

# Big lotto winners get about half of their winnings

■ Winner of \$1.6 billion Mega Millions will take home only \$489.8 to \$569.5 million

By Hannah Ball

The \$1.6 billion Mega Millions ticket found its winner Tuesday, Oct. 23, which left hundreds of

millions of people disappointed that they weren't an instant millionaire.

The winner, however, is going to face some steep taxes, which will take a significant chunk out of the amount they bring home, as well as future problems with giving money to friends and relatives.

Lottery winnings are taxed like incomes. The

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Winning that \$1.6 billion lottery draw doesn't mean you take home \$1.6 billion. Winners have to comply with tax law.

Photo: [www.npr.org](http://www.npr.org)



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## Fenton Township votes to conduct background checks on new job seekers

By Hannah Ball

**Fenton Twp.** — New employees of Fenton Township will have to under go a back-ground check before starting work with the municipality.

At the Monday Oct. 29 meet-ing, the Fenton Township Board of T rustees voted 4-0 to hire Advanced Surveillance Group, Inc. to do background checks on potential employees. Supervi -sor Bonnie Mathis and trustees Robert Kesler and V ince Lor-raine were absent.

Advanced Surveillance Group, Inc., researches po -tential employees to learn if they've ever been convicted

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“If you’re going to be deceptive and lie on your application to get in and we find out about it, I really don’t care how we find out about it.”

**Mark Goupil**  
Fenton Township trustee



## Welcome to Rotten Manor!

On Monday, Oct. 29, guests over the age of 12 visit Rotten Manor in Groveland Township for a Halloween thrill. (Top photo) A group walks through Rotten Toy Shop in the haunted woods. (Left) Andrew Schmudy scares visitors with a chainsaw. (Right) Jay Swendrig entertains people waiting in line. (Bottom) The Rotten Manor first opened in 2015. See story on page 9.

Photos: Tim Jagiello



## Visiting St. John priest accused of sexual harassment

■ Sent back to India due to allegations

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The Catholic Diocese of Lansing has released a state-ment an -nouncing that R ev. M a t h e w Joseph, a priest of the Missionary Congregation of the B l e s s e d Sacrament in Kerala, India was sent back to his order in India on Aug. 18.

Joseph, who served one month as parochial vicar for St. John the Evangelist Parish in Fenton, was dismissed due to several complaints about his ministry, including a credible allegation o f s exual harassment of an adult female.

If you or someone you know has been harmed by someone representing St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church you should call the police. In addition, you may also report through the law enforcement toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday , 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or by email at [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov).

According to the Michi -gan Attorney General web -site, there is an open in -vestigation into the C atholic Church in general.

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Rev. Mathew Joseph

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“Our recycling bin stays right next to our mailbox, which has turned out to be real convenience during this election season. That way we can quickly and easily move all of those negative political fliers

directly from the mailbox to the recycling bin.”



“Just wanted to state my sincere thanks to the Fenton community. I had an unexpected turn of events in my life last year and found myself temporarily staying in Fenton. Fenton was very warm and welcoming while I was here. Thank you Fenton.”



COMMENT  
OF THE WEEK

“I wish drivers would relax. Everywhere you go, people are rushing as if the world is going to end. You cannot be in that big of a rush to ignore your responsibilities of driving safely.”



## NEWS BRIEFS

### FREE HEART SCREENINGS NOV. 10 FOR TEENS AGED 13 TO 19

Thomas Smith was a student athlete with a promising future. His parents had no idea he suffered from Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy. One day he went into sudden cardiac arrest and they lost him. Now the Smiths are on a mission to prevent all families from suffering the loss of a child by providing early detection and education for teenage heart ailments. Together, with the help of Hurley Children's Hospital, they've been able to provide free heart screenings to over 3,000 adolescents. This effort has played a role in discovering a significant number of previously undiagnosed heart related ailments, peace of mind at no cost to the families of our community. Hurley Children's Hospital is proud to team up with the Thomas Smith Memorial Foundation to provide a free Hurley Teen Heart Check.

**When:** Saturday, Nov. 10 — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Where:** Hahn Intermediate School, 500 S. Dayton St., Davison. This free event is for teens ages 13 to 19. Pre-register by calling (810) 262-7123. To get more information and to print a registration packet go to [TommysHeart.org](http://TommysHeart.org).

# All Saints' Day is Catholic Holy Day of Obligation

■ Not to be confused with All Soul's Day on Nov. 2

Compiled By Vera Hogan

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on Nov. 1, the day after Halloween.

According to [catholic.org](http://catholic.org), "The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on Nov 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven."

All Saints' Day is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day, unless they have an excellent excuse, such as serious illness.

Other countries have different rules according to their national bishop's conferences. The bishops of each conference have the authority to amend the rules surrounding the obligation of the day.

All Saints' Day was started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints.

The choice of the day may have been intended to co-opt the pagan holiday "Feast of the Lamures," a day which pagans used to placate the restless spirits of the dead.

The holy day was eventually established on Nov. 1 by Pope Gregory III in the mid-eighth century as a day dedicated to the saints and their relics. The May 13 celebration was subsequently abandoned.



In December 2016, scientists at a university in Liverpool unveiled what they say is the most realistic portrait ever created of St. Nicholas of Myra, the popular 4th Century bishop best known as the inspiration for the modern-day figure of Santa Claus. Photo: [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)

Many Protestants retained the holy day although they dismissed the need to pray for the dead. Instead, the day has been used to commemorate those who have recently died, usually in the past year, and to remember the examples of those who lived holy lives.

The Catholic practice however, celebrates all those who have entered heaven, including saints who are recognized by the Church and those who are not.

### 10 most popular saints

**1. St. Patrick** — This patron saint of Ireland has his feast day of March 17 celebrated around the world. He converted the tribal Irish to Christianity, using the shamrock to explain the Trinity.

**2. St. Joseph** — Patron of the Roman Catholic Church, Joseph was the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. He is seen as a compassionate, loyal protector.

**3. St. Francis of Assisi** — Founder of the Franciscan order, Francis is particularly loved for his simple lifestyle and love for animals. Pope Francis took his name on becoming pope.

**4. Mary, the Blessed Virgin** — Considered the greatest saint as the Mother of Jesus.

**5. St. Bernadette** — The Blessed Virgin appeared to this poor French girl who is credited with many miracles.

**6. St. Nicholas** — A patron of the Russian Orthodox Church, he is known widely in secular terms as Santa Claus.

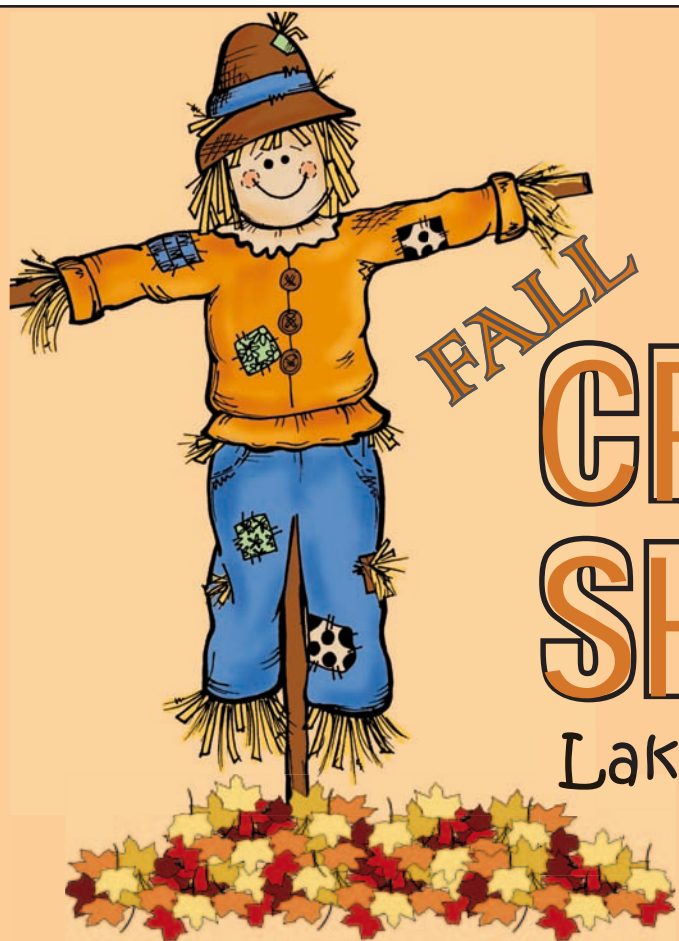
**7. St. Peter** — First Pope and namesake of many.

**8. St. Therese of Liseux** — Known to many Catholics as "The Little Flower."

**9. St. Anne** — Mother of Mary.

**10. St. Christopher** — Despite being downplayed as a saint, he remains popular, particularly with weary travelers.

Sources: [Catholic.org](http://Catholic.org); [masslive.com](http://masslive.com)



## CRAFT SHOW

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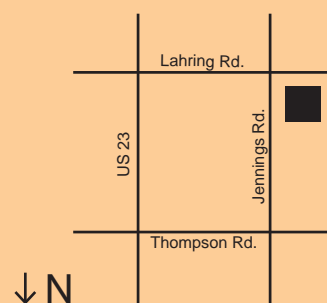
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# Total spending for Halloween is expected to reach \$9 billion this year

## ■ One-night tradition has morphed into month-long event

By Vera Hogan

Even though Halloween and the way people celebrate it has changed quite a bit over the years, it remains the second most popular holiday, with Christmas being the first.

