How would an animal abuse registry work in Michigan?

Initiative would place animal abuse registry proposal on November 2024 ballot

By Hannah Ball

Experts attempting to create an animal abuse registry in the state of Michigan said their goal is to classify animals as "living property" under Michigan law and prevent animal abusers from obtaining animals without violating constitutional rights.

A panel of people from multiple fields engaged in a roundtable discussion on Monday, March 20 to discuss a proposed ballot initiative that would ask voters if people convicted of animal abuse, neglect, torture, starvation should be placed on a publicly available registry. If the campaign collects enough signatures, the proposal will be placed on the November 2024 ballot.

The roundtable consisted of Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson, Oakland County Commissioner William Miller, Genesee County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Alena Clark, Tanya Hilgendorf, the president and CEO of the Humane Society of Huron Valley (HSHV) and vice chair of the Michigan Pet Alliance, and Richard Angelo, legislative attorney for the Best Friends Animal Society and board member on the Michigan Pet Alliance.

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Library wishes to continue relationship with Linden

■ Home of Linden Library in need of significant repairs

By Hannah Ball

The Genesee District Library (GDL) is interested in continuing a partnership with Linden.

David Conklin, director of GDL, said they are aware that Linden is exploring development

options and potential different uses for the Linden Mill building, and the GDL would continue to work with the city to maintain the library in this location or another. See LIBRARY on 8

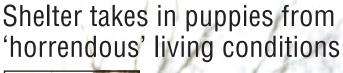
Thompson Road detour begins in Fenton Township

The Genesee County Road Commission has announced that westbound Thompson Road is closed between Fenton Road and the Mott Community

College campus.

As the Genesee County Drain Commission continues work on its Fenton-Thompson

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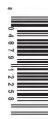




(Right) Takara Hipkins, veterinarian technician and dog trainer at Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton Township,

holds one of the 24 puppies that the shelter rescued. (Top left) Jace St. Clair, K9 kennel lead, holds Gus, 11-weeksold, who was rescued with his brother Rex. The shelter took five litters of puppies from Arkansas on Tuesday, March 21. See story on page 24. Photos: Hannah Ball













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Sheriff seeks to ID unknown hit-and-run driver

\$10,000 reward for information that leads to arrest in crash that resulted in death of 31-year-old man

A reward of up to \$10,000 is being offered for information leading to the arrest of an unknown driver involved in an Orion Township traffic crash a month ago that resulted in the death of a Lake Orion man.

Oakland County Sheriff's Office crash investigators are seeking the public's help in identifying the vehicle and driver involved in a Tuesday, Feb. 21 crash on Lapeer Road near Waldon Road that ultimately took the life of 31-year-old Thomas James Schleicher.

"We really need the public's help with this case," Sheriff Michael Bouchard said. "The individual that caused the death of Thomas fled the scene after striking the sign that killed him. If anyone was in the area, saw anything, or has knowledge, please help us find that person and receive a substantial reward. The car would have had front end damage from the crash."

The crash happened at approximately 7:45 a.m. A vehicle was northbound on Lapeer Road when it veered into the median, striking a road sign, which became dislodged and went airborne.

At the same time, Schleicher was driving a 2013 Volkswagen Passat southbound on Lapeer Road. The road sign went through the windshield of the Passat, striking Schleicher. The Passat then veered off Lapeer Road and eventually stopped against a tree near Waldon Road.

The other driver did not stop after the crash. Schleicher, who had been wearing a seat belt, was transported to the hospital by paramedics from the Orion Township Fire Department. He succumbed to injuries sustained in the incident March 1.

Investigators believe a silver or gray 2013-2015 Kia Optima may have been the vehicle involved in the crash. The Optima would likely have damage to its front end and possibly a crease in



Thomas Schleicher

the hood. Investigators have no information about the driver of the vehicle.

Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest of the driver. Anyone who may have seen the accident, the vehicle, or knows the driver should call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP. Tipsters remain anonymous.

The incident is being investigated by the Sheriff's Office Crash Reconstruction Unit.



Who's the next Chief Chef Champion?

Fire chief teams with Fenton Fire Hall manager to raise funds for children's advocacy group

By Sharon Stone

What could be a better fundraising event — supporting local fire and police chiefs, tasting delicious food and helping children?

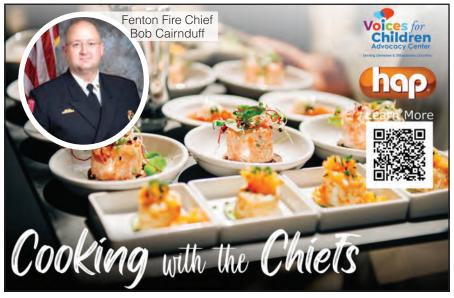
Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff will replace his turnout gear for a chef's hat and apron when he participates in the Voices for Children Advocacy Group's "Cooking with the Chiefs" fundraising

Voices for Children Advocacy Group, serving Genesee and Shiawassee counties, works to help child survivors of abuse and neglect and helps to get them on their journey to healing and justice.

Cairnduff said the group's funding from the state was cut in half, so this fundraiser is very important for them to be able to continue their very important work.

With this event on Friday, April 21, fire and police chiefs from across Genesee County will compete for the Chief Chef Champion title. The event will be held at Ascension Genesys Banquet Center from 5 to 8 p.m.

Organizers seek additional sponsors including a Bar Sponsor for \$5,000, five Sous Chef Sponsors for \$2,000, a House



Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff will compete in the "Cooking with the Chiefs" fundraising event April 21 to raise money for Voices for Children Advocacy Group.

Sponsor for \$1,500, a Parking Sponsor for \$1,000, 15 Signature Dish Sponsors for \$500 and 30 A la Carte Sponsors for \$250.

Everyone is invited to attend to support local police and fire chiefs for this tasty competition to select the best dish.

Chiefs partner with local restaurants and caterers to create their favorite dishes, and attendees get to vote on the best dish. One chief and local business will get bragging rights as the Chief Chef Champion.

Cairnduff is partnering with John Wentworth who manages the Fenton Fire Hall and Union Joint restaurants. The chief said he plans to serve the food with some flair.

When asked if he's a good cook, Cairnduff said, "I am an okay cook. I like making breakfast foods the most. We regularly have breakfast for dinner at our home."



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Words with Hannah

Hannah Ball

Staff Reporter

n Monday, March 20, Amanda Bynes was reportedly alone and naked on a street in Los Angeles when she flagged down a car and told the driver she was experiencing a "psychotic episode." She called 911 and asked the police for help. She was placed on a 5150 psychiatric

It's so impressive that she was able to realize that she was having mental issues and needed help. She even called 911 herself. I truly hope she gets better soon and is proud of herself for handling that situation like she did.

Amanda Bynes was one of my favorite actors when I was young. She starred on the Nickelodeon show "All That" starting when she was 10 and then had her own show, "The Amanda Show." She was energetic, upbeat, hilarious and it was heartbreaking to learn she struggled with drug addiction when she was young.

She was in some of the best rom-com/ coming of age stories of my youth like "What a Girl Wants," "Hairspray," "Easy A," Sydney White" and more.

The 2006 film "She's the Man" is one of my favorites. Amanda Bynes plays a character that impersonates her brother





It's heartbreaking that so many young women celebrities from the early 2000s struggled with addiction and mental health problems. Britney Spears received massively unfair treatment from the media for years and then she

was in an abusive conservatorship for 13 years. She's only recently experienced freedom and it's clearly been an adjustment for her.

Amanda Bynes' nine-year conservatorship ended a year ago in March 2022, but she still struggles with mental health and likely will for the rest of her life.

There will always be those who make fun of people who deal with these issues. However, most of the conversations I saw focused on wishing her well. It seems that more and more people are learning that compassion and empathy are necessary components when discussing mental health.

Celebrities and crypto

In news that makes me legit laugh out loud, The US Securities and Exchange Commission recently charged eight celebrities for promoting a cryptocurrency

company without disclosing that they were paid to make the posts.

Crypto, along with NFTs, have to be one of the weirdest trends to happen in the last few years. The very idea of NFTs themselves were laughable (paying to own the digital record of a picture means nothing, literally just screenshot it, the value of those ugly images has decreased so much in the last year) but crypto was another matter.

I know the appeal of cryptocurrency was managing money with less restrictions. But how is this actually appealing to people unless you're a mob boss or a slimy politician?

The sad thing is that these crypto companies figured out the best way to promote a product — pay celebrities a lot of money to do it.

These celebrities include scammer Youtuber Jake Paul, Soulja Boy, Austin Mahone, Ne-Yo, Akon, some of the Kadarshians, Tom Brady, and more. I highly doubt most of these celebrities actually care about crypto, they just wanted the money for their posts. The entire situation gave me Fyre Festival vibes.

I'm glad they have to pay fines and I wish the penalty was steeper honestly. When you have a big platform, you have to be more responsible.

