truck driver in addition to owning Berndt's



Farm Market and Garden Center for 75 years. An indelible part of Holly's history, he was a man of integrity. Gentle, kind hearted and generous to all. He is survived by his

two children, Marchella and Jeffrev: Hollv. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Mariorie Berndt: wife. Sherry Berndt; and a multitude of beloved canine companions. There will be no services. Interment at Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Arrangements by Dryer Funeral Home. David H. Berndt Memorial contributions may be made to Adopt-A-Pet, 13575 Fenton Rd. Fenton MI 48430. Tributes may be shared at **www.** dryerfuneralhomeholly. com.



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## **Rodney Nowosielski**

Rodnev Nowosielski - age 68, died February 10, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Mary Wold**

Mary Wold - age 89, died February 12, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Lanny Howard**

Lanny Howard - age 66, died February 13, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Barbara Johnson**

Barbara Johnson - age 91. died February 16, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### James Filipiak, Sr. James Filipiak, Sr. - age 78, died February 16, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Joan Norman Joan Norman - age 87, died February 17, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### **Guv Moxam**

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## **Nancy Kalmbach**

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## **Roy George**

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#### **Clara Smith** Clara Smith - age 84. died February 18, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



**Margaret Olson** Margaret Olson - age 91, died February 18, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



# Kathleen "Kathy" Talt Kathleen "Kathy" Talt - age

70, died February 19, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



## **Scott Simpson**

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### **Ronald Tomlinson**

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## Ashley Myers (Gohn)

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#### **Charles Vaughan** Charles Vaughan - age 83, died February 21, 2023.

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#### **Roy Pagel** Roy Pagel - age 77, died February 22, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



## Walter "Glen" **Bulemore**

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