Here's a look back to how people have celebrated Halloween over the past few decades.

### Halloween in the 1950s and 1960s

The 1950s were when trick-or-treating first really became widespread in the United States. The idea of kids dressing up and begging for treats door-to-door had existed in previous years, but it was slow to take hold. But once it hit, it had real staying power. By the 1960s, it was a familiar fall tradition.

For much of the '50s, kids were as likely to get coins, nuts, fruit, or drinks of Kool-Aid as they were candy. Once the candy companies really got on board, kids could expect taffy, atomic fireballs, chewing gum, and mini Baby Ruth, Butterfinger, and Milky Way bars.

A lot of the traditional scary standards were common — skeletons, witches, and ghosts. Cowboys, clowns, and a few popular TV show characters like Zorro and Superman found their way onto the streets as well.

### The 1970s and 1980s

In the 1970s and 1980s, a new kind



St. John School Principal Rosanne Jodway (right) makes the sign of the cross after an opening prayer and short history lesson about Halloween prior to the trunk-or-treat event Thursday, Oct. 25. It was a joint church and school effort, with approximately 175 visitors and 45 trunks. Photo: Tim Jagielo

of fear was introduced in association with Halloween. While the fun behind courting scariness with spooky costumes remained, parents became concerned with more tangible fears of their kids being poisoned or fed razors hidden in the treats they received. Many popcorn balls and apples hit the trash cans right away as a result.

The Tylenol murders of 1982, where the painkiller was laced with cyanide, causing seven people to die, did not help matters.

In 1978, the holiday also took on some extra significance due to the iconic John

Carpenter film of the same name — Halloween. Jamie Lee Curtis played the main character in "Halloween," showing the world that the apple doesn't fall too far from the tree when it comes to "scream queens." Her mother Janet Leigh, was the main character in the Alfred Hitchcock film "Psycho" (1960).

Now that the candy companies had claimed the holiday kids had an extensive variety of candy options. Candy corn, Reese's Pieces, jelly beans, Nerds, Zotz, and Mr. Bones all made common appearances in kids' Halloween bags. And those

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## A LOOK BACK at 1968

"A look back at 1968" is a series that will be published throughout this year in the Wednesday Midweek edition exclusively. To subscribe to the Midweek edition, please call (810) 629-8282.



For decades, rumors swirled that President Richard Nixon's presidential campaign had interfered in the Vietnam peace negotiations by sending a message through his aide to the South Vietnamese embassy. Photo: historynewsnetwork.org

## Did Nixon make Vietnam War last another five years?

■ Political biographer uncovers handwritten notes that show evidence he tried secretly to influence peace talks

Compiled By Vera Hogan

In a televised address to the nation on Oct. 31, 1968, five days before the presidential election, President Lyndon B. Johnson announces that on the basis of developments in the Paris peace negotiations, he has ordered the complete cessation of "all air, naval, and artillery bombardment of North Vietnam."

Accordingly, effective Nov. 1, the U.S. Air Force called a halt to the air

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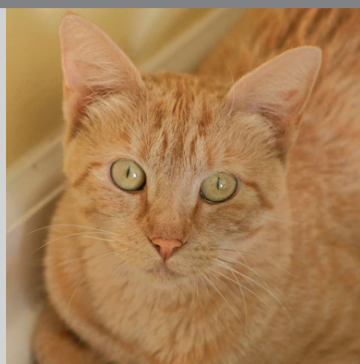
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## If I Were King...

king@tctimes.com

### Don't worry — I've got it handled.

A recent email sent by an avid reader made me realize that it's time someone took charge of the things that are being grossly mishandled by our wasteful, faceless, spineless, incompetent government. Effective immediately, I'll handle it.

• **Free Housing** — I'll handle it.

All government housing will be located in military barracks. The current active soldiers will move into newly built, nicer facilities, thereby opening up hundreds of thousands of dwellings for welfare housing. All residents will keep their free housing clean, spotlessly maintained and in good repair. All housing will be subject to random inspections by drill sergeants for any abuse, drugs, tobacco or alcohol. If you can afford any of those, you can afford your own home. Any violation results in eviction. No excuses, no exceptions.

• **Medicaid** — I'll handle it. First, no more abortions. In addition to being murder (does 'thou shalt not kill' ring a bell?), abortion is counterproductive to the process of accountability for one's actions. If you are pregnant and test positive for drugs, nicotine or alcohol at your mandatory monthly screening, you forfeit all 'benefits' — immediately and permanently. No excuses, no exceptions.

• **Food Stamps** — I'll handle it. No more cash. But, you will get vouchers good for bulk bread, rice, beans, sugar-free cereal, cheese and powdered milk. Nothing can be 'purchased' that is not on the approved list. No more cigarettes, Pepsi, Twinkies or pork rinds.

• **Aid to Dependent Children** —

I'll handle it. Maximum two children to any married couple. A third child results in forfeiture of any and all welfare "benefits." If you can't feed 'em, don't breed 'em. The father of any child must be identified on the birth certificate in order to obtain any 'benefits.' No excuses, no exceptions.

• **Unemployment** — I'll handle it. Every citizen who has worked will earn a total of 52 weeks of unemployment once every decade. If you do collect unemployment, you will report to a government job three days a week (cleaning parks, building roads, painting public property, etc). That will leave you two days a week to find a job. Late for your government work, or miss a day? No problem — no check for that week (it will count against your 52 weeks though). No excuses, no exceptions.

• **Fraud** — I'll handle it. Any instance of fraud results in instant loss of any government assistance for life. No excuses, no exceptions.

• **Accountability** — If, while accepting any government assistance, you acquire a Wii, Xbox, HD TV, or show up with a new tattoo or body piercing — all 'benefits' end immediately. If you can afford those, you don't need us.

Welfare, in any form, is a choice. All choices carry consequences. If you and I are to pay for someone else's bad choices, then we should set the system up so that they learn the value of making good choices.

The current system does just the opposite.

Don't worry, I've got it handled.

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## Hotlines

Submit Hot lines online at myfenton.com or text to 810-771-8398

All submissions, if approved for publication, must be 50 words or less and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Tri-County Times. We reserve the right to edit for clarity, length and liability.

**DINERS BEWARE. SOME** restaurants are sneaking in a 3-percent fee if you pay with a credit card. You don't find this out until you get your bill. Who uses cash anymore?

**I THINK I** have a little solution for open borders and the Democrats who want them. On the next presidential election have a separate ballot, strictly voluntarily, but have it say, 'Yes, please tax me more to help support these people.' We'll see how many loyal Democrats there are then.

**THE FENTON FOOTBALL** coaches 'Building Future Leaders' Hot line comment is misleading. Plus, it doesn't matter now that they have made the playoffs. Only the coaches' favorite players will play — regardless of skill. This is what they have done all season long.

**PROPOSAL 3, REGARDING** voter registration is another attempt by Democrats at voter fraud by bringing in fake voters on election day. They know that clerks' offices cannot handle last minute voters.

**FENTON FOLKS — DO** you want people to read your banners on the ball diamond fence by AGS Middle School? Then they need to be bigger. Drivers have four seconds to read them. They need to be at least 10 feet long and have just the basic information. No fancy logos. If used yearly, design so you can just cover the date portion with a new date.

**I'M A REPUBLICAN.** I think I will change my vote this fall. I hear we are better off. I don't own a business, so my taxes did not go down. I did not get a raise. The stocks in my 401k are down. I pay higher fuel tax and registration fees but the roads are not better. My insurances have all increased. My groceries cost more. How am I better off? Are you doing better? It is time for a change.

**EVEN IF YOU** were so close-minded that you never smoked pot or know anything about the benefits (besides getting high), just that you don't like it and so no one should use it. Being Republican, it seems you would want \$700 million for our schools and roads. Oh by the way, beer is the gateway drug that gives you courage to smoke pot.

**AT A TRIP** to my doctor's office, I was constantly called 'sweetie' by a young assistant and was treated with a very condescending attitude by the doctor. I wanted to reply, 'For 25 years I was called doctor, a title I earned through education and experience.' I and everyone over 65 deserve to be treated with the respect.

**HEY BUD, NICE** try on defining diversity, but you got it wrong. Your phrase 'different types of people' is just liberal code for 'different races.' As an ideology focused on imposing acceptable racial composition, diversity is a racist ideology. Wanna try again?

**HAVE YOU NOTICED** the political signs? The Republicans all state their party affiliation on their signs. The Democrats, well not so much. Very few state which party they are with.

## 41<sup>st</sup> Annual HOLLY HOLIDAY ART & CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor

### Describe your most memorable Halloween costume.

### | street talk



"I think my favorite costume was when my husband dressed up as an alien Elvis. He had a green alien mask with a pompadour wig, a gold lamé suit with spray-painted shoes."