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THE BEST PART of living in Holly is working here. I know a lot of people by name ... hometown good ... Ken

THANK YOU. DAVE and Tri-County Times, for capturing the Powers Catholic hockey state title and the local father and son. What a story.

TO SO MANY that have wondered about our great friend/barber Judy, she's alive and well living in Linden.

MY ENTIRE FAMILY is on a mission to strictly buy items that are made in the USA. They are better quality and it supports our neighbors. We look at every label and if it says made in China, we put it back on the rack or shelf. Everyone should be doing this.

FOR ALL THOSE complaining about Fenton not having electric charging stations for EVs. Fenton needs to buy several kites and keys then pass them out as needed.

PLEASE DON'T GROAN too loud. Now that I've 'groan' up, people ask me what I did for a living. I tell them I worked in an olfactory trying to make scents of everything.

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

street talk Would you support creating an animal abuser registry in Michigan?



"I'd prefer if they wore a large letter A on them at all times. Trying to think of a good color for it."



"Absolutely! If you hurt an innocent animal, there is something wrong with you, and the world should know."



"No. The person's life could be endangered by people who are against animal abuse. I love animals, don't get me wrong. I just think people would go too far if they knew of an abuser. They will protect an animal's life more than another person's."

Anthony Paton, Fenton



"Yes they should not be able to have animals."

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

LOOKING AT PAST U.S. history, is the Ukraine to be another Afghanistan, Iraq or Vietnam? Spend a lot and then abandon and withdraw. Nothing really accomplished, only lost.

YOU REDUCED THE claim of 'big oil receives billions in subsidies' down to a mere 'oil companies average \$20 million in tax breaks.' Okay, new challenge: name one 'tax break' solely for oil companies for the development, production, and sale of automotive gasoline.

SUBSIDIES AND TAX breaks are not the same. Subsidies are government money spent to incentivize investment. Tax breaks reward private money for preferred investments by allowing investors to keep their own money. Unless you're a communist or socialist, private money does not equal government money.

PERPLEXING.PEOPLE COMMENT on cruelty to animals more than people. Don't get me wrong; animal cruelty is a crime. Most murderers abused animals before human beings. Supporting, applauding Sheriff Swanson on animal cruelty is one thing, where's everyone's support, prosecution of criminals victimizing people? Democrats continue destroying legal system.

'PET ABUSE AND animal cruelty cases are some of the most gutwrenching crimes' says Sheriff Swanson. In Michigan, it was more gut wrenching to see the abortion proposal pass. If the majority of society valued all human life, other animal life would benefit. Our priorities are a mess.

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they can ban firearms for self-









Popular chamber events secure DDA grants

■Will help cover expenses for Fenton Freedom Festival. Taste in Fenton and Jinglefest

By Sharon Stone

The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) unanimously approved grant applications at its meeting Tuesday, March 21, assuring popular events run by the Fenton and Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce will happen this year.

The DDA has worked with the chamber over the years as an event sponsor for activities such as the Fenton Freedom Festival. Taste in

Fenton and Jinglefest and will do so again this year.

The Fenton Freedom Festival will be held Tuesday, July 4. The chamber requested \$7,500 from the DDA to help run the event. In 2022, the chamber utilized \$7,000, however, they expect a modest inflationary cost increase this year.

Residents and visitors are invited to attend the Fourth of July festival, which will include pancake breakfast, parade, rubber ducky regatta, food booths, children's games, craft shows, fireworks and more. The festival typically attracts more than 10,000 people.

The fireworks display costs an estimated \$14,000 and the DDA's grant will cover \$7,500 of that cost. Other expenses, such as flyers, posters, local newspaper advertising, portable restrooms, entertainment and more will be covered through fundraising.

Taste in Fenton will be held Wednesday, Aug. 16. The DDA approved a \$5,000 grant. This is the same grant amount as last year.

Attracting more than 3,000 people each year, this event will be on the grounds of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center and throughout the

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defense. Better wake up. Denying second amendment rights is illegal. This isn't New York or California where lawmakers institute illegal laws violating constitutional rights. No protection for Michigan Democrats allowed then no right for Democrats to own any firearms period.

TO HOT-LINER ASKING, 'shouldn't we stop evil people from having guns?' Just how do you propose to pre-identify evil people? Also, just because you classify someone as evil, it does not mean he or she will be committing a gun crime.

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HOLLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MARCH 15, 2023 REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

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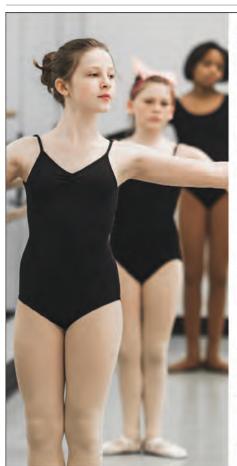
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What are elected officials reading? Part two

By Hannah Ball

Because March is National Reading Month, the Times reached out and asked elected officials what they're currently reading and what book they would recommend. This is part two.

Fenton City Council

Brad Jacob: I'm currently reading "The Conquest of Bread" by Petr Kropotkin. But, if I had to choose one book to recommend, it would be "Watership Down" by Richard Adams. It's a wonderful allegory for human society. The book is as readable to a 12-year-old as it is to a 50-year-old. And every time it's read, you can draw more from it.

Rose Township

Rose Township Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snider: I am reading the book, "Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest," by Suzanne Simard. I would highly recommend this book to people who would find the value in learning from a world leading forest ecologist about how the trees

and plants of a forest are social creatures. Suzanne explains how trees are connected and communicate through underground networks. I am enjoying seeing the forest through her eyes.

DETOUR

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Water Main Extension Project, westbound Thompson Road, between Fenton Road and Mott Community College, will be closed. The closure begins Thursday, March 23, and is expected to last a few weeks.

The posted detour will take drivers from Fenton Road to Baldwin Road to Torrey Road.

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Tracee J. Glab, executive director Flint Institute of Arts



Late Night Thursdays

The Flint Institute of Arts is your museum, and we want to make it easier for you to visit us, which is why we started Late Night Thursdays. This new initiative provides visitors with new ways to experience the FIA with extended hours until 8 p.m.

In addition to the galleries being open late, we have unique programming each week, including artist demonstrations and drop-in activities featuring the amazing instructors in the FIA Art School, book discussions, curatorial talks, lectures, and films. All these programs are free of charge. Please check our website flintarts.org for the full schedule.

Visitors can also take advantage of the FIA Museum Shop that offers great gifts and glass pieces from the FIA Hot Shop, as well as food and drink specials in the Palette Café.

In addition to enjoying the FIA's permanent collection that holds many interesting and inspiring works of art, we have recently opened The Art of Refreshment. The artwork in this exhibition, on view through Aug. 27, illustrates the wide variety of materials, styles, and uses of drink and dinnerware from ancient times to current day.

With so much to offer, there is something for everyone at Late Night Thursdays at the FIA.

Admission to the FIA is free every day for Genesee County residents thanks to the Genesee County Arts Education and Cultural Enrichment Millage. Visit us Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m., to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m.

Free glass blowing demonstrations are held every hour on the hour on Saturday and Sunday thanks to McLaren Healthcare.



day, March 21 to celebrate the grand opening of their Fenton location at 1161 N. LeRoy St. This is their 17th location. Matt Letavis, Fast Eddie's vice president of operations, thanked the community for their support. The Letavis family was joined by members of the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce and family and friends on Tuesday. This location offers car washes and other services. Photo: Hannah Ball



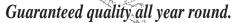




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The GDL Linden Library has operated out of the second floor of the Linden Mill building since 1961.

For years, city officials have discussed the poor condition of the historic Mill building, which is in need of significant repairs costing nearly \$3 million. The Mill Advisory Committee has been working

with Kincaid Group and created three models that show the different types of businesses that could operate out of the mill and expected revenue. It houses meetings on the bottom floor, the Linden Library on the second floor and the Linden Mills Historical Society and Museum on the third floor and loft area.

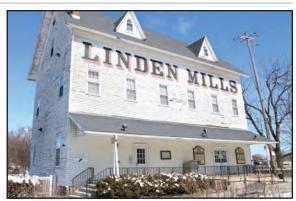
On Monday, March 13, Linden City Council voted 6-0 to approve a recommendation from the Mill Advisory Committee to advertise a request for proposal to gauge potential interest in the development of the mill building.

The city provides the space for the library at no cost to the GDL and the Linden Mills Historical Society and Museum.

"GDL partners with the city of Linden to make a branch of the Genesee District Library possible in Linden. GDL is interested in continuing that partnership in the current location or any other suitable location that Linden makes available," Conklin said. "Relocation would have challenges. I am confident that GDL and the city of Linden could overcome challenges that may arise from a relocation."

The GDL's founding documents do not allow the GDL to maintain a building other than the headquarters building. Conklin said that GDL provides the staffing, materials, and library services and equipment.