**Dianne Godfrey**  
Mundy Township



"It was the year I wore a steampunk costume. It was like a Victorian dress, I had the hat with the gears, goggles and thigh-high boots."

**Lauren Godfrey**  
Mundy Township



"When I was a toddler, my grandma hand made me a duck costume. The flap covered my eyes and I walked into the back of a truck."

**Jared Felix**  
Deerfield Township



"I was 'Super Why!' He's a reading superhero on PBS. I had green goggles. The costume had blue bands all over."

**Maxwell Smith**  
Linden



"Mine was a vampire costume. I debuted it at the Mackinac Island Halloween party in 2016. I had custom fangs; I was painted white with long fake hair. I was like a vampire pirate."

**David Nickola**  
Fenton Township



"My favorite Halloween costume was when I dressed up as a Little Caesar's pizza."

**Chase Abraham**  
Fenton Township



**HALLOWEEN**  
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adult celebrations were likely to include some alcoholic treats alongside the same candy the kids were enjoying.

Many of the spooky and superhero costumes of the '50s and '60s were still on display in the '70s and '80s, but a number of pop cultural icons were added to the list. Characters from Star Wars and Disney movies were regularly seen wandering suburban streets, as were some of the iconic killers from the horror movies gaining in popularity. In the 1980s, iconic images of the time like Michael Jackson, Alf and Pac-Man joined the fray.

**The 1990s and 2000s**

By the 1990s, most parents had realized that those razor blade stories were urban legend, but many still opted to stick with familiar neighborhoods and houses when taking their kids out for Halloween. There was also a growth in alternative trick-or-treating options in these decades, like events at churches (trunk or treat) and businesses (An Event So Good It's Scary).

Halloween parties for adults remained as popular as they were in the preceding decades and the industry around costumes and candy only continued to grow in this period.

Miniature candy bars of all the standard types could be expected to help fill up those pumpkin-shaped containers, as did a number of fruity flavored sweets like Sweet Tarts and Gummi Bears.

Throughout these decades, the most popular costumes each year were determined by the most popular pop cultural properties. That means Power Rangers, Ninja Turtles, Barney and Harry Potter characters were some of the top kids' choices.

**Halloween today**

Halloween celebrations today combine many of the factors gained over the years. It's still a celebration that spans all ages and inspires a number of creative costumes and party ideas.

One of the changes is that parents are opting to walk the trick-or-treat circuit with their children as opposed to previous decades when kids went out alone with their siblings and friends.

And painting pumpkins as opposed to carving them with a knife is preferred by many parents today.

Many schools have chosen to restrict the type of costumes children wear to avoid anything bloody or too scary. With allergies and childhood obesity on the minds of many, healthier snacks have taken the place of traditional candies and sugary treats.

Source: SeniorAdvisor.com

**HOT LINE** CONTINUED

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**TO POLLYANNA WHO** only sees 'higher amounts of educated individuals and higher property values' in diverse communities, I'd suggest a trip up U.S. 23 about 20 miles. Plenty of diversity, low education, no property values and high crime. Diversity is not the panacea you think it is.

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**HOW DOES DIVERSITY** affect me personally? It forces the identity politics of race, sex, culture, age, and religion on me. No thank you. I'll define myself through my values, morals and deeds. When you judge people using your diversity criteria, you fail to fully understand the individual.

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**I AGREE WITH** the educated Hot-liner who knows that carbon dioxide emissions are going down because of natural gas usage is on the rise. According to our President, coal mining is on its way back. Read and learn; there is no such thing as clean coal.

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**SO, THE DEMOCRATIC** (progressives) are the violent party right? Then just how do you explain bombs targeting five top Democrats just two weeks before U.S. election?

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**NEGATIVE, BASHING POLITICAL**

NEWS

**BRIEFS**

**GRANGE HALL ROAD TO CLOSE NOV. 12-14 FOR CULVERT WORK**

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) expects to begin culvert work on Grange Hall Road between N. Holly Road and I-75 (just west of Great Lakes Blvd.) in Holly Township on Monday, Oct. 29. Part of the project requires a closure of Grange Hall Road just west of Great Lakes Boulevard. The closure is expected to begin Monday, Nov. 12 and last through Wednesday, Nov. 14. The closure dates are weather dependent, and the start date could change. The detour for the closure is Dixie Highway to E. Baldwin Road (Genesee County) to N. Holly Road, back to Grange Hall Road and vice versa. The contractor for the project is Trojan Development Company of Oxford. Once the road reopens to traffic, additional restoration work and installation of new guardrail will continue under flag control when necessary. The entire project is expected to conclude in mid-December. Grange Hall Road carries 11,000 vehicles daily.

mail turns me off to the sending candidate and may result in a no vote. Instead, candidates, tell me who you are and what you believe.

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**LINDEN CITY PLANNERS.** If you wanted a lane designated for parking you probably should've had the workers paint parking lines in said lanes. But, I guess that group of traffic cones looks pretty nice in the middle of the brand new pavement. They'll just move them when it's time to plow.

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**IN THE LAST** 24 hours alone, bombs have been mailed to the homes of billionaire George Soros, Hillary and Bill Clinton, and the office of Barack Obama — basically, the three biggest boogymen in the world according to rightwing conspiracy theories and Fox News.

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**I HOPE THE** next food establishment comes without booths that are cum-

bersome and not very sanitary. I favor square and rectangular tables seating four or six. My favorite is a round table seating eight.

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**I PREFER TO** shop local when possible. When I'm checking out, you charge me a 2-percent convenience fee for using my credit card? Nope, not shopping in your store anymore.

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**SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENTS** just received their biggest raise in six years. An even bigger increase is forecasted for 2019. Republicans did that. Don't let Democrats manipulate you into believing the Republicans will take your Social Security. It's a lie and is nothing more than misleading, untrue scare tactics. John James, a proud military vet, gets things done. Time to retire, Debbie 'I passed three bills in 18 years' Stabenow.

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**TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY**

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY**

Notice is hereby given that on September 19, 2018 the Holly Township Board adopted amendments to the Holly Township Code of Ordinances Amendment to Chapter 32 Zoning, Article X – Signs.

A true and complete copy of Holly Township's Code of Ordinances can be viewed online at [www.hollytownship.org](http://www.hollytownship.org) or can be inspected or obtained at the office of the Holly Township Clerk, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan, 48442, at all times said office is open for business.

THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTES A SUMMARY OF HOLLY TOWNSHIP'S AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES:

THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1 – AMENDMENT

Sec. 32-381. - Intent and purpose.

The sign regulations in this Article are intended to balance the public and private interests. The purpose of this Article is to promote a safe, well-maintained, vibrant, and attractive community while accommodating the need for signs to inform, direct, identify, advertise, advocate, promote, endorse, and otherwise communicate information. To that end, the regulations of this Article allow for a variety of sign types and sizes. The objectives of this Article are:

- (a) Public Safety.
  - (b) Community Aesthetic Quality and Character.
  - (c) Free Speech. To ensure that the constitutionally guaranteed right of free speech is protected and to allow signs as a means of communication.
  - (d) Effective Communication.
  - (e) Economic Development.
  - (f) Ease of Administration.
- Sec. 32-382. - General conditions.
- Sec. 32-383. - Permitted freestanding signs.
- Sec. 32-384. - Highway commercial freestanding signs.
- Sec. 32-385. - Permitted wall signs.
- Sec. 32-386. - Permitted temporary signs.
- Sec. 32-387. - Permitted billboards.
- Sec. 32-388. - Miscellaneous permitted signs.
- Sec. 32-389. - Permits required.
- Sec. 32-390. - Inspections, maintenance and removal.
- Sec. 32-391. - Nonconforming signs.
- Sec. 32-392. - Costs of enforcement.
- Section 32-394- Definitions.

SECTION 2 - INVALIDITY

SECTION 3 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after publication as prescribed by law.

SECTION 4 - REPEALING CLAUSE

SECTION 5 - ADOPTION

CERTIFICATION

I, duly elected clerk of the Township of Holly, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Notice of Adoption and Summary of Holly Township Ordinance Chapter 32 Zoning, Article X Signs adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Township of Holly at the regular meeting held on the 19th day of September, 2018 at which a quorum was present.

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LOTTO WINNERS

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winner has the option of collecting a lump sum or collecting the money spread out over decades. Either way the \$1.6 billion prize is reduced by a 24-percent federal tax withholding.

The taxes don't stop there.

The top income rate is now 37 per cent, which applies to adjusted gross incomes of \$500,000 or more. The winner of the \$1.6 billion will face that rate. They will have to pay the difference between the 37 percent and the 24 percent already taken out. That 13 percent is approximately \$1 17.5 million that will be taken from the winnings.

Then, the winner has to contend with state taxes. Depending on the state, this tax can range from a lucky 0 percent to 8.82 percent. With this \$1.6 billion ticket, that translates to anywhere from \$0 to \$79.7 million.

In Michigan, lottery winners pay 4.25-percent income tax on their win-nings. Maryland is nearly twice that at 8.75 percent.

This ultimately leaves the winner of the \$1.6 billion ticket with somewhere between \$489.8 million and \$569.5 million.

What if you want to give money to friends?

The IRS allows individuals to give up to \$15,000 to as many people as you want every year . These gifts do not count as charitable contributions or come with a tax benefit to the giver. The recipient does not have to pay a tax on it either. This is the amount you can legally give to others without having the amount subjected to the 40-percent federal estate tax.

Tax experts highly recommend seeing an expert before doing anything if you win big.

Source: Forbes.com, CNBC.com



Carl Gabrielson



Andrea De Vriese

The Generation GAP

By Sally Rummel

Editor's Note: This Midweek exclusive, The Generation Gap, features opinions this week from Carl Gabrielson, 69, a Baby Boomer , and Andrea De Vriese, 28, a Millennial.

Carl Gabrielson of Fenton Township is the executive director of the Loose Center in Linden, and Andrea De Vriese of Fenton is a Commercial and Consumer Loan Reviewer at The State Bank in Fenton.

How long do you plan to stay with a career? What are you looking for at work?

Carl Gabrielson

The ideal time for someone to stay with a particular job or career depends on one's education and level of knowledge. A person who attends an institution of higher learning is planning for a career in a specific field — a doctor, lawyer or other specialist within a unique position. This person may spend their whole life fulfilling their work interest.

Others may move on as their knowledge expands, pursuing work that challenges their abilities and opportunities in their field.

A person who chooses not to attend college will seek a job that fits their own interests. They may attend a technical school for extended training to expand their opportunities, while others will select many different jobs until they settle on one that fulfills their working goals and security.

I have had four jobs over 45 years. The longest was my 30-year career in marketing and sales for Sears. Each job was different, but I always looked for a position that let me use my knowledge and abilities to achieve success. In each of these jobs, I left for a new job, which presented a new career, a better position and an increase in earnings.

I love a challenge and a workplace that allows me to adapt and be part of a team. I want a clear understanding of my role and a supervisor who allows me to create, solve issues and reach my potential. I want to play a role in the success of the business and its ability to grow.

Andrea De Vriese

I believe two years is a fair amount of time to stay at any given job for my generation. In today's competitive job market, there are numerous opportunities and a constant search for better benefits and packages . However , I believe once a person finds a company that fits everything they're looking for, it's not unusual to plant roots and grow your career with that company.

In a generation where it's almost mandatory for both spouses to work to provide a living, job seekers are looking for more than just good pay . A flexible work/family life is top on most lists. With both spouses working, having the opportunity to still be involved in the day-to-day family activities is crucial. Medical benefits and 401k packages are also a priority. Social Security isn't a given for our generation. In fact, most financial advisors are only including this in a best-case scenario and strongly urge investors not to rely on this as a possible source of income in retirement.

An ideal work environment is one that recognizes these struggles and offers the most comprehensive package tailored to this generation's needs.

With this competitive market also comes a responsibility to the job seeker to provide the best possible services to their employer. Strong work ethic, attitude, and creativity will go a long way in any position. If both parties keep these realities in mind, companies will thrive, and employees will be at their best.

“I have had four jobs over 45 years. The longest was my 30-year career in marketing and sales for Sears.”

“I believe two years is a fair amount of time to stay at any given job for my generation.”

HOT LINE CONTINUED

BONNIE MATHIS SAID at a Fenton Township meeting that she would have details on a potential project for the Thompson Road oil change business that they rejected cash offers on. Any updates?

DIVERSITY AND RACISM, don't hate what you're not smart enough to understand.

THE DDA DOING 'what it's supposed to' is the problem. Disband the DDA. A tourist town is a lousy place to live, based on my experience from living in Traverse City.

NEARLY 100 YEARS after women won the battle to use their right to vote, Americans are still fighting against a continuing tide of voter suppression, repression and oppression amid mounting efforts to keep 'the wrong' folks from the polls.

I WAS IN Colorado for the marijuana boom. Taxes went down and the roads were perfect. It generated hundreds of millions in tax dollars. If people want to smoke pot and pay our bills, let them.

HERE'S WHAT I don't get. We spend an enormous amount of tax money to make Fenton a 'destination city' that enriches non-resident individuals and then say that we need more money to fix the now crowded and crumbling roads that are driven on by non-residents. What's in it for me?

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### Court costs — Part II

The statute was enacted as a result of the June 18, 2014 Michigan Supreme Court opinion in *People v Cunningham*, which held that under the then existing statute, trial court judges did not have the authority to impose court costs.

The new statute allows judges to impose "...any cost reasonably related to the actual costs incurred by the trial court without separately calculating those costs involved in the particular case..."

The statute also contains a non-exclusive list of court costs to be considered when calculating the costs.

Court costs may be imposed for both felonies and misdemeanors and every court in Michigan is responsible for determining its own costs for each type of criminal offense.

This is what happened when the costs in Mr. Cameron's case were determined.

This case is of interest because it would impact court funding if the statute is declared unconstitutional. This interest is seen by the fact that seven interested entities have been allowed to file *amicus curiae* (friend of the court) briefs to indicate how they believe the Supreme Court should rule. The defendant and the prosecutor have also filed briefs.

The *amicus curiae* filers are:

Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM), the Attorney General, Michigan Association of Counties (MAC), Michigan District Judges Association (MDJA), Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan (CDAM), American Civil Liberties Union Fund of Michigan (ACLU), and Legal Services Association of Michigan (LSAM).

The legal arguments all take different approaches with the prosecutor, PAAM, Attorney General, and MAC advocating for the Supreme Court to find the statute constitutional.

The defendant, CDAM, ACLU, LSAM, and MDJA take the opposite position.

The arguments for upholding the statute include it being: (1) a tax which can properly be delegated to judges to impose; (2) a legal fee; (3) a legal assessment; (4) a legal user fee.

Arguments against include that it is a non-delegable tax which is a violation of both the Separation of Powers Doctrine and the Distinct Statement Clause and it is also a violation of due process of law to allow the judge who presided over the case to also assess costs to fund their own court.

We will see what the Supreme Court ultimately decides. When it does, I will make a full report.

**Court costs Part I was published Wednesday, Oct. 24.**

## BACKGROUND

### Continued from Front Page

of a felony, have traffic violations, find driving records and more. The company has different levels of background checks. At the cheapest level, which costs \$85, the company will provide Social Security number verification and residential history, driving records, and statewide, county and federal court searches.

The \$150 option includes all the above along with education and employment verification. The cost can go up to \$300 an applicant, and these checks include social media searches, bankruptcy filings, credit reports and more.

Thomas Broecker, deputy clerk/operations manager, mentioned ICHAT (Internet Criminal History Access Tool), which is the criminal background check run by the Michigan State Police. Its \$10 per background check, and Broecker applied for credentials. He said they could do the cheap background check and then do a more extensive one if any thing is found.

The township would pay for any background checks.

Fenton Township attorney Jack Belzer said the township needs "some standard" for these checks. Criminal background checks won't reveal if someone filed for bankruptcy, which would be important if this person would work with money. He said appearing to have a different standard for people could lead to lawsuits.

Trustee Mark Goupil said, "if they're a convicted felon, they're a convicted felon. I don't care what they say."

Goupil mentioned that through the application process, potential hires have to say if they've been convicted of a crime.

"If you're going to be deceptive and lie on your application to get in and we find out about it, I really don't care how we found out about it," he said. "I don't care if it offends that person or not."

### SUMMARY

■ Extensive background checks can entail researching someone's social media history, employment records, credit history and more.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Linden Mill fundraiser set for Nov. 3

The public is invited to attend a fundraiser to raise money for the preservation of the Linden Mill Building. The event takes place Sunday, Nov. 3, at the Loose Center in downtown Linden, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The event is hosted by the Shiawassee Mills Questers Chapter #420. Lunch and dessert will be provided by Caretel Inns of Linden and Alpine Marketplace. Sponsors of the event will each decorate a table. Guests can participate in a silent auction and live auction. Prizes include golf and dinner at Spring Meadows Country Club, a leaf blower from Sloan's, a wine tasting party from Sarah Gebhart and more. Tickets are \$25, or \$35 at the door. For more information, call (810)-875-2154.

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The board discussed the issue at the Monday, Oct. 15 meeting, when Mathis said the background checks are "very important. For all employees coming, we need background checks."

On Oct. 15, Lorraine said he wouldn't hire anyone at his company without a prior background check, and that it's worth \$150 to hire someone to do a level two background check on a potential hire or employee. He also said they should be able to do a background check on anyone working for the township.

Belzer said it would be questionable if the township started running background checks on current employees, and recommended only running background checks on new hires.

### Online background checks

Many websites offer background checks. Goodhire.com offers three different checks, ranging in length of time and cost. A starter check takes less than 15 minutes, costs \$19.99 and covers a nationwide criminal search, traffic violations and a search in sex offender databases.

The basic check covers all starter criteria and adds searches of terrorist watch lists, a Social Security number trace and address history. The basic check takes less than 15 minutes and costs \$29.99. The standard check encompasses all criteria from a starter and basic check, and adds county criminal court searches based on where an individual lived in the past seven years.