The current Linden Mill building was constructed in 1871, after the first two buildings were destroyed by fires. It was the first structure in Genesee County to be placed on the national register of historic places in 1972. A 2022 inspection and report from Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc (HRC) states that the building has critical needs in regards to stabilization and making the structure weathertight to prevent further deterioration that



With \$3 million of expected repair costs, Linden City and the Mill Advisory Committee are exploring options for the historic building's future. Times file photo

could compromise the building's integrity. HRC recommended completing structural, environmental, accessibility, mechanical improvements that would cost nearly \$3 million.

The Mill Advisory Committee report shows that all three options include full interior and exterior renovation and restoration to "maintain the historic look/value using modern, cost-effective yet durable materials, and finishes," according to the report.

1. Commercial

The owner would be a for-profit entity. The lower level and main level could host a restaurant, pub, or speakeasy-type establishment with live music and events. The second level and third level, also called the loft, could be used for community space. This plan would take approximately seven months of preconstruction and 12 months of construction. Total project cost: \$2.62 million

2. Mixed use hotel

The owner would be a for-profit entity. The lower level and main level could host a restaurant, pub, or speakeasy-type establishment with live music and events. The second and third level would be six boutique hotel rooms. This plan would take approximately seven months of preconstruction and 14 months of construction.

Total project cost: \$3.29 million

3. Mixed-use residential

The owner would be a for-profit entity. The lower and main levels could be a restaurant, pub, or speakeasy-type establishment with live music and events. The third level and upper loft could host four two bedroom, 1.5 bathroom residential apartments. This plan would take approximately eight months of preconstruction and 12 months of construction. Total project cost: \$2.65 million





Dozens of local restaurants participated in last year's Taste in Fenton, which is organized by the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce. It promotes local businesses, eating quality food and discovering new restaurants.

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city of Fenton. It gives area restaurants the opportunity to share their cuisine at that location. Some participating restaurants provide an atmosphere with entertainment and live music.

Jinglefest will be held Saturday, Dec. 2. The DDA approved a \$5,000 grant, the same as last year. This festival kicks off the holiday season and

encourages people to shop locally. It will be held in downtown Fenton including the use of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center and the Fenton United Methodist Church. The jingle jog, parade and fireworks will all happen in the downtown area.

The Jinglefest parade alone attracts at least 5,000 people.

According to the chamber, this event is something the community looks forward to every year. It pro-





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"Personally, I know, after being at HSHV for 18 years, I can tell you that we need to do a better job at protecting animals, and this is one big step toward that," Hilgendorf said. "What do we owe them? Science says they're smart, they're emotional, they're social, and they suffer physically and emotionally very similar to humans. But animals are our most vulnerable population. They can't speak out for themselves...there is a huge chasm between public sentiment and our laws and regulations."

Swanson referenced a few recent animal abuse cases his office has handled, including a person who took videos of themselves crushing the skulls of small animals and selling them.

The kickoff for Protect MI Pet officially begins on National Pet Day, April 11. Swanson invites the public to join them at the state capital on Tuesday, April 11 at 1 p.m. to publicly support the passage of this ballot initiative.

"Prosecutions aren't taken far enough for animal abusers. I think that we can all agree on that," Clark said. "If you don't like animals, this is still an initiative that you can get behind because it is sometimes a determining factor of more severe things that are to come."

Miller said, "It's a no brainer... It gives them the basic, humane rights that we all have."

•Animals are considered property in the state of Michigan. The initiative would define animals as "living property."

"The initiative won't change it entirely, but it is a doorway that we can start talking about these things, where we're talking about animals as being living property and that is going to be a huge win," Clark said.

Because animals are considered property under Michigan law, animal abuse requires both a criminal case and a civil forfeiture case in order to punish the crime

against the animal and strip the abuser from ownership of the animal, Clark said.

"Currently, courts hold a separate hearing for each case, sometimes months apart, and the animals are held in county shelters as 'evidence' of their own abuse until the civil case progresses. Since criminal cases progress quickly at first due to Constitutional protections for the defendant, our initiative aims to streamline the process so that the criminal and civil components progress together. This would allow legal ownership of the animals to transfer from the abuser much quicker than it does now and, in many cases, would allow for rehoming the animal 22 days after the first court hearing," she said.

Michigan's animal abuse statute is MCL 750.49. The sentencing guideline range for animal abuse is between four and 10 years depending on the crime, and most judges sentence people within these guidelines. Clark said anybody convicted of a 10-year felony will not serve 10 years. "I think we can all agree that the punishment is not enough at this point," she said.

When someone who owns animals is convicted of a crime and sentenced to imprisonment, their animals are taken to a shelter and housed on the public's dime.

"We recently did a report and showed 25 animals were in our care for 11,000 days," Hilgendorf said. "Most cases of animal cruelty involve multiple animals as well... these animals are often stuck in the shelter. They are really the only ones punished for being victims of cruelty. The person who hurt them is walking free while they're sitting in jail...we need to do better."

Sometimes, these animals are given back to the owners after they're found guilty.

Clark indicated that the animal forfeiture law is unclear and the initiative will not take away people's property with the right to be heard in a court of law.

• The link between animal abuse and other violent crimes is identifiable.

"We know that animal cruelty is underreported, underprosecuted, underenforced and underpunished," Hilgendorf said. "Nobody loses when you protect animals better. There is a deep tie between animal abuse and human violence, family violence, community violence, other crimes. It can be property crimes. That can be predictive as we see with mass shooters or serial killers."

Offenders often use animals as a way to hurt their partner and other people in their household.

Animal cruelty is often an indicator of current and future violence such as assault, rape, murder, arson, domestic violence and sexual abuse of children. Approximately 75% of abused women who have companion animals report a history of their companion animal being threatened or intentionally harmed by their intimate partner, according to the protectmipet.com, and children are present and witness the violence more than 90% of the time. Approximately 43% of school shooters have previously harmed animals.

• The registry would be available to the public for free, and it would include names, photos, dates of birth, the crimes these people are convicted of, and how long they're on the registry. It will not contain addresses. Names would remain on the registry for two to seven years. This information would be supplied by the county clerk through the state. Clark said it will not require as much oversight and manpower as it does to maintain the Sex Offender Registry.

This would allow any shelter or organization to look up names before they adopt an animal out to someone. It would also allow the public to know if doggy daycares and rescue organizations are being run by reputable people.

Hilgendorf said only 20 to 30% of animals are adopted from shelters and rescues. Others are adopted through breeders, pet stores, puppy mills and more.

• If someone is convicted of a misdemeanor relating to animal abuse, which is punishable by less than a year, their name

will remain on the registry for two years, Hilgendorf said. Being convicted of a felony, depending on the crime, will require that someone's name remain on the list for five or seven years. After that, the names automatically come off. Those convicted could also seek expungement.

Clark said that having these names indefinitely on the registry could qualify as cruel and unusual punishment and a violation of constitutional rights. If someone is on this registry three times, they will remain on it for life.

• The campaign aims to obtain approximately 750,000 signatures for the proposal to be placed on the ballot. Placing a statewide proposal on the ballot requires 10% of the total gubernatorial vote from the previous election. This would be approximately 450,000 valid signatures, however, extra signatures would allow for any technicalities or disqualifications.

"The legislatures, who have a lot on their plates right now, will see the value of this unifying proposal," Swanson said.

They will have 180 days to collect these signatures once the campaign begins. Initial polling found that the ballot measure has an 87% chance of passing.

"Animals hit the heart. I don't see any side of the aisle saying no to this," Miller said. "It doesn't even make sense to say no. I think that will be the fast track way to get it done."

Clark estimates if this registry existed today, it would contain fewer than 20,000 people. Swanson said even if the registry prevents only one person from harming another animal, it's worth it.

Angelo said that Logan's Law started like this, and it was a great effort that went through the legislative process. Logan's Law, signed into law in 2016, prohibits anyone convicted on an animal abuse crime from owning an animal for at least five years. He said this initiative is special because they're not going through the legislative process. They're bringing the topic directly to the voters.





Colors

speak louder than words
Look to nature, soft hues when selecting calm colors for your home

Many components combine to define a home's interior. Some homeowners may be partial to certain styles, such as ultra modern or farmhouse, while others may opt for a more traditional look that cannot necessarily be categorized as one style or another. Though many homeowners may spend considerable time and devote a lot of energy to making their home embody a certain style, those who aren't willing to commit to a particular look can lean

on one component to make a stylish statement all their own: paint.

Color can be a part of every homeowner's design arsenal. Bold colors can be used to create a stunning accent wall, while homes with open concepts often utilize color to define rooms. Homeowners who want to revitalize their home interiors can do so with paint, and this approach doesn't require homeowners to commit to a whole new design style.

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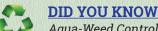




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Spring marks the return of lawn and garden season. Lawns often bear the brunt of winter's wrath, so spring is a great time to nurse them back to health, and fertilizing can be an essential component of that process.