The company sends court runners directly to the county courthouses to search for records. This package costs \$59.99 and takes one to three business days.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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**CANADIAN TRASH HAS** been dumped in Michigan for years. Look it up online for history of this issue. We need to stop it. Canada has three times the land we do; let them use their own. Vote for John James, Republican for Senate on Nov. 6.

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**OUR CURRENT SENATOR** has held public office for 43 years. That's long enough. We need new leaders in Washington. Please vote for John James, Republican for Senate.

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**IF THE DDA** can't spend funds on roads then let's work to change how that money is used instead always defaulting to raising taxes. Vote no on more and higher taxes.

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**LET ME SEE** if I got this right. Now that the city has developed the main streets, we have more car traffic, more pedestrian and more jaywalkers because we are a destination town. Hence, the taxpayer should vote to change the laws and vote to pony up more taxpayer money to have roads repaired because they have to use alternate routes to get around town, which they otherwise would not have used.

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**MY SPECULATION ON** the bombs sent to Democrats: 40 percent chance they were sent by the far right, 40 percent chance sent by the far left, 20 percent chance sent by a foreign government trying to further polarize us.

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**IT'S A SHAME** that we have to question whether the package bombs are a false flag. One thing's for sure, after the whole Kavanaugh ordeal, the Democrats are capable of anything.

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# Best social media comments



■ Drunk driving, bike donations, millages and more

By Hannah Ball

The Times social media has been ablaze these past few weeks with stories on road millages, election coverage, an incident where a drunk driver killed five people, and more.

Here are some notable comments from Facebook.

On the story about the potential Fenton road millage, **Linda wrote**, "I'm confused why the proposal states that a portion of the road millage will go to the DDA, when the article clearly states that DDA money can't be used to fix city roads."

After we posted that Linden coach Denny Hopkins will be inducted into the Linden Athletic Hall of Fame, **Dee wrote**, "No man more deserving! He's a great coach ... really cares about the young adults on his team! Such a caring human being and Denny literally saved my son's life with his quick thinking one

day in May 2010! So happy to see he gets this recognition!"

On the story about the Fenton City Council donating unclaimed bicycles to the Homeless Veteran Program at the Flint Community Outpatient Clinic and the Whaley Children's Center, **Melinda posted**, "Wonderful idea!"

**Denise wrote**, "Awesome. Way to go."

On the story about Ryan Tackabury being named digital services librarian for the Genesee District Library, **Cherie said**, "Ryan is a really good guy!"

After we posted about how to reduce your wait at the Secretary of State's office, **Anna posted**, "I went to the one on Fenton Rd. and Hill Road about 1:30 p.m. and was only in there for about 20 minutes. And the staff was outstanding!"

**Cheryl said**, "Don't go in the morning."

On the story about Andiamo still planning to come to Fenton, **Julie wrote**, "Looking so forward to Andiamo here in town."

Fenton Township committed to giving

\$15,000 over three years to organizers of the Linden, Argentine, Fenton and Fenton Township (LAFF) Pathway. In the Facebook comments, **Sherry wrote**, "Super exciting. Good to see safe and healthy development opportunities to keep Fenton fit! Would love to see this project completed ahead of schedule."

**Heather posted**, "So exciting! It can't come soon enough! Especially over on Lahring Road for all the walkers, runners and bike riders!"

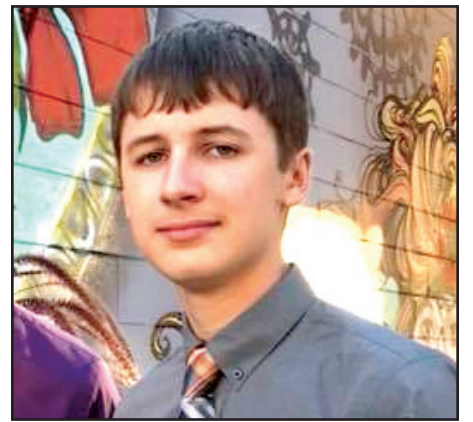
On the story about Matthew Carrier being sentenced for causing a crash that killed five people, **Julie posted**, "Sad for everyone involved."

**Steve wrote**, "They should show this to every high school student. Life is real, not a game. There are no do-overs."

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Our Future



Meet

## Joshua Sherrow

- Holly High School junior
- Favors year 'round school
- Would like license and car

By Tim Jagielo

Joshua Sherrow is a junior at Holly High School. He'll be out trick-or-treating for Halloween, and he hopes to have his driver's license and his own car by the time he graduates.

**In what ways do you feel that you've matured over the last year?**

I feel that over the last year I have become more accountable, I feel like I have improved my time management skills.

**How long should parents be expected to pay for and house their children?**

I feel that parents should be expected to support their kids up until they graduate high school, or turn 18, then after that, I feel they should have a choice of whether they wish to continue supporting their child.

**If you could time travel, where would you go?**

If I could time travel, I would travel into the past in order to talk to Albert Einstein near the end of his life.

**What advice do you have for any younger siblings entering high school?**

The advice that I have for my younger siblings entering high school would have to be this — what you do during school doesn't matter so much as what you do after it.

**Would you rather attend school nine months per year and have all summer off, or attend school year-round with several smaller vacations off?**

I would rather attend school year-round because I feel like I forget everything I learned the previous year over the summer, and a year-round school virtually eliminates this problem.

**What cartoon character describes you the best?**

Dilbert.

**What do you look forward to when you wake up?**

I look forward to being able to see my friends at school.

**What is one thing you would like to do before you graduate?**

I would like to get my driver's license and have my own car.

**Do you still trick-or-treat? Why or why not?**

I still trick-or-treat because I feel like you should be able to trick-or-treat as long as you want.



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A group takes a selfie with entertainer Jay Swendrig (right) before the Rotten Manor haunted attraction in Groveland Township on Monday, Oct. 29. The site contains three attractions on four acres — the manor, the haunted woods and the midway. **See more photos and video at myfenton.com.** Photo: Tim Jagielo

## A family that haunts together...

### ■ Rotten Manor attracts hundreds of haunt seekers to family run business

By Tim Jagielo

**Groveland Twp.** — In the darkness of Rotten Manor, sometimes sounds are the guide to move forward — like the distant out-of-tune plinking of a piano, or a voice ahead warning you that, “mother is coming.”

Outside the sprawling haunt, which looks like something designed by The Addams Family, anyone waiting in line is treated to rock music, and the distant sound of screams and chain saws.

This is the fourth season for the only professional haunt in the tri-county area. Kristi Fruit of Clarkston is co-owner with her brothers, Bob Fruit of Holly and Wally Fruit of Waterford.

“We’ve always been big on Halloween,” Kristi said. They initially ran a haunt out of a family home. When they had 600 guests come to their home-haunt for one evening, they knew it was time to find other property. Wally and Bob bought the land near the Michigan Renaissance Festival grounds, and built everything by hand.

They started with just the “Manor” in 2015. The manor is a wide, detailed custom-built attraction not unlike the set of a movie. The story is that when they cleared out the woods of the property, they found the old house.

In 2016, the haunted woods were added, and the midway the following year. This year brings changes and additions to all three attractions.

It takes about 40 minutes to get through each attraction, which are not recommended for anyone under the age of 12, or anyone not able to navigate difficult terrain.

There are shaking grounds, narrow passage escapes and claustrophobia-inducing areas.

She said the haunt is more actor-driven than by mechanical pieces. They use more than 60 actors in an evening. Actors work on routines and follow the lead of their

boss, Denise Siess, who coordinates the scares at the haunt.

The manor itself mimics a neglected mansion complete with a kitchen with peeling wallpaper and a sink full of dirty dishes. There’s a small chapel with seated ghouls. Visitors make their way through sliding bookcases and fireplaces.

The haunted woods are not just a walk through a trail — there are several buildings, such as a demented toy store, a backwoods cabin and mausoleum.

Guests then “discover” the sprawling asylum in the woods, lit by eerie blue light.

Monday was a slower night, but guests waited in line outside in the chilly air, while being entertained (or harassed) by strolling performers.

Heather Weatherford of Waterford Township said she likes the adrenaline rush she gets from the experience. She is still amazed by the manor. “It’s so real, you’re really walking through a home that’s creepy and scary,” she said.

Bob Fruit isn’t scared by the haunts himself. He said he does like seeing people enjoy the facility that he built with his brother, Wally. Through the evening, Wally and Bob coordinate the security staff and make sure everything is working.

Through the years, they’ve employed and worked with many family members. Kristi Fruit estimates 16 family members work each year. They include actors, ticket sales, midway and security. “The little ones absolutely love it,” she said. “They live for haunt season.” Kristi has a 7- and 10-year-old child who acts.

**“It’s so real; you’re really walking through a home that’s creepy and scary.”**

**Heather Weatherford**  
Rotten Manor customer

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### HOT LINE CONTINUED

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**REGARDING PROPOSAL 2**, would you prefer a felon or a politician establishing voting districts? One is a bottom feeder.

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**THE PROPOSAL 2** agenda is a wolf in sheep’s clothing. If passed the drawing of districts will be in the hands of corporations with a clear agenda to exploit voters and win elections. Vote NO on proposal 2

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**PLEASE VOTE TO** fix the roads in Fenton. No one else is going to do it for us. If we wait, it will get worse and be much more expensive later. If you don’t like the property taxes, stop voting for millages that benefit Flint.

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**DO JUST A** little bit of research and you will find out what a train wreck Gretchen Whitmer is. Our mayor would make a better governor than Gretchen Whitmer.

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**HEY CITY OF** Fenton, it may be time to retire your dot matrix printer that you print the water bills on so I can actually read it. I wrote the check out for a little more than I think it said, but I’m not sure because I can’t read it.

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**WE AGREE ON** the historical meaning of liberal. We disagree on the contemporary usage. Your claim that modern Democrats are liberal is wrong.

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## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

### ID THEFT IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

On Monday, Oct. 23, Genesee County Sheriff’s deputies were informed of a walk-in at the Fenton Township Sub-Station for an ID theft complaint. The incident is under investigation.

### DISORDERLY PERSON ON HARP DRIVE

On Thursday, Oct. 25, Genesee County Sheriff’s deputies were dispatched to the 4000 block of Harp Drive in Fenton Township for a disorderly person. The incident is currently under investigation.

### FOUR-WHEELERS STOLEN

On Friday, Oct. 26, Genesee County Sheriff’s deputies were dispatched to the 6000 block of Silver Lake Road in Fenton Township for a larceny of two quad four-wheelers. The incident is under investigation.

### DOMESTIC ASSAULT ON MEADOW LANE

On Sunday, Oct. 28, Genesee County Sheriff’s deputies were dispatched to the 15000 block of Meadow Lane in Fenton Township for a domestic assault complaint. The incident remains under investigation.

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raids on North Vietnam known as Operation Rolling Thunder.

Operation Rolling Thunder was the codename for an American bombing campaign during the Vietnam War. U.S. military aircraft attacked targets throughout North Vietnam from March 1965 to October 1968. This massive bombardment was intended to put military pressure on North Vietnam's communist leaders and reduce their capacity to wage war against the U.S.-supported government of South Vietnam.

Operation Rolling Thunder marked the first sustained American assault on North Vietnamese territory and represented a major expansion of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War.

The President further disclosed that Hanoi had finally agreed to allow the South Vietnamese government to participate in the peace talks. Johnson said that the United States would consent to a role for the National Liberation Front, though he stated that the latter concession "in no way involves recognition of the National Liberation Front in any form." The National Liberation Front (or Viet Cong, as it was more popularly known) was the classic Communist front organization that included both Communists and non-Communists who had banded together in opposition against the Saigon regime.

Domestically, Johnson's action drew widespread acclaim; both major presidential candidates expressed their full support. The reaction in Saigon, however, was much more subdued; President Thieu

issued a communiqué declaring that the United States had acted unilaterally in its decision to halt the bombing.

On the day before the 1968 presidential election, a close race between Hubert Humphrey and Richard Nixon, South Vietnam inexplicably walked away from the negotiating table. Direct U.S. military involvement in the war lasted another five years.

For decades, rumors have swirled that Nixon's presidential campaign had interfered in the Vietnam peace negotiations by sending a message through Nixon aide Anna Chennault to the South Vietnamese embassy and on to President Nguyen van Thieu.

The Nixon campaign, it was rumored, promised the South Vietnamese bigger concessions if they waited to negotiate peace until after Nixon was elected. The idea was to not give Johnson and Humphrey a public relations victory by suspending the war before the election.

Political biographer John Farrell, writing in The New York Times' opinion section reported that handwritten notes from Nixon's future White House Chief of Staff, H.R. Haldeman show evidence that the 36th president tried to secretly influence the peace talks while still a presidential candidate and a private citizen.

Throughout his lifetime Nixon and his aides vociferously denied that he would do any such thing. "My God. I would never do anything to encourage" South Vietnam "not to come to the table," Nixon is heard telling Johnson in a conversation taped in the White House, reports Farrell.

Source: history.com

HOT LINE CONTINUED

**MY LAST HS** football game was in 1959. I was the starting fullback and defensive lineman and even the kicker. Never came out of the game. I've often thought of the poor guys who practiced in the snow and heat, yet never got into a game. Wonder why they did it.

**INJURY-PLAGUED SEASON** for the Linden Eagles varsity football team. Could this have anything to do with the new field?

**NO ONE PLAYS** a more important role protecting consumers than the state attorney general. Under Bill Schuette, however, Michigan has one of the weakest consumer protection programs in the nation. Reform must start now.

**IF YOU TRULY** think the three ballot proposals are complicated to understand, do us all a favor and don't vote.

**SO YOU USED** marijuana for years but want it to be illegal so others cannot use it? Typical Baby Boomer nonsense.

**I WAS VERY** disappointed to read Bob Krug's comment in the recent Tri-County Times article regarding non-motorized pathways. As a Fenton Township resident who lives in the Linden area, many Fenton Township residents will benefit immediately from the city of Fenton-Linden pathway.

**WHEN IT COMES** to Michigan roads, the Republicans believe in tax and don't spend.

**'THE IGNORANCE OF** one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all.' — John F. Kennedy. Please look beyond the comments of others and educate yourself before deciding how to vote. Knowledge is power. Make your vote count.

**IT HAS BEEN** suggested you should vote no if you do not understand a proposal. One should not defeat or approve something you do not understand. Do not vote on that proposal for the obvious reason; you do not understand the facts regarding the proposal.

**IF YOU WANT** to make Michigan great again, vote for John James on Nov. 6.

**BEFORE YOU VOTE** for a congressional candidate, ask them if they support the Constitution. Article 4 Section 4 guarantees, to the states, that the government will protect states against invasion. If that candidate supports 'open borders' they are willing to ignore the Constitution.

**LIKE SNYDER, MICHIGAN'S** next CEO will struggle to build bridges across partisan, cultural and geographical divides. Schuette's long history of exploiting wedge issues like gay marriage, transgender identity and abortion,

**'A PORTION TO** the downtown authority?' I will never vote for funds for any reason that gives tax dollars to a group of business owners that use it for art or butterfly gardens when we can't drive on roads or fund park cleanup or schools.

**I WOULD FIND** the Socialist Democrats funny about their concern about freedom of religion if they weren't so dangerous. They demand that religious people accept their religious beliefs, abortion and same-sex marriage, but people who believe in the Bible can't observe their beliefs.

**THE REPUBLICANS HAVE** run up enormous deficits to provide tax cuts to big corporations, millionaires and billionaires.

PRIEST

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The statement says, "The Michigan Department of Attorney General has determined that a full and complete investigation of what happened within the Catholic Church is required. This investigation is and will continue to be independent, thorough, transparent, and prompt.

"My department and this investigation will find out who knew what, and when," said Bill Schuette, attorney general.

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ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

October 10, 2018

Supervisor Scheib-Snyder called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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|------------|---|
| Roll Call: | Board Members Present: Miller, Gambka, Blaska, Noble, Scheib-Snyder.<br>Board Members Absent/Excused: None. |
| Approved:  | Agenda.   |
| Approved:  | Consent Agenda.   |
| Approved:  | Municipal Credit and Community Credit Contract FY 2019 (Smart Bus).   |
| Approved:  | Appomattox Special Assessment District private road maintenance.  |
| Approved:  | Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson Chester Koop requested a \$25.00 reduction in his pay.                  |
| Adopted:   | Resolution for The Oakland County Hazard Mitigation Plan.   |
| No Action: | Closed Session back to Open Session – No action taken.  |
| Adjourned: | By motion at 7:38 p.m.  |

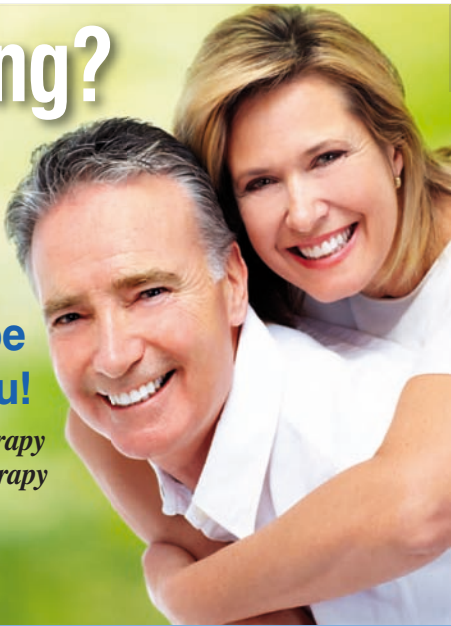
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Fenton girls make history, both teams headed to state

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity cross country teams experienced some more historical moments during Saturday's Division 1 regional cross country meet hosted at Hess Hathaway Park.

The Fenton girls captured their first-ever regional championship, earning the women their second-straight Division 1 state meet trip being hosted at Michigan International Speedway, Saturday.

The Fenton boys also finished third at the same regional, qualifying for the D1 state meet for the second straight

season.

Holly's program also competed at Hess Hathaway Park with the boys taking fifth. The Holly girls were unable to field a team, but Andrea Ruiz did qualify for the state meet as an individual by placing ninth (18:59.6).