Fertilizing a lawn can be intimidating. An array of fertilizers, with each seemingly designed to address a different issue, can make homeowners' heads spin when visiting their local lawn and garden center. However, fertilizing is a very simple task that any homeowner can tackle. In fact, fears about fertilizing are often unfounded and can be overcome with some basic knowledge of the process.

 Identify which type of grass is in **the yard.** The home improvement experts at HGTV note that turfgrass is divided into two categories: coolseason grass and warm-season grass. A local lawn and garden center can help homeowners identify which type of grass is in the yard, and this often depends on location. Fescue, bluegrass and perennial ryegrass are some examples of cool-season grasses, while Bermuda, bahia, St. Augustine, and zoysia are considered warm-season grasses.

Identifying which type of grass is in the lawn is important because that will indicate when to fertilize. Cool-season grasses are typically best fertilized in early spring, while warm-season lawns can benefit from an application just before especially warm temperatures arrive.

• Survey the lawn to identify which spreader to use. A small yard or a

Identify type of grass, purchase correct product and read instructions

thriving lawn with only a few bald or unsightly patches may not need a full application of fertilizer. In such instances, a hand spreader can suffice. For larger lawns and areas, a broadcast spreader is the ideal option. Spreaders have multiple settings, and the fertilizer package will indicate which setting to utilize when using the product.

- Test the soil prior to purchasing fertilizer. The lawn experts at Pennington note that a simple soil test can reveal soil pH and phosphorous and potassium levels. Soil tests can be purchased at most home improvement stores and lawn and garden centers, and they can help homeowners determine which fertilizer will most benefit their lawns.
- Water the lawn prior to fertilizing. The experts at Scotts recommend a good watering a few days prior to fertilizing a lawn. Such an approach ensures the soil is ready to accept the fertilizer once it's applied.
- Follow the instructions carefully. Detailed instructions are typically provided on fertilizer product packaging. Once homeowners have identified and purchased the product they need, they can simply follow the instructions on the packaging, including how and when to water after application, which can make fertilizing less intimidating.

Fertilizing in spring can help a lawn recover from the previous summer and winter, ensuring it's lush and green when summer entertaining season arrives.

Exterior renovations

that boast the best ROI

Several updates enable homeowners to recoup some of the costs

Remodeling with a return on investment in mind can be a smart strategy for homeowners, whether one is thinking about moving in the next few months or further down the road. Though this approach is an inexact science, in many instances, it's savvy for homeowners to consider what buyers may want when planning home improvements.

Homeowners may be surprised to learn which renovations garner the best ROI (return on investment) at resale. The home loan and refinancing company RenoFi indicates that overall home improvement projects provide a 70% ROI on average. Many high-ROI projects add functional space and improvement. The following are some exterior renovations that help homeowners recoup the most money at resale, according to Remodeling magazine's "2022 Cost vs. Value Report."

The majority of renovations on Remodeling magazine's list of the best investments are exterior renovations,

making this area of a home a particular point of interest for homeowners. The only interior project that cracked the Top 10 ROI for projects was a minor midrange kitchen remodel.

Exterior renovations perhaps add the most bang for your buck because they're not only functional, but also because they add immediate curb appeal. Much in the way it has been said people eat with their eyes first — which is why chefs spend so much time on elaborate plating — buyers will judge a property by how it looks when they arrive, even before they've stepped inside a home.

In essence, home buyers often judge a book by its cover. A worn exterior may indicate to potential buyers that the home was not maintained, however false that assumption may be.

It's important for homeowners to consider all factors before beginning a renovation. Certain projects offer a stronger return on investment than others, and that's a significant consideration for homeowners thinking of selling their homes.

An updated garage door is one of the top renovations that homebuyers look for. Homeowners could recoup 93% of the cost, according to Remodeling magazine.

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WINDOW REPLACEMENT: 67.5% recouped (Vinyl)

SIDING REPLACEMENT: 67.2% recouped (Vinyl): of \$18,662 cost

WINDOW REPLACEMENT: (Wood)

DECK ADDITION: (Wood)

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of \$20,482 cost

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From malfunctioning gutters, dirty air ducts, dirty windows and dirty carpets. homeowners can be overwhelmed with so many chores. And when you're done with spring cleaning and purging unwanted items, dumpster rentals can haul it all away.

Be sure to check the Tri-County Times' 2023 Source Book for local businesses that can help with all your needs.

GUTTERS

Compromised house gutters can contribute to water issues in basements and adversely affect a home's foundation if not addressed immediately, so it behooves homeowners to learn the signs that gutters are in need of repair or replacement.

• Gutters hanging off the home: Gutters hanging off the home need

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not necessarily be replaced, but rather secured to the home, ideally with hanger brackets instead of spikes. Brackets hook into the front of the gutter and are then screwed into the fascia of a home. A professional who specializes in gutter repair can perform this task relatively quickly, and it's an inexpensive yet highly effective solution.

- Peeling exterior paint: Paint that appears to be peeling off your home may indicate that water is seeping over the edge of the gutter closest to your home. When that happens, water is coming down the side of the house, causing the paint to peel. In such instances, replacing the gutters is often necessary
- Basement flooding: Not all signs of deteriorating gutters are outside a home. Many a homeowner has been perplexed by flooding in their basements, and such flooding can be caused by aging, ineffective gutters. That's because deteriorating gutters sometimes allow water to leak near the foundation of a home, contributing to basement flooding.

CARPETS

What's underfoot in a home can go a long way toward making residences comfortable and aesthetically appealing.

A study of home buyer preferences using data from the National

Association of Realtors found that 54% of home buyers were willing to pay more for a home with hardwood flooring. But that doesn't mean that carpeting doesn't still have its devotees.

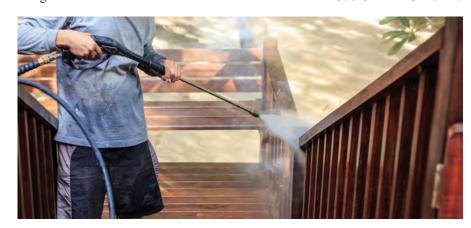
Carpeting and rugs can offset some of the shortcomings of hardwood, providing a softer texture that makes for a better landing spot for active young children. However, carpets will require more maintenance than hardwood floors. Learning how to deep clean carpets can help homeowners, as vacuuming is not enough to keep carpets in top form.

Spot clean stains

Stores sell a bevy of carpet cleaning solutions. When applying such solutions, do so in an inconspicuous area of the room to ensure colorfastness of the carpet and that the solution does not adversely affect the fibers. If the spot is clean and the carpet is not adversely affected, you can then apply the solution to more visible areas.

Homeowners who prefer all-natural cleaning solutions rather than chemicals can use a solution of white vinegar, baking soda and salt to make a safe cleanser. Soak the stain, use a scrub brush to work in the cleanser and then blot up the liquid with a clean cloth. Club soda is also known to work as a cleanser when it is sprayed on a stain.

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Feeling safe and secure

■Tips from the experts and array of home security products will protect your family

Vacation often serves as a well-deserved break from the hustle and bustle of daily life. When relaxing and recharging away from home, the last thing vacationers want to think about is the safety of their homes and everything inside them. More than two million burglaries occur in the United States and Canada every year. That underscores the importance of protecting your home at all times, including when you're not there.

New home security and monitoring systems are being developed regularly. These can be professional installed and many are easy for homeowners to install themselves. Some of the major brands are ADT, Vivint, SimpliSafe Home Security, Cove, Ring, Arlo and Nest.

- Create the impression that someone is home. Just because you're heading off for parts unknown doesn't mean you can't create the impression that life is carrying on as usual within the walls of your home. Smart home technology now enables homeowners to set timers on lights and even home electronics like televisions and radios. Homeowners also can ask neighbors to pick up their mail or halt delivery until they return from their trips. Nothing says "no one's home" as definitively as an overflowing mailbox.
- Keep quiet on social media. A recent survey of former burglars found that 78% acknowledged monitoring social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter as they try to find homes to burglarize. Individuals about to go on vacation should avoid sharing that on social media.
- Stay silent while you're away as well. Social media silence should be continued while you're on vacation as well. No matter how tempting it may be to share photos from an exotic location, such posts could catch the attention of all the wrong people. A recent report from MetLife indicated that 35% of Americans between the ages of 18 and 34 check in from their

locations via social media. That can alert criminals that no one is manning the fort back home.

• Switch from a traditional lock and key to a lockbox. Individuals who travel frequently can take a page from the realtor notebook and switch from a traditional lock and key lock system to a lockbox. Lockboxes require that a code is entered before a box containing a key can be unlocked. Homeowners who want this added measure of protection don't even need to put a key inside the lockbox, which typically covers a lock, making it extremely difficult for potential thieves to pick the lock.

Before leaving for vacation, individuals can implement various strategies and safety measures to protect their homes and their belongings while they're away.

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COLORS

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Though paint may seem simple to novices, homeowners who have painted home interiors in the past recognize how complicated the process of picking paint can be. Paint retailers have a seemingly endless swatch of paint colors to choose from, and before long homeowners' heads may be spinning as they try to narrow down their options. The following tips can help homeowners pick the perfect paint for their home interiors.

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- Take stock, and photographs, of your current furnishings. Many interior designers rely on a simple technique when recommending color schemes to their clients. Choose a standout color from existing furnishings, such as the dominant color from a patterned decorative pillow or piece of furniture, and then look for the same shade to paint the walls. A photograph of the item can be handy when visiting the paint store.
- Lighten colors as you go up. The home renovation and design experts

at HGTV recommend picking darker color values for the floor, medium color values for the walls and light values for the ceiling. This approach mimics the look of the great outdoors, where the ground tends to be darker than the trees, and the trees are darker than the blue sky.

• Utilize paint to create the vibe you want. The home renovation experts at This Old House note that colors evoke an emotional response. Cool colors like blue and green give off a relaxing and calming vibe, which makes them

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DOUGLAS

ideal for bedrooms and bathrooms.

Red is an intense color that can up the energy ante in any room, which can make it an option for homeowners who want to spark debate around their dinner tables.

• Give personal preference its place at the table. Though interior designers may have years of experience picking paint colors for a home and researchers may have determined how certain colors can be utilized to create a desired ambiance in a given room, ultimately homeowners are the ones who will be living in the home.

So it's important that homeowners pick colors they like for their home interiors. Paint is an inexpensive way to transform a room. Homeowners can rely on a combination of color strategies and their personal preferences as they try to decide which colors they want on their interior walls.

CALMING COLORS

Blues and greens are prominent in nature and are great colors to support relaxation and restoration.

Neutrals are an obvious choice for a calming color scheme, and there are countless neutral room ideas to play with. Relaxing colors are generally thought of as lighter natural or sandy tones, such as neutrals, that are related to nature or deeper tones like twilight blue that make us think of the day winding down.

While warmer tones are typically avoided in calm spaces, toning down the hues could create a welcoming, relaxing space nonetheless.

If you want to play with color in your interiors, but also want to maintain a light, calm aesthetic, using pastel schemes is a good way to go. Softer warmer colors such as subtle yellows and pastel purples can give us a cheerful boost first thing in the morning.

Red is the most stressful color. Intense shades of red can remind people of danger, and its stimulating hues can prevent total relaxation. If using red in a relaxing scheme, tone the shade down and use an earthy hue such as terracotta or rust.



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DOUGLAS

Bummer in the basement



■ What to do when your basement is leaking, needs repairs

Water can be a homeowner's worst nightmare. Few things have the potential to damage a home as much as water. From leaks to flooding to moisture problems like mold, water can wreak havoc on a home.

Basements or crawl spaces are areas of a home where water can do the most damage. Basements and crawl spaces tend to be the lowestlying spots in a home, and therefore prime spots for water to enter. Water problems in these areas can contribute to the demise of the structural integrity of the foundation.

According to the experts, water can enter homes in numerous ways. Many building materials, including concrete, that seem solid at first glance actually are quite porous. As ground water collects around these materials, the weight of the accumulated water, called hydrostatic pressure, can weaken the materials,

causing cracks where water can seep through. Water also can enter subterranean spaces through basement windows and gaps between footings and concrete slabs, or push up through foundation floors when homes are in areas with high water tables.

Remedying water issues in a home generally breaks down into two methodologies: exterior waterproofing and interior waterproofing. Depending on the cause and severity of the water issue, one or the other, or even both, may be recommended. **EXTERIOR WATERPROOFING**

Exterior waterproofing aims to keep water away from and out of the home. The home improvement information resource exterior waterproofing generally includes the application of a waterproofing agent to the concrete foundation. In addition, exterior waterproofing also could include excavation so a drainage system can be installed around the entire footing of the home. Regrading a property and properly relocating gutters and downspouts can help with many water issues.

INTERIOR WATERPROOFING

When water in a basement or crawl space needs to be remediated indoors, a system to collect, drain and remove water may be necessary. This can include sump pumps, drains, gravity discharge systems, and more. Moisture barriers, which can include special paints or products applied to the foundation walls and floor, also can help keep water from entering the space.

MOISTURE SOLUTIONS

Remedying water issues in a home generally breaks down into two methodologies: exterior waterproofing and interior waterproofing.

Keeping water out is only one part of the equation. Homeowners also need to manage moisture, like excessive humidity. A marriage of HVAC and waterproofing techniques may be necessary to improve air flow and remove humidity in the air.

While many homeowners have attempted to address water issues on their own, many times it is a job

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Deep cleaning

Carpets periodically need to be revitalized, and that can be accomplished with a specialized cleaning machine, whether it's a doit-yourself project or one for the local professional.

Remove all of the furniture from a room and vacuum to clean dust, dander and any other debris. Address any darker stains first by pretreating with a cleaning solution. Let sit for around 20 minutes. While waiting, learn how to operate the machine, fill it and clean out the soiled water. Never allow the machine to oversaturate the carpet with water, as it can get into the padding and subfloor, causing problems like mold or wood damage. Spray the waterdetergent solutions, and then pass the carpet cleaner over spots repeatedly until the carpet feels only slightly damp. DoItYourself.com advises running the machine at the pace of one foot per second.

Removing shoes when entering the home can keep carpets clean and reduce wear and tear.

AIR DUCTS

How often should you clean your air ducts? Experts advise having your air ducts cleaned every two to three years to prevent many maintenance and health problems before they start. However, homes with pets or children with allergies should have their air ducts professionally cleaned more frequently than the recommended average.

WINDOWS

Professional window cleaners use a squeegee and scrubber tool with a soap and water solution to wash windows. Some pros rely on a water-fed pole cleaning setup with filtered water for cleaning exterior windows.

POWER WASHERS

A pressure washer is the perfect tool to work magic on concrete, decking, walkways, patios, steps, and more. The best models can erase months or even years of stains with a brief blast. And by enabling you to completely refresh your wood deck instead of replacing it, pressure washers can also help you spend less. That can mean thousands of dollars in savings, considering the current state of inflation, according to consumersreports.org.

Signs a home exterior needs updating

From curling roof shingles, unsightly landscaping to outdated front doors, aim to improve curb appeal

Renovations are a great way for homeowners to reshape their homes. Some may aspire to renovate so their home is more reflective of their personal taste, while others may do so in an effort to make their homes better align with modern styles and sensibilities. Regardless of why a homeowner chooses to renovate, the need to do so is often evident to the naked eye, especially when the time comes to update home exteriors.

Curb appeal is often discussed in regard to the

effects it can have when selling a home. But curb appeal is equally important for homeowners who aren't putting their homes on the market. A well-maintained, aesthetically appealing home is a source of pride, while a home with fading curb appeal can make homeowners feel a little sheepish. Homeowners who want their homes to maintain their curb appeal can look for signs that it's time to update their home exteriors.

• Curling shingles: The roof may not be the first thing people think of when pondering curb appeal, but a damaged roof can contribute to problems that ultimately affect the exterior and interior of the home. Multiple curling shingles indicate it's time to

replace the roof. The sight of curling shingles is not pretty, but the larger issue in such instances is the potential for costly water damage when water gets in through the affected shingles.

 Dated entry door: Many home improvement experts insist they can determine when a home was built or most recently renovated simply by looking at the front door. Steel and glass doors are popular in modern homes, so homeowners with front doors with ornate designs and oval glass inserts can likely benefit from an upgrade to their entryway. A modern front door can make a statement and real estate experts note how popular updated front doors are among buyers.



Upgrading a driveway and walkway is one way to update a home's exterior and restore its curb appeal.

• Unsightly landscaping:

It's not only the physical components of the home that may suggest an update is necessary. Homeowners without a green thumb may have exterior landscaping that has seen better days. If a spring or summer day spent tending to your landscaping is not your ideal weekend pastime, then consider replacing unsightly landscaping with low-maintenance plants or hardscaping. These alternatives to more needy plants can create curb appeal without requiring

any extra work for homeowners. Cracked driveways/ walkways: If the driveway looks like a busy road at the end of snow plowing season, chances are that's adversely affecting the impression people have of your home. In addition, cracked walkways indicate a need for renovations, as these areas are front and center when welcoming guests. Updating a home's exterior can restore curb appeal and help homeowners feel better about their properties.







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best left to the professionals.

Because water penetration can have multifaceted causes, a professional can best assess the situation and create solutions that fit with homeowners' budgets and needs.

The review and advice site Angie suggests finding at least three waterproofing companies that offer both interior and exterior waterproofing services that can provide the best ideas for fixing the issue.

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Shelter takes in puppies from 'horrendous' living conditions

Dogs will be spayed/ neutered, vaccinated, microchipped before adoption

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — Rex. Gus. Poptart. Potato. Phillips. Paco. Posey. Polly. Poppins. Poppy.