Fenton's girls made their championship possible by getting their top five to finish within the top 15 positions, and their entire starting seven within the top 26 positions. Fenton scored 63 points, four less than second-place Milford, who had its top-five finish within the

top 21 positions. Lakeland also qualified for the state meet with 110 points.

"Anytime you can win a regional championship, you don't take it for granted," Fenton varsity cross country coach Jesse Anderson said.

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Sports

Jessica Adams had a personal-best time by 23 seconds, helping the Tigers win a regional title.

Tigers compete, but fall to Warriors, 24-9

By David Troppens

**Fenton** — The first two times the Fenton varsity football team played Walled Lake Western in the playoffs, the Tigers lost by a combined score of 110-48, with both games pretty much decided by halftime.

Friday night's third playoff battle was a much different theme. However, the end result was the same.

The Tigers' defense kept Walled Lake Western's offense in check for most of the game, giving Fenton a reasonable puncher's chance of earning their first-ever victory against the Warriors. However, Fenton made just enough mistakes and the Warriors made just enough big plays on offense to capture what was a 24-9 Division 2 playoff victory at Fenton High School Friday night.

Both teams had high and low moments with both offenses struggling against the other squad's defense, keeping the score tight and the score relatively low the entire contest. However, Walled Lake Western was able to extend a 14-6 halftime score into a two-possession lead midway through the fourth quarter. A 39-yard completion from quarterback Sam Johnson to Abdur Rahman Yassen set up a one-yard TD run by Johnson, raising Western's lead to 21-9 with 8:35 left in the game.



Fenton's Spencer Rivera peaks at a hole in between Fenton lineman Josh Thompson's body and arm. Fenton lost its Friday playoff game with Walled Lake Western 24-9. **Photo:Mark Bolen**

Fenton's offense tried to respond back, driving to the Western 35, but that's where they faced a fourth-and-11 play. Fenton quarterback Logan Welch completed a pass to Spencer Rivera, but Rivera was unable to get the first down, giving Western the ball back with just 5:41 remaining in the contest.

Fenton's defense held Western to just 18 yards and a punt after that possession, but with just 3:12 left in the game and holding the ball at their own 14, the Tigers needed a small miracle to get back into the contest.

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Linden's Melanea Strauss was one of two girls able to qualify for the D2 girls state cross country meet by placing in the top 15 at Saturday's Linden regional meet. **File photo**

Linden's Strauss, Brown headed to state XC meet

By David Troppens

Two points — that's what kept the Linden varsity girls cross country team from qualifying as a team to the Division 2 state meet being hosted at Michigan International Speedway, Saturday.

Linden finished two points behind third-place Bloomfield Hills Marian, taking fourth at the Linden regional, just missing out of a state trip. Lake Fenton had a solid showing as well, taking fifth.

Two Linden runners did qualify however. Melanea Strauss was seventh (19:55.5) while Zoe Brown was 11th (20:11.5). The top 15 individuals in each race qualify for the state meet. The rest of Linden's runners finished in the top 30. They were Jessica Jablonski in 20th (21:15.6), Alexis Mawhinney in 23rd (21:25.2), Kathryn Walterhouse in 24th (21:27.3), Shelby Holscher in 25th (21:33.9), and Catherine Medici in 30th (21:55.0).

The Lake Fenton girls had a solid showing, placing fifth. Aubrey Fray led the Blue Devils by taking 19th (21:15.4).

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Lake Fenton's varsity boys cross country team celebrates its first-ever Division 2 regional championship team title Saturday at Linden Middle School. The Blue Devils, along with the Linden boys, will be competing at Saturday's D2 state meet being held at Michigan International Speedway. **Photo:Jim Niestroy**

Blue Devils capture regional title

By David Troppens

Eric Niestroy and Tommy Hufton have been Lake Fenton varsity boys cross country teammates for four seasons.

They are also very close friends. That friendship has helped create Lake Fenton history.

The Blue Devils captured their first-ever Division 2 regional championship, winning the Linden regional by the slimmest of scores. The Blue Devils defeated the Goodrich Martians based on a sixth-runner tiebreaker after both teams scored 44 points.

Linden's boys also provided a

little history of their own, qualifying for the state meet for the 13th season in a row, the first time under first-year head coach and ex-runner Brad Ferrara.

Winning a regional title meant a lot to both Lake Fenton senior runners.

"For me it meant one goal I wanted for our team was met and I couldn't be any happier," Niestroy said. "For the program, it meant all the hard work and summer miles that were put in were ran for good reason, and the team goal we wanted was winning a regional title. We knew it was close and that it was going to come down to a couple of points. When we found out that we had won, we all went running, jumping around, hugging and celebrating with one another. It was an unforgettable feeling."

"Since my freshman year the team has gotten stronger and stronger and we went from a team that didn't qualify for states to a team that has now qualified three years in a row, and, of course, being the regional champions this year," Hufton said. "At the beginning of the season and even at the end of last season we knew we had a really good shot at winning"

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“This is our first girls’ title in any division. ... We are overjoyed things came together for us on the day and year to give us this opportunity, and the girls seized it.”

Alexa Keiser continues to lead the Tigers’ women, placing seventh in the 5K event in 18:49.3. Not far behind her was the rest of the Tigers’ top five scoring runners. Cambria Tiemann placed 13th (19:50.3) while Kaitlin Bayer was 14th (19:55.30). Abbey Lee also finished within 20 minutes, taking 16th in 19:56, while Jessica Adams was 17th (20:07.5) with a time that was 23 seconds better than her previous best time. Even the Tigers’ other two non-scoring runners finished before the 21-minute mark. Emily Grob was 21st (20:21.10) while Hanna Chapin was 27th (20:37.0).

“The girls ran so smart and so tough,” Anderson said. “We could point to three different instances of position changes in the last mile that, if they didn’t happen, would have left us back in third. We thought we had a shot to go get Milford on the day, and it played out well.”

Anderson was impressed with Adams. “Jessica Adams has the race of the day for us, as clutch fifth runners often do,” Anderson said. “On a tough course and day that only saw three PRs in the top 21 spots, she not only set her personal record but shattered it by 23 seconds. She ran an aggressive half-mile ... and then maintained her position all the way to the finish.”

The Fenton varsity boys were led by Adam Jesse who took third in 16:16.10. He was one of the Tigers that finished within the top 18 spots, leading the squad to scoring just 62 points. Walked Lake Central won the regional meet with 49 points while



Milford took second with 60 points. The top three finished easily ahead of the rest of the field as Lakeland took fourth with 123 points. Holly was fifth with 151 points.

After Jesse placed third, Samuel Cox was 10th (16:38.4), Logan Canada was 15th (16:50.2), Nolan Day was 18th (17:07.1) and Gage Bond was 19th (17:08.2). Fenton’s other two runners at the event were Micah Dekraker in 31st (17:25.2) and Remington Stapp in 48th (18:02.2). Many posted season-best times.

“For the guys to get five season-bests in the top five runners on that tough of a course, you can tell they were ready to go on the day,” Anderson said. “I was super impressed by their performance. They ran well enough to win in many years, but we had a couple of strong teams up top that turned the region into a glorified tri-meet. I thought upper-60 point-wise was a good, ambitious goal, so to finish with 62 was more than we could have hoped for.”

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Linden’s varsity boys cross country team qualified for the D2 state meet for the 13th straight season by taking third at its own regional meet, Saturday. Submitted photo

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regionals. At first it seemed we were favored by a lot, but as our season began, Goodrich’s squad made a lot of really big improvements and posed a really big challenge for us. ... Going into regionals there were some rankings that had Goodrich winning and some that had us winning, so we knew we would have to bring our ‘A’ game. When we found out we won, we just started celebrating. It was definitely the most exciting time I’ve had running cross country so far. It was sort of the moment that set in that we were as good as we thought we were.”

The individual regional champion was Linden’s Tyler Buchanan who finished the race 18 seconds ahead of the field in 16:15.00. Hufton and Niestroy gave the Blue Devils two of the top four finishers. Hufton took third (16:51.9) while Niestroy was fourth (17:03.70). Not terribly far be-

hind the pair was Lake Fenton sophomore Joseph Gilbert in eighth (17:19.70). Seniors Sam Selley (14th in 17:35.00) and Easton Fray (17:41.10) finished 14th and 15th, respectively, giving the Blue Devils 44 team points, tied with Goodrich. What won it for Lake Fenton was Brenden Schroeder placing 20th in 17:58.80, about eight seconds ahead of Goodrich’s sixth runner. Lake Fenton’s Kevin Lewis was 22nd in 18:14.10.

The Eagles are headed to the state meet for a 13th straight season placing third by just three points ahead of Orchard Lake. Buchanan placed first followed by Nicholas Shrable in 16th (17:41.60), River Meckstroth in 25th (18:22.50), Drew Krueger in 26th (18:23.00) and Liam Sack in 29th (18:29.60). Linden’s final two runners were Max Gatza in 30th (18:29.60) and Grant Maxheimer in 49th (19:30.70).