These are some of the puppies that Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton Township took in on Tuesday, March 21. They were rescued from a rural shelter in Arkansas.

"These pups came from a rural setting. The plight of these puppies is dire. Their living conditions are horrendous and the care these animals receive is minimal. Many come starved, with parasites, and

medical conditions," said Jody Maddock, director of Adopt-A-Pet.

In total, the shelter took in 24 puppies from five litters. Most have been placed in foster homes and 10 are still at the shelter. Two 11-week-old brothers, Gus and Rex, who come from the same litter, are in one room. The smallest out of all the rescued dogs is Rex, who weighs about 7 pounds. Gus is almost 20 pounds.

There are eight 10-week-old pit bull mixes, four male and four female, from another litter at the shelter. Most weigh around 20 pounds.

Adopt-A-Pet helped save these puppies from euthanasia.

"This rural shelter does what they can

to get these puppies to safety so they don't die/have to euthanize, which is where we come in. It's an overload for our staff and volunteers but everyone is happy to take this on knowing that we can help make their lives much better," she said.

The puppies will be held for at least two weeks. They will be spayed/neutered, given their vaccinations and microchipped.

Adopt-A-Pet will begin accepting adoption applications once they're ready to be placed in a home.

Takara Hipkins, veterinarian technician and dog trainer, said they'll do some training and work with the puppies

on learning how to sit before they're adopted out.

Maddock also voiced her support for the Protect MI Pet initiative. The campaign aims to collect enough signatures from Michigan voters to place a proposal on the November 2024 ballot that would create an animal abuse registry in the state if passed.

"I think the registry is a great idea and I'm glad it's finally coming to a vote. We don't have time to do background checks or search criminal records so a database that has even a minimal amount of information would be helpful. Being able to do a quick search prior to adoptions would be nice," she said.





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Learning Fenton/Linden squad falls in season-opener to Davison

By David Troppens

The Fenton/Linden varsity girls lacrosse squad has a young squad.

For first-year coach Isabel Greene, a big goal early in the season is giving the

squad the experience many first-year players need as they prepare for future games.

The Fenton/Linden varsity girls lacrosse season opened its season against Davison on Wednesday, losing a 19-2 verdict.

Fenton/Linden's Shea Temrowski competes for the ball in Wednesday's 19-2 loss to Davison. **Photo: David Troppens**

"I liked seeing them fight with each opportunity they were given," Greene said.
"I was happy to see them just being happy to be on the field most of all. Most of my girls are in their first year of lacrosse, so they don't have strong lacrosse knowledge

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Sports Times

Two-time defending league champs Linden look strong again

■Eagles open season with victory vs. Fenton

By David Troppens

Linden — The Linden varsity girls soccer team has been the dominant squad in the Flint Metro League in recent seasons, earning consecutive league championships.

If Wednesday was any indication, the Eagles are going to be one of the elite teams again this season.

Returning many key players from a year ago while also adding many quality players who were on academy squads a year ago, the Eagles dominated the Fenton Tigers, earning a 5-0 home nonleague victory.

The Eagles return all but one of the players that earned first, second or third-team all-league honors a year ago and it showed with their play. Linden dominated the contest. They had four different goal scorers. Olivia Mawhinney scored two goals while Maryn Rettenmund, Chelsey Chambless and Allison Maienbrook had one each.

"We have a lot of things to work on, just

like all of us," Linden varsity girls soccer coach Kevin Fiebernitz said. "It was a good win, obviously. We are going to have a very good team. We have a lot of returning kids and we have kids coming back from academy. It's going to be a big plus. We are better than we were field-wise and we have Olivia (Burke) who will fill in and play goal when she can. We will be in pretty good shape.

"The one thing we need to do, like I said to the girls, is we have to be committed on both sides of the ball — offensively and defensively. If we do that, then we have the makings of a very good season this year."

Fenton will be seeing a new look this year without long-time varsity girls soccer

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Fenton's Madison Slezinski (back) and Linden's Ava Skinner battle for a ball during the Eagles' 5-0 victory on Wednesday. **Photo: David Troppens**



Tigers make history, earn first-ever varsity lacrosse victory in first contest

By David Troppens

Greg Normand had to be a happy man Wednesday night.

The Fenton varsity boys lacrosse program played in its first game as its own entity (in the past it was a co-op program with Linden) and in that game earned a pretty nice 11-6 road victory against L'Anse Creuse.

The Tigers pretty much dominated

every facet of the contest. Fenton won 62% of the faceoffs and earned a 37-29 ground ball edge. That resulted in plenty of possession, plenty of shots and a one-sided affair.

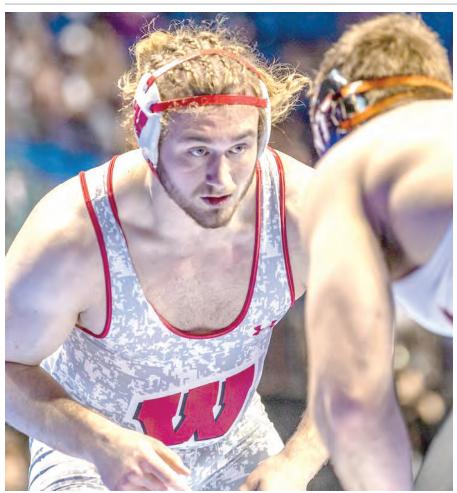
"Was I surprised at how we played? In a word, yes," Normand said. "I knew we had some speed, we have some younger players with travel experience, but I didn't think we'd jell this soon. Listen, I am happy with the win, and I thought some of our guys played really well, but this is only one win, so let's keep that in perspective."

From a shot perspective, the Tigers were darn impressive. They outshot the Lancers 38-19. For a long time, that dominance wasn't reflected on the scoreboard. Fenton never trailed after senior captain Xander Gilbert scored the team's

first goal, but it took awhile for the squad to blow it open as well.

The Lancers tied it at 1-all midway through the first quarter, but Fenton took the lead for good late in the stanza on a goal by Vaughn Hougen. The Tigers dominated the second quarter, but scored just once on a goal by Nate Fuller. Fenton led 3-1 at the half.

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Lake Fenton graduate and University of Wisconsin wrestler Trent Hillger placed eighth at the D1 NCAA wrestling meet recently.

LF's Hillger earns All-American status for fourth time in career

By David Troppens

Trent Hillger has had his share of glory competing at the Division 1 collegiate level for his sport of choice, wrestling.

He's also had his share of injuries and adversity.

It was only fair his last trip to the D1 NCAA National Championship included all of that stuff.

The University of Wisconsin senior graduate heavyweight completed his career as a four-time All-American, placing eighth at the event.

Another fellow Lake Fenton graduate, Jarrett Trombley, competed at the meet as well.

Hillger suffered a leg injury prior to his first match but still continued forward to earn his fourth All-American honor. Hillger opened with a 2-0 decision win against Virginia Tech's Hunter Catka and followed with a 1-0 victory against Harvard's Yaraslauv Slavikouski. He lost his next match to Penn State's Greg Kerkvliet by a 4-0 decision, but earned All-American status in his next bout, a 3-1 sud-

den victory against Iowa State's Sam Schuyler. He closed the tournament with consecutive losses. He lost to Missouri's Zach Elam by a 2-0 decision and then took an injury forfeit in the seventh-place match against Arizona State's Colton Schultz in his final bout.

Hillger was an All-American at 285 pounds in 2019, 2020, 2021 and this season. His best placing at the NCAA Championships was a sixth-place finish in 2021. He finished his Wisconsin Badgers' career with a 118-46 record overall.

Trombley (125) opened the tournament with a 4-3 decision victory against Rutgers' Dean Peterson, but then lost to fourth-ranked Purdue wrestler Matt Ramos by a 6-5 score. His next match was a 2-1 decision win against Missouri's Noah Surlin, but then he lost to Stevo Poulin by a 9-5 decision. Trombley is a three-time NCAA tourney qualifier and holds a 75-32 record in his North Carolina State wrestling career.

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The Tigers dominance started to show on the scoreboard in the second half. Fenton scored early and often in the third quarter and led at one time 10-2. The match hosts tried to get back into the contest, but were unable to get any closer than 10-5.

We have some talent," Normand said. "We're new and I am not going to say much else except I hope we just keep getting better."

Fuller had a huge game, earning a team-high five goals. He also had an assist. Roberts had two goals and three assists while Gilbert, Owen Mueller, Hougen and Vaughn House had a goal each. In net, goalie Lance Sanchez was strong. Grant Heyden had eight ground ball recoveries while House was strong on faceoffs.

Normand, 68, is a coach with a strong lacrosse past. He's coached the sport for 35 years and is a member of the Michigan High School Lacrosse Coaches Association Hall of Fame (2019 inductee). He ranks fifth in all-time wins in Michigan prep history and has coached at the collegiate level for several schools.

He has been a prep varsity coach for Waterford United, Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Oxford and Ann Arbor Skyline.

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or skills yet, but I could see them learning more while the game continued to go on. It made me happy to see by the end of the game that things were starting to click. Also, it made me happy seeing my girls ask more questions and wanting to improve more after this tough loss."

Fenton/Linden got its first goal of the season when Chloe Justus scored about midway through the first half, cutting the margin to 3-1.

However, Davison scored the game's next nine goals, taking a 12-1 lead into halftime.

The Heat came out of the break strong, scoring the game's first second-half goal. It came after Justus took an initial shot, got the rebound and scored on the second shot. The Heat trailed 12-2 at that time. However, Davison scored the final seven goals of the game.

"I love being a part of the Fenton/Linden girls lacrosse team because I love seeing my young group of ladies that want to become better each day," Greene said. "I look forward to seeing my girls at practice, at games and look forward to being there for them."



Fenton/Linden's Chloe Justus runs between two Davison defenders during the Heat's loss to Davison. Justus scored two goals during the contest. Photo: David Troppens

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Competitive cheer squads begin our top 10

By David Troppens

The winter season had its share of reasonably successful teams.

There were four Flint Metro League champions and two undefeated Metro League Division champions. There were two district champions and four squads competed at the regional level.

That's a pretty solid season.

For that reason, we are going to have a pretty deep list and call this our 2022-23 Tri-County Winter Top 10 Teams list.

The top of the list will be some of the biggest challenges actually. We'll have to see how this takes shape. Today, we'll look at some honorable mention squads and a few on the bottom of this list. It'll take a few editions for us to complete our survey. Not because it has to, but because it's fun to stretch it out. This list will start with a couple of women's teams.

Honorable Mention: The Fenton wrestling squad won all of its Stripes Division duals and finished

third at the league meet. Overall, the squad finished in third place in the Flint Metro League. The **Holly boys bowling team** had a strong season which included quite a bit of successful weekend tournament action. They finished in a tie for second in the evercompetitive Metro League race with a 9-2 record.

No. 10 - Lake Fenton competitive cheer: The Blue Devils had a reasonably successful season. The squad was consistently the fourth-best team in the Flint Metro League's 12-team competition, so that was a respectable finish. The team's top score in Metro action was a 719.36 when the Blue Devils hosted the final league meet.

From there, the Blue Devils had a little postseason success at home as well. Lake Fenton hosted a district, and took advantage of it by placing fourth with a score of 690.72.

Lake Fenton's posteason run ended at regionals. The Blue Devils placed
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Linden boys lacrosse splits first two contests as own squad vs. Grand Blanc

By David Troppens

Steve James has had a goal ever since he took over as the varsity boys lacrosse coach for the co-op Linden/ Fenton boys teams.

He wanted to see the schools earn enough interest so that one day the two schools could have their own programs.

His dream was realized this season.

James is now the varsity boys lacrosse coach at Linden and the program appears to be in good shape entering this season. The program has 42 kids in it, allowing the Eagles to have a varsity and JV team. There's also 90 boys and girls in the Linden Youth Lacrosse program, so it looks like the future is bright.

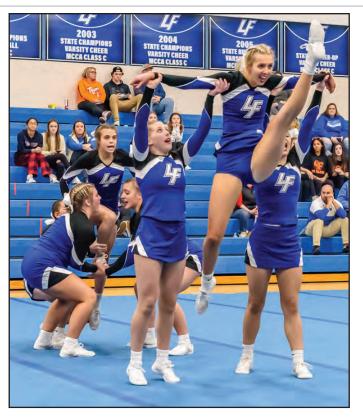
The Eagles' program played their first games without the co-op Wednesday night. The varsity lost a 15-4 verdict against Grand Blanc while the JV

squad won a 9-2 contest.

"It's been going great. Everyone is excited for sure," James said. "My goal from the beginning was to get more kids playing for both schools. I just want to see more kids play and be active for both Fenton and Linden."

Linden's varsity played a Grand Blanc squad that enjoyed an 11-6 record a year ago. It's a program with a winning tradition. The Eagles' offense was led by Mitchel Luck, who scored on three of his six shots. Brady James also had two shots and scored a goal. Bryce Eliuk led the team with loose balls controlled, earning three.

One huge aspect of the contest hurt Linden. The Eagles won just three of 18 faceoffs. That kept the activity in the Linden defensive zone frequently. Linden goalie Jack Davis made 11 saves.



The Lake Fenton varsity competitive cheer team placed fourth in the Flint Metro League and qualified for regional competition by placing fourth at the district meet this winter. The Blue Devils also earned the No. 10 spot in our 2022-23 Tri-County Winter Top 10 Teams list.

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The Fenton competitive cheer squad finished in third in the Flint Metro League, placed third at districts and competed in the regional meet this winter. Photo: Mark Bolen

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11th out of 12 teams at the regional meet.

No. 9 - Fenton competitive cheer: The Tigers' twoyear reign atop the Metro League standings ended this winter, but it was still a pretty solid season. Fenton finished third in all three league meets, scoring at least a 700 in each of them, including a 742.62 at the final Metro League meet.

Fenton hosted a district and took advantage by placing third. The top four squads qualify for the regional meet. Fenton had a team score of 726.82. But that's as far as the Tigers were able to go. They posted a score of • 714.68 in regional action, but that was only good enough • for 11th place in what was a pretty talented regional meet. •



Linden's Allison Maienbrook (right) scored two goals in the Eagles' 5-0 victory against Fenton on Wednesday. She is trying to work the ball past Fenton's Neveah Sams (center) and Olivia Trosen. Photo: David Troppens

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coach Matt Sullivan on the sideline. He resigned the position at the end of last season. The new coach is Jose Melero, who has been around the program for a • few seasons. He's helped with the varsity programs in the past and the JV program last fall.

"The kids are great," Melero

said. "It's been nice to be with them again. They've been receptive to some changes in how we do the lineup, so they've been really good about making some adjustments.

"I had the opportunity to coach with Matt. He gave me a lot of great opportunities to help with the team over the years, and when it became available I really wanted to be a part of it. I'm very excited that they selected me, and here I am. It's been really fun. I really enjoy the players. I know a lot of them from last year, and it's nice to keep it going and keep a lot of the great things that Matt established. That's been on the players' minds and that's been on the forefront of my mindset."

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LifeStyles Times Spring break

Are you going to one of this year's top 10 destinations?

By Sharon Stone

Basking in warm sunshine while listening to ocean waves and digging your toes into white sand is the perfect vacation for many people. Others might want to hike in the mountains or enjoy the peace and quiet of a cabin in the woods. Others might even use a week off from school to join other likeminded people to do mission work for impoverished communities.

For most of the tri-county area, this next week is spring break. Schools close and families make plans and look forward to a spring break from Michigan's early spring weather.

Travel experts at gobluetours.com put together their list of the top 10 spring destinations around the world.

The number one destination of spring break enthusiasts is Cancun, Mexico. Cancun is known worldwide as an international vacation destination for both tourists and spring breakers. Cancun offers white sand beaches, warm weather, water sport opportunities and nightlife.

Punta Cana was rated number two by gobluetours.com. Punta Cana is an area on the eastern shores of Dominican Republic. This area is known to promote relaxation and excitement. It has warm and sunny weather year round. There are numerous all-inclusive resorts which boast pools and clubs for everyone's entertainment, especially college students.

Number three is Cabo San Lucas, Baja California Sur, Mexico. Cabo is located at the southern most tip of the peninsula. Spring break is one of the most popular times to visit Cabo. College students and young adults take the opportunity to kick back, relax and party on the sandy beaches by day and experience nightlife at night.

Number four is Freeport, Bahamas, which is less than 90 miles east of West Palm Beach, Florida. Freeport is the main city on Grand Bahama, an island in the northwest Bahamas off the Florida coast. It's best known for the ocean front

Lucaya district, with beaches, resorts and shopping. Nearby, Deadman's Reef is popular for snorkeling, and the surrounding offshore waters host many dive sites.

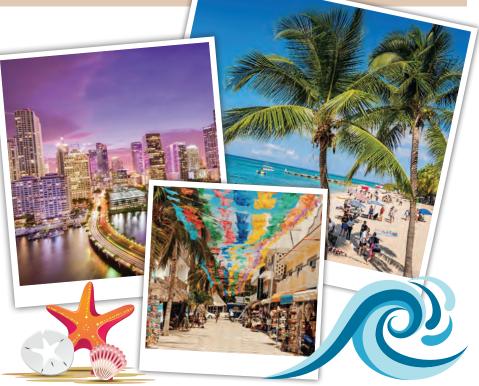
Number five is **South Padre Island**, Texas. Travel experts at gobluetours. com say that South Padre Island is one of the most exquisite barrier islands. With some of the most popular DJs and performing artists scheduled every year, daily concerts are the heart and soul of spring break here.

Number six is Puerto Vallarta. Mexico. This area is one of Mexico's most popular spring break destinations due to its world-class hotels, authentic Mexican feel and nightlife. "El Male-

con," or the boardwalk, is a popular place to experience the local cuisine, culture, and tourist experience of Puerto Vallarta.