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Fenton swim makes statement during senior night vs. Holly

By David Troppens

Basing it on results, the Fenton varsity girls swim team couldn’t have had a better senior night when the Tigers faced Holly.

Fenton finished 1-2-3 in all but one of nine individual events, leading their strong swim program to a 152-31 victory against the Holly Bronchos.

Fenton took first in all 12 events and also took the top two positions in each of the three relay events, showing everyone just how deep Fenton’s talent goes within the program.

Fenton had seven girls earn individual first-place finishes. Freshman sensation Gracie Olsen was the only individual double-winner, dominating the 100 breaststroke (1:09.31) and the 200 freestyle (2:14.46). Other individual first-place performers included Sabrina Hall in the 50 freestyle (27.14), Carly Kozlowski in diving (196.00), Abby Carrigan in the 200 individual medley (2:31.89), Delaney Fries in the 100 butterfly (1:10.84), Megan Mallard in the 500 freestyle (5:47.55) and Lillie Kromer in the 100 backstroke (1:08.19).

Fenton’s relays were equally impressive. Fries, Rose Haney, Mallorie Johnson and Mallard opened the meet by winning the 200 medley relay (2:06.82), while Hall, Breanne Ferranti, Hallee Alexander and Corrigan ended the meet by winning the 400 freestyle relay (4:09.48).

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Fenton runners (top photos) Logan Canada (1718), Samuel Cox (1723) and Nolan Day (1726) are three members of the Tigers’ boy’s team that qualified for the state meet. (Above photo) Fenton’s Alexa Keiser placed seventh at a Division 1 regional meet. File photos

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# Obituaries

**Times**


**Mary Beth Fravel**  
1946-2018

Mary Beth Fravel - age 72, of Clio formerly of Fenton, died October 25, 2018. Graveside services were held 2 PM Sunday, October 28, 2018 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Cemetery, N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr. Robert Copeland Officiating. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Fenton. Mary Beth was born April 14, 1946 in Norwood, OH the daughter of James Lester and Marcella Catherine (Robin) Fravel. She was a long time member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Mary Beth is survived by her brother, Michael (Linda) Fravel. She was preceded in death by her parents. Online tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



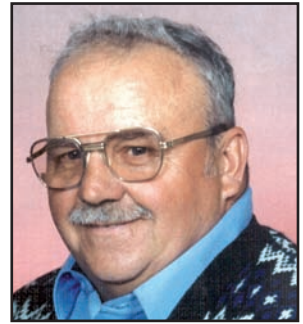
**Clyde Auldie Justice, Sr.**  
1938-2018

Clyde Auldie Justice, Sr. - age 80, of Linden, died Saturday, October 27, 2018. Cremation has taken place and no services will be held. Those desiring may make contributions to Positive Inner Feelings, Inc., P.O. Box 100, Linden, MI 48451. Clyde was born January 17, 1938 in McDowell County, WV, the son of Eli and Belva Justice. He had resided in the Linden area most of his life. He retired from GM V-8 Engine Plant after 32 years of service and was the founder and president of Positive Inner Feeling in Linden. He was a member of the U.A.W. Local 659. Surviving are: his wife, Cary; his beloved family includes, seven children; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister, Shirley (Russell) Bell; brother, Jim (Beatriz) Justice; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brothers, Danny, Dillas, Benny, Thurman, Edgar, and Denzel Justice; half-sister, Thelma Zeide. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Larry Dale Walraven, Sr.**  
1943-2018

Larry Dale Walraven, Sr. - age 75, of Fenton, died Saturday, October 27, 2018. A committal service will be held 2 PM Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd., Holly. Larry was born August 1, 1943 in Holly, the son of Edd J. and Helen R. (Tolley) Walraven. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam. Larry worked as a millwright for 20 years, then a truck driver for 20 years after that. He was a lifelong resident of Fenton. Larry was a member of the Fenton VFW. Surviving are: son, Larry D. Walraven, Jr. of Fenton; daughter, Linda Amador of Saginaw; step-son, Jeffrey Papineau; three grandchildren, Natalie (Matt) Earl, Larry "Binky" Walraven III, Olivia Flewelling; two great-grandchildren, Brody and Sophia; two brothers, Jimmy Walraven of Apollo Beach, FL, Eddie Childs of St. Helen; sister, Margaret Dobler, of Fenton; niece, Anna Dobler. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jeff Walraven; and sister, Elizabeth Wolford. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Leon Eugene Cross**  
1936-2018

Leon Eugene Cross - age 82, of Linden, died Thursday, October 25, 2018. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Saturday, November 3, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St, Linden. Burial in Fairview Cemetery, Linden. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Friday, November 2, 2018 from 4-9 PM and Saturday from 10 AM until the time of the service. The family would like to extend an invitation to all those who knew him, including his many students, to enjoy a "Deer Hunting Camp" based meal with us after the funeral, at the Linden Sportsman's Club. Those desiring may make contributions to the Linden Sportsman's Club, 14340 Hogan Road, Linden, MI 48451. The dress code for this funeral will include standard attire, with hunter orange and camouflage (hunter or military) being appropriate alternatives. Leon was born January 3, 1936 in Saginaw, the son of Walter and Caroline (Ostrum) Cross. He was a 1954 graduate of Chesaning High School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He retired from GM Chevrolet Metal Fab as a skilled trade tinsmith/blacksmith after 38 years of service. Leon was a life member of the NRA. He was a member and past president of the Linden Sportsman's Club. He served as a volunteer Fireman where he was a Captain for the Linden Fire Department. He was a reserve police officer for the Linden Police Department, where he was the chief firearms instructor. He had NRA certifications in all disciplines of shooting, including police training. His firearm training group from the Linden Sportsman's Club was the ONLY source of NRA

Certified Firearm Training Counselors in Michigan for many years in the late 80's thru the 90's. He was also a Chief Warrant Officer and National Firearm Instructor for the American Cadet Alliance. He was the Michigan Regiment Firearm Instructor for the Young Marines. He was the state firearm instructor for the Boy Scouts of America. He was the state firearm instructor for the 4-H. He ran a volunteer shooting booth at the Genesee County Fair for 20+ years. If you were one of the 5400+ kids who wanted to hunt who grew up in Genesee, northern Livingston, or northern Oakland Counties, from 1972 thru 2005, chances are pretty good you took hunters safety in one of his classes. He took a lot of pride in his hunter safety students, with none of them being involved in a hunting accident. In your travels you probably have seen his red truck, with huge NRA stickers on the side windows. Guests at this dinner are invited and encouraged to bring their firearms and participate in the "Sight in Days" being held at the club. Surviving are: his wife of nearly 60 years, Mary; son, Patrick Cross of Milford; grandsons, Daniel and Matthew Cross of Milford; brothers, Bob (Alice) Cross of Moorefield, WV, Hank (Nancy) Cross of Laingsburg, Vic Cross of Vestaburg, and Allen "Doc" (Dee) Cross of Chesaning; and several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son Douglas, who passed in 2012, his parents; brothers, Walter "Junior" Cross, Judson Cross, and Russell Cross; and sister, Caroline "Penny" Riddle. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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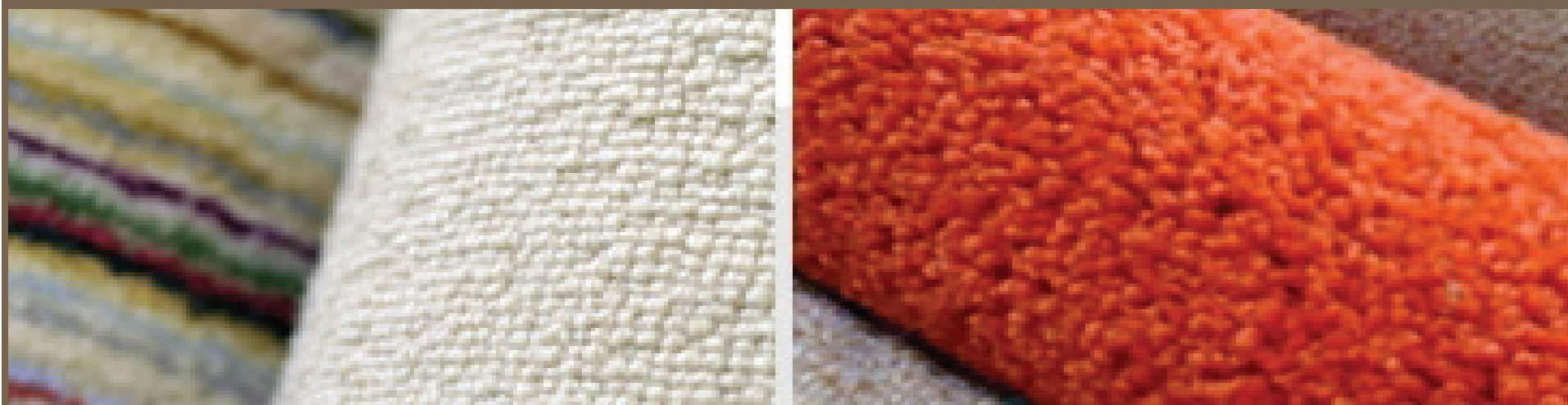


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