Number seven is Playa Del Carmen, a coastal resort town in Mexico, along the Yucatán Peninsula's Riviera Maya strip of Caribbean shoreline. In the state of Quintana Roo, it's known for its palm-lined beaches and coral reefs. Its Quinta Avenida pedestrian thoroughfare runs parallel to the beach, with blocks of shops, restaurants and nightspots ranging from laid-back bars to dance clubs.

Number eight is Jamaica, a Caribbean island nation. It has a lush See SPRING BREAK on 30



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topography of mountains, rainforests and reef-lined beaches. Many of its all-inclusive resorts are clustered in Montego Bay, with its British-colonial architecture, and Negril, known for its diving and snorkeling sites. Jamaica is famed as the birthplace of reggae music, and its capital Kingston is home to the Bob Marley Museum, dedicated to the famous singer.

Number nine is **Miami, Florida**. Whether you are looking for a spring break event in mid-March or anytime throughout the year, Miami has a wide

variety of events to keep even the biggest group happy. From nightclubs to live beach music, there is something going on just about every night during spring break.

Number 10 is **Ft.** Lauderdale, Florida, a city on Florida's southeastern coast. It's known for its beaches and boating canals. The Strip is a promenade running along oceanside highway A1A. It's lined with upscale outdoor restaurants, bars, boutiques and luxury hotels. Other attractions include the International Swimming Hall of Fame, with pools and a museum of memorabilia, and Hugh Taylor Birch State Park, featuring trails and a lagoon.

TYRONE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Public Accuracy Test for the May 2, 2023 Special Election has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall, 8420 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate to electors that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Pamela Moughler, Tyrone Township Clerk

VILLAGE OF HOLLY PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Holly is proposing the following ordinance on:

DATE: April 11, 2023

PLACE: Holly Schools Board of Education Room

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EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately upon publication

The proposed ordinance number 472 amends Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances. It adds sections to establish a Code of Ethics.

The full text of the proposed Ordinance is available for review in the Office of the Village Clerk/Treasurer, 300 East Street, Holly, Michigan, 48442 during regular business hours. Comments concerning the ordinance should be directed to the Village Clerk/Treasurer at the above address or by telephone to (248) 634-9571.

Deborah J. Bigger Clerk/Treasurer Village of Holly

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Each year, thousands of U.S. citizens visit Mexico during spring break. While the vast majority travel safely, visitors should consider the following factors when planning their vacation or traveling throughout Mexico:

Crime: Crime, including violent crime, can occur anywhere in Mexico, including in popular tourist destinations. Travelers should maintain a high level of situational awareness, avoid areas where illicit activities occur, and promptly depart from potentially dangerous situations. See the Mexico Travel Advisory for specific information for each Mexican state. U.S. citizens should exercise increased caution in the downtown areas of popular spring break locations including Cancun, Playa Del Carmen, and Tulum, especially after dark.

Drugs: Drug possession and use, including medical marijuana, is illegal in Mexico and may result in a lengthy jail sentence. U.S. citizens have become seriously ill or died in Mexico after using synthetic drugs or adulterated prescription pills.

Unregulated Alcohol:

Unregulated alcohol may be contaminated, and U.S. citizens have reported losing consciousness or becoming injured after consuming alcohol that was possibly tainted.

Pharmaceuticals: Counterfeit medication is common and may prove to be ineffective, the wrong strength, or contain dangerous

ingredients. Medication should be purchased in consultation with a medical professional and from reputable establishments.

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For more information, visit https://mx.usembassy.gov/travel-alert-spring-break-2023/

BOOKS

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Books

The most recent book I finished was "Nightbitch" by Rachel Yoder. That book is not for the faint of heart, let me tell you. Iam not a stay-at-home mother, but if their experiences are anything like this character's, you all have my undying respect.

Next, I'm going to read a Star Trek book my friend Nichelle gave me, and then I'm going to dive into two books I bought on sale from the University of Nebraska Press, "From Chernobyl With Love: Reporting from the Ruins of the Soviet Union" by Katya Cengel and "Death Zones and Darling Spies: Seven Years of Vietnam War Reporting" by Beverly Deepe Keever.

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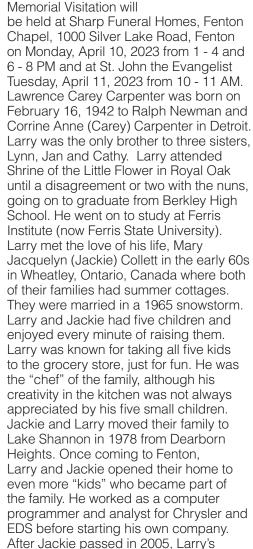
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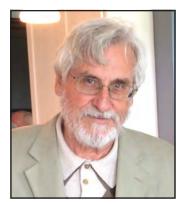
Lawrence Carey Carpenter

1942 - 2023

Lawrence Carey
Carpenter - age 81, of
Linden, passed away
Thursday, March 16,
2023. A Memorial Mass
will be celebrated 11 AM
Tuesday, April 11, 2023
at St. John the Evangelist
Catholic Church, 600 N.
Adelaide St, Fenton (a live
stream of the Mass will
be available on Larry's
obituary page at www.
sharpfuneralhomes.com.)



family kept him as busy as possible,



which wasn't difficult with his 16 grandchildren and the many sporting events, plays, sacraments, graduations and birthdays. They were the joy of his life and in return they adored their Papa. Larry and Jackie's house was their grandchildren's favorite place to be. Larry had 13 nieces and nephews and enjoyed spending time with them and their families. Larry

loved his extended family. Larry loved the outdoors, especially hitting the links and the 19th hole although Jackie always wished he'd stop at 18! Larry gravitated towards the lake, from Lake Erie to Lake Shannon, and randomly floating away on Murray Lake in Lowell. He lived for the last many years on Lobdell Lake with his youngest grandkids walking, kayaking and teaching the kids how to fish. Surviving are his children, Judy (Jerry) Ribble of Wheatley, Ontario, Canada, John (Laura) Carpenter of Fenton, Steve (Gina) Carpenter of Hendersonville, TN, Patrick (Allison) Carpenter of Lowell, and Joel (Sarah) Carpenter of Linden; 16 beautiful grandchildren, Dorian, Connor, Luc, Libby, Delaney, Brady, Lauren, Owen, Kate, Reese, Jack, Anna, McGuire, Peyton, Henry and Asher; sisters, Lynn (Ken) Weakland of GA, Jan (Fran) Becignuel of Jeddo; and Cathy (Don "Chopper") Lamb of Wheatley, Ontario, Canada; sister-in-law, Judy (Bud) Safford of Grand Blanc; and 13 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jackie; and his parents, Ralph and Corrine Carpenter. If you'd like to make a donation in Larry's name, the family suggests the American Cancer Society. Adopt-a-Pet of Fenton, St. John Educational Foundation or any worthy charity of your choosing. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Teresa Leverenz

Teresa Leverenz - age 69, died March 13, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Corby Bruton

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William Shafer

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Sharon Burrows

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Jean Striber

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Svlvia LaRose

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Holly Strasberger

Holly Strasberger - age 52, died March 15, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Monica Myers

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Robert Kimble

Robert Kimble - age 32, died March 16, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Gail Campbell

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Charlene Yost

Charlene Yost - age 75. died March 17, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Gloria Harding

Gloria Harding - age 97, died March 17, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Roger Davis

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Shirley Wiseley

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Bethany Sanford

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Gary Whiteford

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Charles Sommer

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Ronald Carter

Ronald Carter - age 89, died March 19, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Ricky Karnesky

Ricky Karnesky - age 73, died March 19, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Dorothy "Dot" Dolliver Dorothy "Dot" Dolliver - age 94. died March 20, 2023. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.





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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.

MIDWEEK SUDOKU ANSWERS								
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MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS: ZESTY, HOUSE, REJECT, NIBBLE Answer: They went tandem skydiving and were able to — "CHUTE"THE BREEZE 7 5 3 9 2 4 WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS: AGENT, OPINE, CHARM, ADORE

Answer: **DOCTOR**

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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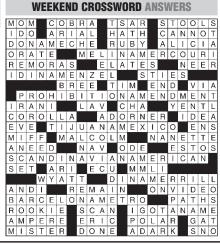
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There is an entry box located at the front entrance. Entries can also be emailed to: comp@tctimes.com

Nine winners will be selected from kids ages 3-11. Winners will receive an Easter gift.

COLORING CONTEST RULES: Children must be 3-11 years old to enter. Winners will be contacted on Tuesday, April 4th, prize pickup no later than Friday, April 7th at noon. Winners names will be published in the Sunday, April 9th edition.

Child's Name:

Parents: Please handwrite your child's name above (for legibility) as it will appear in the newspaper. Please note that the phone number will not be published in the newspaper.

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